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From the President



QCC Foundation President, Dr. Linda Maykel and
QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja

Dear Friends of QCC,

Fall is an exciting time here at Quinsigamond Community College. As we begin our new semester, we have exciting information to share with you about some of the latest happenings on our campus. In the Fall 2019 issue of *Connections*, we'll focus on our partners and address some of the work, programs and sponsorships that have enabled so many in our communities' to have access to higher education.

As a Gateway City, Worcester's diverse population is part of the fabric that makes our college unique. However, this diversity can sometimes bring about unusual challenges that other institutions may never face. We have worked hard to find solutions to these challenges that ensure our students are offered the support services they may require, coupled with the highest quality education. Through programs such as the QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center, we've been able to service more students who have needs that transcend academics. Today, we proudly can state that over 400 students who experience food insecurity are now using the Food Pantry and Resource Center on a regular basis.



State Representative James O'Day

Our partnership with the QCC Foundation enables us to improve upon and change the lives of many of our students. Through funding and increased scholarship efforts more students are reaping the benefits of attending our institution.

Our goal and commitment to our students and our community is clear - 100 percent student success and our QCC partners have embraced this goal to support us in this initiative. Higher education is one of the most powerful tools that can transform lives. It is only by working together that we can accomplish great things and put our students on a pathway to success.

We know our alumni have amazing stories about how QCC changed their lives and we want to hear from you. Please send us your thoughts at QCC.edu/stories and you may be in a future edition of *Connections*.

Sincerely,

Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

President

From the QCC Foundation President

Greetings, QCC Alumni:

On behalf of the Quinsigamond Community College Foundation, I am pleased to present our Annual Report. What another exciting year it has been! As you well know, our mission is to develop and promote resources that advance the College's mission. Our College is a gateway to advancement-providing accessible, affordable and high quality educational and training programs that are responsive to diverse and ever-changing student needs.

To this goal, the Foundation not only raises private sector funds, but also advocates for the College in the community, and to local and state legislators. Our members offer a myriad of personal and professional backgrounds and use these resources to serve the College. Additionally, we provide financial resources for faculty, staff and student projects. With the help of our dedicated trustees led by Sue Mailman, the ongoing leadership of Dr. Luis Pedraja and his team, and the outstanding support from our staff led by Dr. Karen Rucks, the Foundation Board is proud to announce our financial support of scholarships, programs and activities through transfers to the College, has increased 14% in FY '19.

We could not have accomplished this without you, our generous donors. Thank you all! While we highlight some of our individual donors, please see the complete list (pages 16 and 17). You are our heroes and we so appreciate your kindness. Our Presidents' Circle also met recently to thank those who have donated \$1,000 or more to the College. At this time, we have 10 active members and we look forward to seeing this grow in the years ahead.

This February, the Foundation hosted a Legislative Breakfast and Dr. Pedraja outlined important bills and listed statewide endowments that directly impact the College and our students (page 13).

In April, the Foundation sponsored a Cooperative Education Appreciation Breakfast to thank local businesses for their part in offering internships and co-op credits for our students (page 12). Our May Annual Scholarship Luncheon gave us the opportunity to thank our scholarship donors and meet with many scholarship recipients to learn about their life journeys and their future goals (page 6).

Our food pantry is one-year-old and currently over 400 people routinely use this resource. Several contributions of funds and goods have contributed to its sustainability. At Thanksgiving, we sponsored an online fundraiser and collected \$10,000 for the pantry (page 11).

I also wanted to list a few of the many donations to our endowment this past year. The Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association disbanded and left us the sum of \$58,773 to establish two endowed scholarship funds in memory of two of their nurses (page 7). Jim Harrington allowed us to earmark \$45,000 from The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation's generous contribution of \$165,939 for our endowment. In addition, a US Title III grant allows us to raise \$45,000/year for 5 years, which they will match!

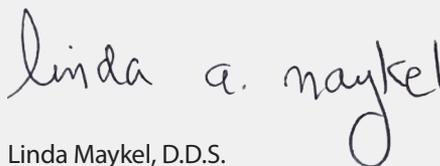
For all of you golfers and friends of golfers, we welcome your participation in our virtual golf tournament—30 Rounds in 30 Days™ in April 2020. Your \$50 ticket enters you in the tournament every day in April to win a different round of golf for the 2020 golf season. Three grand prizes include destination packages with overnight accommodations (one includes airfare to Las Vegas). Winners will be drawn daily. This unique opportunity will support our scholarships and food pantry. Stay-tuned!

