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QCC President Gail Carberry with dignitaries, ready to break ground for new building

QCC Breaks Ground for QuEST Center

QCC broke ground on Thursday, April 10 for its new, state-of-the-art science, engineering and technology facility at the Worcester location on 670 West Boylston Street. The 30,000 square foot building will address the area's growing need for skilled workers in the fields of biotechnology, biomedical engineering, pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, electromechanical technology/robotics and automation, as well as energy utility technology. A \$23 million state bond supports this effort.

The new facility, dubbed the QuEST Center (Quinsigamond Engineering, Science and Technology) will enable QCC to enhance current program offerings, develop new programs and serve more students. A grant award of nearly \$500,000 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center will help to fit-up, furnish and equip specialized space in the new QuEST Center.

State and local government officials, members of QCC's Board of Trustees, the QCC Foundation Board

of Directors, friends and supporters, community and business leaders, QCC faculty, staff, students and alumni attended the event, as well as representatives from the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.

A particular highlight of the event was speaker and QCC alum and Guardian, **Dr. Sandra Laney**, who currently works for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a Program Officer for Global Health, Discovery and Translational Sciences. (Dr. Laney will also be QCC's 2014 Commencement speaker.)

President **Gail E. Carberry**, Ed.D. said recently, "We are thrilled to be able to continue the work we have undertaken to fortify our STEM Programming. Our new QuEST Center will enable us to offer the most up-to-date technology and equipment to educate the next group of STEM professionals in Central MA. It's very exciting."

DID YOU KNOW?

Quinsigamond Community College offers WellConnect by Student Resource Services—a

Student Assistance Program that gives you and your family members free, confidential access to a full range of life services.

Services include:

- 24-hour telephonic access to licensed mental health professionals at 800-326-6142 for in the moment support
- 3 sessions of in-person or telephonic counseling
- Referrals to local vendors and resources to assist with utility, transportation and housing needs
- Health and wellness consultation, coaching and information
- Robust website featuring articles, assessments, webinars, financial calculators, searchable databases, skill builders and more.
- Free legal and financial consultations
- Childcare, elder care and pet care resources and referrals



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24 hours a day / 7 days a week
Call or log on to get started!
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Log on to: <http://www.wellconnectbysrs.com>
Org Code: QCC STUDENT

Siemens Donates Software to QCC

On Wednesday, April 16 at a private event at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester, QCC and 12 other academic partners received news of a \$660 million in-kind software grant from Siemens Corporation. The grant is for proprietary Siemens manufacturing software that will be integrated into manufacturing curriculum at QCC and other area vocational high schools and community colleges and universities.

Students will now have access to the same Siemens' product lifecycle management (PLM) software used throughout the global manufacturing industry to design, develop and manufacture some of the world's most sophisticated products in a variety of industries, including automotive, aerospace, consumer products, medical devices, machinery, shipbuilding, apparel and high-tech electronics. As software plays an increasing role in the next era of manufacturing, students and faculty will use Siemens' software in assignments and research related to computer-aided-design, engineering simulation, industrial design, digital manufacturing and data management, all transferrable skills in the manufacturing industry.

The donation was facilitated through the coordinated efforts of Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) and QCC as the lead administrator for the Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation

Agenda (MCCWDTA).
QCC President **Gail E. Carberry** said, "In partnership with MassMEP and the

Massachusetts community colleges, Siemens software leverages the role of education in driving the state's advanced manufacturing industry. Our goal is to create the most productive advanced manufacturing workforce in the nation."





Photo: Institutional communications

QCC Women Student of Distinction 2014

On March 27, 34 outstanding QCC female students were honored at the Annual Women Students of Distinction event. 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. **Karen Cox**, QCC's Coordinator of Counseling, manages the yearly event and said, "This event is very important to me as a way to show these QCC women that they have a bright future ahead of them." Ms. Cox has run the event for years but has recently gone to a committee to handle the details and is happy to be able to relax and enjoy the event for a change.

