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From left, Bill, Loida and Sayed celebrate Mark Rasoul's graduation from UC Riverside.



Metro's Sayed Rasoul Sees Both Sons Graduate from College

By JENNIE HARRIS

(June 21, 2007) Rail Traction Supervisor Sayed Rasoul had "planned for a long time" to send his two sons to college, and they both recently graduated with their degrees.

Bill, 23, received a BS in materials science and engineering from UC Berkeley, and Mark, 22, a BA in political science from UC Riverside.

What was it like sending two boys to college at the same time? "It was very hard...I only buy what I need, not what I want," said Rasoul.

As for post-college plans, "For now maybe I'll just give them a break," he said.

As a graduation present, both sons will go to Egypt for two or three weeks to visit extended family. Rasoul wants them to "get introduced to the other part of the world because they were born here."

"My bank account is dried out, but now I hope it will recover," he chuckled.

Rasoul has been with Metro for almost 16 years. "I made enough money to get myself through life, and get an education for my kids."

"Their slate in life is very clean," he said. "I hope they will appreciate

that.”

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