

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



35th Annual Commencement

Friday, May 21, 2010
One O'Clock P.M.

Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

The National Anthem

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key
1779 - 1843

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson
1871 - 1938

Program

- **Prelude**
- **Processional**
*The audience is requested to remain seated during the processional for students and faculty. Music provided by Dr. John Weeks.
Grafton Job Corps Color Guard will post the colors.*
- **National Anthem**
Ms. Deanna DellaCioppa, Soloist
- **Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing**
Led by Mr. Alonzo Harris
- **Students' Greetings from Around the World**
- **Greetings From the President**
Dr. Terrence A. Gomes
- **Greetings From the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education**
Dr. Charles F. Desmond, Chairman of Massachusetts Board of Higher Education
- **Greetings From the Alumni**
Ms. Mayra Welsh, President of RCC Alumni
- **Musical Selection**
Ms. Deanna DellaCioppa, Soloist
- **Introduction of Community Service Recipient**
Dr. Alane K. Shanks, Vice President of Administration and Finance
- **Community Service Award**
Ms. Beverly A. Morgan-Welch, Executive Director of Museum of African American History
- **Introduction of the Valedictorian**
Dr. Brenda W. Mercomes, Vice President of Academic Affairs
- **Valedictorian**
Ms. Ihsan A. Mohamed
- **Introduction of the Salutatorian**
Ms. Georgeann Jenkins, Interim Dean of Health Sciences
- **Salutatorian**
Mr. Paul Russo
- **Introduction of the Commencement Speaker**
Dr. Stephanie C. Janey, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

■ **Commencement Address**

The Honorable Setti Warren, Mayor of Newton

■ **Musical Selection**

Ms. Deanna DellaCioppa, Soloist

■ **Conferring of Degrees and Certificates**

■ **Authorization of the Board of Trustees**

Ms. Michele Courton Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees

Dr. Terrence A. Gomes, President

■ **Introduction of Degree and Certificate Candidates**

Presided by Dr. Brenda W. Mercomes, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Nancy Teel, Dean, Liberal Arts introduces Candidates for Associate of Arts Degree

Dr. Tala Khudairi, Dean, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math introduces Candidates for Associate of Science Degree

Dr. Jose Alicea, Dean, Information Systems Technology introduces Candidates for Certificates with specification

■ **Presentation of Degrees and Certificates to the Students**

Ms. Michele Courton Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees

Dr. Terrence A. Gomes, President

Presided by Dr. Brenda W. Mercomes, Vice President of Academic Affairs

■ **President's Charge to the Graduating Class of 2010**

Dr. Terrence A. Gomes, President

■ **Recessional**

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional and is invited immediately after the ceremony to a reception in the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, Gymnasium.

Message from the President

Dr. Terrence A. Gomes



Today is a landmark in the chosen path for your lives. Beyond this landmark, or signpost, awaits a world around you that is real and exciting. But this is not just the end; think of today as the beginning of new opportunities, experiences and growth.

I would like for you to remember today, not just the moment, but the years that have led to this moment. Remember the days spent together in class, the hard work and sacrifices endured, and the friendships that have been built along the way.

Education offers opportunities for changing how we choose to live, how we choose to educate, and how we choose to govern ourselves for future generations to come. Please grasp the opportunities when they arise, for therein, lies the key to your future and the future of all our communities.

I am very proud of you and your accomplishments. Your graduation will help pave the way as you travel the road to greater success, both in college and beyond. You will be the leaders of tomorrow and with the education you now have and will seek further, you will reach new heights and achieve your dreams.

My heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2010. I wish each of you the very best and much success in the future.

Sincerely,


Dr. Terrence A. Gomes

President

Commencement Speaker

The Honorable Setti Warren, *Mayor of Newton*



Mayor Setti Warren was born and raised in Newton where he attended Bigelow Junior High and Newton North High School. He first became involved in public service when, as a freshman, he was elected class president – a post he held for all four years. As a junior at Newton North, Warren was asked by Mayor Ted Mann to bring racial and ethnic harmony to the school after a clash between rival groups. In 1997, he received the Human Rights Award and, subsequently, had December 17 declared “Setti Warren Day” by Newton Mayor

Thomas Concannon in recognition of his outstanding work as Vice-Chair of the City of Newton’s Foundation for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Equality.

Mayor Warren was a founding member of Newton’s Community Preservation Committee in 2002 and served as its spokesperson. During his tenure, more than \$9 million in state funding was used to build affordable housing and preserve open spaces like Christina Street and Angino Community Farm.

