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JONATHAN K. JEFFERSON

PRESIDENT,
ROXBURY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

» Greetings from Roxbury Community College (RCC)! I am humbled and honored to serve as the 18th President of RCC, the only Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) in the Northeast and a beacon for quality, affordable education for all Boston residents.

You will learn more about my leadership journey and year one plans on page 4 of the Gazette. You will also read a heartfelt tribute to Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott in this edition. I would like to personally extend my deepest thanks to Interim President Jenkins-Scott for her incredible leadership over the past two and a half years. Thanks to her hard work, RCC is positioned for long-term success, and I have the privilege of building upon the exceptional foundation established by Jenkins-Scott and her leadership team.

It's due to the strong foundation of RCC that my first two months as president have been so exciting, informative and productive. Over the past 60 days, the Reggie Lewis Center partnered

with First Tee Massachusetts to offer a free golf program to area youth, we welcomed over 800 students who selected RCC as their summer learning environment, and the Center for Smart Building Technology began developing a training program for energy auditors, funded by a \$1.3 million grant.

In this edition of the Gazette, you'll learn more about RCC's leadership in clean energy, STEM, and health careers, read about the incredible contributions RCC alumni are making to the College and the commonwealth, catch up on the latest news from RCC's Center for Economic and Social Justice (CESJ), and more.

I hope the incredible leadership stories in this edition of the Gazette inspire you to create change and continue supporting RCC. I look forward to meeting you on campus and around the community and engaging with you as we develop RCC's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

Thank you, again, and here's to the next 50+ years of success and excellence at RCC.

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Thank You, Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott!

THE RCC COMMUNITY EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST THANKS AND APPRECIATION

» The RCC Community extends a heartfelt thank-you to Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott for her exemplary leadership over the past two and a half years. Jenkins-Scott provided RCC with stability and a clear vision, establishing a solid foundation for continued success and growth.

Under the leadership of Jenkins-Scott, RCC nearly doubled student enrollment, bringing activity and vibrancy to the campus. Her dedication to fostering relationships within the College and with the broader community contributed greatly to the enrollment growth. A bridge-builder with a firm and unwavering commitment to RCC, Jenkins-Scott strengthened the College's internal cohesion but has also enhanced RCC's reputation and connections within the wider community.

Perhaps the most visible accomplishment of Jenkins-Scott's leadership was the success of RCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Through a collaborative effort, the College planned and executed five major 50th Anniversary events that brought thousands of people to the campus and raised over \$6 million, nearly doubling RCC's endowment. The 50th Anniversary Celebration events recognized and celebrated the resilience, strength, and perseverance of a great college and community — past and present.

Jenkins-Scott's leadership style was characterized by approachability, empathy, and a steadfast commitment to RCC students, faculty, and staff. Jenkins-Scott served as a living version of RCC's values, prioritizing accountability, equity, excellence, honesty, integrity, and respect.

As RCC turns the page and begins a new era of leadership with Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson, the RCC community is grateful for one more opportunity to thank Interim President Jenkins-Scott for her exemplary leadership and commitment to excellence!



From left to right, Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, and Professor & Roxbury Community College Drum Major for Justice Anita Hill at the 50th Anniversary Gala.



Executive Vice President Joyce Taylor Gibson, Executive Vice President Marta Rosa, and Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott at the President's Dinner on May 15, 2024.



RCC student award-winners pose with Jackie Jenkins-Scott at Student Awards Night.



Lauren Holiday and Jackie Jenkins-Scott at the JLH Social Impact Fund's Meet, Greet, and Grow event at the Reggie Lewis Center.



Jackie Jenkins-Scott with a workforce development program completer and RCC staff at an end-of-year celebration.



Brandy K. Cruthird, Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Devin Morris, Ivanna Solana, and Robert Lewis Jr., at the panel discussion on preparation, resilience, and persistence at the Health, Wellness & Healing Forum.

Continue the great legacy of Jackie Jenkins-Scott

DONATE TO THE BRIDGE FUND, TODAY!

