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Heartfelt Gratitude and thanks to our QCC Family and Community

Each year we thank the many dedicated and hard-working people of the QCC Family who help make our student's success possible – this time, it is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank the QCC Family for being the reason behind our growth and newly announced expansion.

We are excited to report that, yes; we are bursting at the seams! Our growing student body is evidence that QCC is the place to be for higher education, given our 90-plus degree program and certificate options of study and corporate and vocational training. With our impressive growth in student population and programming, we knew our vision for a new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center would eventually come to pass - and it has! (See related story, page 4.) We are delighted to be able to continue our mission to put students first and provide the much-needed instructional space to offer high quality education in our the community.

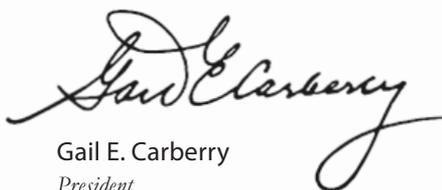
At the ceremonial lease signing event on location in February, local Worcester and regional government leaders, local business owners, QCC Trustees and QCC Foundation Board members, as well as current faculty and staff were present to congratulate QCC and share in the excitement of the expansion.

We are pleased to create this new partnership with the city that will bring 1,500 students to the heart of Worcester every day. That's 3,000 feet on the pavement, frequenting local establishments and supporting QCC's reputation as the engine that drives the local economy. We are partners and now neighbors!

With the new location considered the largest educational expansion in Worcester's recent downtown revitalization effort, we are poised for even greater numbers of student success and more impactful, productive business relationships with our new neighbors.

I encourage you to come visit us at our new location once we're up and running. You will no doubt, be as pleased and as proud as I am of the new state-of-art facility and the ambitious, goal oriented students we have, taking classes.

With my sincerest thanks,



Gail E. Carberry
President



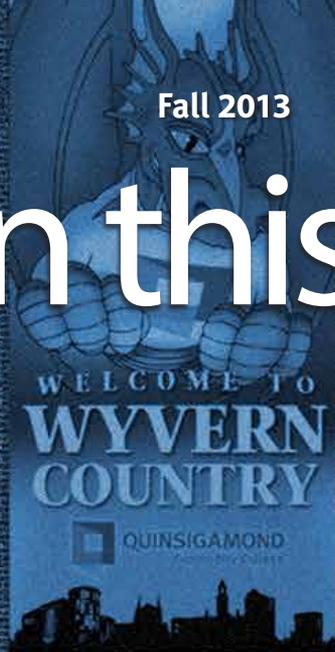
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Dr. Gail E. Carberry
QCC President



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QCC Announces New Healthcare and Workforce Development Center

Our new location is in the heart of the Commonwealth's high growth industry and... [will be] accessible to everyone," QCC President Dr. Gail E. Carberry said during the ceremonial lease signing event in February at the location of QCC's new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center.

The site, owned by the Worcester Business Development Corporation, is located in the former Telegram and Gazette building at 18-20 Franklin Street. The downtown location will support an estimated 1,500 students, faculty and administrators, in addition to creating space for workforce development programs.

QCC is dedicated to removing barriers to higher education. This new expansion is no exception. President Carberry indicated myriad opportunities that will be available to students at the new location, which will also alleviate overcrowding on the West Boylston Street campus.

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Jeanne Dee, 2012 graduate of the QCC Nurse Education program speaks to attendees about her educational experiences at QCC.

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The 72,409 square foot facility will more than double the space that QCC's Health Care programs currently have, making it possible to increase program offerings and enrollment and enable the use state-of-the-art simulation technology.

In addition to the new healthcare opportunities, the Center will also support QCC's current efforts to provide state-of-the-art training and education for Central Massachusetts businesses that need highly qualified and well-educated employees.

At the ceremony, Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education Senator Michael O. Moore pointed to the importance that community colleges have in the local economy, stating, "innovations at our community colleges...continue to ensure that the Commonwealth remains an attractive destination for businesses and provide them with a skilled workforce."

Kathie Manning, Dean of QCC's Training and Education Center noted, "...this is one of the areas that QCC excels in and the new location will allow us to better serve all the workforce needs of the employers in Central Massachusetts."

Worcester Business Development Corporation President and CEO Craig Blais added that the project "...will bring a renewed sense of activity to our downtown neighborhood."

Massachusetts Division of Asset Management Maintenance (DCAMM) Commissioner Carole Cornelison emphasized the commitment to "...furthering our economic partnership with the City of Worcester... Quinsigamond Community College's new downtown presence will play a vital role in the revitalization of this Gateway City."

"Our new location is in the heart of the Commonwealth's high growth industry and...[will be] accessible to everyone,"

Dr. Gail E. Carberry
QCC President



QCC Opens Historic, Newly-Renovated North Wing

The historic, newly renovated North Wing on QCC's main campus in Worcester officially opened its doors on January 25. The new wing houses seven new, state-of-the-art, math classrooms and labs, as well as Fast Forward, QCC's TRIO Student Support Services program, which is funded by a \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The math labs and classrooms allow students to accelerate through the curriculum; TRIO services students who are low-income, first generation and/or disabled.

At the opening, QCC Foundation Lifetime Director James Harrington (Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Har-



Richard Freeland

ington Foundation) and Mark Fuller (George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation) commented on the importance of funding worthy projects. Mr. Harrington spoke about the "real privilege to have an opportunity to make a contribution to... a community at-large which will infuse our local economy with skilled and educated employees." Mr. Fuller spoke of his gratitude to be able to contribute to

"QCC is leading public higher education in math competency."

Richard Freeland
Massachusetts Commissioner for Higher Education

something vitally important to the community. Exclaiming that, "QCC is doing remarkable things," U.S. Congressman James McGovern noted how well QCC "connects people to jobs." Commissioner Richard Freeland remarked that the "Massachusetts economy depends on STEM fields," and praised QCC's efforts to improve critical educational opportunities in math.

