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## **SOPHOMORE RODOLFO SANZ ELECTED AS STUDENT MEMBER TO MASSBAY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Wellesley Hills, MA, July 20, 2009:** The students of Massachusetts Bay Community College have elected MassBay sophomore Rodolpho Sanz to serve as this year's student member of the Board of Trustees.

A teacher once asked Rodolpho Sanz "Do you want to be a doctor or a politician?" His answer: both -- an ambitious goal already reflected in his impressive list of achievements as both a student and a community leader.

"I've been involved in student government all my life," says Sanz, beginning in high school in his native Brazil, where he was head of the student government, to his first years in college, where he rose to treasurer before coming to the United States. At MassBay, he sits on the Executive Advisory Board of the Radiology Technology Program and serves as vice president of the campus's Rotaract Club, the student branch of the Rotary Club. The latter position took him to an international conference in England last month, where students tackled such problems as child labor, hunger in Africa, and the global economic crisis.

But it was during his stint last semester as a senator in the MassBay Student Government Association that he decided to run for the student seat on the college's Board of Trustees. Such was the confidence other members of the student government had in Sanz that none of them ran against him -- and he won by a landslide in May.

In his new position, Sanz has as much voting power on the Board as those members appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts. Sanz says he will champion such issues of importance to MassBay students as the possible increase in college fees, the quality of cafeteria cuisine, and the impact of student evaluations of faculty performance.

And of course Sanz also has his academic career at MassBay, where he is pursuing a double major in Life Science and Radiology. When he receives his Associate of Arts degree in both fields next year, he plans to transfer to Tufts University for his BA -- and from there move on to medical school.

Ultimately, Sanz hopes to use his knowledge "to help people" -- perhaps in the Red Cross or the Peace Corps -- an interest demonstrated by the volunteer work he has already done with disabled children in Romania. "I think everyone has the power to make a change in the community."

## 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 academic divisions: 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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