



QCC excited to be part of \$30K Commitment

Quinsigamond Community College is part of a new collaboration with three other state colleges to offer affordable degrees in high-demand programs.

Central Massachusetts’ four institutions of public higher education — Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester State University — will guarantee qualifying students their associate’s and bachelor’s degrees in high-demand programs for \$30,000 in four years.

The “\$30K Commitment,” starting this fall, is a promise from the institutions to support the career goals of Massachusetts residents; prepare students for high-demand degrees; and outline clear paths for students to complete affordable associate’s and bachelor’s degrees in four years.

“The \$30K Commitment will allow motivated students to complete their associate’s and bachelor’s degrees for the average cost of a single year of higher education,” Quinsigamond Community College President Gail Carberry said.

Participating students will be expected to maintain good academic standing with full-time course loads each semester. In addition to easy transfer opportunities from the community colleges, students will be guaranteed admission to the state university programs outlined in the agreement.



“I enthusiastically support this program because it locks in the price of \$30K, and can spur our students to stay on course and complete their degrees. That commitment from our students will improve retention and four-year graduation rates,” said Higher Education Commissioner Richard M. Freeland. “It is my hope that the program will dramatically increase awareness of the affordability and high quality of our programs, and serve as a model for what we hope to do on a statewide basis.”



Top: President Gail Carberry speaks at the 30k announcement.
Below: Micah Klayman, Student Speaker

President Carberry met recently with officials from the Federal Reserve to discuss additional ways to help

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students launch their careers, including working with financial institutions on financial aid packages and savings plans to help student pursue graduate degrees or buy their first home.

“We want our students to be so financially literate when they graduate from this program that staying in Massachusetts, being part of the Massachusetts economy, is a no-brainer,” Carberry said.

The commitment aligns degree programs and allows for seamless transfer between the two-year and four-year institutions for programs including business

administration, computer science, early childhood education, biotechnology, criminal justice, biology and chemistry. Students who wish to continue their studies beyond the baccalaureate level will benefit from institutions’ articulation agreements with other schools. Those heading straight to their careers will be able to capitalize on internship opportunities and professional networks related to the fields of study included in the \$30K program.



Annual Corporate Breakfast Brings Business Community and Other Local QCC Partners Together

This year’s annual corporate breakfast focused on illustrating how Quinsigamond Community College provides job training for specialized careers, through courses, campus expansion and community involvement.

We have a public service mission, we are not your father’s junior college,” QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry said. “We are moving fast... to transform the lives of people who need the well-paid jobs that

we can offer through higher education and to drive the quality of life in our communities.”

She spoke about the growth of QCC, with an increasing number graduates and the expansion of the college with different campuses and satellite locations. This includes the Healthcare and Workforce Development Center that opened in downtown Worcester in September, and the new QuEST Center that is being built on the main campus.

The QuEST Center is significant in that it is the latest in QCC’s efforts to 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. The new, 30,000 square foot facility will enable QCC to enhance current program offerings, develop new programs and serve more students.

QCC hosted its annual Corporate Breakfast on March 13 at the Worcester Senior Center. Business and community leaders gathered to hear more about the college’s programs and how they can work together to support the community and local workforce.

Video coverage of the event can be found at www.QCC.edu/wyvern-media.



Pulmonary Symposium

In March, the Respiratory Care students attended the 25th annual Worcester Pulmonary Symposium at the Beechwood Inn. The QCC Respiratory Care Program was presented with a plaque from the American Lung Association to celebrate our community service and volunteerism.

Photo: Members of the sophomore class, Dr. Richard Rosiello, our Medical Director; and Betina Ragless from the American Lung Association.



Nominations needed for Honors and Awards

It's that time of year again, to honor deserving candidates from your department, division or organization. Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Service, Special Recognition and Department Awards. All submissions for awards are due to Student Life on April 20, 2015 at noon.

The Honors and Awards Ceremony will be Wednesday, May 13, at Mechanics Hall.

