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Welcome to the fourth issue of CareerFocus magazine! I’m now in my third year as president of Roxbury Community College; and, I can state without hesitation that the past few months have been some of the most exciting months of my tenure.

On the academic front, the fall was a busy and productive time for the College. In late September, we were pleased to learn that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) granted our re-accreditation. The faculty and staff at RCC worked tirelessly on the re-accreditation process for many years; in fact, the process was started before I joined RCC, so the campus community was overjoyed by this news.

In the spring, Councilor Ayanna Pressley moved us to tears with her speech at our 40th Annual Commencement Ceremony. It was a pleasure to hear Councilor Pressley’s words of wisdom and encouragement, and to personally congratulate our 351 graduates. Seeing the “Reggie” transform into a grand auditorium for our graduation ceremony has become one of my favorite campus traditions.

The “Reggie” underwent a different, yet equally impressive, transformation to host its’ 20th Anniversary Gala celebration on October 2nd. Governor Charlie Baker served as the honorary event chair, and Mayor Marty Walsh joined the program to congratulate our awardees. The Manhattans performed a memorable hour-long set, and attendees danced long into the night, celebrating 20 years of success at the “Reggie.” Through the Gala, we raised over $150,000 to establish the Bob McIntyre and Frank Mooney Endowment, which will support building maintenance and community programming at the “Reggie.”

In addition to the “Reggie’s” Gala, we hosted numerous other public events at RCC during the summer and spring. On July 18th, we held the 2nd Annual Roxbury Rocks Music Festival, featuring an afternoon of music and family fun, followed by an evening performance by Wannetta Jackson and the 2nd Annual “You Rock” Awards Ceremony. We launched the Roxbury Jazz and World Music Series, a collaborative series organized with the help of Berklee College of Music Professor Ron Reid, in September 2015. And, we hosted the US Conference of Mayors’ Community Development & Housing Committee Town Hall: Economic Growth for All, as part of HUBweek, on October 7th.

To support student success, RCC’s Single Stop office partnered with Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP). Through this partnership, MBHP representatives will visit the campus monthly, to provide students with one-on-one guidance on applying for housing resources. The partnership was launched on October 19th, at RCC, with an Affordable Housing Workshop.

You’ll learn more about RCC’s student support services and our stellar academic programs in this issue of CareerFocus. You’ll also read about the events we’ve hosted, and become familiar with some of our new Corporate and Community Education programs.

In closing, I wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season; and, I look forward to seeing you, on-campus, in the New Year.

Kindest Regards,

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RCC in the Community

1. RCC President Valerie Roberson and Vice President of Advancement and Community Relations Lorita Williams join Professor Nasreen Latif and the RCC Garden Project at a community fair.

2. RCC staff and students representing RCC at the 2014 Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

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6. President Valerie Roberson and Vice President Lorita Williams present Justin Nguyen with a full tuition scholarship at the Scholar Athletes Award Banquet. Photo credit: Scholar Athletes.

7. RCC staff and students pose for a photo after a hard day of volunteer work at RCC’s Community Garden.

8. RCC students and staff, including President Valerie Roberson and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Cecile Regner, pose for photo at the 2014 Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
At RCC, we’re committed to providing our students with the tools and resources needed for academic and career success. Two of our student support programs and resources are highlighted below. For information on additional student support resources at RCC, including Single Stop, Disability Services, Testing, and Advising, visit our website.

### Destination: College

One of the programs offered by Roxbury Community College to assist non-traditional learners in the transition to college is the Destination: College Program (DC Program), funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The DC Program is open to adult learners who have passed the HiSET exam (formerly the GED) and were previously enrolled in a DESE funded Adult Basic Education, GED, or ESOL Program.

Students who enroll in the DC Program are eligible to attend four classes (College Experience, Introduction to Computers, English and Math) for free, with the option of using the credits earned towards their certificate or associate's degree. In addition to offering free courses, DC also supports adult students transitioning to college-level work by helping students create individualized plans for their education and career, facilitating study groups to enable community-driven learning, and boosting students’ confidence to complete college-level work.

