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FOCUS ON... *greatness!*

QCC is standing on the threshold of greatness. This is a direct result of QCC's response to the economic uncertainty we have been facing for several tumultuous years, and our service and dedication to our students who see education and training as a means to a new or better career prospects. Not only do our students recognize the value and quality of a QCC education, they are realizing QCC's potential as a jumping off point – to transfer to a four year college or university – and the incredible value we provide as their first two years of a four-year education.

With no resolution to the economic crisis in sight, QCC continues to service people who are recognizing education as the answer to their financial freedom - at record-breaking numbers. Working closely with our business partners, elected officials, and our community, our responsiveness to the needs of our constituents can be seen directly in our record enrollment – today, QCC has 9,130 students enrolled – an increase of 50% in just six years. QCC continues to be ranked among the fastest growing community colleges in the nation, as reported in Community College Week.

Because it is our mission to respond to the needs of our students, prospective students, and business partners, the QCC Alumni Foundation has re-doubled efforts to reach out to Alumni through special social events organized to benefit the Alumni Scholarship fund. And since giving back has always been the hallmark of a QCC grad, our generous alums have risen to the challenge, donating more than ever to the scholarship fund that is so important to many of our students. *(See a Round-up of Alumni Events on page 14.)*

Our scholarship opportunities are continuing to grow, as well. The newest scholarship we are honored to offer, in memoriam, is the Professor Paul Rossman Outstanding History and Political Science Award. Professor Rossman one of the College's founding staff members, who sadly passed in April this year.

And we are also fortunate to have an influential legislator (and distinguished Alum!) in our corner – Senator Michael Moore, who is the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Higher Education and also one of our district's Senator's. We are confident he sees the larger, educational contribution that community colleges provide and will help us to continue to navigate the rough waters of this economy and our constant challenge to develop and provide relevant training and education. *(See our story on the Senator on page 11.)*

Please join us as we stand on this threshold and finally open the doors wide to push past the adversity and challenges of this economy, as we continue to offer the highest quality education with the best value.

Sincerely,



Gail E. Carberry
President



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FOCUS on Community

In **September 2010**, QCC partnered with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce in Whitinsville to offer an entrepreneurship certificate program. Classes cover topics including accounting, business plan development, finance and banking, social networking skills and management models and challenges. Classes are held twice a week, from late September through mid-November for a total of 38 hours, at the chamber of commerce office in Whitinsville. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate from QCC.



Cyndy Erickson placing one of the many gifts donated for the "Be An Angel" Holiday program

In **October 2010** the College was fortunate to have an additional 65 trees planted on campus in October, (after an initial planting in May 2010) thanks to the Worcester Tree Initiative and Scotties©, the event sponsor, to replace those lost from the Asian Long horned Beetle infestation and the ice storm. Over 100 members of Boys and Girl Scout Troops from the Worcester area took part in the event, which also brought together QCC staff and local elected officials. Congressman McGovern, Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, Senator Harriette Chandler, QCC's Wyvern, Representative James O'Day, and QCC President Gail Carberry were in attendance.

In **November 2010**, the "Be An Angel" Holiday program sponsored by QCC Counseling Services enters its 10th year, as a support program for QCC Families. The holiday tradition provides donated meals and toys through a confidential distribution system to approximately 100+ families each year.

Also in November, the Dental Program's, Kidseal Project celebrated its 11th year of successfully treating underserved Worcester Public Elementary School students. The program, under the coordination and supervision of Joyce Cooney, provides sealants, cleanings, and fluoride treatments by students in the Dental Program to local

school children. The program is a self-sustaining, community service project dedicated to providing dental services for the prevention of tooth decay and education in basic dental hygiene.

In **December 2010**, QCC celebrated the 2nd Annual "Evening of Illumination" with words of thanks for 2010 and hope for 2011 by faculty and staff participants. The group lit and placed luminaries at the top of Amy's Slope, while a small group of faculty and staff entertained the group with holiday songs, as the Wyvern supervised the event.

