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Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Advisory Committee formed

The City of Boston and Harvard University announce the creation of the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Advisory Committee. The first round of grant funding is expected to be distributed by summer 2009. The fund is available for neighborhood improvement projects, cultural enrichment, educational and public health programming. The Harvard-funded program will award a total of \$100,000 in grants each year for five years. The new grants program will be guided by the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Advisory Committee. Members, all of whom are Allston-Brighton residents, will review all grant applications and recommend grant recipients to the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Harvard University.

A kick-off session to introduce the grant application process, timetable, and criteria, and to answer questions will be scheduled this spring. Look for more information in the mail.

Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Advisory Committee

Paul Berkeley; John Bruno; Daniel Daly; John Eskew; Sister Rena Foley; Wayne MacKenzie; Ray Mellone; Karen Smith

Harvard Faculty Speaker Series at the Ed Portal

On March 3rd, Allston-Brighton residents attended the first in a series of faculty talks at the Ed Portal. Robert Lue, Professor of the Practice of Molecular and Cellular Biology; Director of Life Sciences Education; and Faculty Director of the Harvard Allston Education Portal, discussed the importance of science in our lives and recent advances in teaching science.

Lue invited questions and discussion with the audience on science education, noting that traditionally, as many as 40 percent of students nationwide enter



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college expressing an interest in science, but only about a third of that 40 percent actually go on to pursue science

degrees. He went on to share current breakthroughs in how science is taught that are increasing the number of science majors as well as exposing more students to science in general.

Attend the next faculty presentation on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Julie A. Buckler, Harvard Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature, will present on "Culture and Belief: The Presence of the Past". Learn more about how material artifacts of the past such as monuments and memorials, help create contemporary cultural landscapes. **To RSVP, call 617-496-5022 or e-mail Meaghan_Fay@harvard.edu.**

Harvard University is proud to be an actively engaged participant in the Greater Boston community. Approximately 8,500 elementary and secondary school students from the Boston area participate in a wide range of enrichment programs at Harvard. These programs and others are a part of Harvard's vibrant partnership with Allston and the City of Boston.

Allston Planning Update

Harvard recently announced adjustments to its construction plans for the Harvard Allston Science Complex and overall development in Allston. A copy of Harvard's letter was mailed to all North Allston-Brighton households. Information is available at www.president.harvard.edu/speeches/faust/090218_allston.php. Please call 617-495-3525 to request a copy of Harvard's letter.

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Harvard is offering scholarships for Allston-Brighton students to enroll in Harvard's Secondary School Program (SSP). At SSP, students will attend college-level courses alongside undergraduate and graduate students, earn college credit in subject areas such as life sciences, social sciences, math, and humanities, and work with distinguished faculty.

Scholarships for this merit-based program have been offered to the Allston-Brighton community since 2003. All students must complete an application, demonstrate potential for success in a college environment, and have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. SSP runs from June 20 - August 8, 2009. This opportunity and others respond to community interests. In the recent Allston-Brighton community survey, 75% of North Allston-Brighton residents identified a need for advanced learning programs for qualified K-12 students.

Prospective students and parents are encouraged to visit www.ssp.harvard.edu to learn more about this opportunity.

Applications are available online or at the Harvard Allston Education Portal, 175 North Harvard Street, open Monday-Thursday from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Admissions are made on a rolling basis, so applicants should submit the completed application as soon as possible. **The deadline for completed applications is May 14, 2009. Please mark the application "Allston-Brighton Resident Program."**



Save the Date for Boston Shines



Since 2003, Harvard has been an active participant in the City of Boston's annual Boston Shines events in Allston-Brighton. This year, Harvard is hosting a neighborhood clean up day on Saturday, April 25th. Allston neighbors are invited to join Harvard students and staff in spring clean

up projects throughout North Allston-Brighton. Projects will include activities such as raking, planting flowers, picking up litter, painting, and a children's art project. All supplies and equipment will be provided by Harvard and the City of Boston. For more information, or to sign up, e-mail allston@harvard.edu.



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Brighton High School Students Attend Job Shadow Day at Harvard

Harvard partnered with Brighton High School and the Private Industry Council (PIC) to host 26 students for the annual Job Shadow Day. Students visited a variety of schools and administrative departments at Harvard, were introduced to the work place environment, and were able to explore career opportunities and make connections between the classroom and the “real world.”

For more information: www.allston.harvard.edu
Harvard in the Community: www.community.harvard.edu
Construction information: www.allstonconstruction.harvard.edu



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