QCC is most grateful to the following funders whose generosity made this public/private partnership possible.

The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation

Stoddard Charitable Trust

The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation

The Fletcher Foundation



North Wing Ribbon Cutting shared by (l. to r.): U.S. Congressman James McGovern, State Senator Michael Moore, Ron Josephson, James Harrington, Mark Fuller, President Gail Carberry, V.P. Dale Allen, Commissioner Richard Freeland, and Lifetime Director Roland Gauthier.

Meet TRIO student Nicole Hazard

As a single parent of five and the first member of her family to pursue a college degree, Nicole Hazard is studying Human Services and Medical Office Assisting. Ms. Hazard believes the Fast Forward program provides the encouragement, motivation and incentive to succeed. Since she began participating in the program, all of her children have been doing better in school, her two oldest children have expressed an interest in attending QCC, and her mother is even considering returning to school to finish her education.



TRIO student Nicole Hazard

“TRIO gave me a path I could stay on. I couldn’t do it without TRIO.”

Nicole Hazard
Student

Fast track through Math with student Dennis Whitner, Jr.

Using QCC’s state-of-the-art computerized classrooms and MyMathLab software, Dennis Whitner took four critical math courses in record time, earned a 4.0 GPA and received three scholarships for the summer session, enabling him to graduate in four semesters instead of five.

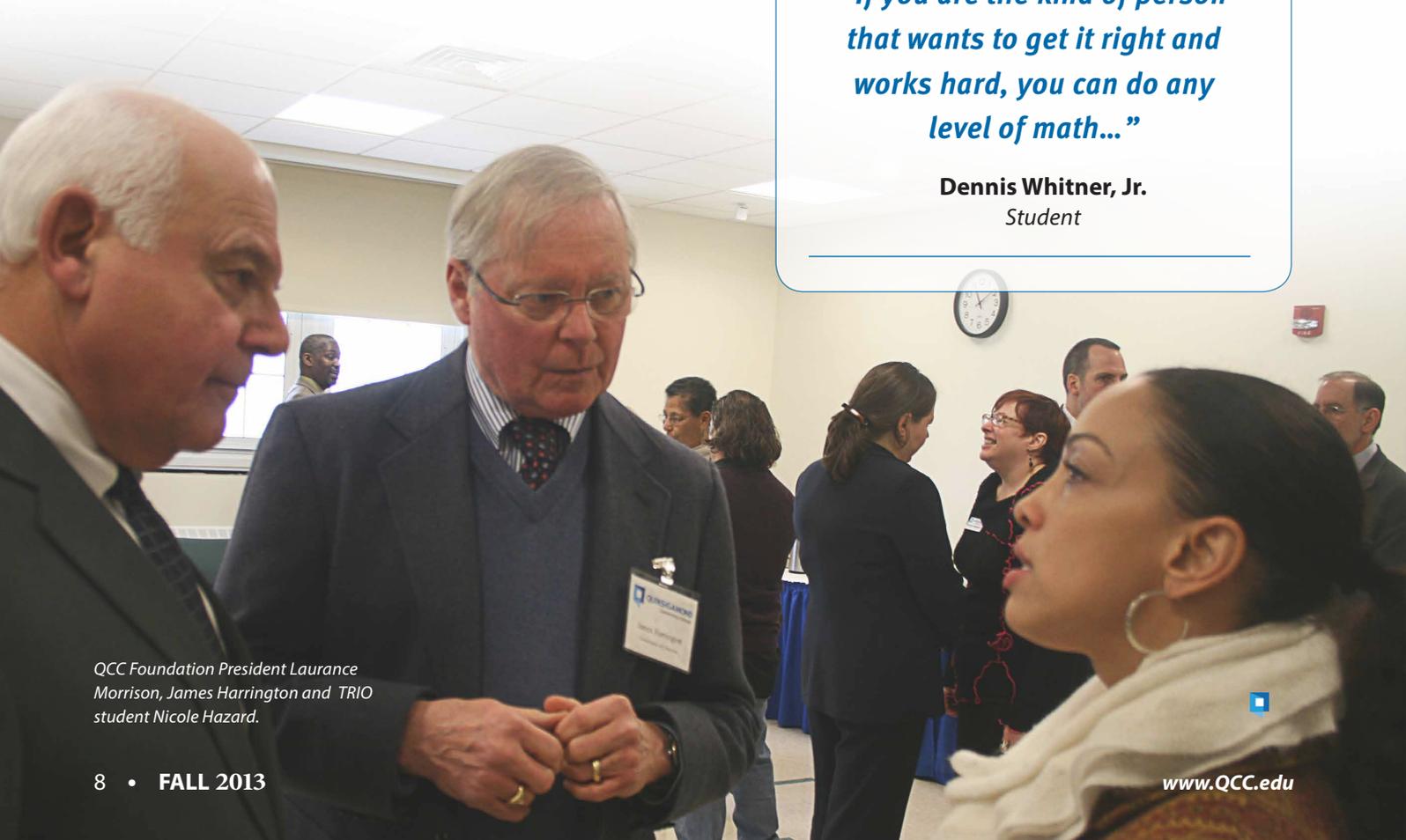


Student Dennis Whitner, Jr.

According to Dennis, “having MyMathLab allows you to... work at your own pace...” and that, “...in a real class setting if you miss one step or do not understand something to the fullest, your foundation for that class may be compromised, and a setback will occur.” Dennis is a business administration transfer student.

“If you are the kind of person that wants to get it right and works hard, you can do any level of math...”

Dennis Whitner, Jr.
Student



QCC Foundation President Laurance Morrison, James Harrington and TRIO student Nicole Hazard.

