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### QCC Benefactor Recognized

Worcester—Quinsigamond Community College longtime friend and benefactor, Mr. James Harrington, recently received national recognition at an early December gala in Washington, DC for his outstanding work and dedication to the College.

Mr. Harrington was presented with the Region I Council for Resource Development 2005 Benefactor Award. The CRD award embodies the ideals of philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism in the service of community, technical, and junior colleges. Former QCC President Sandra Kurtinitis, who was the presiding college executive for the last ten years, saw the fruits of Mr. Harrington's work during her tenure. When reached for comment at her new position as Chancellor of the Community College of Baltimore County, Ms. Kurtinitis said, "In the years I have known Jim, his dedication and commitment to QCC and what it stands for in the community and region never ceased. He is most deserving of this award, and I know that being such a humble man, he would have preferred to be taken out to lunch by QCC students instead." "He is that kind of a man," she concluded.

Since joining the QCC Foundation Board in 1995, Mr. Harrington has exemplified what it means to dedicate one's resources and time to the success of a community college. Over the last ten years, his roles on the Board have been as board

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member, capital campaign chair, and board chairman. Through his family's foundation, The Harrington Foundation, he gifted \$1M in naming the College's new learning center to honor his mother and father, Francis and Jacquelyn. In a letter to the College about the gift, Mr. Harrington wrote, "The Harrington Foundation feels it is most fitting that a college that does so much for Worcester should name a building for two people who did so much for Worcester." At the black-tie Washington ceremony, he received the Council's crystal bowl award from 2005 CRD President Mr. James Chitwood.

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**Caption: Council for Resource Development President James Chitwood, former QCC President Sandra Kurtinitis, and CRD award recipient James Harrington pose for a picture at the CRD Awards Gala held in Washington, DC.**

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