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Charlotte Golar Richie to discuss lessons from recent mayoral campaign at UMass Boston

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Charlotte Golar Richie, who finished third in the preliminary vote to become Boston's mayor, will share lessons from the campaign trail during a talk next week at UMass Boston, campus officials announced.

Golar Richie will be the featured speaker at the university's "Opening Doors: Women's Political Leadership in Boston" event, which is scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Campus Center Ballroom C.

Golar Richie is expected to discuss her recent experience running for mayor and will talk about ways to increase opportunities to run for, and win, political office, the university said.

After her talk, panel discussion will be held by several political experts, including: media and political strategist Joyce Ferriabough Bolling; Gloribell Mota, a lead organizer for Neighbors United for a Better East Boston; executive director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Priti Rao; and Paul Watanabe an associate professor of political science at UMass Boston and director of the school's Institute for Asian American Studies. Boston Herald columnist Margery Eagan will moderate the panel.

The event will be sponsored by The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the John W. McCormack School of Policy and Global Studies and The Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture.

Golar Richie, the only woman on the ballot, finished third in the Sept. 24 preliminary election, despite joining the race later than most major candidates, starting her campaign with no money and ending with much less funds than several other candidates.

She went on to endorse the candidate who led the preliminary, Martin J. Walsh. Her endorsement along with endorsements from the other top two finishers of color in the preliminary – Felix G. Arroyo, and John F. Barros – were seen as important contributors to Walsh's victory this week to become Boston's next mayor.

Golar Richie, a Brooklyn native, has lived in Dorchester for nearly the past three decades. She was a State Representative in the 5th Suffolk District from 1995 to 1999 before resigning to head Boston's neighborhood development department under

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Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

After eight years in the city cabinet position, she left to work as a senior adviser to Governor Deval Patrick.

To RSVP for next week's event at UMass Boston, [click here](#) or call 617-287-5541

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