The recently established Jackie Jenkins-Scott Bridge Fund provides financial support to students if they need help with unexpected expenses and crises that could prevent them from earning their degrees. The first-of-its-kind fund was designed to enable direct, quick-turnaround grants that effectively meet three types of needs that traditional financial aid mediums cannot:

- Costs of non-tuition expenses necessary for the completion of a degree (e.g., lab coats, textbooks)
- Financial emergency or essential need assistance (e.g., grocery store gift cards, MBTA passes)
- Education fees for non-credit students looking to upskill or reskill, that are not eligible for other financial aid resources (e.g., books, tuition, test preparation)

Donate to the Jackie Jenkins-Scott Bridge Fund by visiting rcc.mass.edu/donate or calling 857-701-1282.



LEADING RCC INTO THE FUTURE

Introducing Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson 18th President of Roxbury Community College



» Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson formally joined the Roxbury Community College (RCC) community on July 1, 2024. Dr. Jefferson's unanimous nomination by RCC's Board of Trustees and subsequent approval by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education reflect a profound confidence in Dr. Jefferson's ability to lead the College into a future marked by growth and long-term success.

Dr. Jefferson's professional journey has evolved from technical, consulting, and strategic planning roles to influential academic administration roles. Before joining RCC, Dr. Jefferson served as Chief Academic Officer and Provost at Lesley University, where he played a key role in evolving the landscape of business education and leadership. Dr. Jefferson has also served as Director of the Institute for Leadership at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and Dean of the Schools of Business at Clark Atlanta University and Albany State University, where he led initiatives to elevate academic programs, advance faculty development, and enhance student success. As Chair of the Faculty Assembly, he pursued governance and curriculum innovation excellence.

Dr. Jefferson was interested in becoming the 18th president of RCC because of the College's status as a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI); its longstanding strengths in preparing students to join high-demand fields like STEM, clean energy, and healthcare; and RCC's vision of empowering the community with education that matters.

“ RCC has many programs and resources that empower students to achieve financial stability, providing pathways through education and workforce development. I exist to ignite the potential in others, and I know that the RCC community shares this commitment to RCC students. ”

— Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson

MEETING THE COMMUNITY

Over the past two months, Dr. Jefferson prioritized learning more about RCC by meeting with internal and external constituents. **He asks all constituents three questions: “1) What should we stop? 2) What should we start? 3) What should we continue?”** The answers are helping to shape Dr. Jefferson’s year-one priorities and jump-start RCC’s formal strategic planning process.



SETTING PRIORITIES

While he finalizes his first-year plan, Dr. Jefferson has already identified his top three priorities for the 2024–2025 academic year:

1. Position the College for a successful NECHE reaccreditation visit in April 2025.
2. Initiate RCC’s 2025–2030 formal strategic planning process.
3. Develop a comprehensive campus plan for the entire RCC campus, from the Reggie Lewis Center at Roxbury Crossing to Parking Lot #3, which is adjacent to Jackson Square.



SPREADING THE WORD

During his first few months of leadership, Dr. Jefferson has already become a champion for sharing the incredible story of RCC and its students. “RCC is a great institution with a wonderful future,” said Dr. Jefferson. “I want everyone in the commonwealth and beyond to know what I know.”



PLEASE JOIN RCC IN WELCOMING DR. JEFFERSON TO THE RCC COMMUNITY!

You can connect with Dr. Jefferson by emailing presoffice@rcc.mass.edu or calling **857-701-1284**.

We encourage you to connect with the Office of the President and share your answers to Dr. Jefferson’s three questions.

RCC'S STEM, CLEAN ENERGY, & HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW'S JOBS, TODAY!



Exceptional Programs for In-Demand Fields

» At Roxbury Community College, we have a long history of excellence in STEM and Healthcare programs, and RCC has served as a leader in clean energy education since establishing the Center for Smart Building Technology in 2020. We take pride in offering comprehensive academic programs, with curricula designed with input from industry partners, that meet the workforce needs of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

STEM PROGRAMS

RCC is committed to developing and sustaining academic programs that equip employers with a qualified, well-trained workforce. In Massachusetts, there is a never-ending demand for new employees in the STEM fields. RCC continues to meet this demand through new partnerships and programs, and we continue the College's long-standing tradition of excellence in STEM education. In 2018, RCC completed over \$3 million in renovations to the science labs, made

possible through generous funding from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. Additionally, each summer, the College introduces a generation of Bostonians ages 14-18 to STEM education, demystifying the field and encouraging all residents to see themselves in STEM.