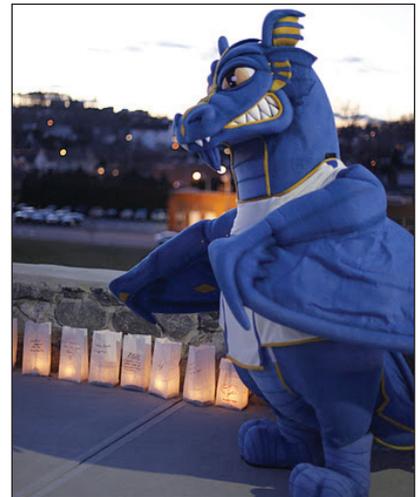


Photo by John Solaperto

Our mighty Wyvern enjoys Evening of Illumination

FOCUS on Excellence

Also in December, the Biotechnology Industry endorsed the QCC Certificate Program in Biotechnology. The Massachusetts Life Science Education Consortium (MLSEC) endorsement program rated eight community colleges on biotechnology degree or certificate programs based on criteria that included core competencies defined by MLSEC, with a focus on knowledge and skills required for entry level work in research and/or manufacturing. MLSEC is a joint initiative between the MassBio Ed Foundation and MassBio whose mission is to promote a coordinated approach to the development of the MA life sciences workforce through a partnership between the life sciences



Nancy Schoenfeld, Dean of Human Services and Science and Pat Toney, Vice President of Academic Affairs with MassBiotechnology Endorsement.

industry and higher education. MA Biotech Council awarded QCC Gold level status due to established intern-

ships and cooperative experiences that are an integral component of the program. Of the 8 colleges endorsed, only three others achieved a gold level rating for their programs.

In November, President Gail Carberry was awarded the Worcester Business Journal's 2010 Women in Business. President Carberry was one of six winners honored at the 2nd Annual 2010 Women in Business Awards held at the Beechwood Hotel, Worcester. President Carberry credits inspiration from her mother who tutored her and regularly encouraged her to persevere, "she inspired me to move forward and never run from challenges."

In **May 2011**, five of QCC's finest were recognized for their years of service and dedication to the college during the annual Celebration of Excellence. Retirees include: Jean Nicholas; Professor of Nurse Education, Phyllis Samara; Professor of Occupational Therapy, Juneau Hutchins; Professor of Nurse Education, Lynda Nesbitt; Professor of Respiratory Therapy, and Mike Vallante; Professor of Psychology.

Jean Nicholas, Phyllis Samara and Juneau Hutchins were present to accept service awards from President Carberry who spoke at the luncheon, expressing gratitude on behalf of the entire QCC Family.

In **June 2011** the Business Office relocated to the newly renovated North

Wing as part of the overall plan to reclaim the entire North Wing for the college as classroom space. The stained glass windows were removed and placed in storage and the new space is bright and airy. The new design, by xxx, allows space for 5 new classrooms which are planned for a January completion. New space for the TRiO program is also planned for completion, following the scheduled 5 classrooms.

Also in June, QCC signed an agreement with Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough, MA to implement a newly established Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Certificate Program. The new HVAC program will offer evening classes to students with a high school



In June 2011 the Business Office relocated to the newly renovated North Wing item. Pictured: Todd Emmons

diploma or GED at QCC Assabet. Students enrolled in the program can be prepared for a new career in HVAC in just two semesters.

FOCUS on Shortening the Distance

On **August 18, 2011**, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray announced the Commonwealth's endorsement of QCC's Advanced Robotics Program as a model for state and national science and mathematics education initiatives. QCC's Advanced Robotics Program has gained wide-spread recognition as one of the successful programs under the Patrick-Murray Administration's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and workforce initiative.

