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PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

On Tuesday, December 4th, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) hosted its first Open House. Forty people were in attendance. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed hearing about the progress that has been made towards revitalizing the RCC chapter. Attendees also watched a video on the national society of PTK and enjoyed lunch and fellowship. See page 3 for photos of the event.

Special thanks to Dr. Mercomes for funding the event and to Dr. Turner for taking the time out of her busy schedule to show support for the Honor Society.

Any questions about the Honor Society can be directed to Dr. Yvonne Anthony or Dr. Kimberly Stieglitz.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the official Community College Honor Society, with over 90 years of dedication to recognizing academic excellence. www.ptk.org

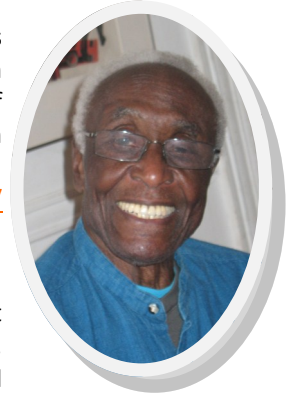


On Thursday, Dec. 6th, MIT-SPURS Fellow Urban Economics Series hosted Gabriela Rembarz from Poland and Patricia Cezario Silva from Brazil. The 50 minute presentation **Housing and Public Policy** was followed by a Q&A session. The event was sponsored by the RCC/MIT-SPURS Collaboration Program and RCC Economics Club.

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JOHN WILSON

Artist John Wilson (pictured right) is currently being featured at an exhibit at the Danforth Museum of Art, 123 Union Avenue in Framingham. Visit the museum website at danforthmuseum.org/johnwilson.html



You may be aware that Mr. Wilson also created two sculptures that reside right here in Roxbury. First, "Father and Son" is the wonderful sculpture that is our logo and which sits in the courtyard between the Administration Building and the Media Arts Center. Secondly, "Eternal Presence" is on the grounds of the Afro-American Museum of Art.

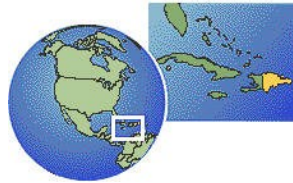
A recent article in the Globe by art critic Sebastian Smee featured a story about the exhibit in Framingham but makes no mention of the two pieces right here in Boston. Our Library Director, Mark Lawrence, noted that omission, wrote to Mr. Smee and pointed out that omission. Mr. Smee has yet to respond to Mr. Lawrence.

Please see the story about the exhibit on our website - rcc.mass.edu/academics/johnwilson.asp

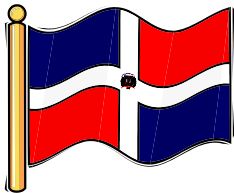


DOMINICAN REPUBLIC STUDENTS TO STUDY SOLAR ENERGY AT RCC

On Wednesday, December 5th, government officials from the Dominican Republic and Interim President Dr. Linda E. Turner, signed an agreement which would bring thirty students from the Dominican Republic over the next six months to obtain solar energy training at RCC. The agreement was engineered through the efforts of Assistant Dean Morisset St. Preux and Andy Andujar, the DR liaison, from Rhode Island. Fifteen students will come to RCC in February to take five courses: English for Clean Energy Technicians, Electricity for Alternative and Renewable Energy Professionals, Solar Energy System Design, Solar Energy and PV System Installation, and Youth Leadership Training. The RCC program is modeled after a successful program at Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida.



In attendance from the Dominican Republic were : Jorge Minaya, Minister of Youth, Carlos Zaruela, his assistant, Francisco Lizardo, Vice-Consul, and Luis Prieto Abinader, Director of Extension. RCC attendees included Dr. Turner, Assistant Dean St. Preux, Patrick Jean-Louis and Jean-Bernard Nicholas, IT, Professors Nasreen Latif and Eric Entermann, Dr. Brenda Mercomes, and three current RCC students, who are originally from the Dominican Republic.