Finally, I want to pen in special thanks to SJC Custom Drums for their generous donation of a drum set for our music program. And, our collaboration with Radio WICN grows daily as we enjoy their newly renovated studios.

THANK YOU... we couldn't do it without you....

At QCC we excite...we ignite...we open new vistas of opportunity. If this sounds extraordinary, it is! Join us in any way you can. We are so grateful for all you do.

Warmest wishes and gratitude,



Linda Maykel, D.D.S.
President
QCC Foundation



From left: QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja; SJC Founder Mike Ciprari; QCC music student Alyssa Durham; QCC Foundation President, Dr. Linda Maykel; QCC Foundation Director, Micah Klayman; and QCC music student Beckham Marder.

Drum Donation is Music to Students' Ears

SJC Custom Drums Founder Mike Ciprari stopped by Quinsigamond Community College on August 15 to make a rather unique donation to the College - a Pathfinder drum kit (valued at \$1,300). The welcome addition will be used immediately in the College's music program, a program that has grown significantly in recent years. SJC Custom Drums has designed and collaborated with some of the top bands in today's music industry, making this donation a particularly special one for the College and its music students.

"We want to thank SJC for this wonderful donation and thank them for helping our students. I've heard a lot about SJC and all the drums they've made for national bands such as Dropkick Murphys, Justin Bieber, Panic! At the Disco, and so many others. It's a real honor to receive this donation," said QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja.

QCC Foundation President, Dr. Linda A. Maykel said Mr. Ciprari immediately asked what QCC needed as soon as he was approached, and was quick to offer his assistance to the College.



"I've known Micah Klayman (QCC Foundation Director) for a long time and obviously I've known about QCC and what you do here. When Micah reached out about the music department growing and needing some new drums, I jumped at the opportunity. SJC loves giving back to aspiring young musicians who want to make it in their career, motivate them and show them they can do it," Mr. Ciprari said. "Quinsigamond Community College is in the midst of creating an incredible music program to foster creativity in young adults. SJC Custom Drums is proud to be associated with Quinsigamond Community College and to donate a Pathfinder drum kit to help these musicians find their path."

When classes began on September 4, music students had an opportunity to play the same type of drums as their musical heroes.

"We really appreciate this donation and it's going to have a tremendous impact on students at the College for years to come," Mr. Klayman added.



From left: Antonio Morales; Sarah Ismail; Helen Hatzopoulos; Benjamin Aryeh; QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja; Maame Amoah-Dankwah; Agnes Nantambi; QCC Foundation President, Dr. Linda Maykel; and QCC Foundation Director and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Jacqui Diggs

QCC Foundation Scholarship Fund Continues to Grow

Just as mighty oaks have grown from tiny acorns, so too has the QCC Foundation's Scholarship Fund. According to Executive Director of Advancement Karen Rucks, what began as only 19 funds and \$18,000 several years ago has grown to almost 60 funds, which enables the distribution of over \$200,000 a year in scholarships. These funds have provided scholarship awards to over 200 students and lightened a financial burden that can sometimes be insurmountable for students. The average amount awarded to students was \$580.

On May 20, over 70 scholarship recipients, donors, Foundation Directors, Trustees, Alumni Association Advisory Board officers, faculty and staff attended a scholarship luncheon to recognize and honor both donors and scholarship recipients.

"Scholarships are critical since they help students surmount both academic and non-academic barriers

or temporary disruptions to success – by helping them pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, emergencies, etc.," said QCC Foundation Director and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Jacqui Diggs.

During the luncheon, attendees heard many life-changing stories from scholarship recipients.

"As a non-traditional student and single mother, I have had many obstacles in the way of my success. However, I knew the only way out of poverty, obscurity, and hopelessness is to earn a formal education. I will use the scholarship money for educational expenses; I am grateful for the support of the QCC Foundation," said QCC student Nelly Medina.

"I have just begun the process of achieving my goal and your generous donations will lighten my financial burden and allow me to focus more on learning. I admit I wasn't prepared financially for this fall as my foster father has become ill and my foster

mother finds it difficult to help me financially with school," wrote QCC scholarship recipient Lam Lieu to the scholarship committee. "Your generosity has not only eased my financial burden but also my foster mother's. Your generous donation will help me get one step closer to my goals, to make my foster mother proud and to step into a really fascinating world of medicine and technology. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

QCC's COO/CFO and Vice President of Administrative Services, Stephen Marini thanked the QCC Foundation Board members, the Board of Trustees and all those present who have worked to support QCC's students.

"I particularly want to thank former QCC President, Dr. Gail Carberry for her service and significant impact and financial contributions to the College," he said.

