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MILE OF HOPE…The Dan Cummings Story at MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Wellesley Hills, MA – Wednesday October 1, 2014) – October is National Disabilities Month. As part of the College’s Thursday Night at the Movies film series, MassBay Community College is showing the documentary film, MILE OF HOPE…the Dan Cummings Story. Showings are at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

After graduating from Xaverian Brothers High School, the Hyde Park resident attended the spring semester at MassBay. Three weeks after the end of class he began an ordinary day. He awoke the next morning in a hospital bed paralyzed and told he would never walk again, hold a spoon to feed himself, or button his favorite polo shirt. Undeterred by the news, he walked a mile of hope and journeyed forward.

The MassBay Alumni Office will host a reception immediately following the 91-minute film with Dan Cummings and filmmaker Dave Fresina. Suggested donation is $10 for non-MassBay students. Fifty percent of all proceeds will provide funds to spinal cord injury clients to continue their physical rehabilitation at the Journey Forward rehabilitation facility in Canton, MA founded by Mr. Cummings. The other fifty percent of the proceeds will provide scholarship funds for students pursuing their education at MassBay. Journey Forward is a 501c nonprofit recovery-based exercise therapy program dedicated to assist those with spinal cord injuries to achieve basic lifelong functions and benefits.

Tickets are available beginning October 1st by credit card on the MassBay website, DONATE button, Or by cash or check at the showing (cash or check). www.massbay.edu

MassBay awards associate degrees and certificates in over 80 academic programs in a wide range of career-driven subjects such as business, computer science, life sciences, health care and the liberal arts. The College’s facilities in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland house day, evening and weekend classes that meet the needs of degree-seeking students and career minded life-long learners. Online options provide convenience and allow faculty to facilitate the learning process. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and strives to meet the needs of the diverse local communities it serves. To learn more about MassBay, attend the Fall Open House on Saturday, November 22.

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