



One Stop Registration A Success; Students Return for Spring Semester 2014!

One Stop Registration, Spring 2014 was a phenomenal success with over 1,200 students served due to the hard work and dedication of the Enrollment Team made up of QCC staff from the offices of Admissions, Advising, Business, Financial Aid, Institutional Communications and the Registrar, as well as the many behind-the-scenes staff from IT, Facilities and more!

Dr. Lillian Ortiz, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Development and Student Engagement said, "We owe a great debt of gratitude to our staff and volunteers for providing excellent customer service to our new and continuing students. They are fully responsible for helping to protect our status as one of the largest community colleges in Massachusetts in this exceptionally competitive market."



Above: **Dan McAuliffe** assists potential students on *The Q*; below left: **Jennifer Horan** and **Annmarie Incutto** at the Registrar's station, and right: **Casey Sullivan** assist with Financial Aid options.

Disney College Internship Program Selects Two QCC Students!

Two current students, **Philippe Berry** and **Kristen McAuliffe** have been selected to participate in the Disney College Internship Program for seven months on location at Disney World, Orlando FL. (The internship is one of many offered to students by QCC's Career Placement Services Office.)

Philippe Berry, from Holden, is a General Studies major with an eye toward a teaching career, while Ms. McAuliffe, also a General Studies major is from West Boylston and considering career options in early childhood education. They are also a couple.



Left to right: QCC Student Kristen McAuliffe, Nichole Wheeler, and QCC student Philippe Berry

The selection process is rigorous and highly competitive. Fourteen students from QCC applied but only Mr. Berry and Ms. McAuliffe were selected. Furthermore, the odds for Disney College to select a couple are astronomical. Mr Berry said, "I was in shock, then surprised and finally, excited!"

Nichole Wheeler, QCC's Career Placement Representative who managed Mr. Berry's internship application for Disney College is excited about Mr. Berry and Ms. McAuliffe's opportunity, saying "I'm so proud of their accomplishment. Since getting to know both Phil and Kristen through the application process, I know how very deserving they both are. We're [QCC] all so happy for them and can't wait to follow their experiences."

Mr. Berry plans to maintain a blog with help from Ms. McAuliffe, for QCC faculty, staff and fellow students to follow his progress.

Congratulations to Mr. Berry and Ms. McAuliffe!



PTK News

Jodi Christian was awarded the 2013-2014 Michael Rood Scholarship which provides New England Phi Theta Kappa members financial resources to help defray transfer application expenses while applying to four – year institutions. Congratulations Ms. Christian!



Jodi Christian

Jake Either has been accepted as an Art of Science Learning Innovation Fellow from the Worcester Incubator for Innovation Program. Out of the region, only 100 applicants were selected. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Congratulations Mr. Either!



On February 22, Phi Theta Kappa students will host a C-4 (Commit to Complete) and College Fish Transfer Program in the Hebert Auditorium. All are welcomed to attend.

Phi Theta Kappa Officers will be traveling to Nashua Community College in Nashua, NH to attend the New England Region Annual Convention and Hallmark Awards Gala on March 14 – 16.

PTK will also be traveling to Florida in April for the Annual Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, **NerdNation!**

Parking Space Raffle winner: **Jenilee Simmons** from the Human Resources Office won the recent parking space raffle to benefit the Jimmy Fund.



PTK Continued

The space is good for Spring 2014 from January 25 to May 30. Congratulations, Ms. Simmons!

PTK will enter their team, the Phi Bees, into the annual Spelling Bee competition. The team consists of students, **Kennedy Udechukwu**, **Christi Wood** and **Karlie Sanford**. Please support the Phi Bees at this annual event!

PTK members are being sought to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- Date: March 9
- Location: Worcester, MA
- Time: Beginning around 10:00 a.m.
- Length: Approximately three miles
- T-Shirts will be provided

Represent Quinsigamond Community College for its historic 50th Anniversary!

Save the Date for the Annual Bowl-a-Thon to benefit the Jimmy Fund – April 6 at AMF Auburn Lanes. Six bowlers per lane for 25.00 per person, includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, unlimited soft drinks, dessert, giveaways, lots of raffles and LOTS of fun! Don't Miss It!



Asma Chaudri, Class of 2013 and PTK member, ready to rock AMF Auburn Lanes at the 2013 PTK Bowl-A-Thon

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Registration
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Bowling
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Raffles, pizza and soda!



Osteoblasts growing on Dr. DiTaranto's scaffolding

Faculty SPOT LIGHT Professor DiTaranto Makes Exciting Discovery in Wake of Serious Illness

"I see a future where patients who need bone replacement therapy will have options," said QCC Professor, Vincent DiTaranto, Ph.D., who has applied for a patent on a new process to grow osteoblasts (bone cells).