QCC Foundation Scholarship Funds

- Alumni Scholarship
- Amy H. Carberry Endowed Scholarship
- Ann R. Carroll Scholarship
- Aram & Mary Tashjian Scholarship
- Captain James L. McDonald Memorial Scholarship
- Carmen Tobin Nursing Scholarship
- Carol Lawson Scholarship
- Corporate Scholarship Program
- Dental Hygiene Scholarship (Alumni)
- Dental Hygiene Scholarship (Mass Dental Hygiene Association)
- Dr. and Mrs. Michael Theerman Scholarship
- Dr. Gail Carberry Vocational and Technical Scholarship
- Dr. Roger S. and Mary E. LaBonte Scholarship
- The Francis A. and Jacqueline H. Harrington Foundation Main South Scholarship
- The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation Scholarship
- Heiten Auto Tech Scholarship
- Hermann Foundation Scholarship
- Honors Scholarship
- J. Allan Chupka Memorial Scholarship
- Jeanne Remillard Curtis Nursing Scholarship
- Kathleen Griffin Jennings Nursing Scholarship
- Luzviminda Dy Recla Scholarship
- Maykel Family Dental Programs Scholarship
- Olga-Lopez Hill Scholarship
- Patricia LaMusta Memorial Scholarship
- Paul Connell Memorial Scholarship
- Professor Paul Rossman History/Political Science Memorial Award
- QCC Foundation Scholarship
- QCC Foundation Golf Scholarship
- QCC Scholarship/Title III
- Radiologic Technology Alumni Scholarship
- Reach Out for Schools Textbook Scholarship
- Robert Mortell Memorial Scholarship
- Roland Lajoie Scholarship
- Ronald E. Josephson '70 Memorial Scholarship
- Ruth C. Pelkey Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- SALMON Health and Retirement
- Nursing Scholarship
- Sharon Kerr Richardson Scholarship
- SSS Fast Forward TRIO Grant
- United Parcel Service (UPS) Scholarship
- Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni/ Claire E. Hayes RN Scholarship
- Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni/Mary Clifford RN Scholarship
- Worcester Rotary Club Scholarship
- Scholarships Awarded at Commencement:
- Jean Smelewicz Award
- Nancy Ohan Memorial Award
- Rose Caprioli Award



From left: Former QCC Foundation President, Maurice Boisvert; Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Pat Gibbons and Terry Gentile (president); QCC Assistant Director of Operations, Shirley Dempsey; Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Julie Harney (treasurer) and QCC Executive Director of Advancement, Dr. Karen Rucks

Former Nurses Pay It forward

The QCC Foundation's Scholarship Fund has added two new endowment scholarships totaling \$58,773.33 to its list of over 60 scholarships opportunities for students, thanks to the Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

When the Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association closed in 2017, it still had leftover funds that were used to establish scholarships at UMass University Campus on the doctorate level, as well as two scholarships at Worcester State University on the masters and bachelor's level. According to Former President of the Association, Terry Gentile, the Association wanted to cover all levels of nursing and encourage nursing education and advancement, which was why they also chose to establish scholarships on an associate degree level at Quinsigamond Community College.

"There's a real connection with the other scholarships. We know that people often begin their careers later in life and have families and jobs, so we thought it would be helpful to have all levels of nursing education, which is why we opted for these scholarships. The Alumni Association's mission is for nursing education and advancement," Ms. Gentile said.

The scholarships include:

- The Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni/ Claire E. Hayes RN Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an LPN student in both the fall and spring semester who has a grade point average of at least a 3.0.
- The Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni/ Mary Clifford RN Scholarship. This \$500 scholarship is awarded in both the fall and spring to a different RN student each semester who has a grade point average of at least 3.0.



From left: Jeff Jr., Jeffrey, Jarrod, Robin and Lindsey Jansson

QCC Alumni Pass the Torch to Their Children

Quinsigamond Community College alumnus Jeffrey Jansson knows what the value of a QCC degree means. The 1979 Respiratory Therapy graduate came to QCC by way of Holy Cross and found a career that would take him to retirement.

“I had a bachelor’s degree in French but couldn’t get a job. Half my class couldn’t get jobs,” Mr. Jansson said. “Someone had told me respiratory therapy was a good field and there were plenty of jobs.”

It was the impetus he needed to register for QCC’s Respiratory Therapy program and begin taking classes. He did the clinical portion of his degree at Memorial Hospital on Belmont Street in Worcester, and was offered a position there after he graduated. He spent the next 40 years at the hospital as a staff Respiratory Therapist B.A. RRT, before retiring this past May.

