

Diane Patrick, First Lady of Massachusetts to Speak at Urban College Commencement

On Sunday, June 10, 2007 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, over one hundred graduates will receive their associate degrees, professional certificates, and Head Start Child Development Associate certificates from the Urban College of Boston (UCB) and will welcome **Diane Patrick** as the commencement speaker.

A recognized champion for early education, First Lady Diane Patrick, believes in the power of early start education for pre-k and kindergarten children saying that, “the quality of a child’s early start influences the success of that young person well into adulthood. It is critical that our children get the tools, skills, and nurturing that they need at such an

important time in life.”

Throughout its 14-year history UCB has remained true to its mission of connecting working adult learners to educational opportunities that will give them a boost as they climb towards success in today’s competitive job market. In fact, the Urban College is widely recognized for its exemplary Early Childhood Education program,

as well as its supportive environment for adult learners.

Moreover, the College’s innovative bilingual Early Childhood Education certificate and ESOL classes enable Spanish and Cantonese-speaking childcare providers to attain required state certification and pave the way for students to achieve success in English-speaking classes. This environment creates a pathway to success in higher education for Boston-area residents and immigrants who fill critical, much-needed positions in the region’s childcare community.

Ms. Patrick is also an attorney at the Boston law firm, Ropes & Gray.



Diane Patrick, Esq.

There is great excitement among this year’s graduates to have First Lady Patrick share her history and experiences of being a teacher, lawyer, mother, and civic leader. ❖



A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE
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Save the Dates:

Thursday, April 26, 2007
Evening of Remembrance for the late Dr. **Grace Caines**
Time and Location TBD

Friday, April 27, 2007
Early Childhood Education Awards Luncheon
The Boston Park Plaza Hotel at 11:30 AM

Saturday, April 28, 2007
Conference for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education
Suffolk University at 9:00 AM

UCB Early Childhood Education Awards Luncheon and Conference

The three-day event will begin on Thursday, April 26th when the UCB Alumni Council will host an Evening of Remembrance for the late Dr. **Grace Caines**, former Early Childhood Education Division Chair.

Classes for that evening will be canceled so that all students, alumni and friends who knew Dr. Caines, and were touched by her life may attend. Invitations will be sent via e-mail and mail will follow with more details on the location and time of the event.

On Friday, April 27, 2007 an Awards Luncheon will take place at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel where Urban College President Dr. **Linda Turner** will present the first Outstanding in the Field Award to Bright Horizons Family Solutions, the nationally and internationally renowned day care provider for a vast number of communities.

Dr. **Joan Wallace-Benjamin**,

Chief of Staff for Governor **Deval Patrick**, and **Mav Pardee**, Manager of the Child Care Capital Investment Fund will honored along with Dr. Caines.

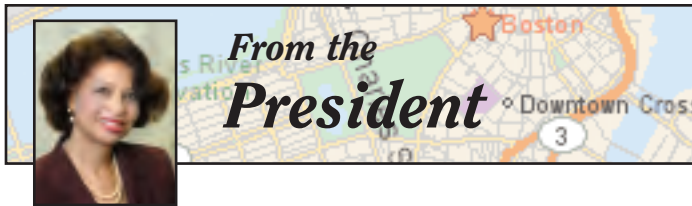
On Saturday, April 28th, Urban College will host a Conference for Best Practices in Early Childhood Education at its partner institution, Suffolk University.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit the Urban College website at www.urbancollege.edu or call Urban College Director of Institutional Advancement, Dina Roberts at 617-348-6224 or e-mail her at drobotts@urbancollege.edu. ❖

Urban College of Boston Announces Continued NEASC Accreditation

The Urban College of Boston (UCB) received official notification of continuing accreditation in 2006 from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Inc. Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. The next NEASC accreditation visit will be in 2016. In granting the College continuing academic and institutional accreditation, NEASC noted that “the college substantially meets the Commission’s standards of accreditation. The Commission takes favorable note of the exemplary and powerful mission and the passion and dedication of the Urban

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It is so gratifying to be a part of this energizing, enthusiastic, successful, and important institution. We have many stories to tell about our students whose lives have been transformed by the educational experiences they receive at Urban College.