Dr. DiTaranto started his research after being diagnosed with Stage Four Squamous Cell Carcinoma in 1999. After proceeding through rigorous cancer treatment, he began to lose bone mass in his jaw. After discussing replacement options with his surgeon and learning that there was currently no procedure to implant living osteoblasts in bone without a non-toxic scaffold (growth material), he rejected the treatment. He believed that there had to be a better, alternative, option that was not based on synthetic materials that only act as sites for the regeneration of bone tissue. That was not an option; but with no other treatment available, he decided he would just have to find a way to create it himself.

After completing the necessary arrangements to work in the labs at UMass Lowell, Dr. DiTaranto found a surprisingly simple yet unorthodox (and proprietary) method to design and create the scaffolding necessary to encourage bone cell growth. This part of the process that had been stalling his progress, formed the basis of the research for his Ph.D. work.



Faculty Spotlight Continued

Dr. DiTaranto's discovery using animal cells is ground-breaking; the next step is growing osteoblasts from human cells. More research is necessary before the work can proceed with human cells, however. He plans to pursue the work during his retirement from teaching, a date he has yet to determine. In the meantime, he enjoys his good health, his students, playing with his grandchildren and the idea that he will someday have a viable option for other patients who need bone replacement therapies without the threat of rejection.

He laughs at his recent involvement in one of QCC's commercials, appearing as an "extra" in a lab environment, but does not mind "going Hollywood." He jokes, "I'm looking for a good agent."

Dr. DiTaranto holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology from UMass Lowell, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University and a Bachelor degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Northeastern. He has been Professor of Engineering, Chemistry and Mathematics at QCC for over 25 years.

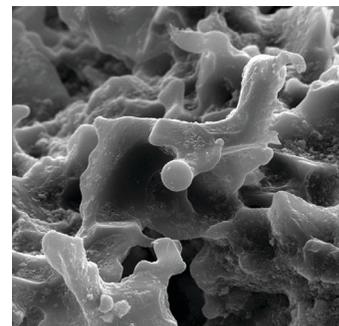
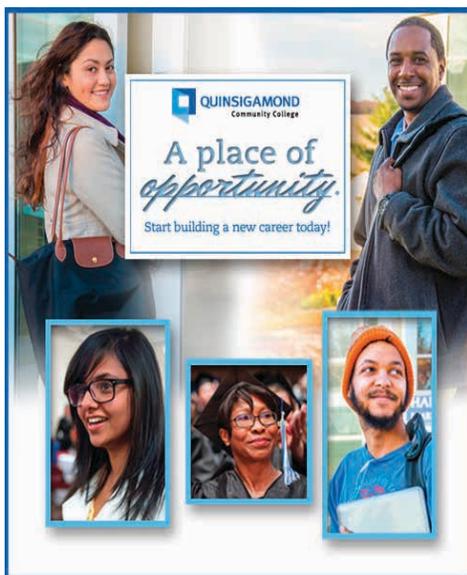


Photo: Vincent DiTaranto



Above top (left to right) Dr. DiTaranto; Dr. DiTaranto's scaffolding; Bottom, still photo from QCC's "Walk In, Walk Out" commercial

Have an interesting story to tell?
www.QCC.edu/submit-news



As you may have seen or heard on TV, Radio, or around campus, QCC has recently begun a new campaign incorporating

"A place of _____."

This refers to the varied experiences of QCC students like you! And now, **it is your chance to contribute!**

Fill in the form below with a word that describes what your QCC education means to you!

QCC is a place of *

Name

Email

Name and email are optional. If we like your submission we may contact you to be a part of our campaign.

QCC: A place of _____.

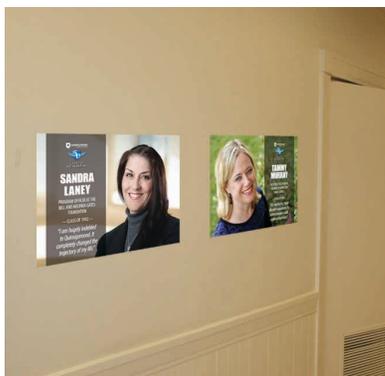
To drive Spring enrollment, QCC launched a new marketing campaign: "QCC...*A place of _____.*" and has put the call out to students to tell us what the college means to them. To some, QCC is *a place of engagement*, for others it is *a place of transformation*.

We've asked students to, "Join us in expressing to the community what QCC means to you by filling in the blank with a word that describes what kind of place QCC is for you."

QCC: A place of _____.

Student generated responses will be seen on tv, billboards, the internet and more. Your opinion matters. Students can enter their suggestions at: www.QCC.edu/APlaceOf





The Fifty Guardians Program Hits the Wall!