It was at Memorial Hospital that he would meet his future wife, Robin, who was the secretary in the Emergency Department. The two began dating and in 1989 married. Soon they began having a family. According to Mrs. Jansson, during those early childhood years, she felt she needed an outlet to give her a bit of a break - that outlet took the form of a course at QCC.

“I initially I just wanted to take a course and get out of the house so I took a psychology course at QCC and thought ‘this is fabulous,’” she said. “I liked it a lot and next semester took another class.”

As someone who worked in a medical setting for so many years, nursing had always greatly interested her, so she made the decision to work toward her nursing degree. For the next 12 years, as her three children were growing, Mrs. Jansson took one class a semester,

working to complete her prerequisites for QCC’s nursing program.

“While the children were growing I decided I was going to do this and I completed all my prerequisites then slid into the two-year nursing program,” Mrs. Jansson said, adding that while she was an older non-traditional student, she never felt she was the “older one” in her classes at quinsig. “I felt a lot of support.”

Mrs. Jansson said she took pride in being a QCC student and that pride was validated when she did her clinicals at Saint Vincent Hospital and UMass Hospital (University Campus).

“The staff at these hospitals would always say they loved the fact that we were QCC students. They felt like we were prepared and felt confident in us,” she said.



Lindsey Jansson (left) with mom Robin Jansson



Jarrod Jansson wanted to be a respiratory therapist just like his dad



Jarrod Jansson is pinned by his dad Jeffrey Jansson

In 2009, Mrs. Jansson graduated from the nursing program at the age of 50. Today, she works as a Pre-Op/PACU RN at Worcester Surgical Center.

“Everyone at QCC worked with me. I was able to take classes in the evening, morning, it was so flexible. They work with your schedule here,” she said. “I felt totally prepared to enter the nursing field.”

It’s All in the Family

Healthcare is truly ingrained in the Jansson family. In May, the two youngest in the Jansson family, son Jarrod and daughter Lindsey, graduated from QCC with a respiratory therapy associate degree and a nursing associate degree respectively. Older brother Jeff Jr. graduated with an associate degree from the Radiologic Technology program in 2014. While Jeff Jr. currently works as a machinist at Saint Gobain in

Worcester, it was his degree from QCC which helped him “get the job,” according to Mrs. Jansson.

While only just graduating, Jarrod has already obtained a job as a respiratory therapist at the UMass Hospital (University Campus) after passing all his licensing requirements. This was the place where he did his clinical work. A particularly poignant moment for the family was during Jarrod’s pinning ceremony, when his father was called to the stage to pin his son.

“Jeffrey was passing the torch to Jarrod,” Mrs. Jansson said. “We are as proud as peacocks.”

Mrs. Jansson said her daughter Lindsey plans to attend Worcester State University this fall to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“When she got out of high school she knew she was going to do nursing

and couldn’t do it anywhere but QCC,” Mrs. Jansson said, adding that the affordability, coupled with an education that enables you to be “workforce ready” is a powerful combination that has worked for the entire family.

At the Jansson home, QCC holds a very special place at the dinner table where the conversation is alive with “healthcare speak.”

Mrs. Jansson said she is often asked where to go to attain an education and she always directs everyone to QCC.

“I have many patients who are moms who say they can’t get an education and I tell them they can do this. I tell them ‘take your time, go to QCC and take that one class,’” she said.

“Every journey starts with a first step,” Mr. Jansson added.



Left: Raúl Gómez, a 2018 graduate of QCC's CIS program speaks at the Cooperative Education Appreciation Breakfast. Mr. Gómez is now a programmer at Storm Petrel LLC. Right: Co-op students receive Achievement Certificates.

QCC Foundation Sponsors Cooperative Education Appreciation Breakfast

At Quinsigamond Community College student success is the overarching theme and one that the QCC Foundation has embraced. In late April, thanks to funding from QCC's Foundation, the department hosted a Cooperative Education Appreciation Breakfast at the Worcester Senior Center to honor the students who took part in the program, as well as the companies that graciously hosted them. Over 50 businesses have been host to 68 QCC students from summer 2018 - spring 2019. Over the years, the College's Career Services & Credit for Prior Learning department has developed relationships with a multitude of area businesses to help students fulfill not only their co-op requirements in the 22 programs that currently require this, but also assist them in securing employment.

At the spring breakfast, QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja discussed the importance of co-op and internship opportunities.

"This is an enriching experience for all involved," Dr. Pedraja said, adding that getting this type of real-world experience is incredibly valuable for the students.