“I believe that all students have the ability to reach their full potential when supported with the necessary and appropriate resources,” says Chelsea Clarke, RCC’s coordinator of the DC Program. “The DC Program is a crucial resource for many of our adult learners. DC is here to support students and to serve as a stepping stone to their next professional or academic goal.”

Interested in joining our Destination: College Program? In order to qualify for the program, you must:

- have passed the HiSET (formerly GED);
- have been enrolled in a DESE funded Adult Basic Education, GED, or ESOL program;
- have a Social Security Number;
- have photo ID;
- be a Massachusetts resident;
- be an American citizen or have a permanent residency status; and,
- demonstrate the ability to read and do math at a level as determined by a standardized assessment.

To start your application to the Destination: College Program, or to learn more, visit http://www.rcc.mass.edu/destination-college.

### The Learning Center at RCC

Roxbury Community College hosts a variety of free tutoring resources designed to help students academically. Tutoring sessions are held in the Learning Center, the Writing Center, the Language Lab, the Math Clinic, and the Online Writing Lab, offering a range of spaces – on-campus and online – where students may go to receive academic support.

In-person, students are encouraged to receive one-on-one help from both professional and peer tutors in a wide variety of subjects, including: accounting, anatomy and physiology, biology, business, chemistry, computers, economics, English, English for speakers of other languages, general science, math, nutrition, Spanish, statistics, and writing. Students can also attend weekly group tutoring sessions in several math and science subjects. Students can sign up for these tutoring appointments online, or in-person at the Learning Center.

Our Online Writing Lab allows students to submit essay drafts for review and feedback. Within two business days of submitting an essay, a writing tutor responds with online written comments to guide students in the revision process. And, RCC’s Math Bootcamp provides new students with a refresher on math skills they may not have used in a while. The Math Bootcamp helps students looking to boost their placement test scores, so they can take college-level math sooner.

For more information on RCC’s Learning Center, visit http://www.rcc.mass.edu/current-students/student-support-services/tutoring.
Early Childhood Education at Roxbury Community College
Preparing You for a Career Shaping Young Minds

Do you have a passion for caring for and teaching young children? Are you looking for a career path where your creativity will be valued and supported? Are you patient, kind and flexible? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then RCC’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program can help you reach your career goals.

Our longstanding ECE Program allows students to gain both the knowledge and skills needed for a successful career in early childhood education. In addition to completing coursework, our students earn six credits from the required internship component. This 300-hour internship requirement gives students hands-on experience teaching preschoolers for 150 hours, and 150 hours caring for toddlers and infants. While there is no formal testing required to join the program, the program is best suited for individuals with a passion for shaping young minds. Like many of RCC’s programs, ECE courses are offered during day and evening hours to allow students who are currently employed to complete the required coursework.

Students who graduate from this program and immediately join the workforce can expect to find employment as a preschool teacher, a day care instructor, or as a teaching assistant in the public schools. Graduates will also have completed the coursework for the director I certification. Graduates can also transfer to a four-year school to obtain a bachelor’s degree in a variety of teaching fields.

To earn RCC’s Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education, students must complete 71 credits of coursework, with 36 credits in early childhood education courses. Upon graduating from the program, you will:

• be immediately eligible for the Early Education and Care Certification in both infants and toddler, and preschool;
• be prepared to develop and implement developmentally appropriate lesson plans;
• be able to incorporate the Mass. Guidelines for Preschoolers in all lessons and activities;
• become a viable resource for parents by developing a list of community agencies, programs, etc.; and,
• be prepared to incorporate music, movement, art and drama in your classroom.

If you have what it takes to complete RCC’s Early Childhood Education Program, the next step is to apply to RCC. You can begin the program at the start of the spring or fall semester. If you have questions on the ECE Program, please contact Michelle Howard-Harrell, program coordinator of RCC’s Early Childhood Education Program, at mharre@rcc.mass.edu or (617) 427-0060 ext. 5179. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please contact our Enrollment Office at 617-541-5320 or enrollment.management@rcc.mass.edu.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT WORKFORCE DEMANDS FOR GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the demand for preschool teachers (excluding those teachers qualified to teach preschool special education courses) is expected to increase 17% in the United States, from 2012-2022. The demand for day care center administrators who are qualified to “plan, direct, or coordinate the academic and nonacademic activities of preschool and childcare centers or programs” is also expected to increase 17% over the same term.

