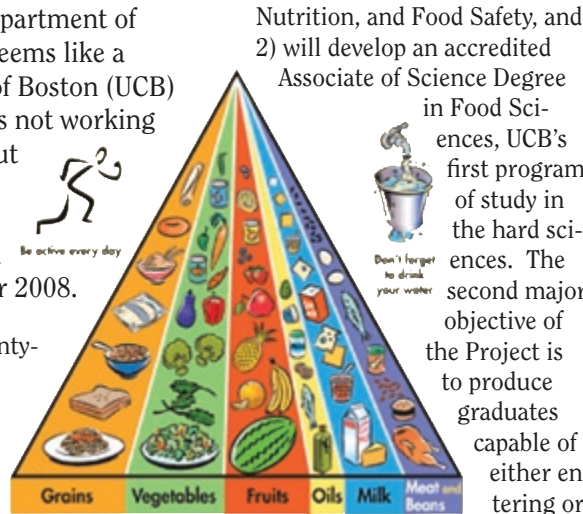


## Urban College of Boston's New Certificate Program in Health, Nutrition and Food Safety

At first glance, a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to an urban institution seems like a complete mismatch. The Urban College of Boston (UCB) has no courses on farming and certainly is not working with livestock on the Boston Common. But UCB did receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to start a certificate in Health, Nutrition and Food Safety beginning in Spring Semester 2008.

The Project has two major objectives. The first objective is to increase the capacity of UCB by developing a higher education program in the food sciences. UCB will 1) develop and

offer a twenty-one credit certificate program in Health,



Nutrition, and Food Safety, and 2) will develop an accredited Associate of Science Degree in Food Sciences, UCB's first program of study in the hard sciences. The second major objective of the Project is to produce graduates capable of either entering or

advancing within the nation's Food Sciences and nutrition workforce, thereby enhancing the field with educated, capable individuals.

Fifty students will earn the Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety Certificate during the grant period, and another 25 will do so in each semester thereafter. The Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety Certificate Program is intended to address the needs of low- and middle-income students in Greater Boston.

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### Urban College Major Donor Moses M. Malkin Leaves His Legacy to the College

UCB mourns the loss of major donor **Moses Malkin**, whose generous gift established the Malkin Scholarship Fund and build an organization for alumni, the Urban College of Boston Alumni Association.

Mr. Malkin, died on December 11, 2008 at his longtime summer resident of Sun City Center, Florida. He was 88.



business where he specialized in pension planning and sales, in group insurance and in life insurance. Through self-study, he became a chartered life underwriter and in 1972 organized Professional Pensions, Inc., providing

In 1941, he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in philosophy, having been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. It was there that he met a classmate, **Hannah Jacob**, whom he later married.

After serving in World War II in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1940-1945, he and Hannah both attended Columbia University, from which Moses graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

In 1957, he entered the insurance

pension plans and group insurance to nonprofits and small corporations in the U.S. His focus was on community organizations, poverty programs and drug treatment programs where numbers of low-income and minority employees, often for the first time, were brought into mainstream pension and group insurance programs.

The remarkable legacy of Mr. Malkin will continue to live on through the Malkin Scholars and the work of the Alumni Association. ❖

### Massachusetts Senator John F. Kerry to Speak at Urban College Commencement

Nearly 100 graduates will receive their associate degrees and certificates on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at the Urban College of Boston Commencement at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

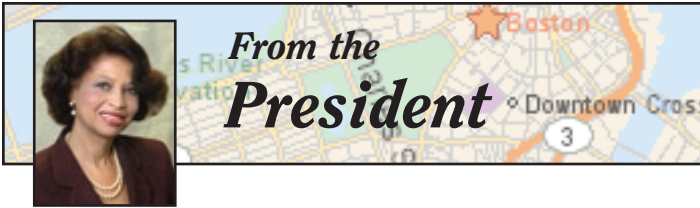
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### UCB Second Annual Early Childhood Education Awards Luncheon and Conference

The two-day event will be begin on Friday, April 18, 2008 with an Awards Luncheon at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel where Urban College President Dr. **Linda Edmonds Turner** will present the Outstanding Educator Award to Dr. **Nancy Carlsson-Paige**. For more than 30 years, Dr. Carlsson-Paige has been a professor

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Welcome to the Urban College of Boston and all the wonderful opportunities we have to offer! Our students have made an important decision in choosing their studies at Urban College of Boston and we are excited for them as they continue their journey of life-long learning.