IPG Photonics and AVATAR Computing, Inc. Share the Benefits of Collaborating with QCC



Sarah Woodard, Engineering and Technical Training Manager from IPG Photonics in Oxford and Whitney Foster, Chief Operations Officer from AVATAR Computing address attendees at the Corporate Breakfast; Steve Budd, Vice President (far left) moderated.

On March 15, business leaders, workforce development professionals and elected officials from Central Massachusetts joined QCC faculty, staff and administrators for QCC's Annual Corporate Breakfast at the Worcester Senior Center. Attendees enjoyed a gourmet breakfast made by the students of the Hotel and Restaurant program, under the direction of Program Coordinator Pat Hutchinson.

Entitled, "Working Together to Develop Talent for Today's Innovation, Economy and Workforce," the event drew nearly 80 attendees, including State Senator Michael Moore, State Representative Kevin Kuros, and Marlborough City Counselor Patricia Pope.

As part of the college's ongoing efforts to team up and share industry best practices with local businesses, QCC invited Sarah Woodard, Engineering and Technical Training Manager from IPG Photonics in Oxford and Whitney Foster, Chief Operations Officer from AVATAR Computing in Worcester. The guests shared their experiences on a panel moderated by Dr. Steven Budd, Interim Vice President of

Enrollment and Student Services at the college.

IPG Photonics is the leading developer and manufacturer of high-performance fiber lasers and amplifiers for diverse applications in numerous markets. IPG has experienced a successful partnership with QCC, utilizing an internship program as well as offering paid electronics and photonics training to current employees. Employees have been able to take classes on-site and class time has been paid as overtime. Ms. Woodard believes that the incentives of a higher paying job, more responsibility and a different role have encouraged employees to take advantage of the QCC training. She is very happy with the partnership, saying, "the results have been fantastic."

"We've partnered with QCC and it's been a fantastic relationship."

Sarah Woodard

*Engineering and Technical Training Manager,
IPG Photonics, Oxford*

AVATAR Computing Inc. is a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that provides customized Information Technology solutions to the US Army, US Navy, and US Air Force. Mr. Foster advised industry to position interns for success by providing challenging projects, developing clear requirements and setting attainable goals. The internships were mutually advantageous. Students were given the opportunity to build their resumes, network with professionals, test their skills and explore different career choices while providing AVATAR with a low-risk, low-cost way to work with potential employees, learn from the fresh technical perspectives the students brought and benefit from a short term infusion of resources.



Senator Michael Moore speaking to attendees at the annual Corporate Breakfast





Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor Speaks at QCC

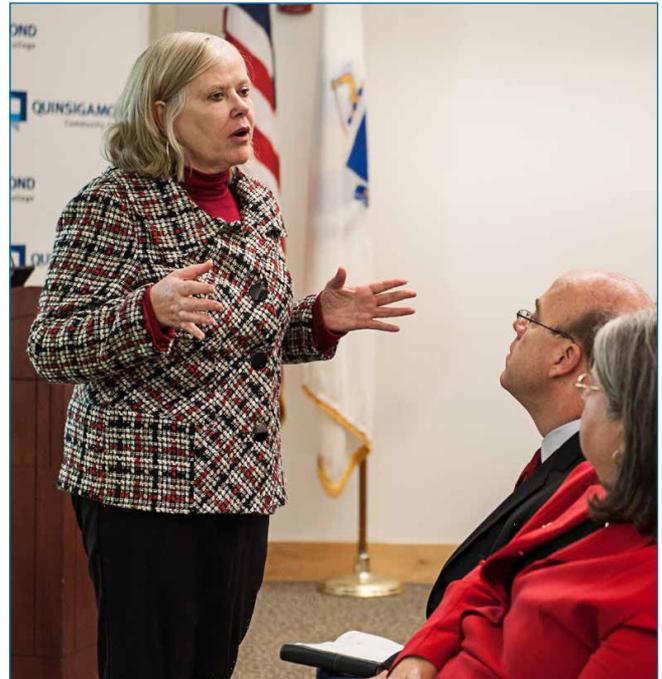
On October 19, 2012, QCC hosted USDOL/ETA Assistant Secretary Jane Oates in what Dr. Gail Carberry described as a "...celebration to mark the success of QCC students and employers affected by the work already accomplished..." by the Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MCCWDTA). Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, the three-year, \$20 million initiative is transforming how community colleges deliver training and education programs in health care, biotechnology and life sciences, advanced manufacturing, clean energy and sustainability, information technology and financial services.

“ Massachusetts and Worcester would [have] gotten here without us... they just wouldn’t have gotten here in 2012.”

Jane Oates

Assistant Secretary of the ETA/USDOL

Assistant Secretary Oates expressed excitement over the “unbelievable productivity” in the project, and praised Worcester’s progress. She further commented that the Transformation Agenda is about educating people with dignity by focusing on workers impacted by a weak economy and shifts in industry. “They cannot sit in



Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

a classroom for two semesters because they need to brush up on fractions and decimals,” she said.

Guest speakers at the event also included U.S. Congressman James McGovern and Massachusetts Office of Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Joanne Goldstein.

Congressman McGovern said, “We’re not just talking about jobs, we’re talking about jobs where people can earn a livable wage.” Secretary Goldstein commented to the work of the MCCWDTA, that the initiative was “...a perfect collaboration on the federal and state level...the way it [partnerships] should be.”





Left to right: MassMEP's Ted Bauer; Coordinator and Professor of Manufacturing Technology Program, Lee Duerden; MCCWDTA Program Manager Carol King; Dean of Business and Technology Instruction Kathy Rentsch; President Gail Carberry; MassMEP's Leslie Parady and MA State Senator Michael Moore.

QCC, MassMEP, Mount Wachusett Community College and Fitchburg State University Sign Agreements at Advanced Manufacturing Summit

On October 9, 2012, officials from QCC, Mount Wachusett Community College, Fitchburg State University and the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MMEP) gathered on Fitchburg State University's campus to announce new partnerships in advanced manufacturing during National Advanced Manufacturing Week.

