President Carberry Awarded Worcester Business Journal’s 2010 Women In Business

The 2nd Annual 2010 Women in Business Awards were announced in the November 8 issue of the Worcester Business Journal, the award initiator. Six prominent local business women including QCC’s own President Gail Carberry, were featured and a luncheon in honor of the award recipients was held on November 19 at the Beechwood Hotel, Worcester.

Worcester Business Journal reported great difficulty selecting the winners from a highly competitive field of nominations from the local business community. The final group of women represent a broad range of industries - from law firms to non-profits and construction and beyond.

In good company, President Carberry’s fellow winners are:

• Hanishi Thanawalla Ali - Founder and Managing Partner, Mithras Law Group, Westborough
• Janet Ceddia - President, Security Construction Services, Hudson
• Jill Dagilis - Executive Director, Worcester Community Action Council, Worcester
• Elaine Fluet - CEO, Gardner Visiting Nursing Association, Gardner
• Catherine Hoover-Smith - Owner/Executive Director, South County Physical Therapy, Auburn.

All of the recent honorees say that their success is due to a passion they have for what they do. Dr. Carberry echoes that she’s “married my (her) passion for community college students with relevant educational attainment and experience.” President Carberry credits community college students as her most influential role models due to their challenging backgrounds and their ability to overcome and succeed. Dr. Carberry admits that her own educational pathway was a challenge and finds real inspiration from QCC students. She calls them “courageous,” also saying that “they take risks to reach a better circumstance. They all inspire me.”

When asked who her most influential role model was, she spoke of her indebtedness to her mother for tutoring her and regularly encouraging her to persevere, “she inspired me to move forward and never run from challenges.”

Dr. Carberry also cites her ability to face challenges with humor and resolve, saying that she is also a spiritual person and always counts her blessings - one of which she says is her husband. Another joy is being able to raise her grandson since the passing of his mother several years ago.

Finally, she says she takes her work seriously, “but I don’t take myself seriously...Humor is good for the soul.”

The entire QCC Family congratulates Dr. Carberry on her recent 2010 Women in Business award.

Read the full Worcester Business Journal article at: www.wbjournal.com/news47700.html
Iris Godes Awarded Prestigious MASFAA Award

On November 3, 2010 during the Annual Conference of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA) held in Framingham, Iris Godes was awarded the Charles “Jack” Sheehan Distinguished Service Award. The award is named in honor of ‘Jack’ Sheehan, one of the most respected and talented financial aid administrators in the nation. It is a peer-nominated award presented annually to members who exhibit the traits of intelligence, integrity, fairness, ingenuity, creativity, humor, involuntary insomnia, and endless patience.

The award was presented by Jack Sheehan’s widow and MASFAA life-time member, Barbara Tornow, in recognition of service to the financial aid profession. Ms. Godes, described by those who nominated her as a “tireless advocate,” has worked across the country in various types of institutions including public, private and proprietary and was nominated for her “tireless work for both the financial aid community and the student population.”

Ms. Godes is committed to open dialogue and bringing colleagues together to discuss issues of importance. She advocates for her staff and ensures their continued professional development by making sure they have access to professional trainings and memberships. Ms. Godes was one of the original Financial Aid professionals to participate in FAFSA Day (formerly College Goal Sunday.) In her role as Assistant VP of Enrollment Management, she visits local high schools weekly to offer counseling to students and parents throughout the financial aid season. She is also commonly known to fight against needless regulation and better service to the population.

Ms. Godes feels a sense of completion and great pride in the honor due to its Boston University roots and her connections there. Jack Sheehan was Director of Financial Aid at BU for many years until passing. He was succeeded by his widow, Barbara Tornow who hired Ms. Godes away from Seattle University in 1995 as Associate Director of Financial Aid. Receiving the Sheehan Award from Ms. Tornow has brought her work full-circle. Ms. Godes recently reflected that being nominated by peers is also highly rewarding in that her work has been recognized by people in the field who know the work well. She adds that her colleagues on MASFAA shared her pride when she received the award.

In addition to being recognized by this achievement, Ms. Godes is also a candidate for President of MASFAA, with elections slated for early December 2010.

The entire QCC Family extends its sincerest congratulations to Ms. Godes on receiving the Charles “Jack” Sheehan Distinguished Service Award.

