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MAYOR NUTTER AND BILL COSBY CELEBRATE 2010 COLLEGE GRADUATES

“Toss Your Caps! Philly Graduates From College”

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Philadelphia, May 14, 2010 – Today, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art Mayor Michael A. Nutter congratulated 300 recent college graduates from 19 regional colleges and universities. The Mayor was joined by Bill Cosby and academic leaders for a variety of class photo sessions on the Art Museum steps. Students were treated to gifts, free prizes, refreshments and information on additional academic and career opportunities.

“Every resident of Philadelphia should have access to educational opportunities and the graduates whose accomplishments we’re celebrating today are inspirations to everyone who wants to earn a college degree,” said Mayor Nutter. “I’m proud of the progress so far in making Philadelphia a ‘City of Graduates’ and believe that educational opportunities will help build a more skilled workforce while improving the quality of life for City residents.”

“Over the last two years, the number of Philadelphia residents with a college degree has increased from 18 percent to 21 percent and I’m optimistic that this upward trend will continue,” said Chief Education Officer Lori Shorr. “The City and its regional partners are providing resources like PhillyGoes2College and the upcoming 2010 Campus Philly Opportunity Fair to help foster opportunities for those who see college as a pathway to a better quality of life.”

The Mayor’s Office of Education opened the PhillyGoes2College Office and a companion website, www.PhillyGoes2College.com to provide comprehensive college guidance and referral information for students. The PhillyGoes2College Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00 pm. Walk-in hours are Monday from noon to 2:00 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Thursday from 10:00 am to noon. Visitors can stop in Room 115 at City Hall or call 215-686-0315 for more information. Campus Philly’s 2010 Opportunity Fair will take place on June 15th, from 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm at Drexel University’s Bossone Center. The Opportunity Fair will connect recent graduates with internships, jobs, professional contacts and graduate school opportunities. To learn more, log onto www.campusphilly.org

