

QCC e-News

The Campus Newsletter of
Quinsigamond Community College



Welcome to Wyvern Country



QCC formally announced the new dragon-like mascot in May at the College's spring fling event. Mayor Joseph O'Brien of Worcester read a proclamation, officially announcing May 21, 2010 "Wyvern Day" in the city of Worcester. A new banner hanging on the side wall of the Surprenant classroom building was revealed. The winged, mythical, reptilian Wyvern, which was also the protector of Worcester's "sister-city," Worcester, England, was chosen to represent QCC because, like our students, the Wyvern is strong, smart, loyal, and protective of its community.

Graduates Number Over 1,000



1,031 QCC students graduated at ceremonies on Thursday, May 20. Area dignitaries and legislators joined College faculty and staff to honor students receiving degrees and certificates. Worcester Mayor Joseph O'Brien was the guest speaker. The Southbridge Leadership Team, made up of South County area business and town leaders, were honored with the Trustees' Citizen's Award from the College. The group was instrumental in the opening of QCC Southbridge and in helping to expand educational opportunities to South County residents.

Campus News

Send us your news! We want to hear what's happening in your department and with your students or staff. Submit information at www.QCC.edu/newsletter.html. Events, awards, success stories... We want to share your news with the entire QCC community.



New Opportunities for Students

Anna Maria College and Quinsigamond Community College entered into an articulation agreement to streamline the process for students studying fire science. Beginning with the fall 2010 semester, QCC graduates with an Associate's Degree in fire science and who meet AMC's admissions standards will be able to transfer directly into AMC's Bachelor of Science in Fire Science program. AMC also has articulation agreements with QCC for students studying business and criminal justice, and offers all QCC graduates, who meet admissions standards, a \$1,000 AMC/QCC Partnership Grant to continue their education at Anna Maria College.



101 Trees Planted on Campus

On May 1, QCC partnered with CSX Corporation, City Year, and the Worcester Tree Initiative to celebrate "CSX ☒Trees for Tracks, Next Stop... WORCESTER." The ongoing initiative was designed to plant a tree for each of the company's 21,000 miles of track. QCC was the recipient of 101 trees, all of which were planted by volunteers of City Year, as well as students, alumni, faculty, staff and their families who volunteered to assist. QCC's grounds crew also added new shrubs and plants throughout the campus.



Experiential Learning

QCC students in Professor Sarah Sadowski's Native American Belief Systems course participated in two unique experiential learning opportunities this spring. Students took a tour of "The Fiery Pool: Water in Mayan Belief and Life" on exhibit at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Ma. Students also attended an intertribal powwow in Cambridge sponsored by the Harvard University Native American Program. Drummers, singers, dancers, and artisans from dozens of Native American communities across the nation gathered for this event.

* Upcoming Events *

June 13: Yard Sale/ Bake Sale Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa/Alpha Zeta Theta Chapter. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Held at 6 Park Avenue, Worcester (next to Boston Chicken) \$15.00. Bring your own table. Contact Bonnie Coleman at x7412 or bonniec@qcc.mass.edu

June 24: Water Country Trip. Tickets available in the Fuller Student Center. \$20.00 adult \$15.00 children under 48". Bus leaves campus at 8:30 a.m.

June 25: Worcester Tornadoes Baseball Game. Alumni, friends, family, faculty, and staff invited to attend. Fireworks at the end of the game! Tickets are \$5.00. Contact Nancy Chosta at x4385 or email nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

July 22: Hampton Beach Trip. Tickets available in the Fuller Student Center. \$5.00 per person. Bus leaves campus at 9 a.m.

September 20: "Driving for Scholarships." QCC Thirteenth Annual Golf Classic at Wachusett Country Club. For more information, call Nancy Chosta at x4385 or email nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes



Netherlands Exchange

Professors Flo Lucci, Pamela Fleming, Carol Murphy, and Polina Shapiro participated in the 2009-2010 Netherlands Faculty Exchange program. In October 2009, four faculty members from colleges and universities in the Netherlands visited QCC for two weeks. The faculty members were matched with QCC counterparts who hold similar job responsibilities. In return, the QCC faculty visited the Netherlands in a similar program.



Visit to Russia

Kathy Rentsch, Dean for Business & Technology, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to participate in a Community College Administrator Seminar in the Russian Federation in April. Ms. Rentsch traveled as part of a delegation of six community college administrators from the U.S. who met with officials in Moscow from the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation, leaders from several prestigious universities in Moscow, and with senior staff from the Moscow Fulbright Office.



Mission to Haiti

Professors Susan Johnson, Peg McGrath and Cheryl Finn were part of a Medical Mission Team that served at Mission of Hope in Grand Goave, Haiti in March. As part of a 9-member Team, the three helped establish medical clinics that ultimately served over 300 Haitians.



Student Wins National Engineering Competition

Dimension 3D Printing announced QCC student Dale Herzog a winner in its sixth annual "Extreme Redesign" challenge. Extreme Redesign: The Ultimate 3D Printing Challenge, is a global design-and-3D-printing contest and scholarship for high school and college students. The three category winners were selected from an international pool of entries by a panel of experts from within the design and engineering fields. Dale won the university category for his design, "Robo-Prosthetic Development Platform," designed to create an adaptable platform to aid in the development of prosthetic systems for the human hand.



- QCC was again the state's top college/university in the "Rally Against Cancer" fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund. QCC has won a visit from Boston Red Sox pitcher, Clay Buchholz. Team "Alpha Zeta Theta Cancer Fighters" of QCC's PTK Honor Society raised \$9,045 for the Jimmy Fund. In addition, its annual Benefit Cookout last year bought two paddle boats and life jackets for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

More Notables

- Two electromechanical students were part of a QCC team that won an "AMAZE" award for their online Engineering Journal detailing their uniquely designed robots at an international robotics competition.
- Professor Kathy Frederickson will be presented with a Course of Distinction Award for her course, LIB 101, at the Mass Colleges Online Conference in June.
- Jean McLean and Betty Lauer were interviewed on WTAG radio discussing "Camp Comet." QCC was one of only 17 colleges in the country chosen to participate in the national youth manufacturing camp for middle school students, which is designed to help inspire the next generation of inventors, engineers, entrepreneurs and manufacturers. The camp will be held at QCC in August and the College is partnering with the Worcester Boys and Girls Club to determine applicants.