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LOCAL RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM CITYLAB ACADEMY

Thirty-nine Boston-area residents recently graduated from BUSM's CityLab Academy, a nine-month academic and laboratory skills training program for qualified high-school graduates interested in pursuing a career and further education in biotechnology.



Mayor Menino joins a beaming Brenda Guillaume of Dorchester at CityLab Academy's graduation ceremony.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, BU President Robert Brown and Karen Antman, BUSM dean and provost of BU Medical Campus, addressed the graduates and their families at the May 15 ceremony.

"I am proud to support CityLab and its efforts to cultivate new pools of talent that make Boston a more competitive city," said Menino, "and grateful that BU is helping to prepare our residents to fill those positions."

In 2004 BU announced it would contribute $1 million to expand the program and provide funds for 100 Boston residents to attend CityLab Academy. The program is free as BU covers the students' tuition, supplies and other expenses.

The students earned a certificate in Biomedical Laboratory Science, which qualifies them for job opportunities created by new laboratories being built on the medical campus, including the Level 4 National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory and the growing biotech industry in Boston. This year students found employment at BUSM, Genzyme, UMass Medical Center and other institutions.

Classes will begin again this September. To learn more about the program visit *www.bumc.bu.edu/citylabacademy.*