"These selected STEM initiatives will build a pipeline for success between elementary and secondary education to post-secondary education and careers in Massachusetts' growing innovation economy for students in all regions of the Commonwealth," Mr. Murray said in a prepared statement.

QCC's Advanced Robotics Program creates a unique conduit for K-12 STEM education in Worcester Public Schools and Worcester County Schools to college and ultimately the local STEM workforce. The program will target 1,250 Worcester Public School students in its first year with plans to reach out to an additional 100 students in year two and again in year three.

On **September 6, 2011** QCC was awarded funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' competitive Vision Project Performance Grant. The awards were made to 18 public higher education institutions, announced by Governor Deval Patrick.

The awards were made through the Performance Incentive Fund (PIF) a program proposed by Governor Patrick to support a variety of new and existing programs to improve college readiness and attendance of high school graduates as well as college graduation and student success rates. An independent, external review panel evaluated proposals submitted by each of Massachusetts' 29 public campuses and made recommendations for funding.

QCC was awarded \$180,500 from a total \$2.5 million award to provide math



Also in September QCC and Quaboag Regional Middle/High School in Warren, MA signed a collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

boot camps and enhance the college's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program. The grant will allow for further enhancements and beta testing of the boot camps and will also provide funding for a collaborative program with Worcester State University to develop expanded Graduate-level programming. The joint program's goal is to create new professional development opportunities for instructors who wish to teach in Early College High School programs.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education endorsed the Vision Project in order to produce the best-educated citizenry and workforce in the nation, focusing on five key areas: college preparation, college completion, student learning, workforce alignment and elimination of disparities.

Also in September QCC and Quaboag Regional Middle/High School in Warren, MA signed a collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to offer high school students an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. The new MOU will lead to the launch of the Early College Pathways program in science, technology, engineering and math.



Focusing on



QCC Comes To Marlborough

It is an exhilarating time in Central Massachusetts as QCC focuses on the future and paves the way for a brighter, greener tomorrow. Through a partnership with Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough, QCC opened a new door this fall for many students seeking to continue their education or enter new professions.

The new location, QCC Marlborough, is designed to keep pace with innovation and will answer the community's need for quality education in emerging green industries. In addition to a general education curriculum, QCC students now have access to a one-year certificate program in heating, ventilation

and air conditioning (HVAC) services as well as a non-credit program focusing on photovoltaic (PV) and solar studies. PV is an exciting development in the green industry that uses solar panels and semi-conductors to convert solar radiation into direct current electricity. QCC has invested \$70,000

the Future

into equipment, training and materials for the new PV program which will prepare students for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) certification exam. The NABCEP certification provides a set of national standards by which PV installers with skills and experience can distinguish themselves from their competition.

The courses, which began in September, are designed with afternoon and evening schedules to accommodate working professionals and traditional college-aged students alike. "Our mission is to bring education to those who need it," says Director of Institutional Communications Josh Martin. "One of our President's primary objectives is to shorten the distance, and we've partnered with communities and local businesses to find other opportunities and bring education to the masses." Assabet is well-known for the success of their Adult Basic Education and ESL programming, which enticed QCC to the **amplified partnership concept**.

The new QCC site in Marlborough is an exciting opportunity to extend QCC's reach beyond Worcester, while making higher education more accessible. The school will

also offer business studies in conjunction with Dudley-based Nichols College. This unique program allows students to earn a baccalaureate by attending Nichols College in their fourth year. QCC's Vice President for Community Engagement, Dale Allen says that the college is also working with local high schools to provide college-level courses for credit prior to high school graduation. "We've been exploring the viability of bringing services out to Dudley with little to no state or public funding."

