Bold Partnerships, Bold Investment

Grand Opening of NEW Healthcare and Workforce Development Center in Downtown Worcester
With QCC’s student population nearly doubling since 2006 and its West Boylston Street campus bursting at the seams for years, the time has come for expansion.

**And, expand we did!**

On September 2, QCC opened the doors to its new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center at 25 Federal Street in the heart of downtown Worcester. The facility provides QCC with an additional 74,000 square feet of state-of-the-art space for all nursing and allied healthcare programs and the College’s training and education programs. Located in close proximity to key clinical and educational partners such as the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) and St. Vincent Hospital, QCC’s new center is a key connector on Main Street – with Clark University anchoring one end and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the other.

The new facility represents QCC’s commitment to the redevelopment of downtown Worcester. As the fruit of a joint effort among QCC, the City of Worcester and the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC), which purchased the building in 2011, the Center will add 2,000 “feet on the street”, generating pedestrian traffic for numerous businesses. Without the leadership, entrepreneurial spirit and generosity shown by the QCC Board of Trustees, City of Worcester, WBDC, elected officials, six community banks and a host of public and quasi-public agencies, QCC’s new center would never have become a reality. We are indeed most grateful.

On another note, I am sad to report that the QCC family has lost two dear friends recently – both graduates and Guardians of the College. Ron Josephson spent five years as an elected alumnus to the QCC Board of Trustees and as a Director on the QCC Foundation Board, always with thoughtful consideration and strategic deliberation. Representative Binienda served 28 years in the Massachusetts State Legislature, and was a steadfast champion of public higher education and the City of Worcester.

How proud both men would have been of QCC’s new downtown facility! We miss them deeply, and treasure the time we had with both of them.

Sincerely,

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QCC CONNECTIONS
From QCC’s humble beginnings on Belmont Street in 1963 with 44 students to today’s sprawling main location on West Boylston Street, multiple satellite locations and record number of graduates, it is clear that the College has experienced immense growth, change and inspiring re-birth on many fronts. From sociological and economic shifts that encompassed changes in the types of available occupations and the training/education provided by QCC, to cultural shifts that inspired greater freedom of expression on many levels, QCC has seen it all…

*Technology has transformed the educational environment.*

“Of course the most apparent change is anything related to technology. When I started as an Adjunct Professor of Art History in the early ‘80s, I had to coordinate with the Worcester Art Museum to be able to borrow slides for my classes, which meant carrying around loads of heavy materials from class to class and then returning everything to the museum, only to start the process all over again, the following semester. One of the most amazing advances today is that I can now “carry” everything I need for multiple classes on one small drive that fits into the palm of my hand. Incredible! And now students can even take “virtual tours” of every major art museum in the world!”

- Ralph Parente

Adjunct Professor, Art History, Drawing and Photography
“Our students now are much more technology/computer savvy and comfortable than they were back in 1983 – 1999. Some of my former students (who are now friends) had been trying to get me on Facebook for the past several years. Up until this past October, I had defiantly and stubbornly resisted. Last fall, when I met with them for our annual “reunion” dinner, they said, “Hey! You were the one who convinced us why we had to learn the airline’s Computer Reservation System, and we did. You were the one who explained why the Internet was so important to use, and we now use it. We are telling you that you should get on Facebook. You will love it!” They had a valid argument; I investigated and created a Facebook account. They were right; I am now a Facebook addict!”

- Paula Moseley
Admissions Representative, former Professor for QCC’s Travel Agent Training Certificate Program, popular in the mid-late ’80s

“In the ’90s, we set up the infrastructure for everything - networking classrooms and offices. On-line learning was a big deal. We started modestly in 2000, and in the mid-2000s it (on-line learning) really took off. One of the biggest challenges was setting up on-line registration for potential students, too. We really grew as an institution at that point. And when the Applied Arts program came on-line – that was huge! Before that - way before that, Jim Brown and I modified desks to accommodate under-the-desk keyboards, then went out to BJ’s and bought a pile of keyboard drawers, hand-carried them back to campus and installed them.”

- Ken Dwyer
Chief Technology Officer

**Educational programming has seen its share of changes with the passage of time.**

In the beginning, QCC focused on Liberal Arts, Business, Secretarial, and Engineering programs. The first commencement in 1965 graduated 44 students.
Betty Forest, RN, Ed.D., founded QCC’s now legendary School of Nursing Program in 1965 with just 35 students, retiring as its director in 1990. In 2011, Dr. Forest was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alpha Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau during the seventh annual Nursing Leadership Conference of The Adelphi University School of Nursing in Garden City, N.Y. Dr. Forest is a 1947 graduate of the university. QCC’s 2013 commencement graduated 119 students from the Nurse Education Program.

“When I was designing the Science and Technology program back in the day, because QCC is a community college, I always tried to work with local businesses to address their technical needs for employees. One year, a former president of the College asked me why I had no students enrolled in my spring semester classes. I told him, “Digital hired all of my students!” (Digital Equipment Corporation)

- Robert Gillies
48-year Faculty member, Electronics and Mathematics

With the cultural shift in the mid-to-late ‘60s, an increasing number of students were enrolling in college classes and QCC was there to provide. Dress and behavior changed dramatically. In fact, there was a dress code in the early QCC days; male faculty and students were expected to wear a suit coat and tie, while women could not wear slacks.