Quinsigamond Community College president **Gail Carberry** addressed the staff and nominees "I am never as proud as when I stand before this group of outstanding students because I know how very hard each one of you has worked for this honor and that each of you truly deserve it for the sacrifices you make on daily basis, for your education. Congratulations."

The event included an inspirational address delivered by one of the event hosts, **Kevin Butler**, Interim Dean of Students, and followed up with a wonderful luncheon provided by QCC Food Services.

In a conversation at the event, QCC student honoree **Kim Lawrence** from Hudson said, "The honor is wonderful – I'm very happy to have been selected. For me, it's all about re-inventing and re-creating myself for the next step in my life. Being recognized for all of the hard work that I have done is truly unexpected and a blessing."

The 2014 honorees are:

Antoinette Ansong – Worcester
Shanice Beckford – Worcester
Harriet Boateng-Ado - Worcester
Taneaia Burrell - Worcester
Sydney Cobb – Rutland
Jillian Curran – Worcester
Megan Elliot – Brimfield
Margarita Fabre – Worcester
Lori Alicia Fanning – Milford
Kara Gibbons – Whitinsville
Melissa Guglielmello – Paxton
Debra Gustafson – Worcester
Janice Hughes – Worcester
Nancy Kittredge – Fiskdale
Theona Laurens – Worcester
Kim Lawrence - Hudson
Tracy Lucciarini – East Douglas

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Aimee Maldonado – Southbridge
Noelia Martinez – Worcester
Joanne Miller – Northboro
Risa Qirollari – Worcester
Shirin Rad – Worcester
Jessica Ray - Worcester
Nicole Reasonda – W. Upton
Alba Rivera - Worcester
Christin Rivera – Berlin
Jasmine Rodriguez – Worcester
Miruel Casado Rosado – Worcester
Helen Salce – Southbridge
Brittany Smith – Oxford
Mailen Vargas – Worcester
Katharine Warner - Putnam, CT
Lillie Williams – Worcester
Natassia Yahoub - Leominster



QCC's Tech Apprentice Program Grows and Defines Itself as Successful Requirement



Participants at the recent Tech Apprentice Breakfast engaged in speed networking

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, QCC's Tech Apprentice Program is now in its fourth year as a requirement of the Computer Information Systems Associate Degree program.

QCC modeled its Tech Apprentice program for community college after a successful Boston public school program, placing Computer Information Systems students in internships with local businesses.

Charulata Trivedi, CIS Professor and **Robert Desilets**, Assistant Professor of CIS/Database Specialist and Coordinator of the CIS Program program initiated and now facilitate the Tech Apprentice program and have carefully managed its evolution into the highly successful program it is today in cooperation with Career Placement Services.

The evolving process now includes students preparing for co-op opportunities for the spring semester in the fall by providing four items for a blind informational binder created for each participating company. The binders include student

applications, skill sheets, resumes and work samples. Each student prepares for an interview session by researching every company that they are interested in and sharing that information with the class.

In coordination with QCC's Career Placement Services, the 3 credit course also includes pre-planning classes in interview skills, how to dress for success and resume writing. The goal of the program is to place every student into co-ops. The program culminates in a breakfast event during which students interview with every participating company in five-minute segments, similar to speed dating. Eleven local companies participated in the most recent Tech Apprentice Breakfast on February 6; 11 of 11 students succeeded in being placed into co-ops with local companies.

Students spend 15 weeks working at internships that may be paid or unpaid. Several students have been offered full-time jobs at their co-op companies.



Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society News

PTK Inducts 147 new members!

On Wednesday, April 2, QCC's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted 147 new members at a candlelit event held at the Hebert Auditorium.

PTK International Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,250 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions.

Qunsigamond Communiy College's PTK chapter is one of the most active in the region with 889 students eligible to join PTK this year.



Photo: Hillarie Jason

2014 PTK Inductees at the Hebert Auditorium

Annual Bowl-a-Thon A Success

PTK raised over \$10,500 for the Jimmy Fund, "Rally Against Cancer" at their annual event held on April 6 at AMF Auburn Lanes.