The Sheehan Distinguished Service Award initiated in 1988, is of great significance to the QCC Family due its dearth of recipients from community colleges. In fact, in its 22-year history, there has never been a representative from a community college appearing on its roster of prominent winners - making the recent award historic. Among the previous recipients are well-known politicians, including Ted Kennedy and Barney Frank.

Iris Godes, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management
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.

News and information for the December 2010 e-News is due December 10.

Career Placement Services Hosts Semi-Annual Career Exploration Day

On October 26, 2010 Career Placement Services hosted their semi-annual Career Exploration Day, featuring an informative workshop on “Navigating the New World of Work” followed by a Student/Employer Panel discussion. Employers from Seven Hills, Phillips Precision, Castle Hill Academy, Goodrich Systems, Chestnut Nursery School, Beaumont Rehabilitation, and The Bridge of Central MA, along with QCC students, offered a lively discussion focused on following one’s dream from school to the workplace. Our thanks go out to the faculty and staff who brought their classes and individual students to the event. In all, more than 100 students were in attendance making this event a resounding success!

Halloween with QCC Faculty and Staff’s goblins, zombies and ghouls

On October 29, a frightening (yet adorable) assortment of tricksters haunted the hallowed halls of QCC. Faculty, Staff and Student’s children were all invited to visit several buildings on campus, Trick or Treating in a safe and welcoming environment.

“You’re A Star” Fetes 27 Outstanding Male Students

On Wednesday, November 10, QCC honored 27 of its most outstanding male students at a luncheon ceremony at the Harrington Learning Center. Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services greeted the gathering and Dr. Gail Carberry presented the student awards. Karen Cox, Coordinator of Counseling, manages the thrice yearly event with assistance from Donna Harvey, Enrollment and Student Services Office. Students are nominated by faculty and staff based on academic standing, accomplishments, character, skills, and in particular their ability to overcome great odds and make a difference in their home or school community. “You’re A Star” stands for Someone To Admire and Respect. (The equivalent award ceremony for women, Women of Distinction, is celebrated in May.)

The recent honorees are:
• Nyansaso Aye-Addo of Worcester
• Thomas Catino of Worcester
• James Dalton of Concord
• Timothy Dodd of Holden
• Spencer Donovan of Webster
• Mohammad Ahmad El-Rifai of Worcester
• Amirhossein Farvardin of Worcester
• Dale Herzog of Worcester
• David Kimani of Worcester
• Sean Lauziere of Worcester
• Floyd Miller of Worcester
• Ross Morin of Worcester
• Kwadwo Obisui of Worcester
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Career Placement Representative Maureen Giacobbe addresses the crowd

Faith Symmes with daughter and grandchildren

Nicole Davis with daughters Mia (l.) and Ava (r.)

BOO at the Q!

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Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes

First Spirit Night of the Season Held Tuesday, November 16, 2010

The Wyvern led the cheer as the Mens and Women’s Basketball Teams hosted Massasoit Community College at the first Spirit Night of the Fall Athletic Season, Tuesday, November 16. The Women’s team crushed MCC 63 - 36 while the men’s team lost 62 - 69. Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach Najee Muhammed acted as Master of Ceremonies, keeping the crowd entertained with a Dance Off and a Free Throw Contest for kids. The Wyvern kept QCC fans spirits high, giving out Wyvern t-shirts and frisbees to the crowd while the QCC Cheerleaders performed at half time.

Women’s Basketball Team Wins Edward Jones Tip-Off Basketball Tournament

On November 7, in a close final game, the QCC’s Womens Basketball team beat UVM Club 51 to 49 to clinch the Edward Jones Tip-Off Basketball Tournament at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord N.H. Nancy Collazo sank two free throws with 3.2 seconds left in the game while Krystal Rodriguez with 11 points and three steals was named the tournament MVP. Kate Mulloy (5 points) was named to the all-tournament team.

Down by 9 with 5 minutes to go, QCC went on a charge led by Givins and Rodriguez. In the final 3.2 seconds of the game and down by 1, Nancy Collazo sank both free throws to win the game. Kate Mulloy was named to the all tourney team and Krystal Rodriguez was named Tournament MVP. An early season tournament victory means nothing less than more future wins for the Mighty Wyvern Women’s team!