Part of QCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration has been the institution of the Fifty Guardians Program that honors and recognizes alumni who have made great strides in their personal and professional lives as a result of their relationship with the College. The first ten have been selected and will appear in a special installation on the walls of the Administration Building during the last week of January or first week of February.

To learn more about the Fifty Guardians Program or to make a nomination, visit: 50Guardians.com



IRaP Notes

Keep an eye on QCC Family emails for details on the spring Strategic Grant opportunity! Just after All College Day, an email will announce the due date and include other pertinent information.

IRaP invites all faculty and staff to its upcoming workshops!

Survey Writing: Wednesday, February 19
Ahlfors 107, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

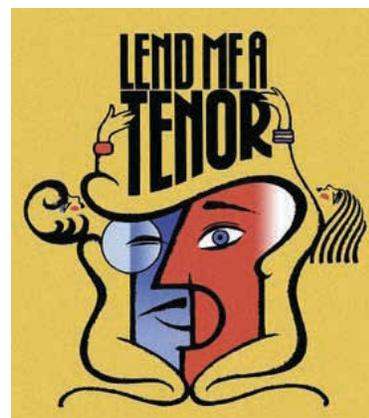
Using IRaP's SharePoint Site: Wednesday,
March 5, Ahlfors 111 (computer room),
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Keep an eye out for more details and RSVP info through a QCC Family email!

QCC Theatre Club Announces *Lend me a Tenor*

Don't miss the Theatre Club's spring production of *Lend Me a Tenor* by Ken Ludwig (Directed by John Deedy).

Show dates: April 16, 17, 18 and 19
7:00 p.m. at the Hebert Auditorium



Health and Wellness Updates

- Flu season is fully upon us and experts are predicting this flu season to be the worst in decades. If you haven't been vaccinated, there is still time to take precautions and get a vaccine now.
- With our geographical location experiencing extremely cold temperatures, do you know what precautions to take to safeguard the health and well being of yourself and your family? Check out the Winter Weather Guide on the QCC Health and Wellness page.
- Tobacco smoked through water pipes or hookahs is a new and dangerous trend among college students. For your health, safety and well-being, as well as your student's, learn more about it on the Health and Wellness page.

For more information and updates on the current flu season, hookahs and tobacco use and a Winter Weather Guide, visit:

www.QCC.edu/health-wellness



Katie Frazer



Psi Beta News

Psi Beta Honor Society and the Psychology Club.

The Psi Beta Honor Society and Psychology Club are excited to welcome Katie Frazer, Clark University PhD Student, on February 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Hebert Auditorium to discuss her research on women's experiences as they relate to safety, risk and violence. This can be a great extra credit opportunity, or bring your class! Sign-up sheets will be available to students, please let me know if you would like to have your students register!

For more information contact Valarie Clemente at vclemente@qcc.mass.edu

COMEC Campaign

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's COMEC Campaign. The generous donations total \$5,763. The lucky raffle winners are:

Parking space for one year:

- Anne McKenna
- Nancy Schoenfeld

Certificate to the Bookstore or Cafeteria:

- Ulises Poyser
- Priscilla Underwood



Liberal Arts Distinguished Lecture Series Spring Line-Up Update

Dr. Cynthia Enloe, Research Professor and Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Clark University will present, **“Where are Women in the Syrian Civil War - and why does It matter?”** on Wednesday, March 5 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 109 in the HLC.



Dr. Cynthia Enloe

Dr. Enloe's lecture will address headlines from the on-going deadly war in Syria that feature men as fighters on both sides while women are shown only as refugees. Dr. Enloe will examine how this way of reporting misses a lot of what women do in wars. She will argue that paying attention to women's actual lives in the midst of any war makes us smarter about both the politics of war and the politics of building peace.

The second lecture in the series, **“Congress Should Be More Confucian: On the Contemporary Importance of Traditional Rituals”** presented by Dr. Stephen Angle, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the East Asian Studies Program at Wesleyan University will be held on:

- Wednesday, March 12
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Room 109 in the HLC



Dr. Stephen Angle

Massachusetts Women in Higher Education Inc.

Upcoming Deadlines:

Don't miss these great opportunities offered by MWHE!

- Professional Development Award—You can receive \$1,000 towards your professional development. Click on this link to apply by February 21:
www.mwphe.org/images/pdapp.pdf
- Student Achievement Scholarship Award (SASA) - Do you know a fantastic student who could use \$1,000 towards their education? Nominate a student by February 21 by clicking on this link www.mwphe.org/sasa.htm
- Phenomenal Woman Award—Do you know a phenomenal woman on your campus? Does she go above and beyond the call of duty? Do you admire her? Does she inspire you? Is she a highly regarded individual who works tirelessly on behalf of your college community? Nominate a phenomenal woman by February 14 by visiting <http://www.mwphe.org/paward.htm>

Register for our Annual Conference Now!

