Media Release

Hispanic Youth to be Honored By QCC

WORCESTER, Ma. – Quinsigamond Community College will celebrate the 22nd annual Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (H.A.C.E.) awards reception and ceremony on Wednesday, October 3, at QCC’s Harrington Learning Center at 5:30pm. Tickets for the celebration are $10.00 and are available by calling 508-854-4368.

Thirty Hispanic youth will be honored this year from various Worcester Public Schools-Accelerated Learning Laboratory, Burncoat, Doherty, North, South, University Park Campus School, and Worcester Vocational. Students were chosen for their outstanding efforts in one of the following areas: academics, the arts, athletics, community service, and leadership. Students are nominated by their school principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and community leaders and/or agencies. In addition to being recognized, each will receive a monetary award to help defray the costs of future educational needs.

The evening will feature guest speaker Paul Hernandez of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Hernandez has done extensive work with youth in the city of Worcester. In 2005 he won the Telegram & Gazette’s Community Visions Youth Leadership Award, and in 2007 he received the Latino Dollars For Scholars Community Leader Award. Hernandez is also a board member of the Regional Environmental Council, a member of the Common Pathways Leadership Team, a Co-Facilitator of the HOPE Coalition, the Worcester Youth Works Coalition, a member of United Way’s Building Brighter Futures With Youth Initiative, and PTO President of Woodland Academy.

The H.A.C.E. was created in 1985 by faculty and staff at QCC, along with business and community leaders of Worcester, to raise community awareness of the richness of Hispanic culture. H.A.C.E. encourages youth to focus on education, recognizes achievements of young people of Hispanic heritage, and provides positive role models through inspirational speakers and exposure to community leaders.

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ACADEMICS
Maria Blanc __________________ South High Community School
Jennifer Castro-Lainez __________ Claremont Academy
Viviana Chica _________________ Doherty Memorial High School
Remy Daou ________________ North High School
Ivanna Mercedes _______________ Burncoat High School
Diego Rivera ___________ A.L.L. School
Patricia Sanchez ___________ University Park Campus School

ARTS
Ana Calderon _________________ Doherty Memorial High School
Kayla Cortes __________________ North High School
Luis Martinez ______________________ A.L.L. School
Jesus Moreta ______________ South High Community School
Leidy Restrepo ______________ University Park Campus School
Michael Rivera ______________ Burncoat High School

ATHLETICS
Marie Barral ______________________ A.L.L. School
Jeify Betances _______________ Burncoat High School
Miguel Echevarria _______________ South High Community School
Norberto Rolon ______________ Doherty Memorial High School
Charlyn Valencia ______________ University Park Campus School

COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP
Liliana Herrera-Flores ___________ South High Community School

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Betsy Jovel ________________ University Park Campus School
Sayuri Kuratomi ______________________ A.L.L. School
Myrna Llanos _______________ Burncoat High School
Anthony Morales ___________ North High School
Nadeschka Nazario ______________ Doherty Memorial High School
Jessica Rosado __________________ Girls Inc of Worcester

LEADERSHIP
David Camilo __________________ North High School

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