

# Urban College Connections

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## A Message from the President

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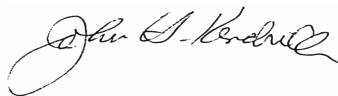
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Welcome to the Fall Semester of Urban College! As your Interim President I am pleased to announce that we have a record number of students taking courses this year. We are looking forward to sharing with you the inspiration of belonging to the Urban College family, and we hope you will take advantage of the personalized student services we have prepared for you.



Your Learning Resource Center is a very special place where you will feel welcome and comfortable in obtaining tutoring and study support. A special parking coupon will allow you to park for \$5.00 at the new, modern indoor Millennium Place Garage from 3:00 PM to midnight. We have worked out transfer agreements with Suffolk University, Cambridge College, UMass Boston, Springfield College, The University of Phoenix, Lesley University and Endicott College, so that you can continue your education after you graduate from Urban College.

The Urban College of Boston was born out of the dreams of hundreds of people who wanted to create a place where inner city people could find their way up the ladder of success, often against all odds. Therefore, you are here because someone believed in you. So please, take the time to know your fellow students, your faculty and the UCB Staff. Get involved in helping us get the word out to other students who would benefit from the friendly atmosphere of our special college.



Good luck with your studies.

### Late Breaking News...

Linda Edmonds Turner, Ph.D., has been selected as the new President of Urban College of Boston. For the past six years, she has been Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Dean College in Franklin, MA. Prior to her position at Dean, she was a Partner at Crewe & Turner Consulting in Washington, D.C.. No stranger to Massachusetts, she has served as Senior Strategic Marketing Manager for New Business Development at Polaroid Corporation and was selected as one of nine finalists in a field of 600 applicants to participate in Harvard University's pilot Administrative Fellows Program.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she also received her M.B.A in Marketing as well her Ph. D. in Marketing/Business Administration, she also holds a Masters Degree in Consumer Behavior from Michigan State University.

Dr. Turner is expected to take office on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We welcome her to the Urban College of Boston fam-

# Meet Urban College Students

## Meet Linda Nelson: Degree Candidate, Early Childhood Education

Linda Nelson, an Urban College student from West Roxbury, began attending UCB just over three years ago. She received her CDA in 1999, and decided to continue on for her degree because "Once you take one class here, you have to take more!"

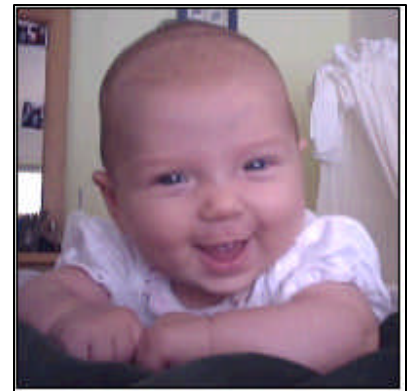
A graduate of Garland Junior College (now part of Simmons) with an Associates Degree in Food and Nutrition, she married and had four children and found herself pretty busy raising them. Observing her own children develop, she became fascinated by how a child learns. Friends asked her to care for their child as a favor and her

child care business "just grew from there." She became a Childcare Provider and is now licensed for 6 children.

"Taking courses at Urban College of Boston has helped my self-esteem, given me the knowledge behind what I'm doing and I feel I have given myself a professional edge." Linda conducts workshops for other child care providers and adds that "UCB has provided me with the education to effectively train others in the basics of quality child care. UCB is very much like a family. It has a diverse student body, all working for a quality program. Everybody here gives support to each other. It's neat we're in the

child care field in the day and together in school at night. Everyone has a hands-on understanding of the issues, the questions and the need for quality teachers in the child care field."

Child related issues are clearly going to be a focus for this UCB student in the future. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, her daughter and son-in-law presented Linda with her first grandchild, Hailey Roche (smiling)



**"Meet Urban College Students" will introduce you to fellow students in each issue**

## Welcome to your Learning Resource Center!

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor and offers students one-on-one support and assistance with their course assignments. It is open from 3:00-9:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

The LRC offers help with writing and study skills and provides individual and small group tutorials. You will find 6 computer stations which can help you link to resources and research

for your courses, and you can also practice basic computer skills. User-friendly software programs can help you reinforce writing and math skills, as well.

There is no charge to use the LRC, and many students have found that taking advantage of the services available has made a real difference in their academic success. Gaining expertise in various study skills coupled with the individualized attention available at the LRC often makes course materials eas-

ier to understand.

LRC Coordinator Nancy Daniel and tutors Olivia Dybing, Dorothy Chaves, and John Borrero are *always ready to help you help yourself to succeed*. Take advantage of the LRC. Drop in for a quiet place to study, come in to utilize the computers for your writing and research. Stop by to get some help, or make an appointment for a specific time if that is more convenient for you. Call (617) 292-4723, x 6513.

## Alumni News

One of the great strengths of any college is a strong alumni association. It serves as a way to maintain ties to your school, helps to nurture and grow the friendships and contacts you made during your years there, enables you to network and keep up with advances that have taken place in your fields of concentration, and provides an avenue for you to support the college and cement its foundation for future students.