Join us at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on April 11. Our guest speaker Detective Kaitlyn Mori from Bridgewater State University will offer us her insights and best practices on campus safety should a violent situation arise on your campus!

MWPHE Executive Board (Open Positions) — Have you thought about getting more involved with MWPHE, Inc.? NOW is your opportunity . . . we have the following openings on the Executive Board effective July 1:

- Four (4) open seats for Community Colleges
- One (1) open seat for State University
- One (1) open seat for UMASS
- Two (2) open seats for Members at Large (any sector)

If you are interesting in running for an open seat, please contact Deb Ferullo at:

dferullo@framingham.edu



Iris Godes Selected as Public College Representative for Senate Subcommittee

Iris Godes, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management, was recently selected to serve as the representative for public colleges on the Senate Subcommittee on Student Loans and Debt, chaired by State Senator Eileen Donoghue, D-Lowell. The subcommittee will investigate the crisis of rising student-loan debt and is also working with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and U.S. Representative John Tierney to tackle federal loans and rising interest rates in the wake of rising loan debt.

Additional members of the subcommittee include college representatives from Stonehill College, Bentley University and Northeastern University as well as representatives from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Ms. Godes participated in hearings held earlier this year with **President Gail Carberry**.

Ms. Godes said, "I'm pleased to be involved in work that will potentially reduce the reliance on student loans in order to access a college education."



Save the Date!

16th Annual SPELLING BEE

- Thursday April 3
- Snow Date - April 10
- 7:00 p.m.
- Hebert Auditorium

Become involved

-  Organize a team of three and be a participant.
-  Sponsor a team and QCC will select students to compete on your behalf.
-  Bee a supporter of education by supporting QCC through this event at any level.



For more information call Alexandra Bavosi at 508.688.0700 or email abavosi@qcc.mass.edu

QCC Welcomes New Staff

On January 10, Academic Affairs welcomed **Brenda Safford**, Assistant Professor of Human Services. Ms. Safford, who has taught as an Adjunct Faculty member at QCC for the past nine years, also brings an additional 11 years of higher education and human services experience working at the YWCA of Central MA and Assumption College. Ms. Safford earned an Associate Degree in Human Services from QCC, a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Human Services and Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College.

Also on January 10, Academic Affairs welcomed **Greg Mullaney**, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education. Professor Mullaney, who has taught as an Adjunct Faculty member at QCC for the past seven years, has also recently been a Visiting Lecturer for the Department of Education at Bridgewater State College on the topic of Project-Based, Math and Science Rich Learning in Early Childhood and PreK-K. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Special Education/Elementary Education from Bridgewater State College, a Master of Education from Lesley University, and a Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University.

On January 13, Academic Affairs welcomed **Tiger Swan** as Coordinator of Library Reference and Instruction. Mr. Swan, who has mostly recently worked at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as an Information Literacy and Distance Learning Coordinator for the past four years, also brings an additional six years of experience working in higher education within library programs. Mr. Swan earned a Master of Science in Library and Information Science, a Master of Education in Human Resource Education, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Russian and East European Studies from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

On January 13, Academic Affairs welcomed **Brandi Manca** as HRM Food Service Laboratory Technician I. Ms. Manca has been with the

College for three years working in the Hospitality and Recreation Management program at Bobby M's Diner. Additionally, she brings 16 years of experience working in the food service industry. Ms. Manca earned a Food Service Management Certificate from Quinsigamond Community College.

On January 2, the President's Office welcomed **Tamara Beland** as Assistant to the President. Ms. Beland brings more than 20 years of experience in operations and management, which includes educational, arts, and volunteer coordination, executive administration, marketing, public relations, event planning, fundraising, and facilities management in the private sector, to the College.

On January 2, Academic Affairs welcomed **Jacqueline Kaczowka** as Clerk III – Training and Education Center. Ms. Kaczowka has been with the College for over eight years serving in various roles for the Training and Education Center, including an Out-Stationed Counselor for the Career Center, an Instructor for Workplace Education and Adult Basic Education, an Advisor for the GED Program, and a Coach for Distance Learning. Ms. Kaczowka earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Westfield State College.

On January 19, Administrative Services welcomed **Stephen DiGiovanni** into a new role as Campus Police Officer II/Detective Sergeant. Detective Sergeant DiGiovanni has served the College for over five years as a campus police officer and more recently as a detective. In addition, he has been a municipal police officer for the Town of Nantucket, and a Public Safety Officer for Anna Maria College. He earned both a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts State Police Academy and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

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

