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Cook and State of IllinoisRespiratory Care and the American Lung Association Conduct Free Lung Testing
MALCOLM X COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that on November 1, 2005, the Malcolm X College (MXC) Respiratory Care Technician program held a daylong public service free lung testing and educational seminar in association with the American Lung Association (ALA), Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Glaxo-Smith-Kline Pharmaceuticals, Boehringer Ingelheim, the Asthma Educators and the MXC Nursing department. Awareness of the dangers of smoking and undetected asthma was part of a comprehensive program designed to educate and service the respiratory health needs of the Malcolm X College family and the surrounding community. The director of the respiratory care program, George West, faculty member Ranbir Sokhi and Clinical Staff member Jane Reynolds trained students from the Respiratory Care program in the proper use of testing equipment on loan for the event from the ALA; and

that November was Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) awareness month. COPD is one of only a few conditions in American that is rising rather than declining. This condition is a direct result of first and second hand smoke and other air pollutants. A study conducted by students compared local hospital admission for this condition. They found that less affluent neighborhoods around Chicago had higher incidents of the condition; and

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that to complete the test, the patient takes a deep breath and exhales for a period of six seconds. Results from the test are captured by an electronic device that generates a report for the patient's doctor. The ALA has also made available a physician at Stroger Hospital who will screen the tests to identify extreme cases; and

that this very successful event was one of an ongoing series of health fairs and departmental specific health education events presented throughout the year by the 14 health science disciplines available for study and certification at Malcolm X College.

Respectfully submitted,

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