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FROM THE LIBRARY

The RCC Archives has many photographs, including this photograph of RCC professor Aggrey Mberé's farewell party in 1994. The women in the photo are Colleen Spence and Grace Brown; can anyone identify the men? If so, please contact Autumn Haag, the Librarian Archivist at ahaag@rcc.mass.edu or ext. 5112.



Aggrey Mberé Farewell Party, Photo 12, 1994, RCC Archives, A13 Audio-Visual Material, Box 18, Roxbury Community College

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The importance of this collaboration was eloquently summarized by Assistant Dean St. Preux: "This agreement between Roxbury Community College and the Dominican Republic's Ministry of Youth has the potential to be used as template for future collaboration agreements between RCC and various other countries throughout the world. Our goal in this venture is to provide the technical training as well as the leadership skills necessary to develop proactive young community leaders and builders who will be at the forefront of the renewable energy movement not just in the Dominican Republic, but in the Caribbean Basin, a region where RCC traditionally draws most of its student population. Imagine the possibilities as we are longing for that time when young women and young men, through their own ingenuity and skills, can harness the energy from the sun and the power of the wind—the very sun which guided and the same wind system which brought Christopher Columbus and his crew to the shores of the Island of Hispaniola on this date in 1492"

SPECIAL THANKS . . .

. . . . to **Phuong Tang** for providing many of the photos published each week in "The Weekly."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES



First and second year science students interested in continuing their studies at four-year colleges and universities are encouraged to consider applying for a new summer research

opportunity at Boston University. BU has received an NSF-REU award for an REU (Research Experience For Undergraduates) program and has committed half of the positions to community college students. Underrepresented minorities and veterans are especially encouraged to apply. At least one year of general chemistry is necessary. The purpose of REU is to provide students the opportunity to engage in cutting edge, basic chemical research projects that address biological problems.

The program provides a 10-week mentored summer

research experience, \$4500 stipend, free university housing and a travel allowance. Students will be expected to live on campus in the provided apartment-style housing. It runs from June 3 – August 9, 2013

Some highlights of the program include: laboratory research at the chemistry/biology interface; training on state-of-the-art instrumentation; seminars on latest chemical/biology research; weekly REU workshops and laboratory group in meetings; the opportunity to present work at a University-wide research symposium.

For more information, visit: chemweb.bu.edu/reu or contact Professor John Snyder, Boston University, Department of Chemistry, 590 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 353-2621, jsnyder@bu.edu

EXTRAHELP

If you have time, check out RCC's live Broadcast of **ExtraHelp**. The Broadcast runs from 4pm-8pm every Tuesday. The format of the show is as follow:

- 4pm-5pm: General Math
- 5pm-6pm: Reading/Language Arts
- 6pm-7pm: Middle School Math
- 7pm-8pm: High School Math



Students in the City of Boston who have Comcast can watch live on channel 9. RCN subscribers can tune into channel 15 They can also call the RCC studio for help with math, reading, language arts, middle and high school related homework by dialing 617-708-3290. For those outside of Boston, watch live on the livestream at www.bnntv.org or on any of the TV monitors around campus!

Read more about ExtraHelp at bnntv.org/boston-students-need-homework-help-should-watch-extrahelp

GED PRACTICE TESTS

Free GED Practice Tests are being offered at the Dudley Branch of the Boston Public Library, 65 Warren Avenue, Roxbury on the following dates:

- Friday, January 25, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 8, 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 14, 12:00 p.m.

2013 is a great time to pass the GED! In 2014, the test will change, and become harder and more expensive. Those who pass the practice test will qualify to take the official GED test for free. Information about preparation programs and study materials will be available at the test taking sessions. No appointment is necessary, but testers should arrive at least 10 minutes early to get a seat.



For more information please contact the RCC GED Office at x5193 or ged@rcc.mass.edu.



Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Wednesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu