

# THE EMSF UPDATE

## OUR MISSION:

To commemorate the life and spirit of Eddie Mandell by raising funds to assist Boston Public School High School grads attend college. We are a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and all contributions are fully tax-deductible.

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## HOW TO DONATE:

Checks made out to The Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. can be sent to:

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## THANK YOU!

## Introducing Our 2011 Eddie Mandell Scholars

In 2011, the Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship Fund was pleased to give scholarships to eight deserving Boston Public School Seniors on their way to college. As in years past, these scholars have been selected by the ACCESS Program of Boston.

**Claribel Rosa** a recent graduate of the John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science, is currently attending Boston University, where she is studying Biology in the hopes of one day becoming a pediatrician.

**Alex Depina** is attending Curry College after having graduated from Madison Park High School last May. Mr. Depina is studying criminology, a field in which he plans to earn a Master's Degree following his undergraduate career.

**Dominique Trotman**, a graduate of the Boston Community Leadership Academy and member of the National Honor Society, Ms. Trotman currently attends Newbury College in Brookline, studying Culinary Management.

**Kadeem Joseph** is a first generation college student studying architecture at Wentworth Institute of Technology. In his spare time, Mr. Joseph plays a Caribbean



*From left: Gabrielle King Morse, ACCESS Chief External Affairs Officer, 2011 EMSF Scholars Claribel Rosa and Houston Charles, and Bill Mandell.*

musical instrument known as the four bass steel pan.

**Xing Ming Huang** is also a first generation college student who is currently attending Wheelock College where he studies Criminal Justice. A graduate of Charlestown High School (alma mater of Eddie Mandell), Ms. Huang learned English when she moved to Boston from China.

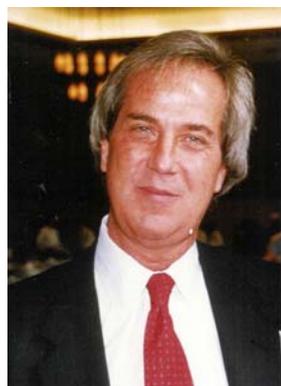
**Jocelyn Herrera Lazo** is studying Criminal Justice at Westfield State College, and was the salutatorian of her graduating class at

Monument High School. Ms. Lazo has also dedicated herself to volunteering at such organizations as Cradle to Crayons and Urban Scholars.

**Houston Charles** was the valedictorian of his graduating class at the Jeremiah A. Burke High School and a member of the National Honor Society. He is currently attending UMass Amherst, and plans to someday become a computer engineer.

**Audelia Akanda** is a recent graduate of the Boston Community Leadership Academy, and currently attends St. Joseph's College of Maine, where she studies Psychology and hopes to become a therapist.

Thank you to all of our 2011 donors, especially those who have made annual gifts to the EMSF. Your generosity continues to make college dreams a reality for those most in need of assistance.



**Eddie Mandell (1933-1996)**

*Founded in 2000 in the spirit of Eddie Mandell, the EMSF has sought to help students from Boston Public Schools realize their dreams for higher education despite economic hardship. In 2011, the EMSF gave out eight scholarships, two more than in 2010 and four more than in 2009. We hope to continue that trend in 2012 with the help of our generous donors.*

## An Interview with Lilian Ruiz, 2010 Eddie Mandell Scholar

We recently had the great pleasure of speaking with 2010 Eddie Mandell Scholar Lilian Ruiz, a Roslindale resident and 2010 graduate of the Boston Community Leadership Academy in Brighton. Lilian currently attends Babson College, where she has just completed her freshman year.

### How was your first year at Babson?

It was nice. It was tough at first. Babson is a very competitive environment and that took me by surprise. It's a small school, there's only 2,000 kids, and there's a real spirit of entrepreneurship. Everyone wants everyone else to do well, but they all want to do better themselves.

### Have you picked a major yet?

Well everyone at Babson majors in business, but around your junior or senior year you pick a concentration. I am thinking of going into international business, or maybe even business law someday.

### What made you pick Babson?

First of all, they gave me the best financial aid package. Also I get a real drive for business from my family. They have always believed in business and entrepreneurship, and when I saw the business courses at Babson and they really appealed to me.

### Is your family proud?

Oh yeah. I am the first in my family to go to college, and since I am the oldest granddaughter everyone is excited for me and also everyone is watching me.

### Are you involved with any extra-curriculars?

At first, I wanted to just focus on school because of the tough work load, but eventually I got involved with the Babson Players on the tech crew. Also, I am involved with the Babson Christian Fellowship. I am the VP of finance, and I am in charge of putting on campus events.

### What was your experience with the ACCESS program before college?

I got involved with ACCESS my senior year when my guidance counselor pointed me in their direction. I started meeting with my ACCESS advisor, Sabina, about once a week, to work out how I was going to pay for college.



Left to right: Lilian Ruiz and ACCESS Advisor Elsa Martinez

### How has the Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship made a difference for you?

It has really helped me to focus on studying. My parents help me pay for tuition, but I have to handle buying books and other expenses. The Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship has been a big help with that. They give it to you in pieces, so it's there when I need it and helps me to focus on school instead of tuition.