QCC Foundation Board President, Dr. Linda Maykel noted that 90 percent of QCC students go on to work in local businesses in the region, further enhancing the value of these types of programs.

"I want to thank all the different corporations and businesses for their kindnesses in bringing in the high caliber students we have, and the overall commitment to make their success your success," Dr. Maykel said.

QCC co-op student Laura Douglas (Business Administration Career) spoke at the breakfast and described her experience as a bit different than some of the other co-op students. She was able to do her co-op at her current employer, HMEA. She said the opportunity was a great way for her to pick up new skills and new tasks, enabling her to hopefully move up in the company. She said the co-op experience is "a great way for students to get that baseline to know this is really what they want to do."

Another speaker, Raúl Gómez, a 2018 QCC graduate of the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Program, ended up getting hired by Storm Petrel, LLC as a programmer. This was the same company where he had done his co-op. Mr. Gómez is now back at the College as an employer and said he never imagined how much the co-op experience would have helped him.

"They (Career Services) bring employers to the College and we couldn't ask for more," Mr. Gómez said. "They opened the door for us. Oftentimes that's what we need, just an opportunity to succeed. Receiving a job offer letter was very exciting and the beginning of my new journey."



From left: QCC Foundation Director, Matthew Wally; Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, Bonnie Coleman; QCC Dean of Students, Theresa Vecchio and VP Relationship Branch Manager for Unibank, Lemonia Mironidis. Unibank donated \$2,500 to the QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center.

QCC's Foundation Helps Combat Student Food Insecurity

In a little over a year, Quinsigamond Community College's Food Pantry and Resource Center has become a valued source to the QCC community. What began as a food pantry in the summer of 2018, after a 2018 study done by the Wisconsin Hope Lab found that 49 percent of QCC students had low or very low food security and were hungry on a regular basis, has evolved into a Food Pantry and Resource Center, regularly serving over 400 students. Resources include: visits from Let Us Know Crisis Center, Inc. (LUK), a not-for profit social service agency dedicated to improving the lives of those age 26 and under; nutritional training from Cooking Matters and Central West Justice Center, which assists students with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

With 11% of our students homeless, a partnership with Worcester State

University (WSU) was formed and two QCC students are now living at WSU dorms with meal plans provided. A housing committee was also developed to explore affordable housing options for students.

The QCC Foundation has been a strong supporter of this initiative since its inception and QCC's Foundation Directors have taken the mission of the Food Pantry and Resource Center to their own personal networks. In fiscal year 2019, the Foundation raised more than \$38,000, with over \$10,000 coming from a peer-to-peer social media fundraising campaign. Additionally, at every board meeting directors bring in non-perishables that are donated to the food pantry.

Foundation Director Anthony Polito was also instrumental in securing the annual Auburn Post Office Food Drive to make a large donation to the food pantry.



From left: Phi Theta Kappa volunteer, Lucy Ortiz; Food Pantry Manager Charles Ketter and Phi Theta Kappa alumni and former Food Pantry Manager, Ashley Forhan

Corporate Donors to the Food Pantry for Fiscal Year 2019 include:

- AbbVie
- Bay State Savings Bank
- Biomere
- Fallon Health
- Fidelity Bank
- Joseph W. Dick Architecture, Inc.
- People's United Bank
- Provo Financial Services, Inc.
- UniBank

Holiday Reception Highlights QCC Students

On December 6, 2018 the Quinsigamond Community College Foundation hosted its annual holiday reception at the Worcester Country Club. More than 60 people were in attendance and included QCC Foundation Directors and Trustees, alumni, donors, faculty and students.

At the reception, QCC Foundation President, Dr. Linda Maykel acknowledged all the support and contributions the Foundation has received over the last year, thanking donors for their generosity.

“Each of you make a difference in the lives of our students, now and for years to come,” Dr. Maykel said.

QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja, and Chair of the QCC Board of Trustees Sue Mailman, highlighted the importance of having a Foundation to receive charitable gifts that will benefit the College today and for years to come.

“Community colleges – while they educate the largest number of students in the public higher education system –receive the smallest portion of the state’s higher education budget,” Dr. Pedraja said.

Attendees learned about some of the amazing things QCC’s students were doing on campus. A highlight for all was a robotics demonstration by students in Professor Hao Loi and a mechatronics demonstration by Professor James Heffernan and his electronics engineering technology students.

Entertainment was provided by QCC music student Yozue Davilla, who is in both the music and English programs at the College, and their desserts were prepared by QCC’s Hospitality and Recreation Management students.