“Although I would not classify this as a ‘dress code,’ lots of students did dress for school; some of the guys even wore ties, if you can believe it.”

- Victor Somma
QCC Southbridge Campus Director
Cigarette smoking for QCC faculty, staff, and students was everywhere – literally. Professors had ashtrays on their desks in classrooms, faculty and staff smoked while working and students lit up after their lunch in the cafeteria as a matter of course. Finally, the health risks to smokers and non-smokers alike became too obvious to ignore and QCC went SmokeFree at all locations in September 2013.

QCC Respiratory Care Program 2010 alum, Veronica Gates, started the process as a senior project saying, “I surveyed students on campus and found that 70% actually wanted to quit. I was inspired to take the project to a higher level and through a challenging process, met with the Dean of Healthcare, the Student Senate and the All College Council, finally putting a proposal to an All College Forum. Anything is possible if you put a little effort into it!”

“Taking classes at QCC was hard in the beginning. They were preparing for accreditation so they graded extra-tough. I came from Commerce High School, Worcester, which was a business school then so I didn’t really feel very well prepared. In fact, I was surprised when I was accepted to QCC. Math was a challenge because we had to use a slide rule for calculations and I could not get used to estimated answers. I also remember when Kennedy was assassinated. I was walking across the parking lot headed to class and people were yelling the news across the lot. We got to our classroom and everyone was just in shock. Everybody stopped working.”

- Charles Longeway

One of QCC’s first students in 1963, Industrial Engineering

Charles Longeway, Then and Now.
Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society came to QCC in 1980 as the Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter with eleven members, and has flourished ever since. Originally it was called a ‘silent chapter’ on the academic side. Bonnie Coleman, PTK’s current Lead Advisor was asked to bring the chapter alive. She says, “We have had explosive growth in the past few years. We are the most active Phi Theta Kappa chapter in New England, with the largest membership growth in the past three years. Today we have approximately 350 members and just invited 899 more to be inducted! Our Chapter was 2013’s ‘Most Distinguished Chapter in New England.’ We have made the Five Star level (the highest in the organization) three years in a row. This year we are one of seven chapters out of 59 in the New England Region that has achieved that goal. I am honored and extremely proud to be the Lead Advisor. It has brought me great pleasure to see all the PTK members shine – it’s an amazing reflection on QCC.”

“One of the most profound, overall changes has been the importance that folks attached to a QCC education. QCC used to be considered a second-chance or even last-chance institution – but no longer! Many students fully intend to start at QCC at the outset of their college education as transfer students to save on tuition. QCC has always been the most affordable, cost effective solution in the region.”

- James Brown
Dean of QCC’s School of Public Service and Social Sciences
“What hasn’t changed so much over the years is that there always seems to be a contingent of delightful students – those who are a joy to teach and that obviously derive many benefits from their QCC education. They are what give this profession meaning.”

- Ralph Parente
Adjunct Professor, Art History, Drawing and Photography

“Realizing that South County was an underserved region for higher education, our president, Gail Carberry’s vision, was to establish the first official QCC satellite campus. Opened in 2009 at 5 Optical Dr. in Southbridge, MA, the campus is in its sixth year of serving over 500 students a semester with nearly 55 faculty teaching classes Monday through Saturday. One student in our first year here summed it up for me when she said, ‘I’m so thankful for QCC coming to South County, otherwise I would never be able to attend college.’”

- Victor Somma
QCC Southbridge Campus Director
Commencement 2014

The largest graduating class in QCC’s history – 1,374 students – received degrees or certificates on May 22. Approximately 700 students attended graduation at the DCU Center. Sandra Laney, Ph.D., Program Officer for Global Health, Discovery & Translational Sciences at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the first 50 QCC Guardians, delivered an inspirational Commencement Address.

The continuation of the 50 Guardians program is the centerpiece of the anniversary events and now includes installations of Guardian portraits on the main floor of the Administration Building at the West Boylston Street, Worcester location and on the first floor of the new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center in downtown Worcester. Guardians are alumni who have had significant accomplishments in their personal and professional lives and in their community as “guardian protectors.” This is in keeping with the spirit of the College’s mythological mascot, the Wyvern, who is the guardian protector of QCC’s sister city, Worcester, England.

Meet the next 20 Guardians on page 18.
On October 29, Chair Susan Mailman announced QCC’s $5 million Regional Investment in Service and Education (RISE) Campaign at the Grand Opening of the College’s new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center in downtown Worcester. In Ms. Mailman’s words, “In order for QCC to continue to offer the specialized training programs required for workers of the 21st century, our community must invest in QCC as the College has invested in us.”