Keep in mind the following as you are thinking about what deserving student you would like to nominate:

- To be eligible for a Distinguished Service and Special Recognition Awards, the nominee must be completing a certificate program or graduating from a degree program for the 2014-2015 academic year.
- All forms for the Department Award submitted to the Office of Student Life will be forwarded to the Dean of Instruction for a signature.

Department Award: Departmental Awards are based on criteria that have been developed by that particular department with the approval of the Dean for Instruction in your area.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DeptAward>

Distinguished Service Award: The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award is chosen by the club advisor. This student is chosen for his/her outstanding leadership in club activities. Only one student per club can receive this award.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DistinguishedServiceAward>

Special Recognition Award: Special Recognition Awards recognize those students whose contributions have occurred outside the framework of student organizations and whose individual efforts otherwise would go unnoticed. These students have volunteered their time on special projects, served as student representatives on governance committees, excelled in their work study position or made a significant contribution to a department in the College.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpecialRecognition>

If you have any further questions, contact me Jonathan Miller, Director of Student Life & Leadership at ext. 4334 or e-mail jmiller@qcc.mass.edu.



The Institutional Research and Planning (IRaP) Office presents:



SNAP STATS!

Beginning in April 2015, students in randomly selected classes at QCC and many other community colleges across the nation will have the chance to share their views by participating in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). The survey generally takes 45 minutes to complete. Survey items focus on how students spend their time, the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty members and peers, and what they have gained from their classes and other aspects of the college experience. Results from the survey will be used to inform ongoing improvement efforts at QCC.

Select Findings from CCSSE 2011

- 48% of students are likely or very likely to transfer to a 4-year college or university
- 39% of students are working Full-time
- 93% of students would recommend QCC to a friend or family member

Importance of QCC College Services

- 67% of students indicated that Job Placement Assistance is somewhat or very important to them at QCC
- 83% of students revealed that Financial Aid Advising is somewhat or very important to them at QCC
- 93% of students indicated that Academic Advising/Planning is somewhat or very important to them at QCC

REMINDER: CCSSE is coming to QCC this April

QCC earns Pacesetter ECO Award

Quinsigamond Community College earned kudos for its efforts to provide green transportation options from MassRIDES.

QCC won a Pacesetter Award. Employers and colleges are recognized for offering items such as commuter information and transit schedules, flexible schedules, and providing bicycle and pedestrian safety information.

On March 26, the ECO Awards ceremony at Fenway Park celebrated the efforts of more than 170 MassRIDES partners and MassCommute members. Winners were presented awards in the Pacesetter, Leader and Pinnacle categories.

The Massachusetts ECO Awards are a celebration of the exemplary contributions Massachusetts employers and colleges/universities have made toward encouraging and supporting employees who use



green, sustainable and healthy transportation options in the Commonwealth. Employers make a difference by encouraging employees to travel to work by public transit, bicycling, walking or through the promotion of carpools and vanpools.

Take steps to prevent violence against women

White Ribbon Day is a campaign to end violence against women. QCC hosted a presentation by Dr. Evan Graber to discuss how to prevent violence against women on campus. Here are some tips from Jackson Katz, www.jacksonkatz.com, on preventing gender violence:

“10 Things You Can Do To End Violence Against Women.”

1. Approach gender violence as a MEN'S issue involving men of all ages, socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds. View men not only as perpetrators or possible offenders, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers.

2. If a brother, friend, classmate, or teammate is abusing his female partner – or is disrespectful or abusive to girls and women in general – don't look the other way. If you feel comfortable doing so, try to talk to him about it. Urge him to seek help. Or if you don't know what to do, consult a friend, a parent, a professor, or a counselor. **DON'T REMAIN SILENT.**

3. Have the courage to look inward. Question your own attitudes. Don't be defensive when something you do or say ends up hurting someone else. Try hard to understand how your own attitudes and actions might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work towards changing them.