Current STEM Programs include **Biological Sciences, Biotechnology, Engineering, Information Systems Technology, Math, Web Technologies**, and more!



SUMMER STEM EXPERIENCE

This summer, RCC provided Boston-area high school students with two unique opportunities to jump-start their future.

Thanks to the RCC STEM Experience, 15 high school students living in Boston were paid hourly to learn about professions that they may not have been exposed to otherwise. Students in the program were introduced to a wide variety of STEM topics, including biotechnology, 3D printing, drones, smart building technology, chemistry, robotics, environmental science, and emergency room simulation. Additionally, a separate group of 32 high school students were paid a stipend to take two free classes at Roxbury Community College during the same time period, which earned them college credits. The classes in this program included Introduction to Sociology and IT Problem Solving.

"Students shouldn't have to choose between paying expenses and their future," says Hillel Sims, RCC Dean of STEM, Radiologic Technology and Program Partnerships. "This program gave them a better idea of what they want to pursue in college." The City of Boston Youth Employment and Opportunity department funded both programs, in partnership with the NuSq Life Science Training Center, a group that is making Roxbury into an education and cultural hub that will make life science jobs more accessible to young workers of color.



HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

At RCC, we recognize that Boston is a global leader in the healthcare and life sciences industry, and we want to prepare students for the workplace. The College offers a suite of health science programs to prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed for immediate career success or transfer to four-year schools. Our programs are designed to meet current workforce needs, and the College regularly meets with industry leaders to update program curricula and ensure students have access to the best clinical sites in Boston.

DEGREE PROGRAMS:

RCC's recently redesigned **Nursing Program** prepares students to earn an associate degree, pass the NCLEX exam, and transfer to a four-year school to complete their nursing studies. The **Radiologic Technology Program** prepares students to earn an associate degree, pass the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) licensing exam, and work in hospitals, clinics, and private healthcare offices.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

RCC's short-term certificate programs in health sciences, offered through the Center for Workforce Development, are designed to lead to immediate employment. Current certificate programs prepare students for careers as **Clinical Medical Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Phlebotomy Technicians, Registered Behavior Technicians**, and more!

RCC's Center for Smart Building Tech

ADVANCING ENERGY JUSTICE THROUGH SMART BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

» As buildings increasingly incorporate advanced technologies, there is a growing need for professionals who can design, implement, and manage these complex systems. Recognizing this demand, the Center for Smart Building Technology (C4SBT) at Roxbury Community College (RCC) has developed a comprehensive Smart Building Program. This program not only equips students with cutting-edge skills, but also ensures that historically underrepresented communities are actively involved in shaping and benefiting from energy policies and projects.

ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN ENERGY SYSTEMS

Energy justice lies at the heart of the Smart Building Program. It is imperative to address the disparities and inequalities in how energy is produced, distributed, and consumed, particularly regarding the social, economic, and environmental impacts of these systems. The program is designed to educate students on the critical needs and rights of communities that have been disproportionately affected by harmful energy practices, such as pollution from power plants. Through their coursework, students are preparing to make their voices heard in future energy policy decisions, ensuring that the transition to sustainable energy is equitable and inclusive.

LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Kat James, the Assistant Director at the Center for Smart Building Technology, is a passionate leader and advocate



“I’m thrilled to be a part of RCC’s clean energy leadership; when I first saw the job position, I thought it was written for me! It’s incredible to play a part in equipping students with the skills and knowledge to rise up and exceed expectations.”

— Kat James

Above: Kat James with Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen after Yellen praised the center as a national model supported by federal investments.