Community Partners Step Up

The campaign has raised $3.28 million for this new site and the QuEST Center on West Boylston Street, physical improvements to the main campus, expanded regional program delivery, endowed scholarships and endowed teaching positions. 100% of the QCC Board of Trustees, QCC Foundation Board of Directors and Executive Team have made a gift or pledge. Major philanthropic institutions have come forward to support the campaign, including the George I. Alden Trust, The Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Trust, The Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation, The Fletcher Foundation, The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, The Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation, and Stoddard Charitable Trust.

Generous campaign contributions have come from the business community, as well, including Bay State Savings Bank, Coghlin Electrical Contractors, The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation, Southbridge Savings Bank and United Lens, to name a few.

50th Anniversary Celebration on June 17, 5:30 p.m., Mechanics Hall

QCC and the QCC Foundation look forward to celebrating the College’s 50th Anniversary on June 17, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. This event will be hosted by QCC Foundation, with longstanding friends of the College Jim Harrington and Mary DiBara serving as co-chairs. Proceeds will benefit the RISE Campaign.

The 50th Anniversary Time Capsule is on display in the entry way of the QCC’s Administration Building, at the W. Boylston Street, Worcester location. The capsule will contain items of historic significance to QCC’s 50th Anniversary. To submit mementos, please contact Sue Laprade at slaprade@qcc.mass.edu.
QCC Receives $2 Million State Grant for New Innovation and Technology Acceleration Center (ITAC)

Governor Deval Patrick paid a visit to South County in May to announce a grant award to support the creation of QCC’s new Innovative Technology and Acceleration Center (ITAC) in Southbridge. The grant will be used specifically for equipment to outfit QCC’s new ITAC Center, an advanced manufacturing training center that will become an expansion of the QCC Southbridge location.

“QCC is pleased to be in collaboration with public and private partnerships to provide access to advanced training in the innovative technology fields.”

- Dr. Gail E. Carberry
  QCC President

In collaboration with local manufacturers, the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MMEP), Fitchburg State University, and QCC will address the need for skilled manufacturing professionals by expanding educational opportunities for area residents. Fitchburg State University will assist in the effort by offering transfer articulation agreements for bachelor degrees in Advanced Manufacturing.

President Gail Carberry said, “This strategic investment will help us continue our mission to ensure that people in our community have access to the education and training they need to get good jobs and that employers have access to an educated workforce.”

Siemens Corporation donates $121 million in software to QCC

In April, QCC and 12 other academic partners received news of a $660 million in-kind software grant from Siemens Corporation. The grant is for proprietary Siemens manufacturing programs that will be put into manufacturing curricula at QCC and other area vocational high schools and community colleges and universities.

President Gail E. Carberry said, “In partnership with MassMEP and the Massachusetts community colleges, Siemens software leverages the role of education in driving the state’s advanced manufacturing industry. Our goal is to create the most productive advanced manufacturing workforce in the nation.”
On life:
“I had an Army officer tell me once years ago, ‘Now, remember, if you look good, you will feel good, and you will do good.’ That advice has served me well.”

James Brown
Dean of Public Service and Social Sciences

Celebrating 50 Years in Education!

Professor Jim Brown has been with QCC since 1968 after spending three years at Milford High School. He was drawn to higher education for the “more mature audience!”

Next year, he will celebrate his 50th anniversary in education. Congratulations, Dean Brown!

Professor Brown talked to Connections about his career at QCC:

What drew you to teaching?

“I had several mentors when I was in school – history teachers – one in Junior High School and one at Worcester Junior College which existed before QCC did! (I graduated from Worcester Junior College in 1961.) I recognized teaching as a noble profession; one that seemed natural to me and one that I was comfortable with.”

He has spent his entire career at QCC with brief forays into side jobs teaching at various private schools while raising his family. He laughingly refers to this period in his career as “Have podium, will travel.”

Weren’t you retired at one point?

“Yes! I threatened retirement once and actually succeeded once” – a status that he only managed to sustain for two brief years when he “accomplished all the things I said I wanted to do in retirement. I got bored and itchy. I was too young to be retired. I like what I’m doing; I love QCC – it’s a family here.”

His Philosophy:

On teaching:

“The best teachers are caring, respectful, have integrity, humility, use humor and tell their students that they plan to learn together. Since I’ve been away from teaching for a while, I have the opportunity as a Dean to influence more professors to do more of the same.”

On students:

“There have been so many good ones over the years that it’s been a very satisfying career.”

On technology:

“I didn’t notice technology changing as rapidly as it did because I grew with it. But certainly some of the bigger changes were the introduction of computers into the classroom. I’ve had a few experiences with IT, working together towards the goal of bringing computers into the classroom. On Belmont Street, in the early days I remember we had a computer that used punch cards. Then the whole building had to be wired for personal computers to be installed when they became the new tool. I also taught one of the “first” on-line computer classes for inmates at the Worcester County Jail. My class materials were uploaded to a giant main frame computer for personnel at the jail to retrieve, then the inmates would do their work and it was re-uploaded so that I could grade it on a PC.

We also had to use the old-fashioned mimeograph machines to copy materials for classes – there was no Print Shop. You would have to carefully type your notes or exams onto carbon copies and then run the carbon through the machine manually. I also remember a time when there were no telephones in our offices. There was one telephone per floor out in the hallway that faculty shared!”