QCC signed articulation agreements with Fitchburg State University and Mount Wachusett Community College for its Manufacturing Technology Program, allowing for specialized training and educational opportunities for the Commonwealth's manufacturing workforce, as well as creating stronger partnerships between schools and workforce training development programs.

The three schools also joined forces with the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MMEP) in a regional partnership with local career centers, vocational technical schools, and employers to provide programs for non-credit learning, credit certificates and Associate Degree credentials.

Key legislators and state government officials also attended the event, including U.S. Congressman James McGovern, State Senator Michael Moore, and Secretary Joanne Goldstein from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.



President Gail Carberry signs an agreement with Jack Healey of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Breaking the Cultural Barrier



Samuel Offei

QCC graduate Samuel Offei is no stranger to cultural barriers and he is no victim of their challenges. Mr. Offei is an Italian native who traveled to the United States to pursue an education. Instead of ignoring cultural differences, he decided to embrace them.

Mr. Offei graduated QCC in May 2012 with a 4.0 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa recognition, and an Associate degree in Business Administration. He received the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship in April 2012, a national scholarship that honors excellence in community college students. He gladly credits his time and experience at QCC as an aid to his success. "I was faced with a great challenge coming from Italy, but I knew I wanted to get into an Ivy League college. QCC was a great starting point for me coming from a different country." Mr. Offei was extremely active on campus and founded the Intercultural Club. "The Intercultural Club

was a way to reach out to students and understand how they think. My motive was to bring all cultures represented on campus together." During the monthly meetings, members of the club were randomly selected to present and inform the other members of their cultural backgrounds, their perspectives, and how others perceive their culture. Mr. Offei also had a role in student government and served as a school ambassador and an English tutor – yes, an Italian native tutoring English!

Mr. Offei not only evolved as a leader at QCC, but also was challenged by a rigorous Honors course load. He explains he would not be where he is today without teachers like Margaret Wong, whom he describes as "one of the greatest teachers on campus," or Paul Albright, to whom he gives thanks for his accounting passion.

Mr. Offei just completed his senior year at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where he is diligently working toward his goal of becoming a CPA. "I want to become a CPA and then I want to pursue my MBA." Mr. Offei hopes to attend Harvard or Stanford University for his master's degree.



The Journey from China



Kai Zhao with President Laurance Morrison seated right.

At age 16, Kai Zhao came to the U.S. from China, alone. The only person he knew here was his cousin just five years older who lived in Worcester. After taking ESL classes and passing the GED, Mr. Zhao tested into college-level math and English.

In 2011, he graduated from QCC's Business Transfer Program in a year and a half with a 3.5 G.P.A. He was QCC's Outstanding Business Student of the Year, having served as the President of the Business and Entrepreneurship Club, which he founded.

Mr. Zhao recently graduated from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass and is pursuing an MBA at Worcester State University.

He thanks Professors Jean McLean and Paul Albright, in particular, for their encouragement.





The Road from QCC to Stanford

QCC alumna Stefanie Morgan was home schooled. Her first exposure to conventional schooling was when she began her journey at QCC. "I had no idea what traditional school was like, classrooms, being compared to peers, or having completely impartial teachers grading you. I was so afraid that I would totally fail college." But Ms. Morgan did not fail; she embraced the traditional school experience at QCC and now praises it as a great stepping-stone for finding her passion and introducing her to academia.



Stefanie Morgan

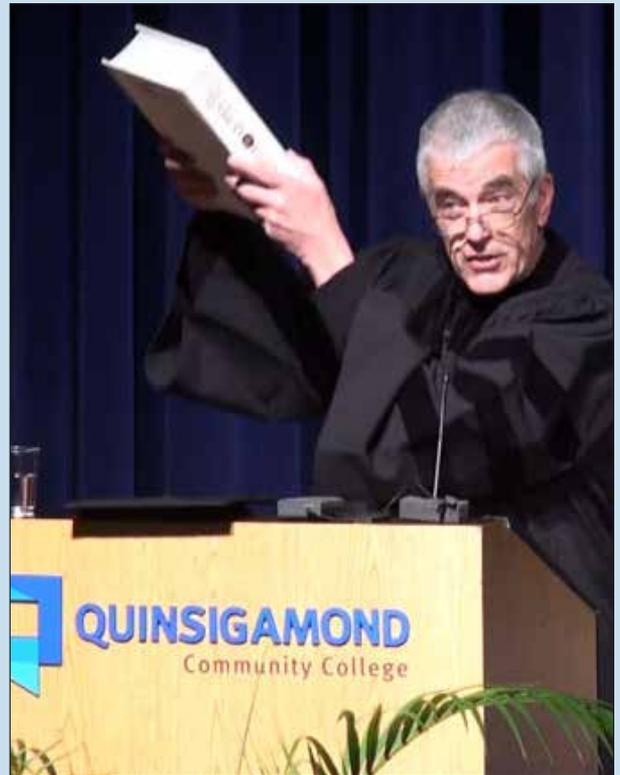
Ms. Morgan graduated QCC in December 2008 with an Associate of Arts in General Studies. She worked full time while attending QCC as a full time student, which left very little down time.

In August of 2011 she graduated from Bridgewater State University with a Bachelor of Science double major in Biology and Psychology with a concentration in Biomedical Science. Currently she is the lab manager for the Dinulescu Lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School researching ovarian cancer which holds a special place in heart since her grandmother was diagnosed with this disease. Ms. Morgan is attending Stanford's School of Medicine this fall to pursue a PhD in Cancer Biology.

Ms. Morgan praises the faculty and staff at QCC for their tremendous dedication and support.



Spelling Bee a Rouzzzing Success



Spelling Bee Judge, Allen Fletcher, addressing teams.

