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### **Anna Maria College and Quinsigamond Community College Join Forces to Benefit Transfer Students in Fire Science**

Paxton, MA (DATE ) – Anna Maria College and Quinsigamond Community College announce that they have entered into an articulation agreement to streamline the process for students studying fire science.

Beginning with the fall 2010 semester, QCC graduates with an Associate’s Degree in fire science and who meet AMC’s admissions standards will be able to transfer directly into AMC’s Bachelor of Science in Fire Science program. Transfer students must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 and can transfer 60 credits towards their bachelor’s degree at Anna Maria College. Students must have a grade of C or better in the specific course for the course to transfer.

AMC also has articulation agreements with QCC for students studying business and criminal justice, and offers all QCC graduates, who meet admissions standards, a \$1,000 AMC/QCC Partnership Grant to continue their education at Anna Maria College. In addition to the \$1,000 Partnership Grant, QCC students are eligible to receive AMC’s merit award and other need-based financial aid.

“Our partnership with QCC continues to open up opportunities for students to further their education,” comments Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., President of Anna Maria College. “The addition of the fire science articulation agreement demonstrates our joint commitment to making quality education accessible and affordable. We are pleased to be able work so closely with our colleagues at QCC and we look forward to welcoming their graduates to our campus community.”

“We are thrilled that Anna Maria is providing a new channel for our fire science students to continue their studies,” adds Quinsigamond Community College President Dr. Gail E. Carberry. “We are always seeking additional leading educational programming for our students, and with thanks to AMC, now they can take a seamless route to an Anna Maria Bachelor’s degree in fire science.”

Current QCC students interested in learning more may contact the QCC Transfer Office at 508.854.4404. New students may contact QCC Admissions at 508.854.4262.

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### **About Anna Maria College**

Anna Maria College is a four-year, private, co-ed, Catholic, liberal arts institution accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Founded by the Sisters of Saint Anne in 1946, the College is located on a 190-acre campus in Paxton, MA, minutes from the vibrant college-town of Worcester, MA. AMC provides quality programs that integrate liberal education and professional preparation that is committed to the fundamental value of liberal arts and sciences education rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Saint Anne.

Anna Maria College offers 35+ undergraduate degree programs and over 22 graduate and continuing education programs. AMC distinguishes itself through its career-oriented liberal arts education, prominent and responsive faculty, small class sizes, and a variety of co-curricular activities including 17 varsity sports teams.

### **About Quinsigamond Community College**

Quinsigamond Community College is the most affordable higher education in Worcester County. As a regional leader in education and workforce development, QCC serves the diverse educational needs of Central Massachusetts by providing affordable, accessible, and high quality programming leading to transfer, career, and lifelong learning.

QCC offers over 70 degree and certificate programs in Business, Human Services, Health Care, Technology, and Liberal Arts at its three Worcester locations – Front Street downtown, the Worcester Senior Center, and the main West Boylston Street campus – and newly opened South County site in Southbridge, MA.