4. If you suspect that a woman close to you is being abused or has been sexually assaulted, gently ask if you can help.

5. If you are emotionally, psychologically, physically, or sexually abusive to women, or have been in the past, seek professional help NOW.

6. Be an ally to women who are working to end all forms of gender violence. Support the work of campus-based women's centers. Attend “Take Back the Night” rallies and other public events. Raise money for community-based rape crisis centers and battered women's shelters. If you belong to a team or fraternity, or another student group, organize a fundraiser.

7. Recognize and speak out against homophobia and gay-bashing. Discrimination and violence against



lesbians and gays are wrong in and of themselves. This abuse also has direct links to sexism (e.g. the sexual orientation of men who speak out against sexism is often questioned, as a conscious or unconscious strategy intended to silence them and a key reason few men do so.)

8. Attend programs, take courses, watch films, and read articles and books about multicultural masculinities, gender inequality, and the root causes of gender violence. Educate yourself and others about how larger social forces affect the conflicts between individual men and women.

9. Don't fund sexism. Refuse to purchase any magazine, rent any video, subscribe to any Web site, or buy any music that portrays girls or women in a sexually degrading or abusive manner. Protest sexism in the media.

10. Mentor and teach young boys about how to be men in ways that don't involve degrading or abusing girls and women. Volunteer to work with gender violence prevention programs, including anti-sexist men's programs. Lead by example.

If you were unable to attend the event, you can listen to the audio recording of the presentation by Dr. Evan Graber. The presentation was brought to the campus by Adjunct Professor Anthony Pellegrini, in cooperation with Professor Brenda Safford and Director of Student Life Jonathan Miller, and was recorded by Brian Bandalewicz of our IT staff.

<https://quinsigamond.webex.com/quinsigamond/ldr.php?RCID=b87099adbedc2745b8ca9674a1d4f89b>





Back Row: Caelen Dunne, Sierra Cobb, Doug Swartz, Sydney Cobb, Adam Nguyen, Jacob Malkoski, Brendan Ritchie. Front Row: Adam Hamdan, Kony Rolas, Kendra Granberry, Tom Fitzpatrick.

Gateway to College Field Trip to Worcester State

The Gateway to College program visited the Academic Success Center at Worcester State University over Spring Break. We were met by Tammy Tebo, the Assistant Dean of Academic Services, who taught us about the importance of the Academic Success Center. Students learned that if they transfer to WSU, the Academic Success Center

will help them with their first semester advising and can provide tutoring as needed. We also went on a tour of campus and saw all the classroom buildings, the library, the cafeteria, and some of the different dorm options. It was a great visit, and our students left the Worcester State campus excited about the possibility of attending WSU one day.

Dental patient volunteers needed

The QCC Dental Hygiene Clinic needs volunteers for upcoming board patients for their clinical exam. Certain criteria must be met, so volunteers need to call the clinic to schedule a screening. All dental cleanings and any necessary x-rays will be free of charge and forwarded to your dentist upon completion and upon your request.

Free toothbrushes and toothpaste will be given to anyone being screened. The students are scheduled to take their clinical boards on May 1 and 2 at the QCC Dental Hygiene Clinic. If interested, please contact Charlotte Santimaw at 508.854.4306.



Save the Date!!



Interpreting Survey Results

Wednesday, April 8
2:00 p.m.
Room 110A

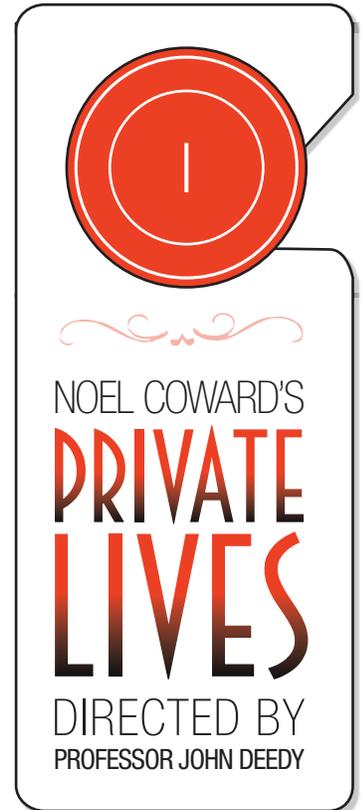
You created the survey. You administered the survey. The results are in... But what do they mean?