“I would make a point to learn all of my student’s names in one week. This was before we had student i.d. photos to help us identify them and I used to have at least five classes with 25 or more students in each class. The best one was a class with five ‘Jennifers’ in it.”
Healthcare and Workforce Development Center is OPEN!

Historic Ribbon-Cutting on October 29, 2014

QCC President Dr. Gail E. Carberry, members of her Executive Team and the QCC mascot, the Wyvern were on hand September 2, 2014 for the first day of school. According to Dr. Jane June, Dean of Healthcare, QCC is “…going from 10,000 square feet to 50,000 square feet…it’s really a magnificent building.” Kathie Manning, Dean of QCC’s Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education predicted, “…our objectives will take on a more pronounced importance for skills and training that put people back to work.”

As the product of a joint effort among QCC, the City of Worcester and the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC), the Center will add 2,000 “feet on the street” at capacity, generating pedestrian traffic for numerous businesses. At the ceremony, U.S. Congressman James P. McGovern praised the “…visionary work of President Gail Carberry, WBDC President Craig Blais, the QCC Board of Trustees and so many others.”

WBDC has been a highly supportive partner in this venture, with Chairman George W. Tetler, Ill and Mr. Blais leading a unique partnership that generated a $40 million private/public investment for building renovation. Financing came in many forms from many partners, including the WBDC, the City of Worcester, six local banks (i.e. Fidelity Bank, Unibank, Webster Five Cents Savings Bank, Middlesex Savings Bank, Bay State Savings Bank, United Bank and Commerce Bank), USBank, MassDevelopment, MA Housing Investment Corporation, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The Community Builders, PCI and the New York Times.

WBDC staff and contractors and QCC staff worked tirelessly to prepare this beautiful building for students, faculty and staff. Faith Symmes, QCC’s Site Operations Team Administrator, led the QCC effort to lift the site,
energizing a team that “focused on solving all of the challenges that a move of this magnitude presented”.

Nearly 200 community partners attended the October 29 ribbon cutting. Mr. Tetler stated “…the Worcester Business Development Corporation could not be more proud… the project is not just a building… it is part of a broader vision for the transformation of downtown Worcester”. Keynote speaker John W. Polanowicz (then MA Secretary for Health and Human Services) predicted, “…the impact we’ll make on this community and across the Commonwealth is going to be incredible.”

“The project is not just a building… it is part of a broader vision for the transformation of downtown Worcester”.

– George W. Tetler, III, Esq.
Chairman, Worcester Business Development Corporation
New QuEST Center To Support STEM Academics for Central MA

QCC broke ground on Thursday, April 10 for its new, QuEST (Quinsigamond Engineering, Science and Technology) Center at the Worcester location on 670 West Boylston Street. The 30,000 square foot building will address the area’s growing need for skilled workers in the fields of biotechnology, biomedical engineering, pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, electromechanical technology/robotics and automation, as well as energy utility technology. A $23 million state bond supports this effort.

State and local elected officials, members of QCC’s Board of Trustees, the QCC Foundation Board of Directors, friends and supporters, community and business leaders, QCC faculty, staff, students and alumni attended the event. Multiple honored guests addressed the crowd, including: James H. Harrington, Life-time Director and former President of the QCC Foundation; Larry Morrison, President of the QCC Foundation; Elayne Campos, Deputy Director of Programming from the MA Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance; Beth Nicklas, General Counsel and Vice President for Academic and Workforce Programs from Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC); and QCC Alumna and Guardian Dr. Sandra Laney.

President Gail E. Carberry, Ed.D. said, “Our new QuEST Center will enable us to offer the most up-to-date technology and equipment to educate the next group of STEM professionals in Central MA. It’s very exciting.”

Governor Deval Patrick Announces Mass Life Science Center Grant at QCC

March 6 - Governor Patrick visited QCC to announce nearly $1.5 million in MLSC funding, including $499,880 for the Quinsigamond Engineering, Science and Technology (QuEST) Center, slated to open in early 2016. Under his leadership, the MLSC is investing $1 billion over 10 years in the life sciences. To date, $330 million has been awarded across the state.
Dr. Vincent DiTaranto with his handsome profile and quick smile is well-known around QCC’s main campus at 670 West Boylston Street. He is a favorite among students for his Project-Based Learning curriculum and super-cool guy demeanor, but what many people don’t know is that he survived a death sentence cancer diagnosis to create a solution to one of cancer treatments most vexing problems.

Dr. DiTaranto, Professor of Engineering, Mathematics and Chemistry for 25 years at QCC, earned a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering and Biotechnology from UMass, Lowell in 2009, Ph.D. work he began as a result of his cancer diagnosis and what he believed to be an unacceptable treatment option.