“This event was a great opportunity for members of the QCC Foundation Directors, QCC Trustees and donors to experience first-hand what QCC students are learning and how they are applying their classroom knowledge to real-world situations,” Dr. Pedraja added.



From left: Anne McKenna, Dr. Lillian Ortiz and Cheryl Marrino



From left: QCC student Anthony Le, Professor Hao Loi and QCC student Williams Kanga Tamgno



From left: Deborah Nash, Ted Borden, Thomas Burr and Dr. Karen Rucks

Faculty and Staff Connect with their Peers at Annual Conference

In mid-May at the Blue Water Resort, in South Yarmouth, Mass., Quinsigamond Community College held its annual two-day Faculty/ Staff Conference titled “*Making Connections*.” The Conference was a way for faculty and staff to network, as well as attend a variety of informative workshops that were designed to enlighten and inspire.

This yearly event is attended by members of QCC’s Faculty Senate. Members include all full-time and part-time faculty members, in addition to non-teaching faculty (such as librarians). Along with faculty senate members, QCC staff members who presented workshops at the Conference were also in attendance. The Conference is made possible thanks to the financial support from the QCC’s Foundation.



From left: Kristen Proctor, Raymond Lawless and Liz Woods

“The Conference would not be affordable for many of the attendees without the subsidy provided by the QCC Foundation. We feel this event is important, because of all the hard work faculty and staff put in to serve our students,” said Faculty Senate President, Psychology Professor Judy Colson.

Legislative Partners are Key in Higher Educational Opportunities

Quinsigamond Community College’s Legislative Breakfast is an annual event that is hosted by the College and the QCC Foundation. Held in early February on QCC’s main campus, the breakfast is way for area legislators to learn about the latest college initiatives and the constituents who attend and work at QCC.

Numerous local legislators or their representatives attended the event as well as Chair of the QCC Board of Trustees, Sue Mailman; President of the QCC Foundation, Linda Maykel, as well as other Foundation members.

QCC President, Dr. Luis Pedraja outlined current college projects

and priorities such as the K-12/ Early College Access partnership with Worcester Public Schools and Worcester State University; the growing partnerships with Marlborough; Capital Skills Grant partnerships with Worcester Technical High School and Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School, as well as QCC’s new Strategic Plan and its alignment with legislative priorities.

“We look forward to publicly acknowledging the support and continued conversations regarding the importance of supporting higher education and community colleges in particular,”

Dr. Pedraja said. “It is critical to expand our resources and our capacity in order to better serve our communities and continue to support workforce and economic development in the region.”

During the informative breakfast legislators were given information on fiscal year 2020 community college budget priorities, in addition to over half a dozen pieces of legislation they were asked to review and endorse.

“Our goal is to continue to have an open dialog with our legislators and work to bring the dream of higher education to more people in our communities,” Dr. Pedraja said.



Former QCC President Celebrates Her College Legacy

From the beginning of her presidency, Dr. Gail Carberry understood and appreciated the value of leaving a gift to QCC that would have a direct impact on the College's students for years to come. To celebrate her inauguration, Dr. Carberry's family established the Amy H. Carberry Endowed Scholarship in memory of her daughter.

In recognition of this gift, the QCC Trustees and the Foundation Board jointly dedicated the College's front lawn in Amy's memory. Today there is a monument that denotes the front lawn as "Amy's Slope," and serves as a reminder to Dr. Carberry and the QCC

community that part of her family will always be at QCC.

"Students are my legacy, my people."

— Gail Carberry

"After I retired people would say to me, you have left a legacy on campus with the new buildings that were constructed during my presidency, but I would say, that the students are my legacy, my people," Dr. Carberry said.

Dr. Carberry said one of her fondest memories of her tenure at the college were the expressions of gratitude she received from students as they as they crossed the stage at graduation.

"Many of them never thought that they would see that day. Playing a role in the success of students is my greatest accomplishment," she said.

Dr. Carberry has made it clear that QCC will always be an important part of her life.

"I have included QCC in my estate plans because I want to ensure that I could continue to play a role in helping future students realize their educational dreams," she said.

The proceeds from Dr. Carberry's planned gift to the College will fund scholarships for deserving students. To learn how you can leave your own legacy at Quinsigamond Community College, please contact the Advancement Office at 508.854.4520, email or visit www.QCC.edu/foundation.

Membership in the Legacy Society is extended to anyone who makes a provision in their estate plans for the future of Quinsigamond Community College and its students. Create your own legacy through various charitable planned gift arrangements* including:

- Bequests
- Gifts of Life Insurance
- Gifts of Retirement Funds
- Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Your gift will keep on giving! Your planned gift will forever influence the lives of QCC students by providing resources that will help make a quality college education affordable and accessible.