As President of the Urban College, I look forward to working with Urban College's highly dedicated and skilled staff to provide our students with academic and professional expertise that will support and strengthen their educational experience. At the Urban College, we are committed to helping our students achieve their personal and career goals through skill development, confidence building and goal setting.

We are making constant effort to develop and improve our students' learning opportunities. These efforts are demonstrated by enhancing our course offerings and establishing partnerships with the higher education community. Significant accomplishments which occurred in the past year include:

- UCB's enrollment has remained stable over the previous semesters with the spring 2008 semester resulting in over **700 students and over 1,000 registrations.**
- On April 18 & 19, First Lady of Massachusetts **Diane Patrick** and **Angela Menino** will be honorary Co-Chairs of our Second Annual Early Childhood Education Awards Luncheon & Conference honoring national child development experts.
- This past summer, the Urban College received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to create a new certificate program in Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety. The Program will produce graduates capable of either entering or advancing within the nation's Food Sciences and nutrition workforce.
- The Urban College of Boston's Child Care Economic Opportunity (CCEO) project has entered its second year of a three year grant. Currently, serving 100 students in Boston and Lawrence, the CCEO project seeks to help Hispanic women capture the economic opportunities in care child by providing academic coursework for a certificate degree as well as promoting asset development, homeownership and increased incomes through mentoring and workshops.
- Expansion of articulation agreements with area colleges means increasing number of Urban College students will be able to pursue bachelor's degrees.

We at the Urban College are devoted advocates and enthusiastic to not only meet, but exceed the academic professional and personal objectives as our students share their educational journey with us.

*Sincerely,*

*Linda Edmonds Turner, Ph.D.*

## UCB Trustee Profile

Adrienne Wilson has been a member of the UCB Board of Trustees since 1995. Her dedication to the principles of the College and the mission of ABCD date back to 1960 when she worked as a psychometrist and counselor at the Youth Training & Employment Center housed at Shaw House in Roxbury.

Adrienne's first position at ABCD was as Deputy Director of the Employment and Training Program. Later, she was appointed Deputy Director of the Urban Training Center – dedicated to training APAC Boards, and ABCD staff to support their efforts to receive college-level education.

She was later appointed Director of Monitoring and Evaluation of all the programs operated by APACS in the neighborhoods. In \_\_\_\_\_ she was appointed as Director of Planning for ABCD. In that capacity she was responsible for generating proposals for new programs; for providing staff support to the ABCD Board of Directors; and for overseeing the Monitoring and Evaluation of APAC programs. Due to health problems, Adrienne terminated her employment with ABCD in 1979.

Adrienne received her B.S. degree from Simmons College in 1954 and her Ed.M. from Boston University in 1955. Her other work experience includes: English Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Management Consultant. She worked her way through College – and raised two children as a single working parent. There is no-one more supportive and enthusiastic about UCB and proud of our students than she is! ❖

(photo forthcoming)

*Adrienne Wilson*

## Awards Luncheon and Conference

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of early childhood education at Lesley University where she is also a research affiliate at Lesley's Center for Children, Families, and Public Policy.

The Outstanding Advocate Award will go to **Jack Shonkoff**, M.D. who is a Professor of Child Health and Development at the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Other honorees will include **Gwen Morgan**, Senior Fellow for Child Care Policy at Wheelock College, where she has taught since 1972, and UCB

graduate **Venitte Burke '00**, Lead Teacher, ABCD Roxbury-Lenox Head Start, and 2007 Lesley University "PEECE Program" graduate.

The following day on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Urban College will host a Conference titled: "Comfort, Care and Concern: Providing Wellness for Children and Caregivers" at its partner institution Suffolk University.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit the Urban College website at [www.urbancollege.edu](http://www.urbancollege.edu) or call Urban College Director of Institutional Advancement, Dina Roberts at (617) 348-6224 or e-mail her at [droberts@urbancollege.edu](mailto:droberts@urbancollege.edu). ❖

# Urban College of Boston Success Stories Linked to Education Partnerships

The success stories among our students at the Urban College of Boston (UCB) are nothing short of extraordinary. Helping to make this possible is the College's expansion of its educational partnerships which are offered to students via attractive scholarships to four-year area colleges.

