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**Math and Science Advancement Program to Award Certificates of Completion to Students Aspiring for Healthcare Careers**

Boston—A dedicated, hard-working group of students will be awarded certificates at a special program on Thursday, December 18 in the cafeteria at Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, MA., beginning at 6:00P.M.

The students completed “Math and Science Advancement,” a program sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of Jobs and Community Services with funds from the Neighborhood Jobs Trust.

The target audience for the program was Boston residents with a high school diploma or GED, who desired a career in healthcare but lacked the math and science skills required to enter a college degree program.

The students took courses including General Science, English for Healthcare, Introduction to Algebra, College Survival, and Introduction to the Human Body, all taught in the evening division by Roxbury Community College faculty. To compliment their academic program, the students also received critical support services such as individual coaching and career planning, case management, and tutoring.

The graduating students will receive college credit for both College Survival and Introduction to the Human Body, and an estimated 90 percent of them will work toward an associate degree at RCC next spring.

The event is free and open to the public. Among the invited guests are Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Jeffrey Sanchez, State Representative of the 15<sup>th</sup> Suffolk/Norfolk District, and City Councilors Michael P. Ross and Chuck Turner.

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