

# Press Release



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## **Six Boston-Area Teens Earn \$5,000 College Scholarships through BNY Mellon CityACCESS: *An Investment in Youth* Program**

*Urban youth initiative celebrates 16 years of providing rewarding work apprenticeships;  
More than 300 graduates since 1994*

BOSTON, June 16, 2010 – Six greater Boston teenagers each received a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education as graduates of the BNY Mellon CityACCESS: *An Investment in Youth*\* program at a ceremony held today at Goodwill Morgan Memorial Industries. Akwasi Agyeman, community reinvestment bank examiner at the Commonwealth Division of Banks, and a former CityACCESS program participant, delivered the keynote address. A total of 16 seniors graduated from the two- to three-year program, created to positively influence the future of Boston’s young people.

Scholarship recipients are:

- Keshia Bertrand, Malden -- will attend Regis College
- Brendan Glynn, South Boston -- will attend Fitchburg State College
- Zhongbing Huang, Malden – will attend Bunker Hill Community College
- Shaleaka Johnson, Malden -- will attend Bunker Hill Community College
- Jeanny Mejia, Dorchester -- will attend Brandeis University
- Sarah Schallmo, South Boston -- will attend Fitchburg State College

BNY Mellon CityACCESS: *An Investment in Youth* is an out-of-school apprenticeship program that offers teenagers the chance to reach their full potential by engaging them in relationship, skill and character building. Thirty-six ‘Teen Ambassadors’ from low- to moderate-income neighborhoods receive training in leadership, mentoring, academic success, professionalism and civic engagement.

Funded by the Arthur F. Blanchard Trust through the BNY Mellon Corporate Giving Program, CityACCESS brings together six local community organizations – Boston Children’s Museum, The City School, Malden YMCA, Mass. Audubon’s Boston Nature Center, MassVote, and South Boston Neighborhood House – to engage teens in meaningful activities, whether teaching science and technology clubs, organizing community service projects for elementary students, or convening youth summits.

The CityACCESS program was established in 1994. Since then, the Blanchard Trust has invested over \$6 million in local youth training and educational opportunities. More than 300 teens have graduated from the program and 90% have gone on to attend colleges nationwide.

“CityACCESS has given hundreds of young people vital career-building skills and empowered them to become leaders in their community,” said Joanne Jaxtmer, BNY Mellon’s managing director of Corporate Affairs in Boston. “Working together, these bright young achievers have seized an opportunity to change the direction of their lives and positively shape their future. They deserve tremendous credit.”

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