Mayor Warren chose to attend Boston College where, as a sophomore, he became the second African American to be elected student body president in the College’s history. After graduating from Boston College, Warren began an extensive career in public service:

He began his career as a Special Assistant in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs for President Clinton. He later was appointed the New England Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he worked closely with local mayors, members of Congress and governors to administer vital and effective FEMA programs and deliver resources to cities and towns throughout New England. More recently, he worked as Deputy State Director for Senator Kerry, working with local businesses and bringing federal assistance for economic development to cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Prior to running for Mayor, he completed a year-long tour of duty in Iraq as a Naval Intelligence Specialist.

Setti Warren was elected Mayor of Newton on November 3, 2009. He is the first popularly elected black Mayor of Massachusetts.

Community Service Award Recipient

Beverly A. Morgan-Welch, *Executive Director of Museum of African American History*



Beverly A. Morgan-Welch serves as the chief executive of the oldest and most visible African American history museum in New England located on Boston's Beacon Hill and on Nantucket. With four historic sites and collections that preserve the powerful past of African Americans, the museum provides Black Heritage Trail® tours, exhibits, and educational programs that illuminate a liberating American History.

Under her leadership, the Museum of African American History has become a nationally recognized institution increasing its scholarship and collections. In 2006, Beverly launched a 200th Anniversary Campaign to restore and celebrate the African Meeting House in Boston during its bicentennial. The Campaign also raised funds for other capital projects including the purchase of the Seneca Boston-Florence Higginbotham House (c 1774) on Nantucket and a building to create an Education and Technology Center in Boston.

Beverly has served as the Executive Director of the Greater Hartford Arts Council, Director of Development at the Wadsworth Atheneum, and Assistant Dean of Admission at Amherst College. She was also the Manager of Community Relations at Raytheon, a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Hartford, and Secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Foundation serving the company's Corporate Social Responsibility Department. Beverly was Co-Chairperson of the Inauguration of Governor Deval Patrick and raised funds for the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund.

Currently, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston History and Innovation Collaborative, and a Member of the Antiquarian Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

A graduate of Smith College with a major in Theatre and Speech, Beverly Morgan-Welch resides in Andover, Massachusetts with her daughter, Alexandra.

Musical Selection

Deanna DellaCioppa



HER story...Most people in the music industry would list winning a GRAMMY as a #1 accomplishment, but ask Deanna DellaCioppa and she would say, "I could die tomorrow and feel accomplished. I sang "Ribbon In The Sky" at Boston's The Wang Center in front of a crowd of thousands while Stevie Wonder accompanied me on piano...and to boot I got a standing 'O'! A GRAMMY would be great and I aspire to that, but I don't know what else could trump that night with Stevie!" Deanna has WOW written all over her!

At age 17, while taking a break from a vocal session, Deanna was putting quarters into her parking meter and singing aloud. It was at that moment that her Hollywood story began when a staff member at the esteemed Berklee College of Music heard her voice and discovered Deanna. Impressed by her singing abilities, she was placed into the prestigious college's five-week extensive Summer Performance Program. By the end of it, Deanna had wowed the institution into giving her a full tuition scholarship to study. Emerging with a BA in Music Business and Management and her first tastes of Film & TV placements as a songwriter, Deanna moved to NYC in 1996 to pursue her career. In 2008, Deanna set her sights on Los Angeles and the rest is star-studded history!

Deanna had the honor of performing with Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Yolanda Adams, Cece Winans, Crystal Waters, Joan Osborne, The Chieftains, Martha Wash, Ann Nesby, Angelo & Veronica, War, Average White Band, Sweet Sensation, Steve Smith of Journey, and Lisa Page of Witness, to name a few! She has also been invited to sing for Patti Labelle, Oleta Adams, Terri Lynne Carrington, Armand Zildjian, Horace Silver, Arif Mardin, Alan Silvestri, Alan & Marilyn Bergman, and Pat Metheny.

Deanna was selected to attend the prestigious American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers East Coast Extended Songwriting Workshop (NY), The Lester Sills Songwriting Workshop (LA), and the BMI Foundation Contemporary Professional Songwriting Workshop.

Deanna continues to write and collaborate on album projects with such star as the Black-Eyed Peas, Mariah Carey, and Alicia Keys.



*Class
of 2010*

Degrees in Course

Degrees are presented in the following order.

