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# THE EDDIE MANDELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC. UPDATE

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## 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.

## Our Board:

- Edward Feldman
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## How to Donate:

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

**The Eddie Mandell Scholarship Fund**

**c/o Pierce & Mandell, P.C.**

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YOU!**

## Introducing Our 2009 Eddie Mandell Scholars

Once again, the Eddie Mandell Scholarship Fund was able to administer scholarships to six deserving Boston Public School Seniors on their way to college. These scholars are selected by the ACCESS Program of Boston.

**Shauna-Kaye Clarke** is a resident of Dorchester and currently attends Wheaton College, and is a graduate of New Mission High School.

**Habibatu Bayoh** of Dorchester attends Bridgewater State College and plans to major in business administration.

**Alisha Edwards**, a graduate of Parkway Academy of Technology and Health, is attending Fitchburg State College, where she plans to pursue a degree in nursing.

**James Li**, a graduate of Tech Boston Academy, is attending Holy Cross, where he majors in Psychology.

**Calvin Reese**, a freshman at UMass Dartmouth, plans to major in English. He is a graduate of English High School.



From left: James Li, Bill Mandell, Cung Tran, Shauna-Kaye Clark, and Habibatu Bayoh

**Cung Tran** is a graduate of the O'Bryant School. He currently attends Northeastern University, where he plans to major in Physics.

Thank you to all of our 2009 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.

## EMSF and the ACCESS Program-Creating Opportunity in Boston

In 2009, EMSF was thrilled to give out \$6,000 in scholarships. This year despite the economy, EMSF hopes to maintain six scholarships for deserving Boston Public School seniors. The students will be selected by the ACCESS (Action Center for Educational Services and Scholarships) Program, which strives to ensure that every Boston Public School graduate has the financial information and resources necessary to achieve their dream of a

college education. The ACCESS Program has worked tirelessly over the past several years, and has made great steps forward, having awarded nearly \$2 Million of need-based scholarships to Boston Public School Students. With your help, we look forward to achieving our 2010 goal of six \$1,000 scholarships.

### Eddie Mandell (1933-1996)



## AN INTERVIEW WITH, HABIBATU BAYOH, 2009 EDDIE MANDELL SCHOLAR

We recently had the great pleasure of speaking with 2009 Eddie Mandell Scholarship recipient Habibatou Bayoh, a 2009 graduate of Brook Farm Business Academy, who just completed her first year at the Bridgewater State College.

### How was your first year at Bridgewater State?

It was interesting. There were some challenges but overall academically I did good. It's very different from High School

### Have you picked a major yet?

No I haven't, but I think I am going to do business administration starting next semester.

### What made you want to get into Business Administration?

Human resources and business administration are useful in any field, whether it's a hospital or a law office. Sooner or later if I have my own business, I'll have that background. I definitely want to have my own business someday.

### What kinds of things are you doing at college besides school?

I am very involved on campus. , I am a member of Free the Children, the Color

Club. I do a lot of community service. This year we wrote a book for children. In September and April Bridgewater has food drives which I was involved in. After the Haiti earthquake in January, we raised \$10,000 as a campus in February. Students, parents, people from the community, we had everybody donating money. Being involved on campus is my #1 priority. I get to meet people and interact, and release some stress.

### Do you think it's harder to get into college coming from a public school?

Academically, no I don't think it's difficult to get in, but once you get in it's a wake up call. My GPA was much higher in high school and I working harder now. Financially, it's pretty tough, because our parents don't make enough money to pay for school, so we have to rely on loans.

### Did you work with the ACCESS program before you got into college?

Yes I did. I am still involved with ACCESS actually. I have an advisor over there.

### Thank you very much and good luck in college and beyond!

### DID YOU KNOW?

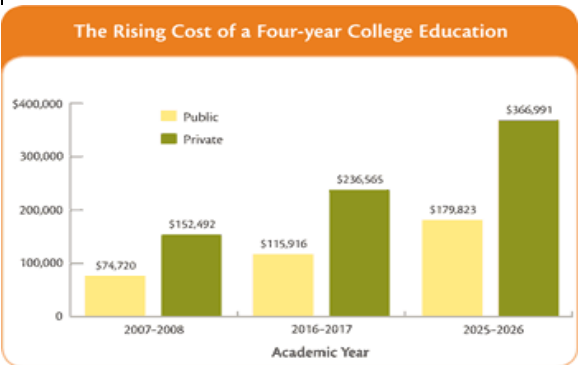
A report released by the U.S. Department of Education explained that significantly narrowing the gap between college-going rates of the highest- and lowest- income students would add approximately \$250 billion to the gross domestic product.

## COST OF EDUCATION CONTINUES TO RISE

The cost of a college education has risen drastically in recent years, and the trend shows no sign of stopping.

According to thecollegeboard.com, most students and their families can expect to pay between from \$172 to \$1,096 more in tuition this year, even in light of the downturn in the economy. Private 4-year colleges average \$26,273 per year (up 4.4% from last year), and public 4-year colleges average \$7,020 per year (up 6.5% from last year).

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.



The above chart shows projections for the cost of college in upcoming years. (Source: The College Board)

## MORE GOLF AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2010

"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 place for the firm to catch up with friends, but it is a great way to spread the word about the hard 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 for low-income youths.

**Eddie Mandell, 1933-1996**



**Many thanks  
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ship Donors!**

Donors to The Eddie Mandell 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. During his lifetime, Eddie helped many kids. As a first generation American who grew up in Roxbury and did not have the financial means to attend college, Eddie came to realize the vital importance of a college education in opening up the doors of opportunity, fulfilling one's dreams and becoming fully enfranchised in American society.