We are experiencing growth in many ways and along with that growth we have some wonderful new opportunities and challenges. There is a great future for Urban College because of the mission and history of the college and because so many people truly care about us.

Our students continue their progress toward certificates and degrees. This year we will have over 125 students receiving associate degrees and certificates. As an academic institution, we are naturally proud of our graduates and their educational prowess. But, as a college that reaches out to those who might not otherwise have gone to college at all, we are increasingly proud and exhilarated by the changes in the lives of our students after receiving their degrees.

The greatest focus for all of us is success on the part of our students. Students are taking advantage of the opportunity to improve their English skills in our ESOL classes. The Learning Resource Center continues to provide personalized and effective tutoring support to increasing numbers of students. The Office of Student Support Services continues to explore ways to meet the needs of new and returning students. The faculty members are giving an extraordinary amount of time to help their students excel in their classes. And the staff and admin-

istration work with amazing determination to make everything happen. The success of our students is directly related to this infrastructure of support, mentoring, and a case management approach.

We have completed a self-study process, important strategic planning initiatives, and have received continuing accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We have a newly energized fundraising plan that includes grants - governmental and private - plus individual and corporate donor support. We have clear strategic goals for our short and long term plans and are working out careful strategies. The Board of Trustees continues to work tirelessly to guide the college toward greater success.

More and more people are now hearing about Urban College and are getting excited about our mission. We are exploring ways to make our College well known for its excellence and uniqueness throughout the greater Boston educational and philanthropic community. If you have ideas and resources, we would love to hear from you. Our team of support and supporters is growing and we hope you will join us. Please call and come by for a visit!

—Linda Edmonds Turner, Ph.D.
President

UCB Trustee Profile

Peter Ebb, Esq. a partner of Ropes & Gray and head of the firm's Labor & Employment Department, has been a member of the Urban College Board of Trustees since 2002. At his firm, Mr. Ebb concentrates on general labor and employment matters as well as government relations issues (including lobbying registration and reporting, conflicts of interest, and campaign and political finance matters). He also advises educational institutions with respect to their particular concerns.

Mr. Ebb frequently represents clients in state and federal court proceedings, in labor negotiations and arbitrations, and in hearings before federal administrative agencies including the National Labor Relations Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as well as the numer-



Peter Ebb

ous parallel state agencies. Mr. Ebb also provides day-to-day advice to clients on the full range of issues facing employers, including employee privacy, disciplinary actions, compliance with state and federal discrimination laws, wage and hour compliance, and obligations under the Family and Medical Leave Act. In addition, Mr. Ebb regularly advises clients and represents their interests before various agencies responsible for regulating potential con-

licts of interest by government workers and private individuals doing business with state agencies, the conduct of political campaigns, and lobbying activity.

Mr. Ebb received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Boston University Law School. Mr. Ebb worked as a law clerk at the Honorable Herbert P. Wilkins, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

In 2007, Mr. Ebb was recognized as one of the *The Best Lawyers in America* by the American Bar Association where he is also an active member. Mr. Ebb is a frequent speaker on employment issues and also provides on-site training for employers on topics such as sexual harassment and hiring and firing practices.

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College community in striving to achieve this mission". The Urban College of Boston received initial accreditation by NEASC in October 2001.

In announcing this significant achievement, Urban College Board Chair **John Nucci** indicated that: "Accreditation status places the college in an excellent position to continue to provide access to quality education to UCB's unique student population."

Dr. Linda Turner praised the Urban College of Boston's administrators, trustees, faculty and staff for their tireless dedication and substantial work throughout a self-study and rigorous accreditation process.

UCB Spring College Fair

On Tuesday March 27, 2007, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. admissions reps from our partnering higher education institutions returned to the College for the fifth annual college fair.

These fairs are held during the Spring to provide our graduating classes an opportunity to receive information from reps who represent over a dozen four-year colleges.

Among this year's participants were UMass/Boston's **Cheryl Monahan**, University of

Phoenix's **Neil McCall**, Wheelock College's **Wanda Montanez**, Cambridge College's **Bella Margaria** and Bay State College's **Susan Gill**. Other institutions included Endicott College, Lesley University, Springfield College, Suffolk University, Simmons College,

Boston University, Harvard University Extension School



(l-r) UCB Dean of Enrollment Services Dr. Henry J. Johnson greets a student

and Northeastern University.