In 1998, Professor DiTaranto received the unthinkable – a diagnosis of Squamous cell cancer, Stage 4. After receiving his diagnosis, DiTaranto began the standard process of chemotherapy and radiation, saying, “It was rough. My daughter had to quit nursing school to drive me back and forth. Later, I remember sitting in a staff parking lot before class, pouring Ensure down my feeding tube so I would be able to teach classes. I obviously came back too soon,” he recalls with a slight smile.

His cancer treatment worked but left him with serious related health issues. After losing bone mass in his jaw, he consulted his surgeon for treatment options. “My doctor told me that the only option was cadaver bone to replace the missing bone in my jaw, but cadaver bone does not grow – an option that I wasn’t happy with,” said Professor DiTaranto. “So I decided I’d find a solution myself.” Surprisingly, the difficult part of the project was creating a clean surface (scaffold) for bone cells to grow on. In a unique ah-ha moment, the solution came to Professor DiTaranto while Christmas shopping; a solution that is now proprietary but solved the puzzle.

When he retires (a date yet to be determined) he plans to go back and finish his work in tissue engineering so that others can benefit. He will further his research from animal bone cells to human bone cells but confides that he does not want his ground-breaking research employed on himself. He feels that he has endured too much already and does not want to go through any more surgeries. It is enough for him right now to enjoy teaching and spending time with his granddaughters saying, “Those are the important things - that’s what makes me happy and that is enough.”

He uses his Ph.D. work as classroom examples in many of his classes. As one former student put it, “it’s crazy, brilliant stuff – amazing. He’s amazing. And I learned so much in his class!” (Joshua Stone, Holden)

You can catch “Doc Hollywood” in one of QCC’s television commercials or on-line at: http://www.QCC.edu/about/news-events/wyvern-media.
Meet the newest Guardians

Guardians rise to the occasion. As we celebrate 50 years of teaching and learning at Quinsigamond Community College, we are identifying 50 alumni who are using their QCC education to transform the lives of others.

John Binienda
Class of 1968
MA State Representative

“QCC offers many opportunities for adults and traditional-age college students.”

Carlos Calderon
Class of 2005
Finance Manager, State Street Global Advisors

“I was of the first generation in my family to attend college, so I didn’t have business networks or mentors within my family. QCC was where things first turned around for me; I could have followed a very different path. QCC offered me an opportunity, but it was still necessary to rise to meet the challenge and work hard.”

Stephen Coleman, Jr.
Class of 2002
Chief, Auburn Fire Rescue Department; Adjunct Professor, Fire Science Department: Quinsigamond Community College, Anna Maria College

“QCC allowed the flexibility I needed to work full-time while taking classes. That had a huge impact on my ability to finish my degree program. I now share my story with my students at QCC, to let them know I started here too, and can hopefully serve as their mentor all our lives.”

John Creedon, Sr.
Class of 1976
President, Creedon and Co.

“I was proud to graduate from QCC’s business program, earning my associate’s degree in three semesters. Completing the degree a semester early while also working full-time gave me confidence in my own ability to accomplish goals.”
Guardians

Olivia Cross
Class of 2011
U.S. Marine Reserves

“When I came home from Iraq, QCC offered me the opportunity to work with professionals in the field of criminal justice. It gave me a chance to acclimate to college and prepared me well to complete my bachelor’s degree. It was a great experience.”

Judge Carol Erskine
Class of 1973
First Justice, Worcester Juvenile Court

“QCC provides a strong support for people who want to further their education, but also is supportive of people looking to get jobs or training. The college supports students no matter what their goals are.”

Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Class of 1968
Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

“QCC created a springboard for me. I found the professors were interested in motivating students and used diverse teaching methods to reach students. It is humbling to be named one of the Guardians - it gives me an opportunity to thank Quinsigamond Community College as well.”

Juan A. Gomez
Class of 1988
President and CEO, Centro Las Americas, Worcester

“QCC is an integral part of the local economy, as an employer and by offering education in areas employers need. I am forever grateful for the opportunity QCC provided me, education truly is the equalizer.”

For more profiles, visit www.QCC.edu/50-guardians
**Meet the Newest Guardians**

**Linda Granville**
Class of 1988
Consultant, Together for Kids Project
(recently retired Director of Children’s Services at the YWCA of Central Massachusetts, Worcester)

“When I took classes at QCC, I was able to learn so much from working with people at the top of their field.”

**Michael Harper**
Class of 2014
Outreach Coordinator for Diversity Programs, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

“QCC gives you the opportunity to grow and explore different areas and disciplines and is one of the best options around, especially if you are not sure what you want to do - you can take different courses and figure out your strengths.”

**Robert Johnson**
Class of 1983
Pharmaceutical Consultant

“I credit Quinsigamond Community College with changing my path in life, helping me realize the importance of an education.”

**Nafisa Kabani**
Class of 1989
RN, Harrington Hospital

“QCC has so many different options no matter what your interests are. It’s tough, but they help you get there, offering a lot of support. My oldest daughter, also a QCC alumna says, ‘QCC is the school that helped change all our lives.’”

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Jeanne Lynch  
Class of 1974  
Director, Growth Through Learning Organization

“QCC gave me the opportunity to reach for my potential as a woman. QCC also serves an important role in Worcester as an affordable school, which is centrally located and offers flexible class schedules – it’s the perfect school for adults to attend. It is flexible, affordable, and has highly qualified faculty.”