Associate of Arts

MOHAMED ABDULQADIR ABDULLAHI PHYSICAL SCIENCE	WILLEEN A. CAPEHART LIBERAL ARTS	JOZELL MARIE DOMINIQUE LIBERAL ARTS
MOHAMED ABDULQADIR ABDULLAHI PRE-ENGINEERING	CINDY CASTILLO LIBERAL ARTS	GREGORY DORCE LIBERAL ARTS
KODJE AGBLEKPE HEALTH CAREERS	WAKISHA C. CHARLEY ENGLISH	MARTINE DORLEAN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
ENDURANCE NKECHI ALAMBA HEALTH CAREERS	STEVEN D. COMMA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	MARTINE DORLEAN HEALTH CAREERS
ISHASEMNAY M. ALLEN LIBERAL ARTS	GUERDA CONSERVE HEALTH CAREERS	MARTINE DORLEAN LIBERAL ARTS
PARIS JOHN AMADO LIBERAL ARTS	FRANKIE ADELL COOK BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE	SUZE DORLEAN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
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KIEL RANAY BANKS LIBERAL ARTS	RAMONA L. CROPPER SOCIAL SCIENCE	LEILA HASSAN ELMI ** HEALTH CAREERS
CATHERINE S. BEAUVAIS SOCIAL SCIENCE	GORDONIA T. CUNDIFF SOCIAL SCIENCE	RALPH ED ENAYO SR. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
JENNIFER MARIE BENIQUEZ ** HEALTH CAREERS	NARALIS DE JESUS LIBERAL ARTS	MIREILLE EUGENE HEALTH CAREERS
NATALYA RASCHICA BÉTHEL LIBERAL ARTS	DANIEL ROBERTO DE PINA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	MARTINETTE CAROLINE EVANS HEALTH CAREERS
CHANELALISE BETHEA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	DANIEL ROBERTO DE PINA LIBERAL ARTS	JENNIFER N. EZEH-OBILA HEALTH CAREERS
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MAXINE CADOGAN LIBERAL ARTS	PATRICIA DIEUJUSTE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE	CHRIS R. FOSTER JONES ** BROADCAST MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

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Honors Program

Students who have fulfilled the Honors Program have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.3 and have completed three or more Honors courses. RCC is proud of them.

High Honors
GPA 3.50 - 3.75

Highest Honors
GPA 3.76 - 4.00

(*) = Honors Program (**) = High Honors (***) = Highest Honors - Bright Yellow Sash

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc./Psi Omega Chapter Award

This award is given to an outstanding multicultural female graduate who is transferring to a four-year institution.

ALEXANDRIA KING

LOREN LEWIS-PETERS

Church of the Holy Spirit Scholarship (New)

This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan. This \$200 scholarship is awarded each spring to a deserving full- or part-time student in good academic standing and who currently resides in Mattapan, MA. The recipient of this award must attend and speak at the Scholarship Banquet in May 2010.

FEDNY FRANCOIS

Claudia J. Tucker Award

This award is given annually to an outstanding Roxbury Community College transfer student in honor of the mother of Roxbury Community College's Professor Royal C. Tucker.

LOREN LEWIS-PETERS

English as a Second Language Scholarship

This scholarship is made possible by the generosity of the Roxbury Community College Foundation's Board of Directors. This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in good academic standing who has earned a grade point average of at least 3.0.

KARLA GUZMAN

International Student Scholarship

International Student Scholarships are available for full-time students in good academic standing who have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00. These are \$1,000 scholarships. To be eligible to receive these scholarships students must provide documentation which certifies that the student holds a current student visa.

GAIL REJISTE

James H. Caesar Endowed Scholarship

In 1986, a Roxbury resident established this scholarship to honor the opportunities this country and community had given him. In selecting the recipient, preference is given to graduating students who have attended the Cooper Community Center of Roxbury or the Roxbury Boys and Girls Club. If this criterion does not apply, the scholarship may be awarded to a talented Roxbury Community College student from the Roxbury community.

LEILA ELM1

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Martin Luther King Scholarship

The Martin Luther King Scholarship was created by the Roxbury Community College Foundation to commemorate the life of Dr. King. One or two \$500 scholarships are given to full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 who excel in Social Sciences and have contributed to the Roxbury Community College community and/or the community in which they reside.