Congratulations to PTK for a successful Jimmy Fund Fundraiser and to new inductees!

QCC Student is Worcester County Poetry Association College Poetry Contest Winner

Congratulations to **Yulia Issa**, an Applied Arts major at QCC, who recently won the 2014 Manuscript Prize at the 7th Annual WCPA College Poetry Contest on April 6 at the Worcester Public Library. Ms. Issa is the first QCC student to win this top honor. She received a cash prize and her award-winning poems will be published in an upcoming issue of *The Worcester Review*, a peer-reviewed literary journal. This was Ms. Issa's first time participating in a poetry reading.

Ms. Issa has spent the semester studying poetic theory and forms with Prof. **Trent Masiki** of the English Department. Her prize-winning poems were inspired by literary and cultural tropes from African American and Latina/o Studies, La Malinche (a woman from Chicana/o history and

culture) and pictures from the website Without Sanctuary: Photographs and Postcards of Lynching in America.

Ms. Issa gave a lecture on La Malinche at the 9th annual Worcester's Women Poets reading in the Fuller Center on March 27. She will be giving a lecture on the poetry of Kevin Young and Natasha Tretheway later this month in the Fuller Center at the 9th annual Worcester Poetry Showcase. Ms. Issa graduates this May with a degree in Applied Arts.



Lend Me A Tenor Staged at QCC



Miguel Ramirez
(Bellhop)



Janay Bull (Julia)



Michaela Buckley
(Maria)



Kayla Bennett
(Maggie)



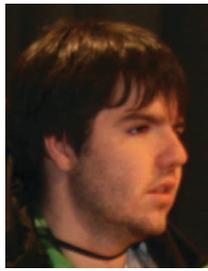
Jacqueline Kraus
(Diana)



Tanner Gagnon
(Saunders)



Mitchell LeBlanc
(Max)



Kieran Gillman (Tito
Merelli)

The QCC Theatre Club, advised by **Kevin Butler**, Interim Dean of Students, recently presented “Lend Me A Tenor” from April 16 - 19 at the Hebert Auditorium. The play by Ken Ludwig, directed by **John Deedy**, **English professor**, was a well-timed farce with fast action and comedy.

The show was American Sign Language interpreted on April 17 and a special Veteran’s admission was offered on April 19.

The cast and the Club wishes to thank faculty, staff and fellow students who attended the show for their enthusiasm and support. For information on upcoming shows, contact Kevin Butler at kbutler@qcc.mass.edu.

QCC Applied Arts Program Students Participate in Service-Learning Project: Business Client Fund Raiser for Autism Gets Free Design Services



APA students completed a semester-long Service-Learning project coordinating an Autism Awareness Fundraiser.

The client received the full treatment of professional design services from logo concept to design, photo shoot, and other finished materials to advertise the fundraiser. The team also compiled a slide show that will run during the event.

APA students have a choice at the beginning of their last semester to participate in Service-Learning as part of a design team or work on an individual project.

The team of 11 students will earn part of their final grade from the project for the four-credit capstone class.

Student and Project Manager, **Christin Rivera** said, “As a team we learned what it was like to work with a live client and how to build on each others strengths and come together to turn out some incredible work for an important event.”

Students participating in the project are:

Madison Mewhiney, Creative Director – Shrewsbury
Brianna Richardson, Creative Director – Westboro
Christin Rivera, Project Manager – Berlin
Rafael Alcantara – Shrewsbury
Mike Harding – Worcester
Tristan Hixon - Worcester
Yulia Issa – Whitinsville

Aneesah James – Worcester
Josh Lindberg – Worcester
Julianna Medeiros - Marlborough
Jamie Spidle – Fiskdale
Sarah Stevenson – Sutton
Brian Wanjugu – Auburn



2014 Stand Against Racism

Photo: Marco DeLeon



On April 25, QCC once again joined with the local YWCA and other colleges, organizations, temples, churches, and schools throughout Central Massachusetts in taking a Stand Against Racism.