James O’Day  
Class of 1975  
MA State Representative

“QCC is a great environment for students in traditional and non-traditional circumstances. It offers real opportunities for employment and continuing education.”

Uchenna Onuzulike  
Class of 2003  
James Madison University

“QCC transformed my life in many ways. My teachers at QCC were passionate and they helped me find my passion and the path to achieve it – QCC prepares people for opportunities.”

Andrea Roth  
Class of 1984 • Award-winning author and diabetes advocate

“QCC’s flexible schedule, course offerings and talented professors encouraged me and enabled me to pursue a business career. My dreams and hopes for the future of QCC are for it to remain an affordably convenient, competent, higher educational resource for the general public.”
MEET THE NEWEST GUARDIANS

Wayne Sampson
Class of 1981
Executive Director,
Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association

“I attended QCC because the program was one of the most respected of that time and still is today. QCC offers an affordable education with quality instructors for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college.”

Andrea Siemaszko
Class of 2010
International Development

“If it wasn’t for QCC, I wouldn’t be where I am now. I was able to gain a stronger academic background while not sacrificing financially. I was also able to network and build my resume, which allowed me to earn scholarships to four-year institutions.”

Deborah Vires
Class of 1978
Social Worker, MA Department of Children and Families

“Quinsigamond Community College was a friendly school, very welcoming with an open atmosphere, which promotes learning. At QCC, you can look at all your options and find out your skill set.”

Adrienne Walsh
Class of 1976
Director, Hidden Miracle Parent Network

“QCC created a springboard for me. I found the professors were interested in motivating students and used diverse teaching methods to reach students. It is humbling to be named one of the Guardians - it gives me an opportunity to thank Quinsigamond Community College as well.”

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Chair of QCC’s Board of Trustees, Stacey DeBoise Luster, Elected to Board of Higher Education

Chair of QCC’s Board of Trustees, Stacey DeBoise Luster, Esq., has been elected to serve as the community college segmental representative on the MA Board of Higher Education. Ms. Luster will continue to serve as Chair of QCC’s Board of Trustees, as well. President Gail Carberry says, “QCC is delighted that Ms. Luster will bring her perspective and leadership on behalf of community colleges to this important statewide position.”

Ms. Luster is the Human Resource Manager for the Worcester Public Schools and former Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action and Minority Affairs at QCC. She is a graduate of the Boston University School of Law, and has been a QCC Board Member since 2007.

Guardian Tammy Murray is Elected as New Alumni Trustee

Dr. Tammy Murray, class of 1992, is a Registered Occupational Therapist for Worcester Public Schools, and has been elected to serve as the Alumni Trustee on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Murray, one of the first 10 Guardians selected for the 50th Anniversary Guardian program, also co-chairs the Alumni Division of the RISE Campaign. She is a powerful, persuasive advocate for the college and well-known within the Worcester community. She holds a doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy from Temple University.
In Their Words

Alums Share their QCC Experiences

Inspirational student stories abound at QCC, yet the College means different things to different students; they are all unique individuals with their own daily struggles and diverse goals. From traditional students who may need direction, to non-traditional students lacking confidence, QCC has a diverse student demographic. Enrolled students include those in need of skills and knowledge upgrades, international students struggling with language and cultural barriers and students barely managing to cover the basic necessities of living...

...they are all at QCC and succeeding.
Ato Howard, a Worcester resident originally from Ghana is a first generation college student majoring in Biomedical Engineering. He participates in QCC’s TRiO program, a federally funded program that provides first-generation and economically disadvantaged college students, and students with disabilities the support and services needed to achieve academic success. He says,”with the extra support I get from TRIO, I’ve really been able to grow and achieve academically. Ricky Frasier (TRiO Program Counselor) even provided me with an opportunity to apply for a new M.I.T Research project that I never would have known about. I filled out an application and I was accepted! I’ll be studying with M.I.T Ph.D. candidates in FL, looking at a chemical produced by coral reefs. When it’s time to transfer to a four-year college, I’ll have that amazing opportunity on my resume.” QCC: A Place of Opportunity.

Geovanni Cruz, a Human Services Major from Worcester found the deaths of two of his closest relatives during a short time period, difficult to deal with and had to drop out in 2007. He knew he would finish somehow but recognized that he needed support that he no longer had.”I wanted to prove to myself that I could succeed at college despite the devastating loss of both my mother and grandmother who supported my college goals. I found that support from my co-workers, classmates and faculty at QCC. The people I’ve met and who I work with currently have supported me and my goals and have made me feel welcome and part of the QCC Family. (Mr. Cruz works at the Fuller Student Center and at the Harrington Learning Center.) QCC: A Place of Support.