Fifth President of Quinsigamond Community College, Dr. Gail Carberry, learned first-hand about the merits of the Legacy Society.

"I thought that leaving money to charity was only for the wealthy, I honestly thought that purchasing a life insurance policy to benefit QCC wasn't something I could do. After talking with the Advancement Office, I found out how easy it was to do and now, I am a member of QCC's Legacy Society," Dr. Carberry said.

Community College Foundation Legacy Society

Frequently Asked Questions About the Legacy Society

What benefits do you receive as a Legacy Society member?

If you agree, your name will be published in the QCC Foundation's Annual Report and college publications; you will receive invitations to QCC Foundation events; and a sense of well-being, knowing you are supporting the mission of QCC both now and into the future.

Isn't establishing an estate gift complicated?

No, although there are a number of ways to do this, it is as simple as inserting a sentence in your will – for example: I give [\$ amount] to the Quinsigamond Community College Foundation, Inc.”

I want my family taken care of when I die. If I name QCC won't that lessen what I pass on?

No, by choosing a Residual Bequest— you will only bequeath assets that remain after all other specific bequests, death taxes and estate expenses have been satisfied thus ensuring you are taking care of family-first.

I have no idea what the future may hold. How can I make a commitment now?

Contact Shirley Dempsey or Keith McKittrick and they will walk you through the steps. Relationships and circumstances evolve over time and your will should naturally do the same. With a bequest, you are not actually making a gift until your death. Until then, you are free to alter your plans; eliminating the worry that a commitment is made that later you may choose to change.

Why do I name the QCC Foundation, Inc. and not the College in my estate?

Established in 1985, the QCC Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization that is fiscally and legally separate from the College. As such, all gifts to the QCC Foundation are

tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Quinsigamond Community College, as an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does not qualify as a nonprofit, charitable organization. The QCC Foundation's sole purpose is to promote and develop resources to benefit the mission of Quinsigamond Community College.

If I give to QCC, what will my future gift be used for?

You decide! You can direct your bequest to a particular purpose... establish a new scholarship*... add to an existing scholarship...make a gift that is of special meaning to you. You can also make a yearly gift equal to the endowment payout (currently 5%) thereby making an immediate impact and ensuring your intentions will remain in perpetuity.

Benefits of Making a Planned Gift

- Leave a legacy without giving up assets.
- Distribute your assets according to your wishes.
- Save on estate taxes with proper planning.

Please contact the QCC Foundation if you would like to join the Legacy Society and reach out to:

Assistant Director of Operations, Shirley Dempsey, 508.854.4520, sdempsey@qcc.mass.edu or Assistant Director of Advancement Program and Services, Keith McKittrick, 508.854.4467, kmckittrick@qcc.mass.edu.

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*Named endowed funds can be created for specific scholarships or other donor-directed purposes for a minimum of \$10,000.

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QCC Foundation Gives a High Five of Gratitude to Donors

Quinsigamond Community College “high fived” its way in making the dream of higher education a reality for more people by hosting an online campaign during National High Five Day (April 18). Donations made to the QCC Foundation in increments of \$5 were matched dollar-for-dollar. The daylong event raised a total of \$2,000, which was doubled to \$4,000.

All gifts on High Five Day went into the QCC Foundation lifelong scholarship fund, to help more students attain their dream of attending college. This one-day of matched giving was designed to make charitable donations go further. The lifelong scholarship fund is placed in the endowment and held in perpetuity, with 50% of the net income awarded to students annually. Endowments help to guarantee a financial future for QCC’s mission of educating students and is an important source for scholarships at a time when less than 30% of QCC’s budget is funded by state appropriations.



Community Connections staff members June Vo and Shirley Dempsey

“In honor of High Five Day, we asked all QCC alumni to celebrate the day by giving a ‘high five and \$5’ and help bring affordable, quality education to everyone in our community,” said QCC’s Executive Director of Advancement, Dr. Karen Rucks. “We want to thank everyone who donated. You are helping to make a difference in students’ lives.”

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We invite you to consider establishing an annual scholarship fund or lifelong scholarship fund* to memorialize a loved one or honor someone, or contribute to an already established fund. For more information, please contact Shirley Dempsey at 508.854.4520 or sdempsey@qcc.mass.edu.