### We heard you and the President of Babson spoke together at ACCESS' annual gala. How was that?

It was great. I hadn't met him before then. I was pleasantly surprised with all of the support and encouragement I got from Babson and ACCESS to do the speech.

### How did you wind up being asked to do that?

I went to one of the ACCESS events and somebody mentioned that the President of Babson was giving the address. So they suggested that I speak at the event too.

**Lilian gave a moving personal account and beautiful and articulate speech that inspired all who attended the ACCESS Gala to raise more funds for aspiring college students from Boston's public high schools.**

## MORE GOLF AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2011

*"The worst day on the golf course is better than the best day at work."* Pierce & Mandell, P.C. is proud to support EMSF and the ACCESS Program through its annual golf outing. "Not only is the golf outing a great day out of the office with our friends, clients and entire staff, but it is a great way to spread the word about the important work being done by ACCESS and EMSF," says Pierce & Mandell partner Bob Pierce. "So when playing your free round of golf, don't forget what it is all about."



**Pierce & Mandell has annually donated \$100 for each of its guests who score a 90 (gross, not net) or better on the day. So even if you think your team is out of competition, your shots still count for raising college scholarship funds for graduating Boston Public High School Seniors.**

### DID YOU KNOW:

A recent report by the Gates Foundation found that only one in three students entering high school in the U.S. will obtain a college degree. That figure drops to one in seven in low-income youths.

# Cost of High Education Continues to Rise

The cost of a college education is getting higher and higher every year, and the college dreams of lower-income families are growing ever more difficult to achieve.

According to thecollegeboard.com, over the decade from 2000-2001 to 2010-2011, tuition and fees at public 4-year universities has increased at an average rate of 5.6% per year beyond the rate of inflation. In 2009, the average income for the bottom 20% of families was 11% lower than it was a decade before. The average income for the top 20% of families was the same as a decade before.

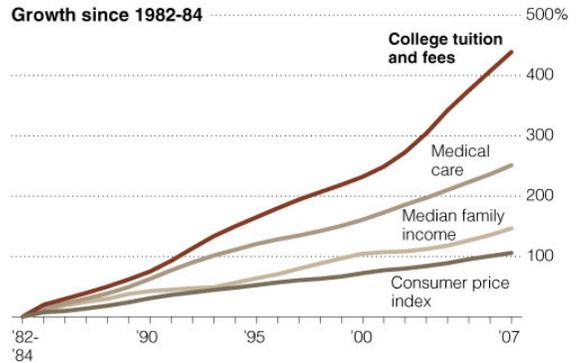
**Given the harsh financial environment facing our high school seniors, the need for the generosity of private donors is critical to ensure that students of all backgrounds have the opportunity for advancement through higher education.**

**DID YOU KNOW:**

A report released by the U.S. Department of Education explained that significantly narrowing the gap between college attendance rates of the highest-and-lowest-income students would add approximately \$250 billion to the gross domestic product.

## Soaring College Tuitions

College tuition continues to outpace median family income and the cost of medical care, food and housing.



### Net college costs as a percentage of median family income\*

INCOME CATEGORY	FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC		TWO-YEAR PUBLIC	
	1999-2000	2007-8	1999-2000	2007-8
Lowest	39%	55%	40%	49%
Lower-middle	23	33	22	29
Middle	18	25	15	20
Upper-middle	12	16	10	13
Highest	7	9	6	7

Note: Net college costs are tuition and room and board minus financial aid.

Source: "Measuring Up 2008," the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

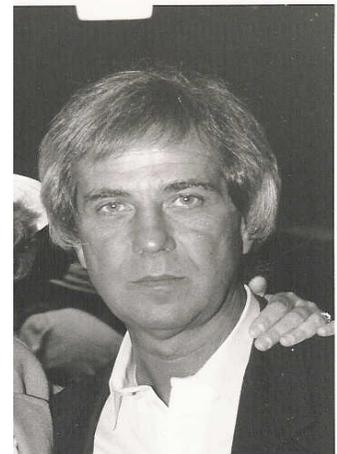
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# Many Thanks to All of the Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship

Eddie Mandell was a first generation American who grew up in Roxbury and attended Charlestown High School, which remains a Boston Public School to this day. During his lifetime, he was dedicated to helping children and spent much of his time volunteering to that effect in his adopted community of Newton, though he still loved to bring together friends from the old neighborhood in Boston. While he never had the financial means to attend college, he felt that education was the great equalizer in our society, and that a college education was of vital importance in opening up the doors of opportunity, fulfilling one's dreams and

becoming fully enfranchised in American society.

Donors to The Eddie Mandell Memorial Scholarship Fund will help to make the dream of higher education become a reality for hard working and gifted Boston High School students who may not otherwise have the financial means and enough financial aid to afford the ever increasing cost of attending a college or university. By joining the growing ranks of our donors who make an annual tax-deductible contribution, you will be paying tribute to the spirit and legacy of Eddie Mandell.



Eddie Mandell 1933-1996