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**LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**  
**MALCOLM X COLLEGE**

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**REPORTS**

that on April 17, 2009 Malcolm X College's Learning Community Program completed a year-long professional development series for faculty members, who will teach learning community courses. In order to ensure the development and implementation of student- and learning-centered Learning Communities (LCs), Malcolm X College has utilized professional development services for its faculty from Kingsborough Community College (CUNY), as part of a Ford Foundation Grant, and the Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education. Both of the aforementioned entities are nationally recognized experts in learning communities' development, implementation, assessment, and sustainability. Preceded only by Malcolm X College's acceptance and participation in Washington Center's National Summer Institute for Learning Communities (NSILC) in June 2008, from November 2008 to April 2009, both consulting agencies provided development in the following areas: (1) disciplinary grounding; (2) developmental education, LCs, and the mission of community colleges; (3) interdisciplinary and integrated learning; (4) designing integrated assignments and student learning outcomes; (5) assessment of integrated learning; and (6) effective teaching in collaborative and active learning environments. The 17 faculty members, who have undergone this professional development, will train subsequent cohorts of faculty. Professor Rong Lin coordinates the Malcolm X College Project, with the collaboration of Professors Callon, Heath, King, Owen, Patterson, Alston, Boone, Jowosimi, Sheppard, and Essien.

Respectfully submitted,

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