Many of you have asked about establishing a formal association, and in response to those requests, we will be contacting you to update our records, learn about your successes and determine, through a brief questionnaire, your interest and availability for meetings.

We will be including Alumni News features in all future editions of Urban College Connections and would love to share *your* news! We'd like to hear about your jobs, colleges you have attended since leaving UCB, news about your families and anything you would like to share about yourselves.

You are part of the Urban College family!

## Did You Know...

**ABCD Head Start** and the Boston Children's Museum continue their fifth year of collaboration with all Head Start families receiving a year-long pass to the Museum.

Several family nights at the Museum are planned, each focusing on topics of interest to Head Start children and their families. Call the Head Start

## Scholarship Awarded

### Endicott College's Robert M Coard Scholarship awarded to UCB graduate Sherrie-Ann Hodge

Urban College student Sherrie-Ann Hodge was awarded the first Robert M. Coard Scholarship from Endicott College in Beverly. Dr. Richard E. Wylie, President of Endicott College and former Chair, UCB Board of Trustees, announced this generous gift to the college at UCB's 2001 Commencement.

A total of 10 two-year scholarships, one each year, including full tuition, room and board will be awarded to an Urban College graduate who will then enter the junior year at Endicott. Currently, tuition, room and board at Endicott College is approximately \$24,000 per year, so this scholarship represents the equivalent of \$480,000 in

office at (617) 357-6000 for further information.

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**ABCD LearningWorks** is sponsoring "College Pathways", an Adult Basic Education-to-College Transition Project. The 14 week **College Pathways Project**, designed for GED certificate candidates, is structured to help im-



prove math and writing skills and provide help applying to college and applying for financial aid.

Sherrie-Ann had an opportunity to tour the campus in early summer and take part in an orientation for new students, and she began her classes early in September.

She has spoken with several people at UCB and she says she is thrilled at the opportunity to attend Endicott, she feels challenged by her courses and she is proud to represent Urban College of Boston at Endicott.

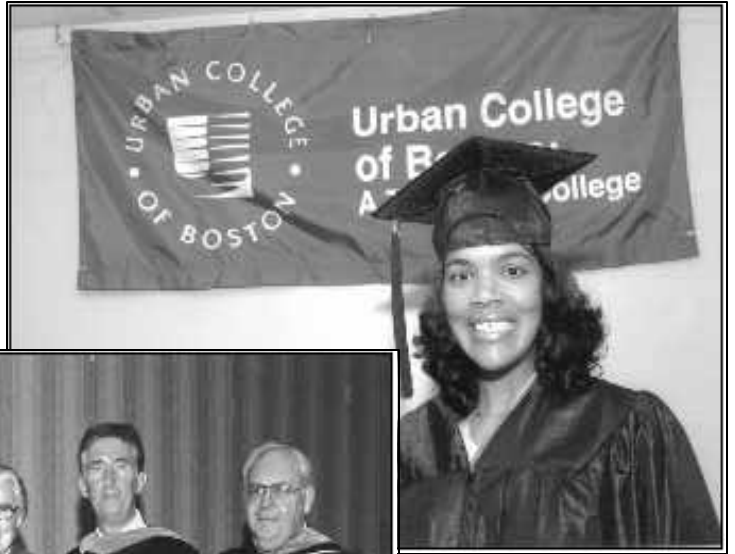
*Information about the Robert M. Coard Scholarship at Endicott College is available at the main office and the LRC on the seventh floor.*

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*Call Edward Downie at (617)357-6000. extention 7533 or email him at [downie@bostonabcd.org](mailto:downie@bostonabcd.org) if you know someone who might be interested in this program.*

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# Graduation 2002



## Meet Urban College Faculty

Karen Sheaffer has been on the faculty of Urban College since the Fall 2001 semester. A graduate of Antioch College, she received her Masters Degree at Tufts College, Eliot Pearson/Department of Child Development. She also received a grant through the National Institute of Mental Health to participate in their graduate program focused on emotionally disturbed preschoolers.

Since 1970, she has conducted Early Childhood and Child Development courses for the Office of Children, Wheelock and Lasell Colleges. At Urban College of Boston, her course schedule has included Daycare Ad-

ministration, Supervision and Staff Development, and Early Childhood Internship I and II.

Karen observed that “With all the courses I have taught, the students at Urban College are the most motivated. They manage to take courses while balancing complicated, busy lives, family responsibilities and working. They show real commitment.”

She “finds the diversity of the students adds a richness in sharing between students” and is impressed that students are open to exploring

and really listening to different points of view.

Karen Sheaffer seems as motivated as her students to balance a busy life. She actively trains to take part in the annual Spring AIDS Bike Ride from Boston to New York, bicycling 325 miles in 4 days!



Faculty and staff celebrating full accreditation of Urban College of Boston

Each issue of “Urban College Connections” will feature an interview with a member of the faculty.

### Urban College of Boston Gets Positive Security Grades

In November 1990, Congress passed the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act. This act requires colleges and universities to report the occurrence of criminal offenses and the number of arrests for specific crimes for the three preceding calendar years.