The 15th Annual QCC Spelling Bee was held on April 4 at Hebert Auditorium. 16 teams of QCC students, faculty, staff and community members competed. The winning teams are:

FIRST PLACE:

"Spell or BEE Spelled"

from Bowditch & Dewey

SECOND PLACE:

"Worker Bees"

from Mechanics Hall

THIRD PLACE:

"Bee Afraid...Bee Very Afraid"

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QCC Foundation's 16th Annual QCC Golf Classic

Monday, September 16, 2013
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Boylston



Teams ready to hit the links at the 15th Annual QCC Golf Classic.

On September 16, the QCC Foundation saluted the 50th Anniversary of Quinsigamond Community College with its 16th Annual Golf Classic at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston.

For 16 years, sponsors have chosen to be part of a lasting legacy of organizations who step up to the ball regularly to make a difference for QCC students.

Last year, the QCC Foundation raised nearly \$20,000 at its 2012 "Driving for Scholars" Golf Classic.

In addition to 50 "hole" sponsors, a big round of applause goes to the following event sponsors:

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- **Stanley Shustak, D.D.S.**
- **Xerox Corporation**

QCC Receives \$310,000 Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Grant

In March 2013, the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) awarded Quinsigamond Community College a \$310,000 grant to update 2,000 square feet of lab space on its West Boylston Street campus.

Once completed, the state-of-the-art facilities will enable the College to increase biotechnology, biomedical engineering and related programming and increase the number of students enrolled in these programs.

“We are proud to support the continued economic growth that the life sciences sector is driving in Central Massachusetts.”

Dr. Gail E. Carberry
QCC President

Elected officials praised the award, with Lieutenant Governor Murray calling attention to QCC’s efforts to “...enhance research, workforce training and job creation.” State Senator Harriette L. Chandler referred to the award as a “timely investment [that will] reap great long-term benefits in central Massachusetts.” State Representative James O’Day noted the newly equipped facilities will give students a “competitive edge to compete in today’s global economy.”



Dr. Nancy Schoenfeld, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs holds the MLSEC Gold Biotechnology Endorsement.

MLSC is a quasi-public agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts tasked with implementation of the Massachusetts Life Science Act, a 10-year, \$1 billion initiative signed into law in June of 2008 to create jobs in the life sciences sectors and to support scientific research.

A New Partnership:

The Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation and the QCC Foundation

“I am an over 60 year old female with a business degree who has been unemployed for over 3 1/2 years... I learn new things easily...I just need a chance.”

QCC expanded scholarships for non-credit rapid retraining courses at QCC’s Training and Education Center with a generous \$7,000 gift from the Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation. Matched dollar-for-dollar by the QCC Foundation, this initiative has served 30 students enrolled primarily in medical courses. Each student received \$125 to \$900 based upon need.

The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation Serves Main South Residents

With \$67,000 in the first year of funding from the Harrington Foundation, QCC piloted ESL classes for 272 Main South residents and distributed 28 scholarships for intersession and summer courses. Now in its second year of funding, QCC continues to serve these individuals with \$107,000 from the Foundation.

QCC Celebrates 10 Years of STEM Programming in the Worcester Public Schools



Professor Betty Lauer with a young robotics student.

Quinsigamond Community College offers some of the most comprehensive K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach programs in the country. Starting with only 15 students in 2002, QCC's K-12 STEM programs have reached nearly 5,000 students over the past decade.

Betty Lauer, Professor of Computer Systems Engineering Technology is the creator and coordinator of such programs as the Advanced Robotics Intensive (ARI), Women in Technology (WIT) program, and the Summer Tech Academy (STA). These programs engage approximately one thousand students each year and have been leading students to college and STEM careers throughout Central Massachusetts.

QCC's programs are also the only ones in the region offered free of charge to students from economically and educational underserved backgrounds.

For each of the past six years, QCC-sponsored teams have qualified for the International VEX Robotics Championships. In three of the last five years, Massachusetts teams - all of which competed and qualified through QCC-sponsored events - have won the championship. In 2013, with funding from the Governor's STEM Advisory Council's @Scale Project Initiative, QCC hosted the largest national competition event with 135 high school and middle school teams competing.

Most recently, three teams made it to the top five alliances with Massachusetts alliances winning First Place (Worcester Technical High School) and Second Place.

QCC continues to support the Worcester teams with professional development for teachers and coaching for students.



QCC is most grateful to the following funders for their continued generosity:

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Verizon



QCC Receives \$20,000 Verizon Foundation Award for Advanced Robotics Intensive Program

Last fall, Ellen Cummings, Regional Director of Verizon External Affairs, presented President Gail Carberry with a \$20,000 check for QCC's Advanced Robotics Intensive (ARI) program. President Carberry thanked the Verizon Foundation for its generous support, and called the Advanced Robotics Intensive as "one of QCC's shining stars." President Carberry also praised the work of Project Founder Betty Lauer, Professor of Computer Systems Engineering Technology & Coordinator of the ARI Program, as well as Dean Polnerow, Assistant Professor of Computer Systems Engineering Technology.



Pictured left to right: Professor Dean Polnerow, Professor Betty Lauer, President Gail Carberry, Ellen Cummings and V.P. Dale Allen.

