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QCC Recognized At National Academic Assembly

Worcester--Quinsigamond Community College Interim President Sheila Sykes is proud to announce the College received national recognition at the University of Florida Institute of Higher Education 2006 Community College Futures Assembly. QCC was honored as a finalist in the Institute's prestigious Bellwether Awards competition.

The awards are presented to community colleges that create "outstanding and innovative programs that are successfully leading colleges in the 21st Century." Awards are presented in three categories, which include Instructional Programs and Service; Planning, Governance and Finance; and Workforce Development. QCC took home a finalist award in Instructional Programs and Service after showcasing its process to create a more effective student advising system.

QCC's presentation titled "The Power of Visioning Change" explained the paradigm shifts the college undertook in order to create a more effective student advising system. The presentation documented the challenges faced, the processes undertaken, and the end results – a Web-based CAPS Plan – and the key lessons learned. The Career, Academic, and Personal Success Program (CAPS) at QCC is a comprehensive, competency-based experience designed to prepare students for college-level course work.

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The program focuses on writing, mathematics, academic study skills, academic acculturation, critical thinking, and workforce development skills.

Colleen Doherty, Assistant Dean of Career and Academic Advisement, and James F. Rice, Communications Skills Center Coordinator/Co-Coordinator of Title III, presented for the College.

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