DATE: May 4, 2005

TO: Agustin Dorado,
Associate Dean/Division of Learning Support Services

FROM: Sylvia Jimison, ADVANTAGE Director

RE: Annual Report- Academic Year Fall 2004- Spring 2005
ADVANTAGE Program

Program Accomplishments
March 24, 2005 Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education for 4 years (09/01/2005 -8/31/2009) to serve 175 students; previously served 150 students.

March 8, 2005 ADVANTAGE Supplemental Grant Aid, awarded $21,300 to 25 ADVANTAGE Students.

December 10, 2004 Approved work-study student to assist with clerical duties in the ADV. Office

February 21, 2005 Annual Performance Report successfully submitted to U.S. Department of Education Performance Outcomes:

These numbers are based on participation of 150 students
Persistence - exceeded outcome by 15% (percentage of students who returned in the fall)
Good Academic Standing – exceeded outcome by 3% (percentage of students that maintain a 2.0 or higher)
Transfer – did not meet outcome (Program did not transfer proposed number of students)
Administration – met outcome %100 (program complied with administrative requirements)

January 10, 2005 - New Part-time Technology Secretary started

Extended counseling hours on Wednesday night during fall 2004 semester

Established New York Times newspaper reading workshop fall 2004

Staff Accomplishments
ADVANTAGE Staff participated in Collaborative Leadership Development Program
Produced six newsletters (fall and spring academic year)
Staff traveled to Middlesex Community College to review Trio Student Support Services
Professional Tutors received advising training conducted by Renee Lopes-Pocket
ALANA student group established fall 2004 Renee Lopes-Pocket – coordinator
Peer Mentors up from 9 to 13 and contact hours up from 79.25 hours to 105.55 hours
December 9, 2004 attend Noel Levitz Retention Management Workshop – supported by a grant from the Professional Development Committee.
Staff Accomplishments Continued
Director served as a presenter at New York College Learning Skills Association
Director will serve as presenter at College Board – New England Region, Oct. 21, 2005
Cape Cod Times Newspaper Article about National TRIO Day Celebrated at 4C

Student Participation - Campus Events
Blues Festival and Southern Dining 2/12/05
Underground Railroad Presentation 2/16/05 (invited UMASS Dartmouth TRiO Program)
Multicultural Festival 3/12/05
Play With Your Food 2/18/05
Forty Eight Hours 3/31 – 5/3/05
Living Out 4/14 – 4/17/05
U Mass Jazz Concert 5/20/05
Politically Incorrect View of Freedom of Speech 3/31 – 5/2/05, 5/7/05 – 5/9/05, 5/3/05
Study Review (Karen Straight) 4/1/05
National TRIO Day 2/25/05
New York City Trip 5/2/05
Transfer Fair 3/30/05
Spring Orientation 1/8/05, 2/1/05
Student Day of Recognition 4/27/05

Transfer Trips for ADVANTAGE Students
Framingham State
U. Mass Amherst
International College
Bridgewater State
UMass Amherst
UMass Dartmouth

Students Graduating and transferring
18 Students graduated Spring 2004
20 students graduating and transferring Spring 2005

Student Academic Accomplishments
2003 ADV. Students grade point average 2.65 (175 Students) Semester 2.19
2004 ADV. Students grade point average 2.54 (200 students) Semester 2.14
2005 ADV. Students grade point average 2.66 (162 students) Semester 2.42

Counseling and Tutoring Services
Counseling F2003/S2004 - 996 number of service hours
Counseling F2004/S2005 - 1260 number of service hours
Tutoring F2003/S2004 - 906 number of service hours
Tutoring F2004/S2005 - 1,215 number of service hours