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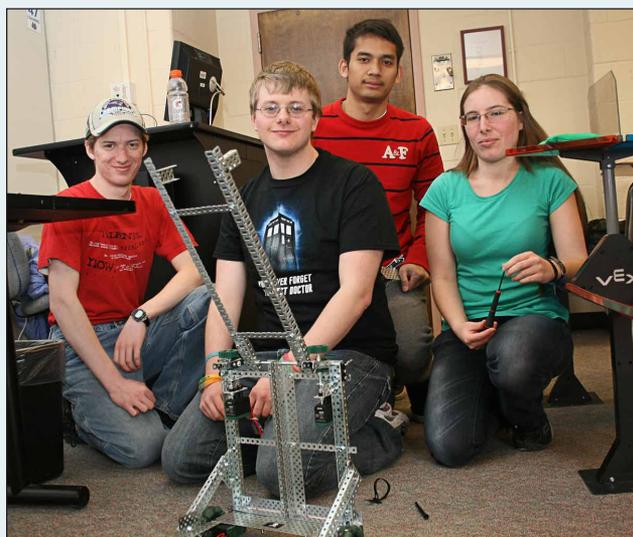
Verizon originally put QCC's K-12 STEM Program in motion about a decade ago with a \$5,000 grant.

\$16,000 from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation:

Generosity Strikes Again!

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) awarded QCC \$16,000 from the Anna S. and Warren G. Davis Fund for the College's Women in Technology (WIT) program. QCC is grateful for the generosity of GWCF, which has been a loyal supporter since 2006.

The goal of these programs is to build a local STEM pipeline from middle school to high school to college and, ultimately, to the local technology workforce. The program consists of hands-on learning activities, field trips and lectures. The generous award from the GWCF goes a long a long way to help cover the costs of technology kits, transportation expenses and admission fees for outside events.



QCC Robotics Team prepares for 2013 VEX World Robotics Championship I. to: Matthew McLaughlin, Nicholas Benson, Vongvichith Chan and Team Captain, Autumn Kubiak. Missing: Katie Elizabeth Cunningham, Michael A. Bonin Jr.

Contributions from the Grainger Foundation Continue to grow with new \$10,000 grant for HVAC Equipment

On December 13, 2012, the Grainger Foundation generously donated \$10,000 to the QCC Foundation for the purchase of new equipment for the College's HVAC program. According to Robert Recko, HVAC Program Coordinator, "...the Lab Volt Air Conditioning Simulator/Trainer now gives us the ability to have our students perform diagnostic measurements that were difficult for us to create previously." In addition, "...the Automation Studio Software will not only allow students to create HVAC circuitry, but to then create a working simulation of the created designs." Michael Hanlon, Branch Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s Worcester location, was on hand to make the presentation along with Greg Guyton, Sales Specialist. W.W. Grainger, Inc. has been a part of the Worcester business community for more than 27 years. The Grainger Foundation is a private foundation established in 1949 by its founder, William W. Grainger.



Pictured left to right: President Gail Carberry, Michael Hanlon, Greg Guyton, Robert Recko, Dean Kathy Rentsch, V.P. Pat Toney and V.P. Dale Allen.

"We are proud to recommend the programs offered by Quinsigamond Community College."

Michael Hanlon

Branch Manager, W.W. Grainger, Inc., Worcester

QCC Professors Participate in National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) "Bridging Cultures" Project in Hawaii

In July of 2012, English professor Amy Beaudry, History professor Kenneth Wong and Sociology professor Gaelan Benway (pictured here) traveled to the University of Hawaii to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities "Bridging Cultures" project.

The team spent eight days at the East-West Center in Honolulu to learn about Asian history, culture, philosophy, religion, and art. The three professors joined forty-two other teachers and administrators from community colleges across the country to learn about Asian studies and how to incorporate "Asian ways of being and knowing" into the college curriculum.



English Professor Amy Beaudry, History Professor Kenneth Wong and Sociology Professor Gaelan Benway.

The conference at the East-West Center was the first component of a three-year program in which Professors Wong, Benway, and Beaudry will work to incorporate aspects of Asian culture, experience, and understanding into the curriculum.



National Endowment for the Humanities awards the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf to QCC

The National Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf to QCC's Alden Library. The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf is a collection of books, films, and other resources that cover the complex history and culture of Muslims in the United States and from around the world.

Andrea MacRitchie, Dean of Library and Academic Support Services is "thrilled with the award," which

included a display in the Harrington Learning Center, as well as a special public program in April to discuss the books, films and online resources. The Oxford Islamic Studies Online database, one of the newest additions to the Alden Library website databases, is a dynamic resource featuring reference content and commentary by renowned scholars in areas such as global Islamic history, politics, and culture.



\$15,000 for Innovation and Excellence Awards jointly funded by the QCC Foundation and the College

At the All College Day Forum on February 5, the QCC Foundation and the College announced \$15,000 worth of grants for six proposals submitted by faculty and professional staff.

The QCC Foundation created the Innovation and Excellence Fund to encourage and support the

development of creative ideas, projects or programs that would improve the educational experience of students or the entire QCC campus, while also meeting the needs of the local community. Applicants could request a maximum of \$2,500.



The College and QCC Foundation selected the winning proposals from the following faculty and staff:

Tetteh Abbeyquaye – Gas Chromatograph for the Department of Natural Sciences

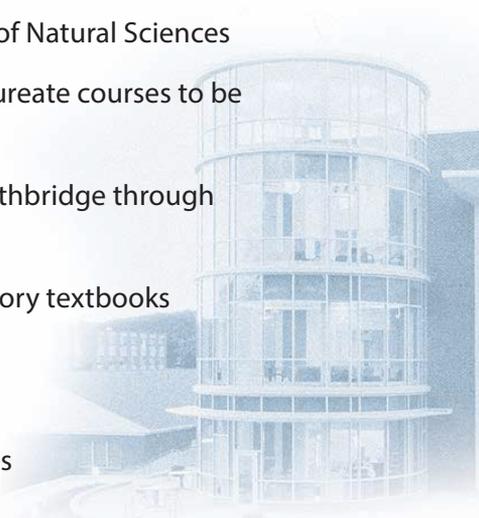
Peg McGrath – Diagnostic Kits for use in one of two RN-Baccalaureate courses to be offered by Worcester State University at QCC.