Below: Kat James leads legislators on a tour of the C4SBT. Left to right, Mayor Michelle Wu, Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Governor Maura Healey, Secretary Yellen.

for workforce development. One of her early priorities was to reorganize the program and raise awareness, with a focus on enrolling students from underserved communities. Under James’ leadership, RCC has become a beacon of opportunity for those seeking to enter the fast-growing clean tech industry.

At C4SBT, James oversees several key programs, including the inaugural 450-hour Building Automation Systems (BAS) certificate program, a new Energy Auditing Pre-Apprenticeship



Technology

program in partnership with Everblue, and a workforce training initiative with BlocPower. This initiative equips returning citizens with essential certifications in Building Science and Career Development. Additionally, James leads the High School Expansion Program, partnering with four Boston Public Schools to offer courses in Building Automation Systems and Fundamentals of Green Buildings. These programs are designed to provide career awareness of this new technology, provide hands on experience, and support Boston's transition to energy efficiency and carbon reduction.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

James emphasizes the importance of career development within the Smart Building Program. By making energy justice a tangible and relatable concept, the department empowers students to find opportunities that align with their interests. This fall, C4SBT will be facilitating five programs, including one specifically aimed at educating high school students. The curriculum, distinct in



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 Contact the Center for Smart Building Technology at **(857) 701-1541** or visit **rcc.mass.edu/sbt**.



The inaugural SBT class poses alongside RCC staff at the completion ceremony.

its focus on energy efficiency and sustainability, prepares students to earn a national credential while gaining practical, hands-on BAS training. The interdisciplinary nature of smart building technology fosters problem-solving skills as students learn to integrate various technologies to address complex challenges in building design, construction, and maintenance.

EXPANDING THE PROGRAM'S REACH

The Smart Building Program has recently received multiple grants that have enabled the purchase of new equipment and the hiring of additional instructors. A Program Manager and Lead Instructor have been brought on board, expanding the department and allowing James to focus on more executive tasks, such as engaging directly with legislators and other key stakeholders.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SMART BUILDING PROFESSIONALS

The demand for professionals with expertise in smart building technology is increasing as industries and governments prioritize sustainable and energy-efficient solutions. RCC's Smart Building

Program keeps students at the forefront of technological advancements, providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to lead in this rapidly evolving industry. By integrating automation, building management systems, and energy justice principles into the curriculum, RCC is preparing its students to become leaders who will shape the future of sustainable building and energy policy.



Celebrating the Class of 2024

THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMONWEALTH LEADERS

» Roxbury Community College celebrated the incredible accomplishments of the Class of 2024 throughout the 48th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 17, 2024. Throughout the ceremony, speakers lauded the Class of 2024, comprising over 160 graduates, for their perseverance, resiliency, and dedication.

Keynote Speaker Latoyia Edwards praised the Class of 2024, highlighting the non-traditional path to success of so many graduates: “To me, the phrase non-traditional is a badge of honor,” said Edwards. “Especially if you are a Roxbury Community College graduate. You were unafraid to take a road that may be a little more winding and twisting, and the proof of your greatness is the fact that you are sitting here today, ready to claim your diploma.”

Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, RCC Board of Trustees Chair Steve Tompkins, and RCC Foundation Board Chair Rev. Ray Hammond also spoke and congratulated the graduates on their persistence.

James Anderson, Student Government Association (SGA) President, Class of 2024 graduate, Boston EMT, and father of five, highlighted the importance of serving as a role model to his children. He shared that he ultimately decided to enroll at RCC because he was challenged to do so by his 18 year-old daughter Alana, who promised him they would pursue their studies together. “Today, I celebrate not only my own graduation,” said Anderson. “Next week, I’ll be cheering on Alana as she graduates from Madison Park High School with a high school diploma and an associate degree in criminal justice.”

The commencement ceremony ended with special recognition for RCC’s interim leadership team. Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Executive Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Joyce Taylor Gibson, and Executive Vice President & Special Assistant to the President Marta Rosa were presented with the RCC Leadership Award for their outstanding service to RCC.



From left to right: RCC Board of Trustees Chair and Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, a proud Class of 2024 graduate, and Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott.



Commencement Speaker Latoyia Edwards shares inspiring words with the graduating class.