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**Student Success**

**Isamal Fritzberg**

**Expected Degree and Graduation Date:**

AS in Early Childhood Education, May 2016

Isamal Fritzberg has always enjoyed working with children, which is why she decided to study early childhood education.

“I enjoy working with children—I’ve been working with children since I was at UMass Dartmouth, where I completed my work study at a homeless shelter. And, I also worked at Carney Academy, where I taught children how to read, write and speak in English. This is where I first became interested in the field. They didn’t have an ECE program at (UMass) Dartmouth; so, when I found out about RCC’s ECE Program, I decided to transfer here.”

Isamal completed her internship during the fall 2015 semester at the Little Sprouts day care center, at RCC. She spent 75 hours with infants, and another 75 with toddlers. “I learned how to develop a curriculum and participated in activities with the children. I also helped with the daily routine—feeding, diapering, and playing games. I did a little bit of everything.”

After graduating, Isamal plans to transfer to a four year school to obtain a bachelor’s degree. “I’ve actually been offered a job by Tarts Day Care Center; they offered me a full-time job as a lead teacher. I’ll work full-time while I earn my bachelors.”

**Faculty Spotlight**

**Michelle Howard-Harrell**

Program Coordinator and Professor, Early Childhood Education Program

Prior to joining Roxbury Community College in 1994, Michelle Howard-Harrell had a long career teaching young children. She started her teaching career as an elementary school special education teacher for emotionally disturbed children before becoming a middle school resource teacher. She taught and was later head of the Bay Cove Psychiatric Day School at New England Medical Center, where she oversaw the education of 4-12 years olds who were diagnosed with emotional problems that could not be addressed by the public school system.

“There are three attributes that all early childhood ed. teachers must possess,” says Professor Howard-Harrell, “patience, compassion, and flexibility. In this profession, you are dealing with young minds and developing brains—the children you are teaching are exploring their world, and learning new skills every day.”

Professor Howard-Harrell, who has over 20 years of teaching experience, enjoys teaching all of the early childhood education courses at RCC; however, her favorite course to teach is Child Growth and Development.

“This course is the foundation for all other ECE courses. Through this course, our students get an in-depth look at the child from conception through the age of five. We examine how the child grows, learns and develops his or her personality.”

**Student Success**

**Veronica Tomlinson**

**Expected Degree and Graduation Date:**

AS in Early Childhood Education, May 2016

Veronica Tomlinson always loved playing “school” and pretending that she was the teacher when she was young. So, it’s only natural that she decided to pursue a career in early childhood education as an adult. After earning her GED at RCC in 2012, Veronica decided to continue her education and enrolled in RCC’s ECE Program.

Veronica completed her internship during the fall 2015 semester at Rosa Parks Day Care Center in Roxbury on Savin Street. “I was working there while I completed my internship. I practiced curriculum planning, assisted with activities practicing fine and gross motor skills, and helped with homework. I gained experience with both toddlers and preschoolers during my internship.”

After graduating from the program, Veronica plans to work full time at the Dimock Center. She already works there, part-time, and looks forward to becoming a full-time member of their staff.

And she has serious words of advice for anyone considering a career in ECE: “You have to pay attention. Make sure that this is something that you want to do. This is hard, and there’s a lot that is at stake. If this is something that you’re studying just to find a job, do something else. The first years of childhood education are crucial for a child’s development. You have to have a passion for this to be successful.”
Preventing You For Success in STEM

Roxbury Community College is committed to equipping our students with the skills and knowledge needed for a successful career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. We are also committed to providing all students with a solid foundation in math and science, regardless of career preferences. RCC provides a variety of STEM support programs and extracurricular activities. These initiatives are funded in part by STEM Starter Grant funds.

