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PRESIDENT BEROTTE JOSEPH SELECTS RACHEL BRADLEY TO REPRESENT MASSBAY STUDENTS AT NACCTEP BOARD

Wellesley Hills, MA, July 20, 2009: Doctor Carole Berotte Joseph, President of Massachusetts Bay Community College and current President of the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs, NACCTEP, has selected MassBay sophomore Rachel Bradley to serve as this year's NACCTEP student board member.

Rachel Bradley's favorite work of children's literature is "The Little Train That Could." "I think it helps children feel empowered when people tell them they can't do anything because they are small." That same "I think I can" spirit can be seen in the aspiring child educator's career at MassBay -- in addition to carrying an ambitious course load, Bradley has served as co-president of the MassBay Education Club for two years and been an active participant in such early education-oriented events as this year's conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington D.C.

NACCTEP works to enhance current community college teacher education programs and develop new ones across the country (Studies have shown more than 50% of today's teachers attended a community college for at least part of their education). Among Bradley's goals during her year as a NACCTEP student board member: developing a survey that will examine teacher education programs in NACCTEP schools around the nation and participating in two important board meetings. The first will occur in the Fall in Washington, D.C. and the second prior to the national, multi-day annual conference Baltimore. Bradley's position will also allow her to attend the meetings of the MassBay Board of Trustees, where she will have an insider's view of the operations of the school and its policy-making body. Bradley is also hoping that her year as a NACCTEP board member will help develop her public speaking skills.

As is the case with so many students at MassBay, Bradley's community college experience has inspired her to continue her education after she graduates. She plans to earn a BA in childhood education from Wheelock College, and envisions herself five years from now pursuing a Masters degree while "working with children in a job that I love."

For those interested in a career in her field, Rachel Bradley has the following advice: "First and foremost, you need to be respectful of children, and really enjoy being with them -- not just watching over them." That's the credo she will be spreading in her year as a NACCTEP student board member.

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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