Class of 2024 graduates pose for a photo before the ceremony begins.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

» The 2024 Commencement Ceremony also included an awards presentation recognizing individuals who have supported the College and the Greater Roxbury Community for years:



Reverend Liz Walker received the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Artist Roberto Chao received the Alumni Achievement Award.



Shaumba-Yandje Wa Dibinga received the Community Service Award.

“Do what makes you happy from depths of your soul. Don't forget that people will remember how you made them feel, and never forget that this community will always be your community. Give yourself some grace. Keep your head high. Bow down to no one. Spread more love and DO YOU.”

— Shaumba-Yandje Wa Dibinga



Leaders in Action

RCC STUDENTS AND ALUMNI CONTINUE INSPIRING CHANGE AT RCC AND BEYOND

» At Roxbury Community College, we take pride in educating the commonwealth's next generation of leaders in business, healthcare, social justice, entrepreneurship, and more. RCC students and alumni gain the knowledge and skills needed to lead change throughout their time on campus, and many stay connected to the College for years to come, providing support to the RCC community along the way. We are proud to introduce you to two RCC alums, James Anderson and Charity Iriowen, who embody the leadership spirit of the RCC community.

Alumni Spotlight

CHARITY IRIOWEN

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, NURSING, 2012

This year, the Boston Athletic Association welcomed the Roxbury Community College Foundation as a member of the 2024 Bank of America Boston Marathon Official Charity Program. With five invitational entries, we were able to raise funds and awareness for this great institution through the 128th Boston Marathon.

Among those five volunteer runners was RCC alumna Charity Iriowen. Driven by a deep sense of gratitude for the education and opportunities she received, Iriowen decided to channel her passion for running into a cause that would give back to the school that helped shape her own future. Iriowen was also selected by Bank of America to take part in the photo shoot for its 128th Boston Marathon marketing campaign. "Making a positive impact has always been my driving force, and I truly believe that together we can make a difference," says Iriowen.

Now an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) specializing in Substance Use/Alcohol Addiction and Mental Health Disorders Treatments, Iriowen credits Roxbury Community College with developing the foundational skills she needed for a successful career. She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing on this campus over a decade ago. Today, Iriowen is enrolled in a post-graduate program, where she is studying for a Doctorate in Nursing.

Completing the Boston Marathon is no small feat, but Iriowen embraced the challenge with determination and enthusiasm. Months of rigorous training paid off when she crossed the finish line, cheered on by family, friends, and fellow Bostonians. But the accomplishment was more than just a personal achievement; it was a testament to the enduring

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— Charity Iriowen



bond between Iriowen and RCC.

Through her individual campaign, Iriowen successfully raised over \$10,000 for the RCCF. The collective fundraising efforts of our five runners support critical health and wellness programming at both the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center and RCC's new Wellness Center, directly benefiting current and future students. Having an RCC alum on our team is a shining example of how one person's passion can make a meaningful impact, ensuring that the spirit of RCC's continues to thrive for years to come.

Alumni Spotlight

JAMES ANDERSON

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS,
HEALTH CAREERS, 2024

A doting father, James Anderson has worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for Boston EMS for over a decade. Two years ago, he embarked on a new journey at RCC to expand his knowledge in the medical field, inspired by his oldest daughter, who convinced him to return to school. Remarkably, they both graduated this year, with his daughter receiving her degree from one of RCC's sister schools in 2024.

Family plays a crucial role in the success and well-being of community college students, like Anderson. As a role model to his children, Anderson did not allow the challenges of balancing work and familial responsibilities with academia to discourage him. Instead, he chose RCC for its accessibility and proximity to home.

After enrolling, Anderson pursued an Associate in Arts Degree, majoring in health careers, and took various courses, including chemistry, anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and philosophy. His commitment to education and community involvement led him to serve as the Student Government Association (SGA) President. With a focus on student advocacy and inclusion, he partnered with other student organizations to improve student engagement through various events and initiatives.

In his role as SGA President, Ander-



“I enjoyed representing RCC at the ACCT Conference in February! We were able to share key priorities with RCC's legislators, and they were really in tune with what we had to say.”

