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RCC’s year-long 50th anniversary celebration culminates with the Golden Jubilee Gala at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport on February 24, 2024. Hosted by the Roxbury Community College Foundation, the Golden Jubilee Gala will bring the RCC community together to reflect on our first 50 years and raise critical funds to ensure we are positioned for success for the next 50 and beyond!

Roxbury has always been at the center of Boston’s civil rights and social justice history. For decades, Black community organizers and activists called attention to Boston’s need to provide better educational and career advancement opportunities for residents of color. In the summer of 1968, the Massachusetts legislature approved the establishment of a community college for Roxbury and in 1973, RCC opened its doors. The College’s mission then, as it is now, was to provide higher education and career pathways to those Boston residents who found most other avenues inaccessible.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, dinner, and dancing to celebrate 50 years of access, opportunity, and growth in Roxbury! We will recognize our 50 Pioneers, commemorate five decades of successes, and present the first Roxbury Community College Drum Major for Justice Award!
EVENT PROGRAM

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 – 6:30
- Rollins Ross Band
- Big Lux, Hip Hop Violinist

Main Program: 7:00 – 8:30
- MC: Tashanea Whitlow
- Dinner
- Inaugural Drum Major for Justice Honoree: Anita Hill
- Remarks
- Floor Lords Hip Hop Performance

Dessert & Dancing: 8:30 – 10:30
- DJ Real P
GOLDEN JUBILEE GALA HOST COMMITTEE

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

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**Table Host** - $10,000

commitment to fill a 10-seat table
(recognition in program)

**Individual Ticket** - $1,000
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Gifts to the RCC Foundation fund student scholarships and critical student support services.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**
Public dollars only meet a fraction of the total financial aid need each semester. Private donations are critical to ensuring tuition and fees are not a barrier for students to enroll and persist at RCC.

- Merit-Based Scholarships are awarded to applicants with a 2.5 GPA or higher and a faculty recommendation. (Credit students only)
- Need-Based Scholarships are awarded to applicants with a demonstrated financial-need. (Credit and non-credit students)
- Retention and Completion Grants are designed to assist students who are close to completion and in danger of dropping out due to unpaid tuition and/or fees. (Credit and non-credit students)

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
RCC students face a myriad of financial and social challenges. Non-tuition barriers like food insecurity, mental health, childcare, and housing insecurity can be the biggest obstacles to success.

- Project Access helps students get the things they need like health insurance, food, transportation, help with bills, legal advice, mental health and domestic violence support, childcare that is affordable and furniture or clothes.
- The Wellness Center provides education, outreach and support services for students in need of mental health support.
- The Rox Box Food Pantry is continually stocked with both perishable and non-perishable items as well as personal care products. (Open to all students)

**MAKE A LASTING IMPACT**

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