NROC and Math Booth Camp

Roxbury Community College is an institutional member of the NROC Project. The NROC Project (National Repository of Online Courses) is a national non-profit impacting college and career readiness. As an institutional member, Roxbury Community College has access to a customized version of EdReady, also powered by NROC, with personalized math study options. EdReady has access to the NROC digital content but is also integrated with a personalized math skills assessment tool that creates a study path based on an individual student’s needs. After creating an account and taking a one-hour assessment, an online study path is created with math lessons addressing the specific math topics to master for each student. The program is self-paced and an RCC staff member monitors the progress of each student who participates.

Currently at RCC, EdReady is being used as a resource for incoming students who want to prepare for the Math Accuplacer placement test. Some students find that they need a refresher before taking the placement test and find that they have more confidence in their math abilities after reviewing the EdReady modules. It is suggested that students give themselves at least a month to review and prepare for the math placement test. Even after a student has been placed in the assigned level of math, a student can continue to practice math concepts using the EdReady or HippoCampus learning modules when taking math classes. An on-ground summer Math Boot Camp was piloted last summer. For incoming students and supported new students who needed a math refresher for the Accuplacer exam. For more information about the NROC materials at RCC, contact Joyce Atkinson, Coordinator of Learning Resources, at jatkinson@rcc.mass.edu.

Developmental Education for Math @ RCC

In Spring 2016, RCC will launch a developmental math program and a developmental science program to help students successfully complete their math and science requirements.

The developmental math program is based on a program that has been successfully piloted at community colleges nationwide. Through this program, students who place into developmental math courses (MAT 087 – Basic Math with MyMathLab, MAT 088 – Introduction to Algebra with MyMathLab or MAT 099 – Intermediate Algebra with MyMathLab) will be able to complete these courses while simultaneously completing courses that count towards an associate’s degree, either Statistics or Pre-Calculus. This pilot program will achieve two very important goals:

• it will allow students to maximize their time at RCC—participants will be able to either take more electives, or to graduate sooner.
• it will prepare those students who are interested in a career in Math, but who do not possess the necessary skills or knowledge, to build a strong foundation for success.

The pilot Statistics program will be taught by John McColgan, Professor of Math. The pilot Pre-Calculus program will be taught by Javad Moulai, Professor of Math, Science and Engineering.

The developmental science program is the first of its kind. RCC is one of two MA community colleges with a science placement test that incoming students must take to place into college-level science courses. Through the developmental science program, students who do not place into college-level science can take Biology I (SCI 103) concurrently with General Science (SCI 099), RCC’s foundational science course. Students in this pilot program will receive 2 hours of tutoring from Professor Sucher, who teaches Bio I, before class each week, in order to ensure that they are understanding all of the subject material. Through this pilot program, RCC aims to provide students with an interest in science with the foundation needed for long-term success in this competitive and important field.

RCC Chapter of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Club (ASBMB)

This fall, Roxbury Community College established a chapter of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Club (ASBMB). RCC students who are members of this club receive scientific mailings and opportunities to meet fellow students and scientists to form relationships and network. The club has regular meetings, where members discuss scientific discoveries and go on field trips. Prior to the club officially forming, members of RCC’s Science Club joined Professor Kristen Laird and Professor Kimberley Stieglitz at Northeastern University’s ASBMB, where Professor Stieglitz presented her performed by several RCC students in SCI 207 and SCI 281. ■
Ken Tangvik

Professor Ken Tangvik, a native of Dorchester, teaches courses in literature and English composition at RCC. Although he looks young, Ken has been teaching here since the early 1980s. He earned an MA in English from UMass Boston, and a PhD in Language Arts & Literacy from UMass Lowell. Ken came to RCC because he was intrigued by our multi-cultural campus: “It was a small gem in the city.”

Prof. Tangvik uses a variety of books to reach students and get them talking and thinking about important social issues, such as human sexuality and violence, in the classroom. The idea is to engage students with issues that are going on in their own lives and experiences by “hooking these experiences to academic and intellectual authors, while at the same time increasing students’ academic skills.” Even if students do not change their minds on an issue, this is not a problem for Ken: “The issue makes them think. And good thinking makes good writing.”