During the years 1999, 2000

and 2001, there were no sex offenses, murders, aggravated assaults, or motor vehicle thefts at the Urban College of Boston (UCB) campus. Between 1996 and 2001, there were no burglaries and no arrests on the UCB campus for liquor law violations, drug abuse violations, or weapons possessions.

UCB has policies that address the crime awareness act, site safety and security,

drug and alcohol use and abuse, sexual harassment, and disruptive persons.

UCB is committed to providing a safe environment for its students, instructors and staff. Regardless of where we live, work, or learn, it is important to remember that we can take steps to help avoid danger.

*UCB policies are available on the college campus.*

# Help Wanted Resources on the Internet

**Teacher and Lead Teacher:** Twelve locations serving over 900 children; Minimum of two years experience working with young children in an educational setting; O.C.C.S. teacher or Lead Teacher Certification required, AA, BA or accumulated coursework in Early Childhood Education or a minimum of three credits in Early Childhood Education and High School Diploma/GED. *Please send resume to: Valeria Gibbons (HR), Associated Early Care and Education, Inc., 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116 (617) 695-0700x250 or Fax: (617) 695-9590; Locations MBTA accessible.*

**Lead Teacher/Teachers :** (Afternoon-additional \$1.00/hour afternoon differential pay) and **Floating Teacher:** Starting at \$9.50 to 11.50/hour depending on qualifications; 40 hrs/wk; OCCS Lead Teacher qualified with AA in ECE or CDA or OCCS Teacher Qualified or ability to obtain certification; *Send or Fax Resume to: Tri-Cap, Attn: Beth Santos, 196 Boston Ave., Suite 2100, Medford, MA 02155 FAX (781) 391-0851 Phone (781) 391-1446.*

**Teacher/Teachers Assistant:** starting at \$8.41 or 9.50/hour depending on qualifications; 35 hours/week; OCCS Lead Teacher qualified with AA in ECE or CDA or OCCS Teacher Qualified or ability to obtain certification; *Send or Fax Resume to: Tri-Cap, Attn: Beth Santos, 196 Boston Ave., Suite 2100, Medford, MA 02155 FAX (781) 391-0851 Phone (781) 391-1446.*

**Substitute Preschool Teachers :**

**Substitute Preschool Teachers:** teacher qualified (but not necessary) or E.C.E. experience, all hours, must be 18 years or older, Malden, Medford and Everett locations; \$10.00/hour; *Send or Fax Resume to: Tri-Cap, Attn: Beth Santos, 196 Boston Ave., Suite 2100, Medford, MA 02155 FAX (781) 391-0851 Phone (781) 391-1446.*

**Experienced Teachers:** *ABCD South End Head Start; ABCD Head Start, 178 Tremont St., Boston 02111 (617) 357-6000.*

**Lead Infant/Toddler and Preschool Teachers:** Expanding Early Childhood Program in South Boston; OCCS Teacher certification with a combination of education and experience; full time; Job #M03518; *Send resume to: Catholic Charities, Human Resource Department, 75 Knee land St., Boston 02111 FAX (617) 482-9737 Email: resumes@ccab.org No phone calls please.*

**Toddler Teachers and Toddler Assistant Teachers:** Competitive salary, paid vacation, health and dental insurance, tuition reimbursement, create great learning experiences for children and families, Brookline location; *Please call Kasey at (617) 730-4311 or fax your resume to (617) 713-4573*

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**Financial Aid/Scholarships:**

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (under "Paying for College" section)
- [www.ed.info.org](http://www.ed.info.org)
- [www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25)
- [www.schlarships.com](http://www.schlarships.com)
- [www.fin.aid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml](http://www.fin.aid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml) (scholarships based on specific areas of study)
- [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)

**Human services:**

- [www.bostonabcd.org](http://www.bostonabcd.org)
- [www.bostonresourcenet.org](http://www.bostonresourcenet.org)
- [www.cityofboston.com](http://www.cityofboston.com)

**Job Sources:**

- [www.jobfind.com](http://www.jobfind.com) (Boston Herald)
- [www.bostonworks.com](http://www.bostonworks.com) (Boston Globe)
- [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
- [www.bostonabcd.org/jobs/index.htm](http://www.bostonabcd.org/jobs/index.htm)
- <http://www.bostonjobs.com>

**Early Childhood Educators:**

- <http://earlychildhood.about.com/education/earlychildhood/mbody.htm> (Daycare/Preschool)
- [www.urbancollegeofboston.org](http://www.urbancollegeofboston.org)

**Dates to Remember...**

- ⇒ **10/2** Last Day to Withdraw from Classes (8 week courses)
- ⇒ **10/14** Holiday Columbus Day
- ⇒ **10/31** Last Day to Withdraw from Classes (15 week courses)
- ⇒ **10/4** Term II 8 Week classes (Mon. & Wed. courses begin)
- ⇒ **10/5** Term II 8 Week classes (Tues. & Thurs. courses begin)
- ⇒ **11/11** Veteran's Day Observed (Holiday)
- ⇒ **11/18** Annual Harvest Moon Festival
- ⇒ **11/27** Classes Canceled
- ⇒ **11/28** Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)