Please RSVP to the IRaP Office at extension 4389 or email debnash@qcc.mass.edu.

Private Lives by Noel Coward

Don't miss the classic 1930's comedy by Noel Coward, coming to Hebert Auditorium April 29, 30 and May 1 and 2.

A Student/Faculty/Staff show made possible through the generosity of the QCC Foundation in honor of QCC's 50th Anniversary, *Private Lives* is a masterful comedy of bad manners and immorality brought to life with Coward's notorious biting wit and sarcasm.



Worcester: The City That Reads

QCC is collecting new or gently used books (pre-K through 8th grade) for summer reading.

Please drop off books at room 169A until Wednesday, May 15.

Please contact Kevin Butler (ext. 4526) or John Monfredo at 508.853.3444 for more information

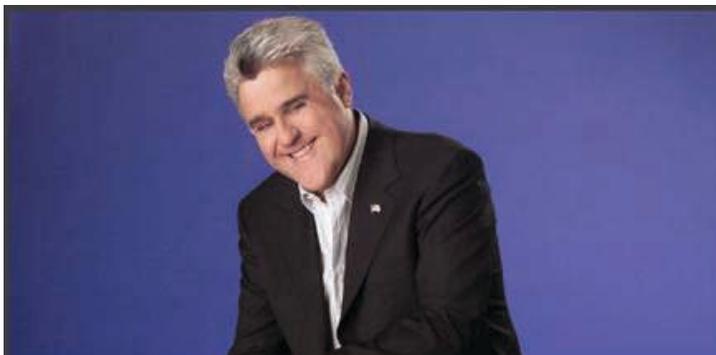
Driving for Scholarships 18th Annual

QCC FOUNDATION Golf Classic

September 21, 2015

Free Golf Opportunity!
For details visit
www.QCC.edu/golf-classic





HANOVER RAFFLE JAY LENO!

The Winners are:

Karen Bovenzi

Donna Kilgore

Congratulations and thanks for your support!

QCC Welcomes New Staff

On March 2, 2015, Administrative Services welcomed **Derek Thomas** as Director of Information Systems. In addition to over 25 years of IT leadership, programming and analysis experience working within higher education information systems, Mr. Thomas brings a strong background of Information Systems project management experience, business processes, security, help desk and customer service, and software integration to this role. Mr. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

On March 23, 2015, Academic Affairs welcomed **Kimberly Mohareb** as Science Laboratory Technician. Ms. Mohareb has research experience in the Department of Molecular Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, and in the field of Bacteriology at Worcester State University. Ms. Mohareb earned a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Worcester State University.

On March 23, 2015, Academic Affairs welcomed **Patricia Pope** as Science Laboratory Technician. Ms. Pope has research experience in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology and in the Department of Microbiology and Physiological Systems at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester. Ms. Pope earned a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry

and Molecular Pharmacology at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester.

On March 30, 2015, Strategic Enrollment Development & Student Engagement welcomed **Leon Granados** as Digital Media Specialist/ Graphic Designer. Mr. Granados has over 10 years of experience producing and editing multimedia for non-profit and retail organizations. Mr. Granados earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Digital Film Making and Video Production from The New England Institute of Art.

On March 30, 2015, Administrative Services welcomed **Melissa Lifson** as Function Coordinator. Ms. Lifson has over 20 years of hospitality and food service experience, providing cooking, baking and catering services to private sector establishments. Ms. Lifson earned both an Associate of Science Degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Food Service Management from Johnson and Wales University.

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

Have an interesting story to tell?

www.QCC.edu/submit-news

**Deadline for the April 2015 *Guardian* is
Friday, April 24.**