Ken’s love for RCC and the surrounding community is palpable. “RCC has had a huge impact on my life,” he says. “When you’re a writing teacher, you get lots of people writing about their own experiences, which provides great opportunities to learn about other cultures. This struck me right away, and it is why my job never gets boring.”

Stacy Gosselin

Stacy Gosselin is an instructor in the Radiologic Technology Program, in her first year teaching at RCC. She works primarily with the second-year students of the program, and is responsible for overseeing the didactic and clinical work of these students.

Born and raised in Fall River, MA to Portuguese parents, Stacy learned English when she began school at age four. Now at age 30, she has worked in the field of radiology for 10 years.

Stacy began her Rad Tech. training right out of high school, when she attended the Community College of Rhode Island. She then completed a 2-year program at Rhode Island Hospital (RIH), where she received her Certificate in Radiology, followed by a 14-month program in nuclear medicine. She completed her BS and received additional science training at Roger Williams University, becoming the first college graduate in her family.

Stacy works full-time at RCC and part-time as a technician at RIH, and she is nothing but positive about her experience: “My students have been great, and I’ve had a great experience with faculty. I feel like I am a good fit here. Before joining RCC, I had only worked in hospitals. Here, where individuals aren’t sick, but are making choices to make their lives better—it’s a different side of life.”

Stacy’s enthusiasm for teaching is apparent. She interviewed for her job a week before her wedding day, a fact which did not surprise her now-husband. As she explains it, “I can see myself in the students here. I was sitting in their place ten years ago. So I saw it as an opportunity that I couldn’t give up. And here I am.”
Meet the Director: Marshall Hughes

RCC’s Media Arts Center, located at the corner of Columbus Ave and Malcolm X Boulevard, directly across from the Roxbury Crossing T station, is an ideal location within the community. Over the years, our 500 seat auditorium has hosted plays, musical performances, dance recitals, public lectures, community forums and more. Every month, well-known local artists display their work in the Joan Resnikoff Gallery, for the public to come and enjoy for free. On the lower level, students enrolled in RCC’s Broadcast Media Technology Program learn how to capture film and sound. And each summer, youth from Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and surrounding areas enroll in the Summer Arts Intensive to master the performing arts under the guidance of some of Boston’s best teachers.

At the helm of the Center sits Marshall Hughes, director of fine, visual and performing arts at Roxbury Community College. Prior to joining RCC, Mr. Hughes was department chair at the Cambridge School of Weston (CSW). Before CSW, he spent ten years at MIT, where he helped develop MIT’s Freshman/Alumni Summer Arts Internship Program. He also founded an opera company, Opera unMet, and directed a chorus that traveled to the former Soviet Union, the Baltic States, and China.

“I’ve always had a passion for the arts and humanities,” says Mr. Hughes. “I started playing cello in elementary school, in Detroit. In those days, the cello was bigger than me. I played in the all-city orchestra and sang in the all-city choir. I was singing Mozart before I could spell Mozart. As a young adult, I taught music and dance, and was a church choir director. My passion for the arts is a continuing discovery.”

In his current position, Mr. Hughes supports young artists at an early stage, which he finds rewarding and moving. “Watching young artists come to the college and discover that they enjoy art, and seeing them absorb classics, enjoy jazz and go to events and museums—sometimes for the first time—is so very rewarding. Seeing novice student actors discover and perform Shakespeare, or create performance pieces is amazing. Seeing kids be creative through our Summer Arts Intensive Program and our Acting Up Program is inspiring.”

And what’s the one thing Mr. Hughes wants to make sure that everyone knows about the Media Arts Center? That it’s a hub of energy and excitement—and that it’s a true resource for the community. “The Center serves many purposes for our youth, RCC students, local artists, and the community at-large. We are open to the public almost every day. The Joan Resnikoff Gallery features new exhibits monthly and is open weekdays and most weekends throughout the year. You are welcome to stop in and take a look at any time.”

