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❖ *Senator Elizabeth Warren Holds Ceremonial Swearing-In at RCC*

Senator Elizabeth Warren's ceremonial swearing-in took place before an overflow audience on January 5 at Roxbury Community College. Warren, who made history by becoming the state's first female senator, was ceremonially sworn-in by US Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan. RCC Interim President Linda Edmonds Turner served as Master of Ceremony for the event that featured a number of Massachusetts elected officials including Senator John Kerry, Governor Deval Patrick, Attorney General Martha Coakley, Massachusetts Senate President Therese Murray, and US Representatives Edward Markey, Mike Capuano, and Stephen Lynch. Warren told her supporters, who filled RCC's Mainstage Auditorium as well as those who watched via a video feed, that she "will never, never stop working for you." Warren heaped praise on RCC, calling the College "the jewel of Roxbury." She added, "I believe in building opportunity for all our kids and that's what's happening at RCC." President Turner was clearly thrilled with Warren's visit and said of her, "She'll do very well. You could just see how proud everyone was that she came back and how happy she was to be here."

❖ *RCC's Year-Long 40th Anniversary Celebration Begins*

Roxbury Community College began its series of year-long 40th Anniversary events with an All-College Meeting on Monday January 14th. At the meeting members of the RCC 40th Anniversary Planning Committee announced a number of events planned to celebrate this important milestone. Among the 40th Anniversary events will be a February Valentine's Day Bazaar featuring a silent auction, a Celebration Tea, and a College Unity Day. The year-long events will culminate with a 40th Anniversary Celebration in the fall. The Crossing Bulletin will publish periodic updates of RCC's 40th Anniversary events.

❖ *"Discover Your Career in the Sciences" a Great Success*

Approximately 100 high school juniors and seniors majoring in the sciences attended an event at Roxbury Community College last November called "Discover Your Career in the Sciences," hosted by RCC's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Division's Science Department. The students and their teachers were from Brighton High School, Community Academy of Health and Science, Madison Park Vocational Technical High School, and Cambridge Rindge School of Technical Arts. The event was filled with a rich array of activities such as a panel that included a RCC student and two alumni working in the science industry and interactive laboratory demonstrations presented by members of the Science faculty. Participants also received useful information on RCC's enrollment and dual enrollment processes. The event was facilitated by Jennie Thrash, Career and Technical Education Coordinator at RCC, in partnership with the Boston Public Schools Career and Technical Education Department, Cambridge Public Schools Career and Technical Education Department, and RCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Funding was provided through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant.

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❖ ***Corporate and Community Education Offers New Spring Course***

For those who are interested in the pharmaceutical healthcare industry, they may want to investigate the Pharmacy Technician program being offered this spring through RCC's Corporate and Community Education Programs. The comprehensive 105-hour program includes 75 hours of instruction in retail and institutional pharmacy practices and 30 hours of instruction in pharmacy calculations. The program prepares students for two national certification exams. A new daytime course begins on January 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. An evening course begins on February 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617.933.7402.

❖ ***Spring Semester Classes at RCC have Begun***

Spring semester classes at RCC have begun, but it is not too late to register for Spring Access classes. Registration for RCC's Spring Access classes is now underway. Spring Access classes begin on February 11 and they end on May 2nd. Those who are interested in taking a Spring Access course should call the Enrollment Center at 617.541.5310.

❖ ***Former RCC Coaches Inducted into NJCAA Hall of Fame***

Two Former RCC women's basketball team coaches have been selected for the 2013 class of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Women's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Their selections were made exclusively by the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Alfreda Harris

During the mid-1970s, Alfreda Harris led RCC to five Region 21 championships. During her tenure, RCC posted a 130-20 record. She later became the first female coach in any sport at the University of Massachusetts. Harris's other awards include the Henry L. Shattuck Award for Public Service at the Boston Municipal Research Bureau. She is currently a board member for the Shelbourne Community Council, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League, and the Police Athletic League.

Susan Summons

Before she became coach of RCC's women's basketball team, Susan Summons was a member of the RCC team that made back-to-back appearances at the NJCAA Women's Championship Tournaments in 1978 and 1979. She began her head coaching career at RCC in 1982 and led the program to a 57-6 record through 1986, including an appearance at the NJCAA national tournament in 1983. She is considered one of the nation's best motivational speakers and has served on numerous committees and initiatives whose mission and focus has been on the advancement of student success through education, athletics, and women's sports.

❖ ***Former RCC Student Named December Athlete of the Month***

Former RCC student-athlete Jim Guerrier was one of two students named Athlete of the Month for December 2012 at Southern Connecticut State University where he is a junior. Guerrier made an immediate impact in his first competitions with his new team. He finished second in the triple jump with a National Collegiate Athletic Association qualifying mark (14.24 meters) and was sixth in the long jump at the Manhattan Season Opener. He is currently ranked second in all of Division II in the triple jump. Guerrier was also named to the Northeast-10 Weekly Honor Roll during the month of December.

❖ ***RCC Community Mourns the Passing of Dean Mark A. Garth***

RCC was deeply saddened by the passing of Mark A. Garth, Dean of Student Success. Dean Garth was highly respected and beloved by faculty, staff, and students. A Memorial Service for Dean Garth will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Church of Boston, 66 Marlborough Street, Boston. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dean Garth's name may be made to The Roxbury Community College Foundation, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120.