Having all these institutions under one roof is particularly gratifying to our students, as the majority work full-time in early childhood environments, making it difficult for them to schedule visits to these schools. The admissions representatives are also eager to visit our college and meet our aspiring students, while supporting our mission. ❖

Alumni Sponsored Event April 26th to Honor Dr. Grace Caines

Noreen King, President of the Urban College Alumni Association has announced that there will be an all alumni memorial event to honor Dr. Grace Caines, the late Chair of the Early Childhood Education Department, on April 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Melnea Cass Room, third floor at the college.

The evening will be an opportunity for current students, alumni and faculty to share their memories of Dr. Caines, noted for the guidance, recognition and support she gave to all her students at UCB. As Noreen noted recently,

"Grace made us look at all our future possibilities. I went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees." She added that this was a direct result of Grace's words: "What's stopping you? Don't you deserve it?"

In recognition of that support and their gratitude to Dr. Caines, the Alumni Association has established an Urban College of Boston scholarship in her memory, the Grace Caines Legacy for Learning Scholarship Fund. Detailed information will be available at



UCB Alumni Association Establishes Legacy Scholarship in memory of Dr. Grace Caines

the April 26th event, to which all students, faculty and staff are invited. Please contact Noreen King at ntk-ing@comcast.net or Olivia Dybing, Alumni Advisor, at dybing@urbancollege.edu with any questions you may have. ❖

Urban College of Boston Administration Addresses Early Child Care Providers at ABCD Head Start Conference

Over 500 licensed family child care providers, staff and supporters from the Greater Boston area gathered at the Sheraton Boston on February 21st for the ABCD 10th Annual Head Start Citywide Professional Day.

The day-long event featured programs and workshops designed to support the professional development of early care and education staff, and to provide resources and referrals to them.

During the program, Urban College of Boston (UCB) Academic Dean, Dr. **Sheila Taylor-King** and Director of Institutional Advancement **Dina Roberts** addressed the audience; many of whom

earned their degrees and certificates in Early Childhood Education from UCB.

This illustrates the strong partnership between UCB and ABCD and the ongoing commitment of the College to provide a growing number of students with the professional credentials and academic support needed to fill critical positions in the early childcare industry.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote address by

renowned child and family experts Drs. **T. Berry Brazelton** and **Jayne Singer** who were on hand for a book signing along with their colleague, Dr. **Joshua Sparrow**.

Other remarks were made by ABCD Vice President of Head Start & Children Services **Sharon Scott-Chandler**, Executive Vice

President **John Drew** and Vice President of Field Operations **Michael Vance**. ❖



Greeting fans at their books signing were (l-r) Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Dr. Joshua Sparrow

Dina Roberts is Appointed Director of Institutional Advancement

Diana (Dina) Roberts, CFRE, comes to the Urban College as the Director of Institutional Advancement following three years at Boston Medical Center as a Senior Major Gifts Officer.

Dina served on the Boston Medical Center campaign team where she helped raise \$119 million for the J. Joseph Moakley Cancer Services Building, which was completed in 2006.

Dina brings over twenty years of development/public relations experience to the Urban College where she is already being praised for her development ini-



Dina Roberts

tiatives that have been added to the UCB calendar such as the bi-monthly breakfast series.

Dina has also held senior development positions at the Greater Boston YMCA and at Suffolk University where she was responsible for other multi-million dollar fund-raising activities including special events; annual fund and leadership giving; parent giving; and direct mail and donor relations.

Asked why she chose to come to Urban College, Dina says "There is no greater mission to work on in Massachusetts than to help students gain the skills to move upward in our workforce and lead fulfilling, success-

ful lives. It's a privilege to come to the Urban College every day".

Dina graduated from nearby Milton Academy and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972 from Drake University in

Iowa. She has served on a number of Boards, including the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Vincent Club of Boston, a local tennis club and is currently an Overseer of the Boston Conservatory. ❖

Urban College Annual Appeal

How to Make a Donation to the Urban College

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: The Urban College of Boston; 178 Tremont Street; Boston, MA 02111. Checks are payable to Urban College of Boston.