The Media Arts Center is open during the week, with occasional openings on the weekends, for special events. To schedule an off-hours gallery showing, please contact Pamela Green at pgreen@rcc.mass.edu or (617) 541-5380. For more information on upcoming events at the Media Arts Center, including upcoming gallery exhibits, please visit our website: http://www.rcc.mass.edu/media-arts-center.
RCC’s Pharmacy Technician Certification Program

According to the United States Department of Labor, the growth rate for pharmacy technician positions will increase 20% between 2012 and 2022, exceeding the 11% average growth rate for all occupations during the same time period.

Pharmacy technicians assist licensed pharmacists with a variety of responsibilities, including: assembling medicines for prescriptions (manually counting, filling tablets and capsules, and labeling packaged products), preparing IV fluids, dispensing medication by accurately verifying patient identities, and delivering medications to patient care areas. Pharmacy technicians are also responsible for the management of medication inventory, running inventory reports, executing purchase orders and the proper handling of hazardous drugs and expired drugs.

RCC’s Pharmacy Technician Certification Program prepares students for the PTCB or EXCEPT Exams, and provides students with the training needed to become successful pharmacy technicians in community and hospital pharmacy settings. Students are introduced to pharmacology, pharmacy calculations, physiology, pathophysiology medication preparation, medication dispensing, drug interactions, pharmacy law, drug classes, liability and much more. After classroom training, students complete a 150 hour externship in a local pharmacy.

What are the primary benefits of becoming a pharmacy technician?

Many students are drawn to a career as a pharmacy technician because of the professional development opportunities. The program is quick and affordable, and pharmacy technicians are in high demand. You can become a certified pharmacy technician in less than a year. Other benefits include:

• a flexible work schedule;
• competitive compensation (according to salary.com, the median salary of pharmacy technicians in Boston is $34,553); and,
• the opportunity to secure a job that will likely offer medical, dental and retirement benefits, paid time off, and tuition reimbursement.

Where do pharmacy technicians work?

Pharmacy technicians work in a variety of settings, including:

• hospitals;
• retail pharmacies;
• mail order prescription businesses; and,
• pharmaceutical companies.

Do you have what it takes to become a pharmacy technician?

You have all the qualities required to be a pharmacy technician, if you:

• are a “people person,” friendly and patient in even the most challenging situations;
• have great communications skills;
• have excellent customer service skills;
• are detail-oriented, observant and highly organized; and,
• have a desire to work in the medical field.

If you have what it takes to become a pharmacy technician, check out our RCC training program, offered by the Department of Corporate and Community Education. The next class begins in Spring 2016. For more information, visit us at www.rcc.mass.edu/pharmtech or call 617-933-7490.

Meet the Faculty

Dr. Eyob A. Berhe

Education:

• PharmD, May 2010, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
• AS in Biological Science, June 2006, Roxbury Community College, Roxbury, MA

Current Positions: Instructor at RCC and Pharmacy Manager at Whittier Pharmacy

Ever since Dr. Eyob Berhe graduated from Roxbury Community College in 2006, he’s been looking for a way to give back to the College. He found the perfect opportunity to do so in May 2015, by joining RCC’s Corporate and Community Education Department as a pharmacy technician instructor.

“I believe in the idea of giving back,” says Dr. Berhe. “It is because of RCC that I was able to achieve my dream. I am forever indebted to RCC for the opportunities given to me when I was a student there, ten years ago. I believe it should be one’s duty to make the path to success a little less arduous for the next generation.”

Dr. Berhe fulfills this duty by making sure that each and every one of his students is prepared for success in the real world. Through a combination of classroom instruction and experiential learning opportunities, he enables his students to become “highly motivated and highly sought-after pharmacy technicians” while helping them build their confidence. At the end of his Pharmacy Technician course, his students are prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam and obtain a Pharmacy Technician License.

“As a pharmacy manager, I know exactly the qualities we look for in pharmacy technicians,” says Dr. Berhe. “I know that working in the health care sector is a privilege that comes with great responsibility. It is not enough just to acquire the academic knowledge to become a pharmacy technician. You also have to be detail-oriented, provide excellent customer service, and possess great communication skills. Therefore, I advise my students to practice these skills in parallel with their academic studies.”