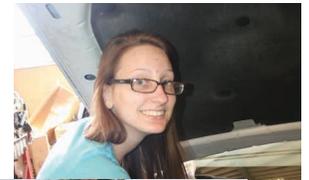
The annual event included a banner signing for all members of the College Community as well as a discussion portion at the HLC that included scenarios and role-playing.

The recent event was QCC's largest yet with many students actively engaged in the discussion.

English Professor, **Amy Beaudry** participates in discussion

Institutional Communications Continues to Gather Photos for Database

Many thanks to faculty and students who participated in the 2nd round photo shoot on April 8. Various classrooms, labs, and student gathering places at the West Boylston Street location and Burncoat were used to photograph QCC faculty interacting with students for IC's photo database. Check out a sampling below:



Spelling Bee 2014

The 16th Annual Spelling Bee was a rouzzzzzzing success. Twenty teams participated with over 30 corporate partners in this annual tradition held on April 3 in the Hebert Auditorium. The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the QCC Foundation, with all proceeds from the event going toward programs and student scholarships. Allen Fletcher, Chairman of Worcester Publishing, served as Spellmaster, Andrea MacRitchie, QCC Dean of Library and Academic Support Services, served as the authority on the English language, and Mary Christian, President of the QCC Alumni Association, served as Beekeeper.

Judges included the Vice President of the Worcester Public Library Board of Directors Jim Kersten; CEO of *Worcester Business Journal*, Peter Stanton; and Editorial Page Editor of the *Telegram & Gazette*, Chris Sinacola.



Photo: Media Services

The winning team from Mechanics Hall; The "Worker Bees"
l. to r: Anne Deedy, Dorai Sitaram and Susan Ceccacci

2014 Winners are:

- 1st Place: Mechanics Hall
- 2nd Place: Avidia Bank
- 3rd Place: Bowditch & Dewey

Steven Budd, Ed.D, QCC's Acting Vice President of Community Engagement said of the event, "The QCC Spelling Bee is great way for the community to come together in a fun, competitive manner, but ultimately share a philanthropic goal to raise funds for student scholarships.

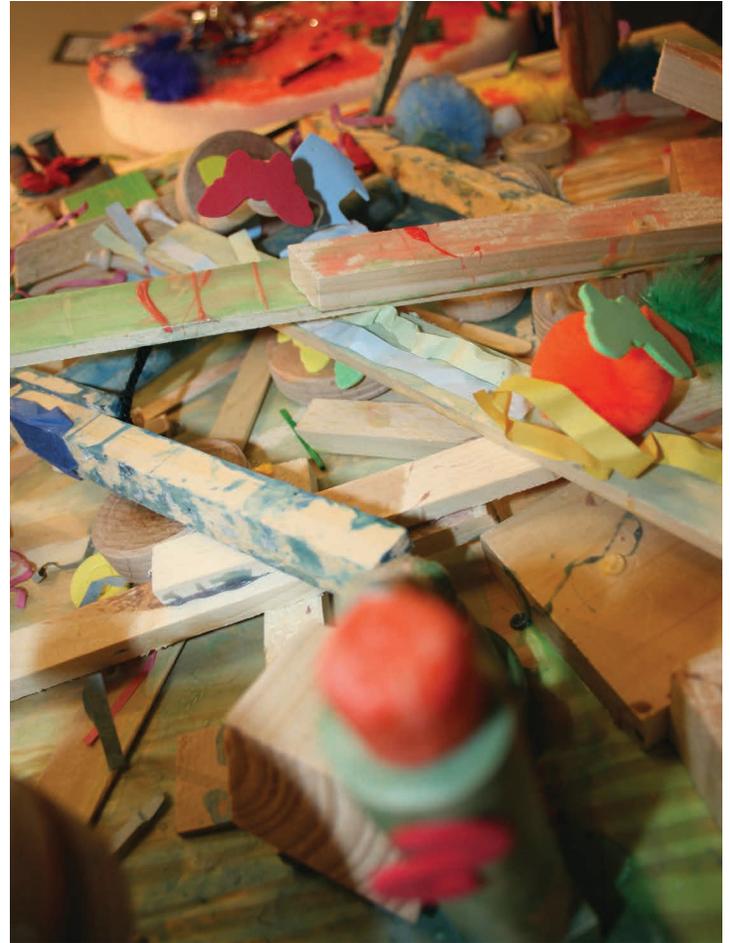


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QCC Children's School Art Exhibit Celebrates Week of the Young Child

The fifth Annual Children's School Art Exhibit kicked off with an evening reception for family and friends on April 10. The exhibit celebrates the National Association for the Education of Young Children's, "Week of the Young Child," from April 6 - 12.