Through the generosity of Endicott College, President Dr. **Richard Wylie**, UCB was able to offer the **Robert M. Coard** Scholarship to Endicott where UCB alumni **Sherrie-Ann Hodge '02** and **Barbara Rodriguez '04** received their Bachelor's degrees and are proud to speak about their scholarship experiences.

While pursuing their Associate Degrees at UCB, Hodge and Rodriguez seized the opportunity to apply for the Robert M. Coard Scholarship and became the first and second recipients.

Named in honor of UCB Founder and the President/CEO of ABCD, Inc., each year the Scholarship provides free tuition, room and board for a graduating UCB student to pursue a Bachelor's degree at Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Since completing her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Endicott, Hodge has earned a Masters in Social Work from Simmons College and now works as a family therapist for The Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention in Jamaica Plain. Her next step is to obtain her LICSW and to continue to grow in the field.

"The Scholarship opportunity at Urban College was a blessing which allowed me to continue to pursue my goals," said Hodge.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Endicott, Rodriguez is preparing to obtain her Masters in Counseling in the fall. As Rodriguez pointed out, "The Robert M. Coard Scholarship enabled me to expand my mind to experience greater opportunities both as a student, and as a professional. I thank UCB for starting me on this path."

UCB President Dr. **Linda Edmonds Turner** remarked that "significant educational partnerships with area four-year colleges and universities including Endicott College have made it possible for students like Hodge and Rodriguez to become part of the many success stories of the College."

Other Scholarship recipients are **Jesse Foster '04** and **Angela Gonzalez '03** who each received a scholarship to attend Harvard Uni-

(photo forthcoming)

*Elizabeth Rodriguez '04 (left) and her sister Gladys Ruiz '03, who are owners of The Little Children School House in Brookline Village, have made a pledge to make a contribution every month this year to the College. Rodriguez and Ruiz both earned their degrees in Early Childhood Education and say they were inspired to give back by their advisors Nancy Daniel and the late Dr. Grace Caines.*

versity Extension School to pursue Bachelor's degrees in History and Liberal Arts, respectively.

"My experience at UCB enabled me to continue my education at Harvard University. What I really liked was the professionalism and compassion of the staff, administration and faculty. I will carry this positive experience with me for the rest of my life," remarked Foster.

On Tuesday March 25, 2008, the Melnea Cass Room was filled with this year's graduating students who spoke to many admissions reps from our partnering higher education institutions about their plans for continuing their studies. The admissions representatives have been visiting our college for the past four years and are always happy to guide the students through the admissions process, and regard every student as a natural fit for their school.

UCB is a private, two-year college, offering fully accredited Associate of Arts degrees in Early Childhood Education, General Studies and Human Services Administration, as well as certificates in these and a variety of other career-oriented programs. For more information on the scholarships and educational partnerships offered, please call UCB at (617) 348-6359 or visit [www.urbancollege.edu](http://www.urbancollege.edu). ❖

## UCB's New Certificate Program

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that one person in every professional kitchen be a certified food protection manager, which requires passing an examination. UCB's Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety Certificate Program will prepare students to excel in this test. UCB students who acquire this certification can find employment in childcare centers, schools, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and many other settings, working directly under a chef or as a team member in a larger organization. This certification is only the first level on the food service professional ladder. UCB graduates will be well positioned for further training that can lead to the National Restaurant Association's Food-service Management Professional credential or work as a ServSafe Food Safety Instructor or ServSafe Food Safety Proctor. Higher levels of work in the food service field include kitchen manager, chef, Director of training, as well as management and ownership positions.

As Urban College President, Dr. **Linda Edmonds Turner** explained, "We are thrilled to offer this new certificate program because it reinforces our mission to address the needs of non-traditional students from Boston's diverse neighborhoods."

The new Certificate Program provides the training and preparation to obtain credentials required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to find employment in childcare centers, schools, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and many other settings working with levels as high as a kitchen manager or chef. ❖

Courses for the Project will begin in the spring 2008 semester. For more information, please contact Project Manager, **Erin Knepler** at [knepler@urbancollege.edu](mailto:knepler@urbancollege.edu) or at (617) 348-6514.