Why RCC? Hear More From Our Participant:

“The pharmacy technician program is a great start for someone with the long-term goal of becoming a pharmacist. I chose RCC’s Pharmacy Technician Certification Program because the program has a great reputation, and I live close to RCC. The instructor is great! He makes sure that every student understands the subject before he moves on to the next topic. I would recommend this program to anyone who loves helping people.”

—Hindia Abdulule, Pharmacy Technician Certification Program Participant, Summer 2015
On Friday, October 2, 2015, over 650 supporters attended the “Reggie’s” 20th Anniversary Gala. Governor Charlie Baker served as the honorary event chair, Mayor Marty Walsh joined us to formally congratulate our award recipients, and over $150,000 was raised for the Bob McIntyre and Frank Mooney Endowment. The awards ceremony was followed by a performance by The Manhattans, and the evening ended with guests dancing to hit music, provided by a DJ. Many thanks to those of you who attended and supported this milestone event!

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

For their longstanding dedication and support, we were pleased to present the following individuals with formal recognition of their longstanding contributions:

- Larry Ames, former assistant sports editor of the Boston Globe – Persistence Award;
- Rosie Clinton and Wavel Johnson – Employee Longevity Awards;
- Ruth Hines – RCC Employee Award;
- Hazel Small – Longevity Member Award; and
- Dr. Keith Motley, chancellor of UMass Boston – Ground Breaking Award.
1. The Manhattans featuring Gerald Austin performed an hour-long set, filled with fan favorites, during the Gala.

2. President Valerie Roberson with Frank Mooney

3. Reggie Lewis’ family joined us for the celebration, from left to right: Reggiena, Reggie Jr., Donna Harris-Lewis and Crystal Houston.


5. Dr. Keith Motley, former interim RCC President Linda Turner and Charlie Titus.

6. Gala attendees watch a video on the history of the “Reggie.”

7. Gala attendees dance as they wait for The Manhattans to take the stage.

8. Representative Byron Rushing, Vice President of Finance and Administration Kevin Hepner, and Fredia Garcia.

9. Richard Ward, VP of Strategic Partnerships, Neighborhood Health Plan, with a table of supporters.

10. Longevity Member Award Winner Hazel Small poses with family and friends.

11. From left to right: RCC Student Fatima Shields, Media Arts Center Director Marshall Hughes, and State Representative Gloria Fox.

12. Councilor Tito Jackson congratulates Director Keith McDermott, who received a citation establishing October 2, 2015 as “Keith McDermott Day.”

Awardees

13. Dr. Keith Motley, chancellor of UMass Boston – Ground Breaking Award

14. Hazel Small (with Vice President of Advancement and Community Engagement Lorita Williams) – Longevity Member Award

15. Larry Ames - Persistence Award

16. Ruth Hines (with President Valerie Roberson) – RCC Employee Award

17. Rosie Clinton (with President Valerie Roberson, Governor Charlie Baker and Director Keith McDermott) – Employee Longevity Awards
Where Can You Go from Roxbury Community College for a four-year degree?

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Roxbury Community College Programs of Study

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- Arts and Humanities
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- Arts and Humanities: Theatre Arts
- Arts and Humanities: Visual Arts
- Arts and Humanities: Africana Studies
- Biological Science
- Biological Science: Laboratory Animal Care
- Broadcast Media Technology
- Business Administration
- English
- Health Careers
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Social Science

Associate in Science
- Accounting
- Administrative Information Technology
- Biotechnology
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Ecology and Environment
- Engineering
- Information Systems Technology
- Network Administration
- Nursing (ADN) 1,2,4
- Radiologic Technology 1,2,4
- Web Technologies

Certificate Programs
- Accounting
- Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing
- Broadcast Media Technology
- Information Systems Technology
- Network Administration
- Paralegal Studies
- Practical Nursing 1,2,4

1 - This program requires prerequisites.
2 - This is a competitive admissions program. The enrollment office can provide you with specific details regarding additional requirements.
3 - Approved majors for Mass Transfer at RCC.
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- Medical Transcription and Editing*
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- Phlebotomy Technician
- Project Management*
- Property Management*
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