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IN MEMORIAM

We're sorry to hear about the loss of our alumni. Join us in expressing our condolences to the families of the following:

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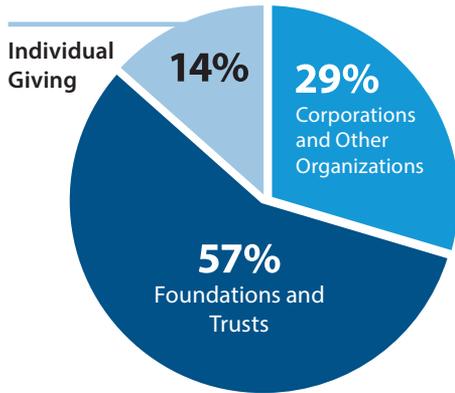
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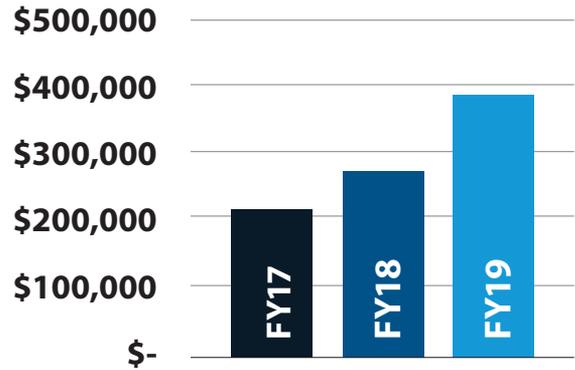
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Sources of Income for the QCC Foundation



Contributions to the QCC Foundation



\$194,131 in scholarships awarded to QCC students.

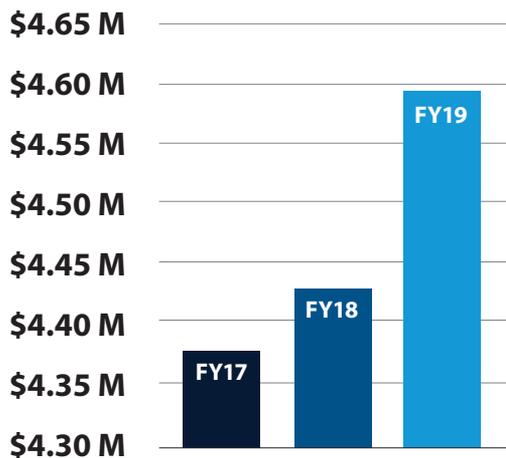
\$64,343 provided to various QCC programs and activities.

\$42,066 transferred for RISE Capital Campaign Projects.

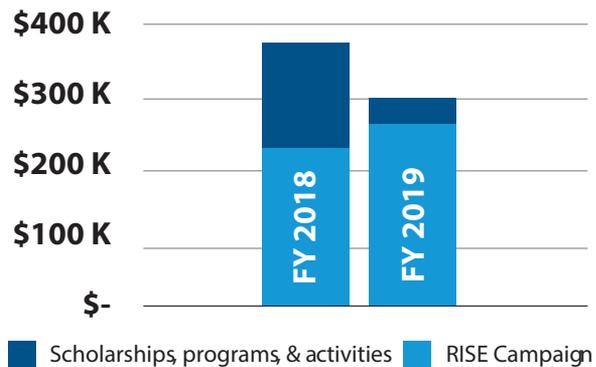


From Left: Dr. Luis Pedraja, president; Simone Rodriguez, scholarship recipient; Dr. Linda Maykel, QCC Foundation president and donor; Al Maykel, donor; Jacqui Diggs, chair, QCC Foundation Scholarship Committee

QCC Foundation Net Assets



Transfers to the College



Decrease is due to transfers for RISE Capital Campaign Projects compared to FY18. Transfers for scholarships, programs, and activities increased by 14% compared to FY18.

For a copy of the audited financial statements of Quinsigamond Community College Foundation prepared by O'Connor & Drew, PC, please contact the Foundation office at 508.854.4520.



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As a graduate of QCC, there are several ways that you can remain involved in the College. Various activities include participating on the Alumni Association Advisory Board (meetings once a month), becoming a mentor for a QCC student, volunteering, and attending events throughout the year.

We invite you to stay connected, send us your news, and get involved at www.QCC.edu/alumni, or contact Shirley Dempsey at sdempsey@qcc.mass.edu or 508.854.4520.

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ **December 7 – Mystery Dinner Theater**
- ✓ **January 20 – MLK, Jr. Community Breakfast**
- ✓ **February 12 – Holiday Bake-Off**
- ✓ **May 18 – QCC Foundation Scholarship Lunch**
- ✓ **May 21 – QCC Day, Celebrate the Class of 2020**

Please visit www.QCC.edu/alumni/events for details, updates and additional event listings.