## Development Report

As of mid February 2008 unrestricted annual fund dollars totaled \$51,000 while restricted funds reached \$42,200 for an overall annual fund total of \$93,200 to date. Our thanks to the UCB friends, faculty, students for your most recent contributions. And a special thanks to the many ABCD employees who made pledges to the UCB Annual Fund at the most recent ABCD professional day conference on February 20, 2008.

Gifts and pledges for the Second Annual Early Childhood Awards Luncheon scheduled for Friday April 18 at the Park Plaza and Conference to be held 19 at Suffolk University stand at just under \$30,000. You

can register for both events online at the UCB website, [www.urbancollege.edu](http://www.urbancollege.edu). The host of Channel 5's Urban Edge, **Karen Holmes-Ward**, will be this year's event Emcee.

A spring gathering for UCB's newly formed President's Leadership Council will be held in mid May. To date approximately 35 individuals have joined the Council to serve as advisors to the President, ambassadors for Urban College and to support the mission and work of the institution. The formation of the President's Leadership Council was made possible through a donation made by two of its founding members, the late **Moses Malkin** and his wife **Hannah**. ❖

## Alumni in the News

### Brid Martin

**Brid Martin**, UCB Class of 2001, and Charter Member of the UCB Alumni Association, recently opened the third Pine Village Preschool in Weston. This continues the Pine Village expansion Brid and co-founder Emma Loughheed envisioned when they opened the first center in Brighton in 2001. They recognized a need for second language based preschool programming and, as a consequence, bilingual education has become an integral part of the Pine Village curriculum. After witnessing the demand and success of the first bilingual Spanish/English preschool program in Brighton, a site in West Newton followed. Since then, Pine Village has expanded programs and made the vision of a bilingual preschool a successful reality.

### Shondell Davis

**Shondell Davis** graduated from UCB in 2001 with a degree in Human Services. She went on to Springfield College, receiving her BA in Human Services. She credits the confidence she gained at Urban College to take that next step in her education. A widow with six children, she has worked full time throughout her educational career and is currently enrolled in a Master's program at The Boston Institute for Psychotherapy and plans to pursue a career as a psychoanalyst and mental health counselor.

## Alumni Book Donation Drive



UCB Alumni officers (l-r) **Linda Evers Nelson**, **Noreen King**, **Mary Dunphy** and **Sherrie-Ann Hodge** (seated, bottom right) meet with some very excited children at a Boston shelter to present some of the many books donated to the Urban College Alumni book Drive.

The UCB Alumni Association sponsored its First Annual Literacy Event in October and it was a huge success. Over 550 books, including books representing a variety of cultures and languages, were donated during a two-week period. Alumni volunteers then

distributed them to several Boston area shelters, the Children's Hospital Waiting Room, Project Hope and The SPARK Center, a child-focused division of Boston Medical Center serving children and families with AIDS. ❖

## John Kerry to Speak at UCB

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The College is proud to welcome Senator **John Kerry** to serve as this year's keynote speaker. In 2004, Senator Kerry won the Democratic nomination for president of the United States. The Senator is now serving his fourth term, after winning again in 2002.

On campus, one can sense the highly charged excitement exhibited by the graduates to have Senator Kerry address them at Commencement. The excitement is also justified by the passion and dedication that is necessary to achieve their hard-earned degrees. ❖

## UCB Academic Support Services

If you need extra help on your reading and English pronunciation, the Academic Student Support Services is offering FREE workshops titled Basic/Intermediate ESOL Reading and Pronunciation on Fridays from 6:00-8:00 PM. These FREE workshops are for UCB students only and do NOT offer college credit. ALL UCB students are welcome to participate!!

NOTE: Workshops are every Friday night from 6:00-8:00 PM, except during holidays, snow emergencies and cancellations, etc. Classes will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of 178 Tremont Street unless otherwise noted.

For more information, please contact Mr. **Josie Hatuey**, Director of the UCB Academic Support Services at: 617.348.6507. ❖

### *Renew your Financial Application Now*

Its time again to renew your financial aid application if you plan to take classes in the Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009 semesters. Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Urban College School code is 031305. If you need help completing the form you can go to the Higher Education Information Center in the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston MA, 617-536-0200. Multicultural counselors are available to help you.

## *Dean's List – Fall 2007*

Students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement are recognized by being named to the Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List is established by earning nine credits and multiples thereof, with a grade point average of 3.30 or higher, with no grade of "F". Dean's List students are publicly honored and receive a certificate from the Academic Dean of the College.