Amy Pierce
Mother, PTK Officer, Student Trustee and recent graduate from Leominster is a non-traditional student who came to QCC looking to update her skills after a lay-off in 2008. During her lengthy job hunt she says,”I found positions for which I had the required experience, but most had a requirement I did not possess – a Bachelor’s Degree. This prevented me from applying for most positions (I calculated that I lost out on over 90% of qualified positions) despite my experience. I decided to ‘fix’ that problem and QCC was the answer. I’ve saved thousands of dollars by starting at QCC. I’ll be transferring to Mt. Holyoke College in the fall and with scholarships, my tuition will be totally covered. And, attending QCC was the best way to show my kids that education IS IMPORTANT!” QCC: A Place of Importance.

Catalina Fajardo, Mother of three, Dental Assisting student bridging to Dental Hygiene. There is a time for everything and right now is my time. I raised my children and took care of my husband and home while he pursued his education. Now it’s my turn. I’m more focused and goal oriented as a mature adult and I get better grades. My nationality is Chilean and our family structure is a bit old-school where the wife and mother takes care of everyone else first. Now that my family is in a good, solid place, I can pay attention to my goals, and with QCC I know I’ll succeed. QCC was, for me, by far the best choice for cost, location, and program quality. QCC: A Place of Success.

For more student profiles, visit: www.QCC.edu/student-life/student-success-stories
QCC HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL CORPORATE BREAKFAST

Entrepreneurship:
Your Life, Your Community, Your Economy

On March 14, QCC welcomed nearly 100 local entrepreneurs, business and academic leaders, legislators, Trustees, QCC Foundation Directors, staff, faculty, alumni/ae and other friends to its annual Corporate Breakfast at the Worcester Senior Center. Guests were treated to a delicious buffet provided by students in QCC’s Hospitality and Recreation Management program. Stacey DeBoise Luster, Chair of QCC’s Board of Trustees, made opening remarks. Senator Michael Moore (a QCC alumnus and Guardian) and Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus followed with words of welcome. QCC President, Dr. Gail Carberry, spoke of the College’s entrepreneurial mindset, pointing to the planned opening of new healthcare, workforce development and STEM buildings as prime examples.

A panel of local entrepreneurs followed, moderated by Scott Rossiter, a well-known entrepreneur in the Blackstone Valley (Lampin Corporation). Panelists included: Kathy Barron, Accurate Resource Group; Eric Dunphy, Vital EMS; Carrie Johnson, QCC Adjunct Professor, Journalist, Author, and the late Ron Josephson, Power-Guide Marketing. Mr. Dunphy and Mr. Josephson are both QCC alumni and Guardians. Both serve on the QCC Foundation Board; Mr. Josephson served on the College’s Board of Trustees, as well. QCC Foundation President Larry Morrison and Sue Mailman, Chair of the QCC’s Regional Investment in Service and Education (RISE) Campaign closed the program.
Join us as we celebrate QCC’s new look, after 50 years of making higher education accessible to us all. On March 6, 2014, the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center announced that QCC was awarded a half million dollar grant to equip a 23 million dollar, 30,000 square foot engineering, science, and technology building, with state of the art technology and amenities. These facilities and technology upgrades will begin serving our community in 2016, ensuring that QCC students remain a reliable local source for STEM careers.

This Fall, QCC moved into a newly renovated prime location, prominently located directly across from Worcester City Hall, as we begin serving hundreds of students in our state of the art downtown campus. QCC remains one of the most significant sources of higher education for allied health, nursing and adult education programs in our community. Our centrally located, high-tech facility will enhance our ability to offer these high demand programs.

While your community college continues to serve traditional and non-traditional students, with deep roots in Worcester and Central Massachusetts, QCC is designing curricula and preparing students to meet the global needs of employers in the healthcare, biotechnology, engineering, math and science fields.

**QCC is looking good at 50!**

Stacey DeBoise Luster  
Chair, Board of Trustees Chair

**Wyverns on the move!**

Always QCC’s best friend, the private non-profit Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Foundation and its volunteer Board of Directors offer a major tip of the hat to QCC for 50 years of top quality education and training opportunities, practical affordability and teaching excellence.

The College’s unprecedented growth shows itself in the opening of the College’s new Healthcare and Workforce Development Center in downtown Worcester, as well as in the design and construction of the Quinsigamond Engineering, Science and Technology (QuEST) Center on the main campus, slated to open in 2016. Site expansion is underway in South County, after five years of runaway success. Exploration of program delivery options is proceeding in Blackstone Valley/Milford and Marlborough.

The Foundation raises resources for the College, and works as a connector to its many community stakeholders, too. Through its annual Golf Tournament, Spelling Bee and other enterprising efforts, the QCC Foundation finances scholarships, underwrites faculty innovation and excellence, and supports special educational opportunities for students.

The Foundation recently established the community-centered Champions program of ambassadors for the College, and co-sponsors with the College a most-selective Guardians roll of 50 remarkable alumni whose stellar personal and career achievements set them apart individually, even as they share a QCC educational heritage.

Through such like-minded organizations as Chambers of Commerce and community institutions, professionals in healthcare, manufacturing, finance, arts and culture and lifelong learning pursue the integration of College capabilities and local strengths, benefiting workplaces and households across the QCC service area.