To make a gift using our secure giving online, log onto www.urbancollege.edu. Please fill out the information requested. After you have entered your information and submitted your gift, a confirmation page displays your gift information. You may print that page for your records. You will also receive a written acknowledgement by mail.

If you have any questions about the Urban College Annual Spring Appeal or Giving Online, please call the Institutional Advancement Office at (617) 348-6325 or email Tina Cabral at cabral@urbancollege.edu.

UCB Alumni and Students Share Inspiring Stories at Gatherings

It may have been a chilly morning on January 26, 2007, but **Jesse Foster** '06 quickly warmed the hearts of everyone who attended the College's first breakfast series, which was held at the uptown Harvard Club.

A number of prominent members of Boston's business and civic community listened on as Jesse spoke about how his positive experiences at the Urban College helped him to overcome

many obstacles, and encouraged his life-long desire to earn a college degree.

Now, with a full scholarship to pursue his bachelor's at Harvard University Extension School, Jesse is happy about his new challenges in life and thanked Urban College President Dr. **Linda Edmonds Turner**, Dean of Enrollment Services Dr. **Henry Johnson** and HSA/GS Division Chair **Nancy Daniel** who were also in attendance.

included Urban College Trustees **John Nucci**, **Mike Vance** and **Peter Ebb**, and Director of Institutional Advancement **Dina Roberts** and Director of Academic Grants **Erin Knepler**, Long Bay Management President **Lisa Guscott**, entrepreneur **Paul Ayoub** and Bob's Discount Store Owner **Joe Goodman** who subsequently visited the campus with friends Clarks Companies, N.A. President **Bob Infantino**, and senior staff member **Marge Glazer**.

At a later campus visit from **Charles Merrill**, Founder of the Commonwealth School in Boston, UCB students **Eula**



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Perez and **Miguel Del los Santos** provided him and his daughter **Amy Merrill** with inspiring stories about making a difference in the community with an Urban College education. Mr. Merrill graciously donated some of his own art work and favorite books to the Urban College library. ❖



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Breakfast attendees also

Academic Grants

In October UCB received a three year grant for \$600,000 from the **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** for the Child Care Economic Opportunity (CCEO) Project. The Urban College of Boston and its partners, Child Care Circuit (CCC), Inc. in Lawrence and Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) of Action for Boston Community Development, Inc., recently completed the planning portion of the grant and courses began in both Boston and Lawrence on February 9, 2007. The CCEO Project is a model micro-enterprise development focused on supporting new and existing family child care providers in Latino communities in Boston and Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Additionally, **Erin Knepler**, UCB Director of Academic Grants, has been invited to give a presentation on this creative grant program at the Title V Conference in April in Houston, Texas.

- The Urban College of Boston recently applied for funding from the **Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Education Grants Program** through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant is for a 24 to 36 month period and would provide the

College with \$300,000 of program funding. Additionally, UCB requested \$50,000 to provide financial assistance to one student beyond his/her participation in this Project at a four year institution with which UCB has an articulation agreement, i.e., Lesley University and UMass-Boston. The proposal was submitted to the USDA on January 24, 2007. For the grant, the Urban College of Boston is proposing to start a certificate program in Health, Nutrition and Safety. The proposal has two major objectives.

1. Develop a higher education program in the food sciences that will translate into the first academic program in the hard sciences for the College. A new certificate program in *Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety*, will be, and by the end of the grant period, the College will also offer an Associates degree in this program. The Health, Nutrition and Food Safety certificate will consist of courses in: Health and Safety; Food Safety; Human Nutrition; Health and Life Fitness; English; Psychology; and Speech Communications. The last three are core courses for

all UCB certificates; the first four will be developed specifically for this certificate program. The Associates degree program will be built upon this foundation during the grant period.

2. Produce graduates capable of entering and/or advancing within, and thereby enhancing, the nation's food science and professional workforce. By adding the *Health, Nutrition, and Food Safety* certificate to its course offerings, UCB is addressing the needs of low- and middle-income students in Greater

Boston, who wish to enter and/or advance within the food service industry or who wish to begin a course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science or beyond in food sciences.