The exhibit features artwork from talented, young artists ranging in age from two years, nine months to five years from the Children's School. A variety of media and recyclable materials were used to create the art as individual and group projects. The exhibit will be on display in the Art Gallery Hall in the Administration Building until May 9 and is free and open to the public.

(Pictured top is a group collage on display by children ages two years, nine months to five years old.)



Spring Fling 2014

Another exciting, fun-filled student event to celebrate spring was held on April 23.

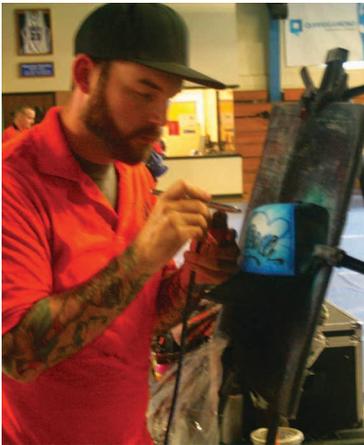


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Annual Honors Showcase

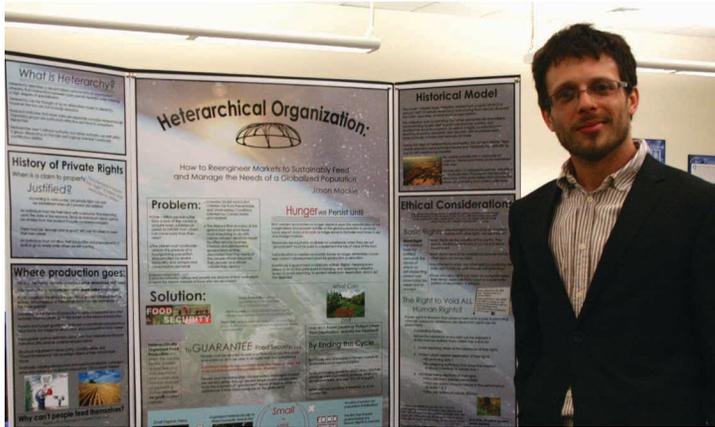


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QCC Honors Student, **Jason Mackie**, with poster presentation

QCC's Commonwealth Honors program held its annual poster presentation on April 29 at the HLC. **Jean Kennedy**, Professor of Human Services and Coordinator of the Human Services Program and **Susan McPherson**, Professor of English and Coordinator of the Honors Program facilitated the event whose topic was, "Explorations in Human Wellness."

14 students from QCC's Commonwealth Honors Program capstone course participated. Susan McPherson said, "The Commonwealth Honors students maintain exceptional GPA's. And they do so with the additional challenge of taking classes at an honors level. They are engaged learners, strong thinkers, and ambitious researchers with unlimited potential."

SME Golf Play Day XXIII



Florida Style "Scramble" Tee Time - 7:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start

In Memory of Nelson "Nellie" Bernier & Tom Pepin

When: Saturday June 14 - Father's Day Weekend

Where: Holden Hills Country Club
1800 Main Street, Holden, MA 01522

Cost:

\$95.00 Includes: Greens Fees, Carts, Contests, Steak Dinner and Prizes

\$27.50: Dinner Only - Guest Welcomed

\$50: Sponsor a hole.

Registration and Sponsorship

To sign up or sponsor, please contact **Lee Duerden** at 508.414.2993 or lduerden@qcc.mass.edu
For more information, visit www.SME25.org



Photo: John Solaperto

Time Capsule On Display

The QCC time capsule constructed by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School students for QCC's 50th Anniversary celebration is on display in the Administrative Building Art Gallery Hallway. Items will be collected for inclusion and a ceremonial "burial," whose date is forthcoming.

