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**FORMER MASSBAY STUDENT ANDERSON WISE  
TO COMPETE AT 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES**

**Wellesley Hills, Mass.** – Former Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) student **Anderson Wise (Needham, Mass.)** will participate in the powerlifting competition in this year's Paralympic Games in Beijing, China. The Paralympics is currently happening in China and Wise's competition will be held September 13.

Wise is no stranger to excellence, having placed first in his 148-pound class at the American Powerlifting Championships in both 2006 and 2007. In 2006, he placed sixth in his class at the International Powerlifting Committee World Championships in South Korea. This week, he hopes to realize a life-long dream of his – a medal at the Paralympic Games.

Wise, a 25-year-old who is paralyzed below the waist because of spina bifida, is not only a world-class athlete, but also a world-class story. At 18 months old, he was adopted by Sally and Dale Wise of Needham after they saw him on WBZ-TV's "Wednesday's Child."

During high school and college, Wise turned down opportunities to join the track and ski teams. After putting off his gold medal dream in order to pursue an education, Wise decided to train wholeheartedly in an effort to make this year's Paralympic powerlifting team. Now, he is ready to compete for the gold.

In December of 2007, Wise graduated with an associate degree in liberal arts from MassBay and is currently studying sports science at Bridgewater State College. He anticipates graduating in 2010. In October of 2007, MassBay honored Wise with "Anderson Wise Day."

This week, Wise took time out of his Bridgewater State studies and his job at the Needham YMCA to compete in Beijing. His weight class will take the stage on September 13.

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