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CITYLAB ACADEMY GRADUATES SHARE THEIR SUCCESS STORIES

CityLab Academy, a free, nine-month, job-training program in biotechnology at BUSM, recently held a reunion for all its graduates since the program's inception in 1992. At the reunion, returning graduates shared their success stories, with jobs at various biotechnology companies and medical centers, and plans for continued study.



Larry Carrasco has worked in the biomedical field since graduating in 2002. The Watertown resident recently began a new job as a technician at Fischer Scientific.



Gaienne Garcia Berrios, a member of the Class of 2001 and the mother of three, is working full time in the local biotech industry at Novartis in Cambridge.



Class of 2003 graduate Jean Eveillard works in a management position at Quest Diagnostics. He recently received a scholarship and will begin BUSM's Undergraduate Biomedical Program this fall.



East Boston resident Roxanne Curzi has been a purchasing manager at Century Biomedical since graduating in 1998.



Class of 2003 CityLab Academy grads Elisabeth Happeny (left) and Alisha Josey celebrate in the CityLab facility at 801 Albany St. After graduating, Happeny worked at a genetics research company for three years and now works at Fitzgerald Industries in sales for lab support. Josey works as a lab assistant at Cambridge Health Alliance and recently completed her bachelor's program in biology at UMASS Boston.

Returning graduates are also employed in entry-level positions in the immunology and dermatology departments at BUSM, SDM, in animal care at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and in clinical trials at Emerson Hospital in Concord, as well as at numerous biotechnology companies in the area.

For more information, visit <http://www.bu.edu/CityLabAcademy> or send an e-mail to medacad@bu.edu.