— James Anderson

son attended a symposium in Washington, D.C. to advocate and lobby for nationwide community college priorities. There he met with Congressman Stephen Lynch and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley to speak and advocate for students like him in Massachusetts. Sharing the impact education has had on his personal experience as an RCC student with legislators in D.C. is one of his fondest memories of his time in leadership.

As the student speaker at this year's commencement, Anderson shared his

journey, emphasizing the importance of perseverance, support systems,

and the message that it is never too late to return to school. According to Anderson, the experience of learning at RCC was overwhelmingly positive. He encourages incoming students to take advantage of the flexibility of in-person and online classes, and supportive professors. Anderson plans to pursue a nursing degree at UMass Boston, aiming to continue his passion for healthcare.



**JOIN THE
ALUMNI
NETWORK!**

Education is more than coursework. It is the lessons you learn, the conversations you have, and the long-term relationships you build. Join our alumni network to connect with former classmates, stay informed about upcoming events, and receive other important announcements.

Visit rcc.mass.edu/explore/alumni or email development@rcc.mass.edu to join the alumni network today!



RCC supporters, leaders, and elected officials pose for a photo to celebrate the start of renovations.

Leading Social and Economic Change

RCC HOSTED CESJ GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

» Shovels in hand, Roxbury Community College officials and other political figures, including U.S. Senator Edward Markey, gathered in Roxbury on Friday, June 21, for a groundbreaking ceremony that marked a big step towards making the College's Center for Economic and Social Justice (CESJ) a reality. The Center's work will focus on preparing low-income students and students of color to obtain jobs and develop their own small businesses in high-growth industries like green tech and healthcare.





“This Center will create a unique opportunity to diversify the clean energy workforce,” said U.S. Senator Edward Markey, (D) Massachusetts. “We won’t just be creating a pathway to jobs for these students, we will be putting them on a path towards careers. We will be future-proofing them, providing the skills that will serve them and their families in the new clean energy economy.” Senator Markey made a major impact on the CESJ by helping secure \$4 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for the project.

DUDLEY HOUSE RENOVATION

The CESJ will be housed in the historic David Dudley House, built in 1825. “This groundbreaking for the Center for Economic and Social Justice represents a new beginning,” said Luciano Ramos, the Executive Director of the Center for Economic and Social Justice. “It is the community coming together to reclaim and rename the purpose of this building.” The building will be renovated to retain as much of the period look and details as possible, while using modern materials and systems to achieve model energy efficiency, both for students and community members. The building is being renamed as part of an ongoing effort to uplift and empower the Greater Roxbury community.

Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Interim President of Roxbury Community College, was one of the driving forces behind this project. “Our

children will be able to walk by and see this magnificent building. Our community will be able to come into this building and get learning and education and to further their dreams and their vision for the future,” Jenkins-Scott said. Roxbury Community College’s incoming President, Dr. Jonathan K. Jefferson, attended the ceremony.

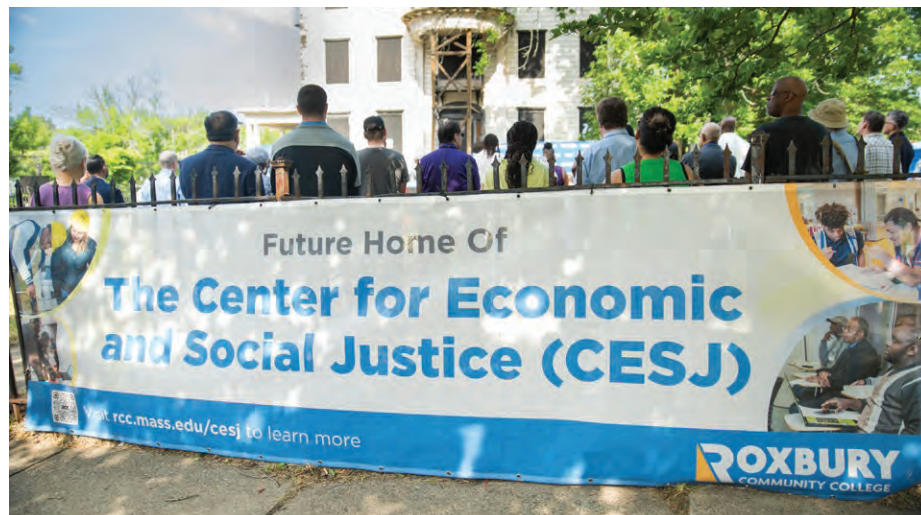
“On this day, we reclaim old dreams and join old friends and new allies in the task of bringing justice and peace from the realm of possibility to reality,” said Rev. Ray Hammond, Roxbury Community College Foundation Chair. Through RCC’s fundraising efforts, in partnership with the Roxbury Community College Foundation, the project has received generous support from the Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery Initiative, The Boston Foundation, the New Commonwealth Fund, and McMillan Stewart Foundation, among others.

