

# College Club of Boston Scholarship Fund recognizes 10 deserving BPS students

By Dan Murphy

COLLEGE CLUB OF BOSTON Scholarship Fund awarded grants to 10 graduating seniors from Boston Public Schools (BPS) Wednesday during a luncheon at the women's club Commonwealth Avenue headquarters.

"It's a way to provide funding that alleviates the burden for students who want to attend college, but don't have the financial means," said Dr. Meg DeAngelis, chair of the scholarship fund. "The kids are ethnically diverse, have different goals and represent the best and brightest that the Boston Public Schools have to offer."

Established in 1985, the program has bestowed grants to students from across the city who do not speak English as their native language and are often refugees from war-torn countries.

Others have overcome great personal tragedy, such as the violent death of a parent. The one quality that unites all the past and present recipients, however, is a genuine love of learning and determination to succeed.

This year's named scholarships include Observant LLC, a Waltham-based strategic marketing firm for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries; Beacon Hill resident Gail S. Flatto, Blance and Sidney Flauson; and the College Club of Boston itself.

Manuel Monteiro, an 18-year-old senior at the Snowden International School in Copley Square, is the recipient of this year's Observant Scholarship. In the fall, he plans to attend the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he will study engineering.

"I appreciate what [the program] is doing for seniors like myself," Monteiro said. "I now consider the College Club a part of my support team, which is vital to my success."

William Onuoha, Mayor Thomas M. Menino's liaison to the Back Bay, was on hand at the



Janet O'Neill, president of the College Club and Scholarship Fund co-chair, and Dr. Meg DeAngelis, chair of the Scholarship Fund.



Pictured, left to right, are William Onuoha, Mayor Thomas M. Menino's liaison to the Back Bay; Manuel Monteiro, recipient of this year's Observant Scholarship; and Sandi Gaskin, Scholarship Committee and a director of the College Club.

luncheon and offered congratulations to the scholarship recipients on behalf of the mayor.

"This is what the mayor is all about - pushing kids to do their best in school and become productive members of the City of Boston," Onuoha said. "As they begin this next chapter in their lives, they have the his support and have made the city proud."

City Council President Mike Ross' office also presented the scholarship recipients with resolutions, congratulating them on their achievements and recognizing their success.



Pictured, left top to bottom: Manuel Monteiro from Snowden International School, Kyieta Harewood from Parkway Academy of Tech and Health, Anna Nicole Dartley from Boston Latin Academy and Tatiana Cortes from New Mission High School; middle: Shavontae Mathe from Boston Arts Academy; right, top to bottom: Erin Mcniff from Boston Latin Academy, Kayla Mendonca from John D. O'Brant, Marysabel Mejia from Boston Latin Academy and India Shalese Prevost from Boston Arts Academy.