

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**MALCOLM X COLLEGE****Paramedic Completion Ceremony****THE CHANCELLOR****REPORTS**

that on September 14, 2006, the Malcolm X College EMT- Paramedic program held its annual completion ceremony, recognizing 16 students who have met the academic and practical requirements necessary to apply for State Licensing. On August 25, 2006, these students completed the capstone practical experience, which along with academic work at regional hospitals, included 510 hours of supervised clinical experience on Chicago Fire Department ambulances, responding to 911 calls as a paramedic intern. Malcolm X College, as a member of the Chicago Area Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Consortium, provides its students with the most comprehensive training experience available for paramedics. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Paula Willoughby DeJesus, Assistant Fire Commissioner, Chicago Fire Department. She gave an inspiring message to the students, reinforcing their professional commitment to provide sophisticated pre-hospital care to the sick, injured and indigent as part of the health care delivery system; and

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that under the leadership of Susan Santacaterina, Program Director, the revised curriculum not only prepares each student for the state licensing examination, but also insures that each student earns their Advanced Certificate. This program was one of the first in Illinois to adapt to the new National Curriculum Standards. After program completion, the paramedic students will sit for the licensing exam at either the state or national level. For the more than 15 years the program has been at Malcolm X College, 100% of the paramedic graduates have successfully passed the Illinois Department of Public Health Licensing Examination.

This celebratory event was one of an ongoing series of departmental specific events presented throughout the year by the programs in the 14 health science disciplines available for study and certification at Malcolm X College.

Respectfully submitted,

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