In all these ways, and others, the Foundation strives to build material and moral support for the College, helping to make even stronger communities in Central Massachusetts.

**Here come the Wyverns!**

Warm regards,

Laurance S. Morrison  
President, QCC Foundation

**Wyverns**

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President, QCC Foundation
17th Annual Golf Tournament:

Driving for Scholars

Nearly 150 sponsors and donation contributors supported QCC Foundation’s 17th Annual Golf Classic, held on September 15 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston. Chaired by QCC Foundation Vice President Jacqui Diggs and Treasurer Jim Hoogasian, the event started with a helicopter golf ball drop, and culminated in a silent auction, raffle, awards and dinner. Diana Giampa, Senior Vice President of Baystate Savings Bank, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. QCC President Dr. Gail E. Carberry welcomed participants, and shared highlights from the College. Dr. Tammy Murray (QCC ‘92), a QCC Guardian and the newest member of the College’s Board of Trustees, described an inspiring journey from her early days at QCC to a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Temple University.

Save the date for the
QCC Foundation’s 18th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, September 21, 2015

Team 11 – Bay State Savings Bank, 3rd place winners: Bob Blute (Sullivan, Garrity Insurance); Peter Alden (Bay State Savings Bank); Mike Zona; Eric Dunphy (Vital EMS).

Dr. Tammy Murray speaks at after-tournament presentation.
On June 3, the QCC Foundation held its first Scholarship Luncheon. Over 100 donors, students and special guests attended the event at QCC’s Harrington Learning Center. QCC Foundation President Larry Morrison stated that 50 scholarship funds now generate $200,000 in awards every year.

Longstanding donors in attendance included Jim Harrington (Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation), Mark Fuller (George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation) and members of the Maykel Family (Maykel Family Dental Hygiene Scholarship Fund). Newer donors were present, including Barbara Rossman (Professor Paul Rossman History/Political Science Memorial Award), the Reach Out For Schools program and the Claire E. Hayes RN/Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund.

In addition to credit classes, scholarships are now available to non-credit students. For example, 188 adults related to youth at the Worcester Boys and Girls Club took ESL classes with funding from The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation. Funds from the Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation provided rapid retraining to 30 students.

The 16th Annual Spelling Bee was held on April 3 in the Hebert Auditorium at 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester. Twenty teams with over 30 corporate partners participated in the QCC Foundation’s annual scholarship fundraising event. The winning team was the “Worker Bees” from Mechanics Hall.

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**Champions Event:** On June 23, the QCC Foundation hosted its second Annual Champions Reception at the Harrington Learning Center at the West Boylston Street, Worcester location. Attended by 120 guests, the event honored State Senator Stephen Brewer as the Recipient of the 2014 QCC Trustees’ Citizen’s Award, and celebrated 20 new QCC “Guardians.” Larry Morrison, President of the QCC Foundation shared that the QCC Foundation had decided to establish an advocacy group from its external community that would represent all key stakeholders in the College. The resulting QCC Champions is co-chaired by two members of the QCC Foundation’s Board of Directors, Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines and Paul Kennedy. Dr. Hines and Mr. Kennedy shared a brief profile of each Guardian, and Ms. Luster, Dr. Carberry and Mr. Morrison awarded honorary plaques. All twenty individuals have distinguished themselves both personally and professionally, working in such fields as social services, education, business, the armed services, non-profit administration, healthcare, biotechnology, media, law, fire rescue, politics and international development.

**The North Wing Art Exhibit: Wednesday, March 19**
QCC held an opening reception to honor talented QCC artists (faculty, staff and students) whose works were selected by a juried panel to be shown in the New North Wing Gallery. Nineteen works in every original format, from digital photography to quilting, were printed by students in the Applied Arts program, framed and hung in the North Wing. President Carberry also announced a renewed commitment to Arts Education as the basis for creativity in STEM fields, adding an “A” in STEM to forge full STEAM ahead!

**The Annual ECE Art Exhibit:** From April 15 through May 9, artwork by children from the ECE School was displayed in the Gallery Hallway of QCC’s Administration Building, celebrating the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s, “Week of the Young Child.”
QCC’s Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society students organized the participation of 50th Anniversary themed marchers for the Annual Worcester St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

QCC Theatre Club performs “Lend Me A Tenor”.

The QCC Theatre Club spring production, Lend Me a Tenor by Ken Ludwig, directed by English Professor John Deedy, was staged from April 16 through April 19 at the Hebert Auditorium, with performances interpreted in American Sign Language and a specially priced admission for Veterans.

QCC Theatre Club performs “Bus Stop.”

QCC KidSeal Program

In March, the Dental Hygiene Program and Professor Emeritus Joyce Cooney celebrated a noteworthy anniversary of the KidSeal Program. The American Dental Hygienists’ Association magazine, access, covered the story, marking the 16th Anniversary of the program founded by Professor Cooney as a service learning component for Dental Hygiene students.
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Wednesday, June 17, 2015
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Gifts of $1,000 and above will be listed on a community wall.

Co-chairs, Mary DiBara and Jim Harrington