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2008 Annual Breakfast to Serve Up Thirty Years of Accomplishments

Reflecting On Thirty Years



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We (CSAPP) thank each of you for your many years of support and urge you to continue your support of our agency and our youth by attending CSAPP's 30th Annual Breakfast on June 18, 2008 at UMass Boston. Join us as we recognize the success of our graduates: the families created, the jobs held, the post high school education completed and degrees received. Do come prepared to listen: to hear the stories of our current youth as they've engaged with teachers, family and community to develop their capacity to succeed in our changing economy. So please mark the date and join us as we celebrate 30 years of accomplishments, personal growth and achievement!

UPDATE 2007 Award Recipients

Mariel Reid

Graduate of
Parkway Academy of Technology
and Health High School



Mariel Reid began working as a Nurse's Aid at a local hospital after graduating from high school.

Jacquelyn Lungelow

Graduate of
Media Communications
Technology High School



Jacquelyn Lungelow began taking courses at Bunker Hill Community College after graduation. Jacquelyn resides in Boston where she and baby are reportedly doing well.

CSAPP 88 Graduate Follows Lifelong Lessons



(Left) Seventeen year old Yvette Mosley with infant daughter Tanisha. (Right) Tanisha graduates from high school with Yvette proudly at her side.

In 1987, Yvette Mosley was a typical teenager who had dreams of completing high school and going off to college. At the end of her junior year of high school she found her self pregnant and wanted nothing more than to carry out her senior year with normalcy and not become a "statistic". What made Yvette's story a typical one was the same thing that gave her determination and inspiration to carry out her dream.

Yvette, pregnant and feeling lost, returned to school for her senior year and took initial steps deciding to walk into the on-site Comprehensive School-Age Parenting Program (CSAPP) office for guidance. This action made a big impact on Yvette and changed her life.

During that school year Yvette became the proud mother of a baby girl, who was six-month old as she graduated from English High School in Boston. As a teenage mother, Yvette knew she would be faced with challenges beyond those confronted by most teens.

Yvette credits CSAPP for helping her to complete high school.

"Being a teen mom, the program (CSAPP) helped and guided me to graduate. I wasn't sure about services out there to help me as far as daycare, being out of school after having my

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2007 Annual Breakfast

(Below) Teens are recognized for educational, personal dedication.



Bridgewater State College President Dana Mohler-Faria speaks to invited guests and supporters.



Cleveland Middle School Headmaster Andy Tuite (left) chats with Phillip Robinson (right) during breakfast.

2008 Legislative Day

Preparations are underway for the 2008 Legislative Day on Tuesday, May 20 when CSAPP youth are invited to the Massachusetts State House to engage themselves in the legislative process. Legislative Day is one of the most popular events attended by youth in our program. Over 109 youth and staff attended the event last year and even more are expected this year.



CSAPP youth listen to state representatives and senators such as Rep. Elizabeth Malia and Rep. Gloria Fox. At the event, students learn about their civic responsibilities and leave empowered with the realization that their votes do make a difference.

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baby, but I needed support besides family," Yvette said.

She explained that CSAPP provided services that enabled her to receive classes she needed to graduate, get a tutor for instructional help while home with her new baby, and remain safe in what can be a chaotic high school environment. She appreciated the fact that she was able to remain in her high school during her pregnancy. "Being a pregnant teen, sometimes you can be judged harshly so to remain in a familiar environment with supportive services was very important."

Yvette still remembers and has high regards for Monica Buck, the former English High School CSAPP counselor, who helped her. Although she was unable to keep in touch with the counselor, Yvette says the assistance provided by Monica and CSAPP have had a long-term effect in her life.

"Each path that I have taken has helped me, and CSAPP was definitely a positive influence," she emphasized.

Twenty years later, Yvette still aspires to give back to the community that once helped her. She is currently employed at the Crittenton Women's Union as a Coordinator of Residential Services and graduates from Springfield College in May 2008 with a degree in Human Services.

Today, she is also a mother of two excelling daughters. The youngest, Kiara Kerr, is a sophomore at Boston Latin Academy. The oldest, Tanisha Mosley, – that six-month old infant in 1988 – is now a sophomore attending Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to CSAPP, Yvette contributes her continued success to her children, family, and true friends she has met along the way. "Much love and thanks to my children, the sisters from another mother, and Pastor Michelle Higginbottom for helping me to find a renewed faith in God; for With God all things are possible."

Collaborative Approach...



Laura Fabiano, Program Director for the Chances Program - an Alternative Program for Pregnant Teens - discusses a case with CSAPP counselor Carmen Pineda. Carmen provides outreach services to youth in the community. Outreach services are made possible by CSAPP with long-term collaborations with other nonprofit community organizations. For instance, CSAPP collaborates with the Boston Medical Center throughout the year to provide a continuation of services to youth in need.

Organizations Working Together to Achieve Common Goals

For nearly 30 years, CSAPP has based its success on the support it receives from the community at large. Collectively, organizations that share a common goal of fostering the healthy and safe development of youth have worked together in collaboration to bring their goals to fruition. When these organizations bring their diversity and versatility together as one unit, the benefactors are the youth of Greater Boston. CSAPP thanks each non-profit and civic organization, school, and hospital it collaborated with in 2007 and looks forward to continuing and strengthen these relationships in 2008.



CSAPP counselor Melpo Kalaitzidis discusses a proposed documentary project/collaboration with Sung-Joon Pai, Headmaster at Media Communications Technology High School. The verité-style film will focus on relationships between young women and men, teenage life, and teen pregnancy.

CSAPP Welcomes New Interns

CSAPP welcomes Boston University student interns Alison Martinez and Beth Hemingway to the team. Alison and Beth work under the supervision of Melpo Kalaitzidis at the West Roxbury Education Complex (WREC) during the 2007/2008 school term. Each intern will facilitate outreach services to students at the school site.

For more than 25 years, CSAPP has collaborated with the Graduate Schools of Social Work within notable higher-learning institutions such as Boston College, Boston University, Salem State University, and Simmons College. CSAPP has also collaborated with Harvard University's Graduate School of Education and began its partnership with the B.U. School of Education two years ago. Student interns are assigned to the program in order to gain valuable experience in counseling services. New students are selected for internship positions every school year. Last year, Jenny Dunne was one of the B.U. students selected as a CSAPP intern. In September, Jenny was hired by CSAPP to become its full-time on-site counselor at Boston International High School.



B.U. student intern Beth Hemingway and CSAPP counselor Melpo Kalaitzidis look for health care service information on the internet.



B.U. student intern Alison Martinez in discussion with Brenda Sanchez, a student at the West Roxbury Education Complex.