ALI ROBLE

RCCF Co-Curriculum Scholarship Award (New)

These \$500 scholarships are awarded to full-time students (at least 12 college-level credit hours) who have significantly contributed to the College through their participation in co-curriculum activity such as student government, athletics and have earned at least a 3.0 grade average as a full-time student.

JESIKA HOLMES

RCCF Nursing Scholarships

These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Roxbury Community College Foundation's Board of Directors. These \$500 scholarships are awarded to full-time Nursing students in good academic standing who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.00.

RAMCES ALCIDE

ONYEBUCHI OGBO

JUDITH NJOKU

RCCF STEM Scholarship (New)

These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Roxbury Community College Foundation's Board of Directors. These \$500 scholarships are awarded to full-time Nursing students in good academic standing who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.00.

MARTIAL OCAMPO

Sapers Family Opportunity Awards

This award is presented to no more than ten Roxbury Community College graduates who transfer to four-year colleges in pursuit of baccalaureate degrees. This special "50-50" award consists of both a scholarship and a low-interest loan. The award is made available through the generosity of the William R. Sapers family of Boston.

JOHN MURPHY

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Second Semester Scholarship

These \$500 scholarships are awarded to two full-time students (at least 12 college-level credit hours) entering their second semester at Roxbury Community College and earned at least a 3.0 grade average as a full-time student, as defined above, their first semester at RCC.

BRANDI SILVA

The Milagros Rosado Scholarship Award (New)

The Milagros Rosado Scholarship Award is created and funded by her family to honor her memory. A native from Puerto Rico, Milagros' drive and determination enabled her to be one of the first of her siblings to obtain a General Educational Development (GED) certificate at the age of 52. The \$250 award is given to candidates who wish to obtain a GED and plan on pursuing their education upon receiving the certificate. The eligibility criterion includes individuals who are raising a family and were not given an opportunity to finish high school. If no applicant meets this criterion, the award will be made to a student who has been accepted into a degree program.

CHRISTINE CONNORS

Transitional Housing Situation Scholarship

These \$1,000 scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Roxbury Community College Foundation. These scholarships are to be awarded to women who are a single parent, in a transitional housing situation and/or head of household and in good academic standing at the College. Homeless single parent women are to be given priority.

NOTE: To be eligible to receive this scholarship a student must provide authentic documentation which certifies that the student meets these criteria.

TABITHA JOHNSON

JUDY ROSE GILES

SAMANTHA FOLEY

Deans/Departmental Scholarships

These \$500 scholarships are awarded each semester to recognize outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible students must be enrolled full-time in a degree program, and on the Dean's or President's List.

MAHER SENATUS
SONIA BREWSTER
MARKYSA O'LOUGHLIN
ALPHA RECIO

ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

CRYSTAL ST. HILL
OBO ONYEBUCHI

The Registrar of Roxbury Community College maintains the official list of all graduates and honor designations. This program is only for ceremonial purposes.

Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages when they were common dress for scholars. In the Twelfth Century monks and students wore them to keep warm from the damp and drafty European castles and halls of learning.

The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long square sleeves. The doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three velvet bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors became associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wore a green border, which relates to the healing powers of medicinal herbs.

In Europe, a uniform color system was never developed. However, in the United States, an intercollegiate committee meeting in 1895 decided upon uniform color standards, assigning a specific color to each field of study.

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Agriculture	Maize	Library Science	Lemon
Arts, Humanities	White	Medicine	Green
Chiropractic	Silver Gray	Music	Pink
Dentistry	Lilac	Nursing	Apricot
Economics	Copper	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Science	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology	Scarlet

Roxbury Community College

Years of dreaming and planning came to life in 1973, when Roxbury Community College opened its doors in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite less than perfect surroundings - its location was a former car dealership - Roxbury Community College's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of four hundred students. The College's mission, then, as it is now, was to provide higher education to those Boston residents who found most other avenues to higher education closed.

In 1975, growth was the impetus for a move to 424 Dudley Street, a former nursing home. This move permitted the expansion and strengthening of academic programs and student services. The College continued to grow, which precipitated another move in 1982 to the former site of Boston State College on Huntington Avenue. As the College continued to shift its service base to meet an expanding enrollment, the goal to establish a permanent home for Roxbury Community College in the heart of the communities it served remained strong.

With much anticipation, Roxbury Community College built its new home as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in the Spring of 1978. This fifteen-acre campus includes a state-of-the-art Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Administration Building, Student Center, and the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

A global village, Roxbury Community College's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all over the world including North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College continues its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.

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