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**FORMER MASSBAY STUDENT ANDERSON WISE
PLACES 11th AT 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES**

Wellesley Hills, Mass. – Former Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) student **Anderson Wise (Needham, Mass.)** placed 11th in the powerlifting competition in this year's Paralympic Games in Beijing, China held September 13.

Wise placed fourth in his group, lifting 142.5, 150.0, and 155.0 in his three attempts. His score of 150.0 placed him 11th overall in the 67.5 kg weight class. The gold medal went to Egypt's Metwaly Ibrahim Mathna, who lifted 217.5 kg.

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."

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."

Wise is currently studying at Bridgewater State and working at the Needham YMCA.

About Massachusetts Bay Community College

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