If you have any item that you'd like to see included, please contact **Susan Laprade** at slaprade@qcc.mass.edu.



Need Assistance with Printed Materials?

Do you have a flyer or promotional piece for your office that you could use assistance with? Send it to Institutional Communications - we'd love to help!

Did you know that you can also find the official QCC Style Guide on-line at:

www.QCC.edu/style-guide?

This comprehensive guide will help answer any design question that you have - but we're always here to help - it's as easy as submitting our form that you can find at:

www.QCC.edu/project-request.

Attention QCC Family Golfers:

You are invited to participate in the Seventeenth Annual QCC Foundation Golf Classic!

The QCC family cost per golfer is \$150.00. This includes greens fees, cart, 1 mulligan per player, driving range, coffee, pastry, boxed lunch, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. If you have questions or would like additional information, contact **Alexandra Bavosi** at abavosi@qcc.mass.edu or 508.688.0700.



QCC Welcomes New Staff

We are pleased to announce **Dr. Ingrid Skadberg's** recent appointment as Dean of Institutional Research and Planning, which became effective on March 19, 2014. Dr. Skadberg has served in a leadership role for the past six years as Director of Institutional Research and Planning. Under her leadership, the Office of Institutional Research and Planning has played a key role in the College's strategic planning objectives, conducted research and analysis to inform the College's decision-making, supported integrated planning, measured institutional effectiveness, and provided information regarding accountability. Additionally, Dr. Skadberg's leadership on Data Management and on the process of external reporting for the college has led to significant improvement in the timeliness and quality of the information provided.

On April 7, 2014, Academic Affairs welcomed **Marny O'Brien** into a new role as Clerk III – Academic Affairs. Ms. O'Brien has been with the College for the past 17 years serving in various roles, including Advising Center Reception, Marketing and Public Affairs Special Projects Assistant, Coordinator of the Open Door/Student Life Office, Clerk III – Center for Continuing Education, and most recently as Clerk III for Community Engagement. Ms. O'Brien earned an Associate of Art Degree from Quinsigamond Community College.

On April 7, 2014, Strategic Enrollment Development and Student Engagement welcomed **Cebelis Crespo** into a new role as Clerk III – Financial Aid. Ms. Crespo brings five years of food service industry experience from the private sector to QCC, and most recently spent the past two years working in the QCC Financial Aid Office as a Work Study student. Ms. Crespo earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College.

On April 14, 2014, Administrative Services welcomed **Marc Ventura** as Plumber/Steamfitter II. Mr. Ventura has been with the College for two years

serving as a Plumber for the Facilities Department. In addition, he has been working as a licensed plumber and previously as a plumber's apprentice for the private sector for the past 16 years.

On April 16, 2014, Strategic Enrollment Development and Student Engagement welcomed **Lerick Fanfanx** as Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Mr. Fanfanx brings over eight years of experience to QCC working in Financial Aid within higher education, most recently as the Director of Financial Aid of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy. Mr. Fanfanx earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a Master of Science in Management from Emmanuel College.

On April 22, 2014, the President's Office welcomed **Selina Boria** as Assistant to the President. Ms. Boria brings eight years of experience as an Administrative Assistant working at the Heritage School in Charlton to QCC. In addition, she was previously a Flight Instructor and Charter Pilot for five years. Ms. Boria earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida Institute of Technology.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Stacey Tata** as Purchasing Manager in Administrative Services, effective April 27, 2014.

Ms. Tata has served the College for the past four years as a Buyer in the Purchasing Office, most recently as Buyer III. Additionally, she brings an additional four years of private sector retail management experience to the college. Ms. Tata earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Fitchburg State University.

Please join us in welcoming our staff into their new roles at QCC!

Have an interesting story to tell?

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Deadline for the May 2014 *Guardian* is Friday, May 16.