QCC held a news conference in October of 2010 announcing plans to search for a satellite school in Marlborough. A much-needed boost for the local area drew influential pillars of the community, eager to become involved. Included among over 100 people in attendance were Congressman James McGovern, State Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Joanne Goldstein, and State Representatives Danielle Gregoire and Jim O'Day. QCC's impressive turnout also included a number of elected officials, business leaders, and the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, which was instrumental in their support for the new location. "One of the roles of the



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Susanne Morreale-Leeber
Chamber of Commerce
President, Marlborough Chapter

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Focusing on the Future in Marlborough



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Dr. Gail Carberry
QCC President

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Chamber is to attract more and better jobs,” Chamber President Susanne Morreale-Leeber said. “For 2010, one of the goals for our board was to bring higher education to the city.”

With that goal in mind, the Chamber of Commerce and QCC worked together to survey local businesses, schools and residents last spring, gathering data that helped identify a distinct need for classes in the area. A leadership team consisting of Marlborough Chamber of Commerce business members, Assabet Valley Technical High School administrators and QCC administrators then met monthly to develop the curriculum and determine facility requirements for the program. Vice President for Community Engagement, Dale Allen, says that Marlborough is perfect for *a satellite location and if the demand proves great enough*, QCC hopes to increase its course offerings as participation swells. “It will be a matter of measuring the interest as we go based on enrollment gains and hopefully we can expand the services even more,” says QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry.

Assabet Valley Superintendent Mary Jo Nawrocki has praised QCC for its resiliency in tough economic times and acknowledged that the adaptation of technical programs to the current market has been invaluable. “We

know the toughest jobs to fill right now are in the engineering fields, so our nationally certified Project Lead the Way program is sending students off to WPI, Wentworth and Rochester Institute of Technology with college credits and a passion for engineering... We want them to be able to stay in the area and have productive jobs,” she explained. After working closely with Suzanne Leber and Jack Cutone at the Chamber of Commerce, she is happy to have wooed QCC to their facility.

Another exciting partnership has been forged with Burncoat High School. Replacing the previous, long running arrangement with Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, this joint venture enables QCC to offer an automotive program through access to Burncoat’s classrooms, automotive shop, parking and storage space. This mutually beneficial arrangement means that QCC will give back to the community by providing upgraded equipment and tools for the school. Upon graduation, a newly signed articulation agreement allows automotive students automatic acceptance to the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology bachelor’s program. Three QCC seats are also provided to Burncoat graduates on an annual basis.

Part of QCC’s vision as a higher education establishment is to ensure that the needs of the community are not just met but exceeded; President Gail Carberry is working diligently to roll out programs that will have meaningful impacts and allow room for growth in new industries such as QCC’s plan to offer additional job-specific training as the green industry evolves and matures. With unemployment in the Worcester area remaining around 8%, it is more important than ever to keep in touch with the region’s employers and modify curricula to meet their needs; as the job market changes, so must higher education offerings. QCC’s efforts with the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce have strengthened ties with the community and provided valuable insight on the future of Central Massachusetts’ economic stability.



Celebrate

QCC in Your Neighborhood

Surrounded by new friends, QCC threw a festive celebration on May 6 to recognize the success of QCC Southbridge. The “Celebrate QCC in Your Neighborhood” event was an opportunity to celebrate the amazing speed at which the college has achieved community integration. The immense support shown by South County businesses and the warm welcome from new students has been a rewarding experience for faculty and staff. “We sought to bring better and increased higher educational opportunities to South County,” stated QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry, “And we are immensely grateful to these businesses and community leaders for their support.”

In honor of the success of the new QCC Southbridge site, May 6 was officially proclaimed “Quinsigamond Community College Higher Education Day” by Southbridge town officials and received special acknowledgement from Southbridge Councilwoman Catherine Nikolla, who made a public proclamation at the event.

Celebrate QCC in Your Neighborhood was modeled after QCC’s annual “spree day” featuring whimsical oversized games, social networking and a special Wyvern Awards ceremony which honored the community’s Educational Partners. 134 South County Educational Partners, business leaders, town officials, residents, students, faculty and par-

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ticipated in the celebration. Tickets were sold to benefit the QCC Foundation, Inc. South County Fund, \$___ was raised during the event. The funds have been earmarked for development of new programs ...

