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GOV. DEVAL PATRICK CONGRATULATES MASSBAY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONS

***Governor Issues Certificate of Appreciation to Team, College President
and Coaches***

Wellesley, Mass., April 6, 2009—On Thursday, April 2, Governor Deval Patrick received the MassBay Community College Buccaneers men’s basketball team to the State House to congratulate the team on its exciting season. Patrick welcomed the team members, as well as MassBay’s President, Dr. Carole Berotte Joseph, and MassBay coaches Bill Raynor and Khari Roulhac.

The MassBay Buccaneers enjoyed a phenomenal year in the National Junior College Athletic Association league, winning the Massachusetts State Championship, the New England Regional Championship, and advancing to the National Tournament, where they finished 6th in the U.S. The team – 12 out of 16 of whose players hail from Boston, Cambridge and Framingham – amassed a 26-7 record and achieved several firsts during the season. This was the first year the Buccaneers won the New Hampshire Technical tournament to open the year. It was the first time the team won the New England Regionals, the first time it advanced to the National Tournament, and the first time it finished the season ranked 6th in the nation.

Asked how the team triumphed in such a major way, Head Coach Bill Raynor said, “Although our team received a number of individual awards, it was our sense of commitment to the ‘team concept’ that was most impressive. We ended each practice with the Jamaican slogan, ‘Out of many...one!’”

MassBay President Dr. Carole Berotte Joseph commented, “I would like to add that our team performed equally impressively in the classroom, with many of our players heading to prominent four-year colleges after graduating from MassBay. The teammates took their academics as seriously as their athletics, with very positive results.”



(photo caption) Gov. Deval Patrick, joined on his left by MassBay C.C. President Carole Berotte Joseph and on his right by MassBay Head Coach Bill Raynor, at the April 2, 2009 Welcoming Ceremony for the MassBay Basketball Buccaneers, ranked 6th in the U.S. after completing its exciting and unprecedented season of local, state, regional and national victories.

About MassBay Community College

Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants associate degrees and certificates in a range of disciplines through its five divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences; the Division of Humanities; the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.); the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies; and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).

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