QCC Teams Win Road Bowl Walking Challenge

To encourage wellness and exercise of all kinds, Fallon Community Health Plan, the Colleges of Worcester Consortium (COWC) and the Telegram and Gazette recently sponsored an 8-week walking initiative from early September through November 12. More than 1700 competitors in 264 teams from 12 member colleges and the Consortium staff used FCHP pedometers to track their daily steps online, hoping to earn the highest average weekly steps and win one of several prizes.

The winning teams were honored at an event Thursday night, November 18 at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross. The overall winner was QCC’s Team QCC - WCDI, who logged the most steps. QCC’s Team Jocked Up was also honored that night. Accepting the coveted “Golden Sneaker” awards for the absent winners was Dr. Gail Carberry (Team QCC - quiccsteps) and Laurie Comeau (Team QCC-HR Hoofers.) The awards will be on display in the HLC showcase and in the Athletic Center showcase.

Be An Angel

For more than 10 years, The “Be An Angel” program, sponsored by QCC Counseling Services has been a holiday tradition for faculty, staff and students. “Be An Angel” and donate new, unwrapped toys for needy children at a Holiday Open House, Tuesday, November 30th from 8:30 am to 2:30pm in Room 107A. Enjoy homemade refreshments, a light lunch and good cheer, while donating items that will ensure a happy holiday season for many needy families. Participation will also act as an entry for the holiday “angel” prize raffle.

“Be An Angel” is a support program to the college wide Feed-A-Family Program that provides holiday meals to needy QCC families. Annually, the program meets holiday requests for about 100+ families. The recipients receive a food gift certificate to purchase the holiday meal of their choice along with toys for their children provided by the “Be An Angel” program.

Employees will receive donation letters for Feed- A- Family in their mailboxes or can make donations by check to: Feed-A-Family and drop in BOX # 66. Your support and gracious giving have sustained and enhanced this wonderful QCC tradition of Feed-A-Family for more than 30 years.

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Development Office Announces Innovation and Excellence Fund Deadline

Have an idea? Get it funded! The Quinsigamond Community College Foundation invites your proposals for up to $2,500 for our Innovation and Excellence Fund. The DEADLINE is December 1, 2010.

The award was initiated to support the development of creative ideas, projects or programs that improve student experiences and meet community needs. Proposals may also be designed to strengthen current programs, partnerships or curricula. Awards will be announced on All College Day. An on-line application form is available at:

http://www.qcc.mass.edu/QCCfoundation/olf/Default.asp

For questions or more information, contact Mike Wronski, Director of Development, Executive Director, Quinsigamond College Foundation by e-mail or telephone: mwronski@qcc.mass.edu / 508.854.2719

Kidseal Project Treats Grafton Street Elementary School students

Dental Program students, under the coordination and supervision of Kidseal Project founder, Joyce Cooney, treated 16 second-graders from Grafton Street Elementary School to sealants, cleanings and fluoride treatments on Tuesday, November 23 in the Dental Clinic. Dental students also spent time educating their young patients, some of whom have never had dental services, in proper toothbrushing and flossing techniques.

The Kidseal Project, celebrating its 11th year, is a self-sustaining, community service project dedicated to providing underserved local school children dental services for prevention of tooth decay and education in basic dental hygiene. The children left with new toothbrushes, floss, stickers and clean and protected teeth!

Reminder:

Don’t forget a Host/Hostess gift for Thanksgiving! The Bookstore has a great selection of Harvest merchandise all on sale for 30% OFF! (Includes staff discount.) The Bookstore is your last minute gift headquarters!

And don’t forget – the Bookstore is a Trust Fund with all profits going back into the school!
QCC Asks You the Questions!

Institutional Communications is working on a project that will seek to answer the age-old question asked by all students at one point in their studies:

“Why do I have to learn ________ when I’ll never use it again?”

We are asking the QCC Community to fill in the blank, as well as provide practical applications of the answers. For example, a question asked by many high schoolers may be, “Why do I have to learn geometry when I’ll never use it again?” Some possible answers may be that geometry plays an important role in calculating angles for a game of billiards, or how much paint is needed to cover a room, or how much fertilizer is needed to cover a lawn.

The best submissions may be used in a WyvernTV series that is in the early stages of development!

Please share any ideas with the Institutional Communications staff:
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