- In December 2006, UCB received \$30,000 from **The Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust** for LRC enhancement.
- Two UCB students, **Renee Cox** and **Leslie Harper**, received \$1,000 scholarships for the spring 2007 semester from **the Lost Coin Women's Fund**. These scholarships go toward tuition and book costs.

Academic Dean Announces Dean's List for 2006 Fall Semester

Academic Dean Dr. **Sheila Taylor-King** recently announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester:

Beverly Benito	Mieka J. Minot
Erica R. Bentivegna	Jazmin C. Moreno
Filomena M. Berardi	Sobeida A. Nunez
Alketa Bocova	Johanna Z. Ochoa
Frances Brito	Darling Ortiz
Evelyne B. Calixte	Rania J. Rammah
Melanie J. Casablanca	Evelka W. Rankins
Cynthia A. Corbette-Gray	Mavis Riley
Miguel A. De Los Santos	Ana L. Ruiz
Kristen Hallett	Yanaira Sanchez
Katrina A. Haynes	Katie M. Sanders
Paul J. James	Cui Lan Situ
Brian T. King	Fannie Smith
Rosa Liriano	Miosotis C. Tapia
Lucia Londono	Annette A. Taylor
Olivia A. Lopez	Nancy M. Urena
Santa M. Lugo	Elsa V. Valencia
Suzeline Michel	Carla A. Webster

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".

Student Magazine Reinstated!

Urban College of Boston is excited to announce that a newly-named student magazine will once again showcase students' literary and artistic contributions when published at the close of this spring semester. Student and staff submissions may be submitted to Jessica Grecco, 7th floor. More information will follow.

Academic Updates

Academic Support Services

English Support Workshops

The English Support Workshop run by UCB Academic Support Services will offer ESOL writing support on Friday evenings from 6pm – 8pm (no classes – snow emergency/holidays/cancellations). Workshops will be held on the 3rd floor in the Melnea Cass Conference Room. All UCB students may participate. For more information, please contact Josie Hatuëy at: 617-348-6507.

Information on Community Programs

UCB Students seeking/need-ing extra help outside of the college can obtain information on ESOL/Writing/Computer classes by visiting the Academic Student Support Services. Students can also get information on community-run programs. Many of these community programs are FREE of charge or have a small fee.

Some programs are offered in the evening while others are offered on weekends. To receive more information on any of these areas, please see Josie Hatuëy.

Employment

UCB Students and graduates seeking employment can get job vacancy leads through the Academic Support Services. Job postings can be found directly outside of the UCB Student Services area—in the hallway on a bulletin board located on the 7th floor. Posted employment information caters to and emphasizes the fields of study offered at the Urban College of Boston. Students interested in employment should take a moment to view the job postings listed. For more information, contact Josie Hatuëy at 617-348-6507.

UCB Scholarship-Internship Opportunities

Scholarship for Massachusetts Students with a Physical Disability

UCB Students who have a physical disability may be eligible to receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the school of their choice. The application deadline is April 13, 2007. Those interested may obtain an application form either from **Pat Harden** or **Josie Hatuëy**. Requirements include: 1. Short Essay 2. Two letters of recommendation 3. Copy of your transcripts (high school/college) 4. Acceptance letter from college.

Hispanic Association of Colleges/Universities (HACU) Internship Opportunities

UCB Students can be participants in HACU's National Internship Program (HNIP) for paid summer and semester-long internships, as well as cooperatives. Internships are available through federal and private corporations located in Washington, D.C., and throughout the U.S. To be eligible, applicants must: a.) have completed their freshman year b.) have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale c.) be authorized/eligible to work in the U.S.

and d.) be enrolled in an undergraduate/associate degree program.

Purchasing of Books

UCB Students wanting to purchase/sell their books may be able to obtain information from the UCB Academic Support Services. UCB students are encouraged to post flyers or information on books they wish to sell/purchase on the bulletin board located on the hallway outside of the Student Services' area under the heading: Books-4-Sale. For more information, please see Josie Hatuëy.

Four-Year Colleges/Universities

UCB students seeking information on four-year colleges/universities may visit this the Office of Academic Support Services. UCB Student interested in furthering their education beyond an associate degree should contact Josie Hatuëy for an appointment at 617-348-6507.



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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