Liliam G. Alvarez	Paula J. James	Glenny Rodriguez
Erica Bentivegna	Luzeneida Julien	Sterlin Sanchez
Filomena Berardi	Brian T. King	Katie Sanders
Versness Bogan	Carolina B. Lira	Cui Lan Situ
Evelyne Calixte	Rosa Liriano	Graciela Sosa-Pantoja
Kaydean Callam	Lodys Mateo de Centeno	Miosotis C. Tapia
Warissara Carolan	Dalila McAusland	Annette A. Taylor
Yin-Ching Chan-Cho	Suzeline Michel	Nancy M. Urena
Miao Ling Chen	Mieka J. Minot	Esther Valentin
Renee M. Cox	Jazmin C. Moreno	Josefa Velez
Amir De La Cruz	Mereme Mullahi	Bartoe Walker
Miguel A. De Los Santos	Sobeida Nunez	Carla A. Webster
Glenda De Leon Diaz	Johanna Z. Ochoa	Antoinette Weeks-Jones
Marilyn A. Douglas	Angela Pena	Shirley Wilson
Myrna Y. Espinosa	Garraine Powell	Comfort Wogbeh
Rosangela Fuentes	Yan Li Qu	
Loretta Greenaway	Rania Rammah	
Kristin Hallet	Evelka Rankins	
Li Ping Huang	Lidia Reynoso	

## *Sandra Coswatte Appointed as Director of Financial Aid*



**Sandra Coswatte** joined the Urban College Team as the Director of Financial Aid in December 2007. She brings over 10 years experience working at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Lesley University, University of Phoenix, California University of PA and West Virginia University.

Sandra has earned a Bachelors degree in psychology and a Masters degree in Community Agency Counseling from California University of Pennsylvania and a second Masters degree in Higher Education Leadership and Administration from West Virginia University. Sandra is currently a member of the Massachusetts Association of Financial Aid Administrators and a member of the Committee to Enhance Ethnic Diversity in Higher Education.

She is very excited about the opportunity to help Urban College students utilize financial aid to them achieve their educational goals.

After more than thirteen years of service to the College, **Pat Harden** retired as Financial Aid in December 2007. These days, she is discovering the beauty and excitement of the coastal city of Portland, Maine with her husband, **David**. ❖

# Urban College News

On January 21st, Urban College of Boston President Dr. Linda Edmonds Turner (pictured at right), spoke to attendees at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** at Virginia Tech where she was one of the first black women to attend and graduate. Dr. Turner holds a bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. from the University.

Virginia Tech was also honored to welcome **Maya Angelou**—renowned poet and author—for the keynote

address as part of the annual celebration that continued through the week.

Moments before her presentation, Angelou graciously took time to speak with local media about the impact King had on her life and the incredible strength and spirit that she witnessed thriving throughout the Virginia Tech campus following on the heels of the tragedy that took so many lives on campus in the spring of 2007.



**Mission:** The Urban College of Boston was established to provide post-secondary education and professional mobility to members of the urban community who have been traditionally under-served by higher education.

The Urban College of Boston is committed to the belief that access to career-related and quality liberal arts education, and to an accompanying system of comprehensive student support, results in the professional and personal success of those who might otherwise remain unemployed, under-employed and unfulfilled.

Programs of study at the Urban College enrich lives through an integrated and individualized approach to the acquisition of learning and career skills, and to knowledge of today's world and workplace. Students are asked to apply acquired skills and knowledge in "hands-on" situations, with internship and study opportunities furnished by the diverse cultural, educational, and business resources of the city of Boston and the organizations of the Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. network.

The Urban College of Boston faculty understands the collective and individual needs of post-secondary learners of all ages, drawing upon the life

experiences of their students to make education relevant and timely. A supportive environment and the availability of helpful services unique to the Urban College assist students to move forward on the path to personal fulfillment, while empowering them to manage responsibly their own progress and achievement.

The purposes of the Urban College of Boston are far-reaching, extending well beyond the threshold of the Urban College campus. Our graduates, newly empowered as educated citizens, will enjoy more satisfying and productive lives. Equally significant, they will be prepared for the responsibility of contributing to the betterment of their communities and the well-being of their neighbors. Thus, the Urban College mission purposefully addresses the spectrum of urban issues and needs by ensuring the educational advancement and personal growth of its students.

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