Maggie Crowell Murray – Science Curriculum Expansion in Southbridge through the purchase of anatomical models.

Anne Panetta – Electronic tablets to serve as e-readers for auditory textbooks for students with disabilities

Dilip Patel – Gas Chromatograph for Chemistry labs

Dawn Toomey – Refractometer for chemistry and biology classes



New Board of Trustees Chair and Foundation President Look Forward to New Challenges and Partnership



QCC President Gail Carberry, Stacey DeBoise Luster, QCC Trustee Chair.

In 2012, Governor Deval Patrick appointed Stacey DeBoise Luster as Chair of the Board of Trustees at QCC. Ms. Luster had been serving on the Board of Trustees since 2007. The Board of Trustees functions as the governing body of the college, charged with ensuring the success of the college at all functional levels.

In 2013, the QCC Foundation Board of Directors re-elected Laurance S. Morrison as its President. A Board member since 2009, Mr. Morrison had played a key role in the development of the Southbridge campus. The QCC Foundation is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to providing financial support for educational services, equipment, support services, or related activities that will remove barriers and promote educational success for QCC students.

Both leaders enthusiastically embrace the “increasing value of even closer, still more careful cooperation between the two boards,” particularly as the College’s 50th Anniversary begins September 2013.

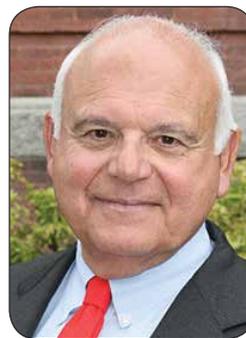
About Stacey DeBoise Luster, Chair, QCC Board of Trustees

Ms. Luster serves as the Human Resources Manager for the Worcester Public Schools, and is an adjunct professor in Urban Education Law at the College of the Holy Cross. Previously, she served as the Assistant Human Resource Manager for the Worcester Public Schools and the Assis-

tant to the President at QCC. Ms. Luster also served for six years as the Director of the Worcester Business Development Corporation and was elected to two terms on the Worcester City Council from 1997 to 2000. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law. “As the Chair of the Board of QCC, I share the responsibility for ensuring that QCC is meeting the educational needs of our citizenry and the work force development needs of employers.” Ms. Luster points out the importance of “...advocat[ing] for changes to the funding formula for community colleges, which is necessary to ensure that QCC is fairly funded based upon our stellar enrollment and performance.” Commenting on the Governor’s vision for community colleges and the work of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Luster shared that the Board is actively engaged in clearly defining QCC as a “Center of Excellence” for education in health care and manufacturing.”



About Laurance S. Morrison, President, QCC Foundation Board of Directors



Laurance S. Morrison

In addition to various appointments by four Massachusetts governors, Mr. Morrison is a board member at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, a former Chairman of YOU, Inc., and a Corporator of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Mr. Morrison served in the Navy for 39 months, and has worked as a political reporter for *Newsday*, a press secretary in New York City and a senior manager at the Pratt Institute and Old Sturbridge Village. He holds a B.A. in History from Brandeis University, with advanced

studies in International Relations at the University of Notre Dame and a graduate fellowship at the Washington Journalism Center.

Mr. Morrison described the Foundation as comprised of "...volunteers who admire QCC and regard the College as valuable, both in its own right in the world of higher education, and as a superb active citizen of the community at large."

According to Mr. Morrison, the QCC Foundation stands "shoulder to shoulder" with the College as QCC's "best

friend..." and that the Foundation "...specializes in providing scholarships, supporting faculty teaching projects, and extending the College's reach in employer hiring and training opportunities, government relations, and highly localized partnerships..."

Mr. Morrison went on to say that, "...thanks to the farsighted views of the Board of Trustees and President Gail Carberry, QCC's healthy ambitions grow, spread, deepen and diversify."



QCC Foundation Board Welcomes Five New Directors

The QCC Foundation is pleased to welcome Jean Axline, Maurice Boisvert, Jack Cutone, Eric Dunphy and Dr. Linda Maykel to its Board of Directors

Jean E. Axline, Vice President of Administration, PlastiCard Systems, Inc. Jean Axline graduated from QCC in 1973, later completing her education by earning a BA at Lesley University. She currently serves as a Trustee for the University. She worked as the executive assistant to the Chancellor of UMass Medical School and was secretary to the Board and assistant to the President/CEO of St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She spent six years at Tufts Veterinary School as the Executive Assistant to the Associate Dean. She has been with PlastiCard Systems, Inc. since 1997 and currently is part owner and the Vice President of Administration. Ms. Axline was elected to the Board in September of 2012.



Jean E. Axline

Maurice J. Boisvert, President and Chief Executive Officer Emeritus of Y.O.U. Inc., Mr. Boisvert received both his B.A. and Master's Degrees from Assumption College and his Masters of Social Work from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. Recently, he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humanities from Assumption College. In addition, Mr. Boisvert is an adjunct professor at Assumption College and Clark University, and is currently teaching at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.



Maurice J. Boisvert

Jack Cutone, Managing Partner, 1031 Exchange, United Asset Trading Company, LLC. Mr. Cutone attended Quinsigamond Community College and received a B.S. degree from Worcester State University in both Economics and Business Administration. He received an M.B.A. from Anna Maria College and a Senior Executive Certificate from Duke University, Fuqua School of Business. He has been an Adjunct Economics Instructor at QCC since 2004.



Jack Cutone

Eric Dunphy, BSN, RN and Vice President of Community Engagement at Vital EMS. Mr. Dunphy is a lifelong Central Massachusetts resident and a Registered Nurse. He is a former EMT and Paramedic with over 30 years of EMS and health care operational experience in civilian, state, and military environments. Mr. Dunphy was hired by the City of Worcester as the first Director of Worcester City Hospital Ambulance and also acted as the clinical coordinator for the region's first paramedic training program. In addition, Mr. Dunphy worked with UMass Medical School/ Commonwealth Medicine/Office of Massachusetts Client Relations as the Client Relations Manager for Division of Medical Assistance and was a member of the Center for Health Care Finance/ Program Integrity algorithm development unit.