“This Center will create a unique opportunity to diversify the clean energy workforce.”

— U.S. Senator Edward Markey

“This is about reclaiming history and restoring justice. The value of the education these students will receive will grow with their experience and will grow with our economy,” said Lee Pelton, President of The Boston Foundation.

Other dignitaries on hand included Massachusetts State Senator Liz Miranda; Roxbury Community College Board Chair Steve Tompkins; Roeshana Moore-Evans, Executive Director of the Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery Initiative and RCC alum; Kibebe Gizaw, President of the McMillan Stewart Foundation; and Zac Rich, Chief of Program & Evaluation, New Commonwealth Fund.



Seven Simple Steps to Become a Student at RCC

» Want to be part of the vibrant and dynamic community at RCC? Enrolling is simple; you can start the process any time! Admissions coordinators are always available to walk through the admissions process and answer questions

To speak with an admissions coordinator, call the Enrollment Center at **857-701-1200** or email enrollment.management@rcc.mass.edu.



* ENROLL IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS!

In addition to RCC's credit programs, the Office of Workforce Development offers short-term certificate programs that lead to immediate employment.

Currently, students can enroll in the Clinical Medical Assistant Program, Phlebotomy Program, Medical Billing & Coding Program, Real Estate Licensing Prep Course, and more! Get started by visiting rcc.mass.edu/cwd or calling **857-701-1601**.



* ATTEND ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR FREE!

The MassEducate & MassReconnect programs allow all Massachusetts residents who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree to attend RCC for free. No tuition. No fees.

Boston residents may also qualify for the Tuition-Free Community College program.

If you do not qualify for a tuition-free program, don't worry! RCC is proud to offer a variety of financial assistance programs, including scholarships provided through the Roxbury Community College Foundation (RCCF). Visit rcc.mass.edu/freecc to learn more!



FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENROLL IN COURSES:

- 1 Submit an Application.** To apply online for free, visit rcc.mass.edu/apply.
- 2 Apply for Financial Aid.** Visit fafsa.ed.gov and file your application; our Federal School Code is 011930.
- 3 Schedule Your College Placement Tests.** Email testing@rcc.mass.edu or call **857-701-1400** to schedule an appointment.
- 4 Schedule an Academic Advising Appointment.** For office hours and step-by-step scheduling information, visit rcc.mass.edu/advising or call **857-701-1415**.
- 5 Register for Classes.** After meeting with your academic advisor, bring your registration form to the Enrollment Center.
- 6 Pay Your Bill.** You can pay your bill online (via MyRCC) or in person; business office representatives are also available in person (Building 2, 2nd floor) to assist with student payments.
- 7 Attend New Student Orientation.** Attend New Student Orientation (in person or online) to learn more about the academic and student support resources available at RCC. You'll also meet your classmates!

Once you complete the steps above, you are ready to attend your first class at RCC. We look forward to welcoming you to the RCC community!

SPRING INTO SUCCESS: START TRAINING FOR A NEW CAREER



NEW CLASSES START IN FALL 2024

- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
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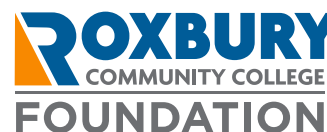
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