Eric Dunphy

Linda A. Maykel, DDS

Dr. Maykel joins the Board after a long association with the College. After receiving her D.D.S. from Northwestern University/Chicago, she opened her own general dentistry office in downtown Worcester.



Linda A. Maykel

During the first three years of private practice, she also served as a clinical instructor in the College's Dental Hygiene Clinic. Dr. Maykel still volunteers for the Dental Hygiene Kidseal Program. Active in the community, she is a member of numerous organizations, including the YWCA of Central Massachusetts, both the Worcester District Dental Society and the Massachusetts Dental Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Association of Women Dentists.

Recent Awards for QCC Foundation Board Members

Deborah Harmon Hines, Ph.D.

received the 2013 UMass Medical School Chancellor's Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence in Diversity for her tireless efforts over the last two decades to enhance the diversity of the UMass campus and the health sciences workforce through support of initiatives such as the summer undergraduate research program and the Worcester Pipeline Collaborative. Dr. Hines has been Vice Provost for School Services at UMass Medical School since 2008, a member of the school's faculty since 1989 and a Professor since 1999. Dr. Hines is also in charge of Matriculation Services and Pre-Matriculation Programs for K-16+ students in groups typically under-represented in biotechnology, biomedical research and the health professions.



Deborah Harmon Hines

Dr. Hines joined the QCC Foundation Board in 2010.

Jeannie Hebert, QCC Foundation Clerk/Secretary received the Worcester Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Women in Business Award for her leadership role in the community, contributing and collaborating on community development programs



Jeannie Hebert

from business seminars and classes to family festivals and expos, offering assistance, empowerment and overall well-being to the Blackstone community. She has served as President and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce since 2008. Prior to joining BVCC, she was Tourism Director for Central Massachusetts. An animal rights advocate, Ms. Hebert is the co-founder of the non-profit organization "Pet Rock" which raises funds for animal shelters and breed rescues throughout New England. Ms. Hebert is also a member of the College's Blackstone Valley/Milford Leadership Group. Ms. Hebert has been a member of the Foundation Board since 2009.

Maurice "Moe" J. Boisvert, L.I.C.S.W., is a 2013 *Telegram and Gazette* Visions Public Service Award winner. Mr. Boisvert received the award for his work to establish YOU, Inc. in 1971 and for his years of dedication providing rehabilitative services to troubled juveniles. At the time of his retirement, YOU, Inc. operated 60 programs in 32 locations. Mr. Boisvert is currently the President and CEO Emeritus, having provided vision and leadership to the organization for more than 41 years.

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Messages from the QCC Board of Trustees and QCC Foundation

Stacey DeBoise Luster, Esq

Chair, QCC Board of Trustees

I'm proud to chair the QCC Board of Trustees because I believe in the mission of the college and have witnessed the positive impact that QCC's high quality training and education has had on our students. QCC is a way of providing access and excellence to all. We are committed to our students and I am honored to be in an oversight position that ensures that QCC delivers exactly what our students need.



Stacey DeBoise Luster, Esq

As you've read in this edition, we've launched our newest project, the expansion in downtown Worcester. Our new facility will give Central MA residents the edge in workforce development with innovative training for people who are unemployed, underemployed and those wishing to add or upgrade their current skills – all in a new format designed to move students quickly through the process and back to work with stackable credits for future academic pursuits. We will be a viable presence in the city of Worcester, serving the needs of students and businesses that need trained talent.

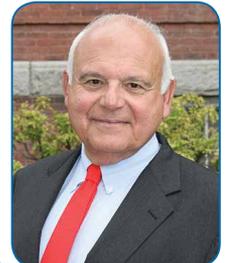
QCC as a "Center of Excellence" for education in health care and manufacturing is just around the corner. The new downtown location will allow for four floors of expanded classroom space, high tech simulation labs for the Healthcare programs, state-of-the-art workforce training and development space and faculty offices. It promises to be a feather in our cap.

As we continue our work toward a soft opening of the new facility in 2014, I invite you to share in our excitement as we lead QCC forward to solidifying its position as a Center of Excellence for education.

Laurance S. Morrison

President, QCC Foundation, Inc.

The Quinsigamond Community College Foundation is the College's non-profit, private sector best friend. As such, we produce material and moral support, always making the wider community a better place to live and work. The Foundation Board members, all leaders in their respective fields and communities from QCC's service area, strive to help create conditions in which more and more people can happily pursue their highest aims.



Laurance S. Morrison

It is this same spirit that brings us to our newest endeavor – the brand new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center. I am delighted that we've launched this project and will soon see students actively working toward their goals in the new facility. I am confident that the new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center will be a model for progressive and innovative educational opportunities, drawing enthusiastic students from all corners of MA.

As we are aware, however, life is a two-way street, and we want to give back to communities in Central Massachusetts. With our new location, we can capitalize on our relationship with our neighbors in downtown Worcester. Our student body will patronize their businesses and intern in their facilities, strengthening and fortifying them with our new partnerships. This is an opportunity for success for everyone.



How can you make a gift to the Quinsigamond Community College Foundation?

Donations have a direct impact on current and future students through support of educational programming, scholarships, new initiatives, technological advances, equipment, capital projects and endowment. Please consider any of the following types of gifts:

- **Outright Gift of Cash by Check, Visa, or MasterCard**
- **Matching Gifts from Your Employer**
- **Gifts of Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds**
- **Gifts in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One**
- **Real Estate**
- **A Planned Gift (Bequests and Life Insurance Policies)**

We would be happy to speak with you about any of these options.

Please contact the QCC Foundation at
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