Since opening its doors in 2009, Quinsigamond Community College's satellite location in Southbridge has enjoyed noteworthy success QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry, who grew up in the South County area, has made it her mission to bring higher education to every single person who wants to learn. As part of her 'focus on community' initiative she aims to remove barriers and shorten the distance for South County (Central MA?) residents, a goal that has been repeatedly met and exceeded. She insists on giving credit where credit is due, however and stresses that, "Without the involvement of our elected officials and Educational Partners, we could not have achieved the level of success we are currently enjoying ." The Educational Partners, Dexter-Russell, Hyde Manufacturing, Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, Southbridge Savings Bank, United Lens, and Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce, were honored at the event for their generous contributions.

Based in the former American Optical manufacturing facility at 5 Optical Drive, the QCC Southbridge satellite location shares space with the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. The hotel has been invaluable for QCC Southbridge's success, giving generously of its space and even providing access to the hotel's facilities. QCC Southbridge students are able to use a number of the hotel's amenities including the swimming pool and fitness center for a nominal fee.

Upon opening, at 5 Optical Drive in 2009, student enrollment expectations were exceeded, then doubled the following year, and continue to grow as the third academic year got underway on Sept. 6. Current enrollment has swelled to x students.

The programs offered at QCC Southbridge are having a meaningful impact on the community, changing the lives of many people who previously had limited access to college.

South County finally has options to participate in higher education that others in surrounding communities take for granted. Future alumni of QCC Southbridge comment positively about "their" new college, are already making positive remarks about the satellite location..One of the first students to enroll was Cayla Rondeau, who spoke of the impact that QCC Southbridge has had on her life: "I can't say enough positive things about QCC being here. I would not have been able to go to college if QCC weren't here."

With the help of local businesses and community leaders, QCC Southbridge was established to provide training relevant to the South County job industry. A shortage of qualified job applicants coupled with higher than average unemployment rates presented a unique challenge for the area. QCC Vice President for Community Engagement, Dale Allen, places great importance on the South County Leadership Group (comprised of -list?) and feels strongly that they have been instrumental in making QCC Southbridge the success it is today. "Without their valuable influence and tireless involvement since inception, our goal of 'shortening the distance' for student access, would not be viable for South County residents. We celebrate their commitment to our students' success."

In the current semester, QCC Southbridge offers 70 courses including Math, English, Psychology US History, Drawing, Sociology, World History, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Economics, Microcomputing Applications and many more. Currently, three programs: Criminal Justice, Business Administration and General Studies can be completed entirely at the 5 Optical Drive location, A selection of programs can also be completed online, as an additional option for students. QCC wants to make it easier than ever for students to reach their personal and professional goals through associate degrees, certificates and even non-credit courses for extended learning.

QCC Southbridge is one step closer to President Carberry's goal of removing barriers for anyone who wants to attend college.



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Cayla Rondeau
Student



Senator Michael MOORE

This May, before a large gathering at the DCU Center, QCC students were surprised and gratified that Senator Michael Moore (D - Millbury) was able to deliver their commencement address. (It was unclear if Moore, rushing from a previous engagement, was going to make the ceremony in time.) Added to the excitement of the eleventh hour appearance was the rush of coincidence and surprise that Senator Moore is a QCC graduate himself. The road to the senator's career in public service began with earning an Associates degree in criminal justice from QCC in 1988.

"When I first attended QCC I was working full time. I wanted to attend a college that provided a quality education but also was geograph-

ically located in such a way that made it accessible in terms of my work schedule, and of course financially," he explains. Senator Moore

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Senator Michael Moore
(D-Millbury)

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says he made the right decision in attending QCC and credits the school for the additional educational and professional opportunities he gained through graduating.

While attending QCC, he worked as an Environmental Police Officer, a position that led to his appointment to the Environmental Crimes Task Force, a division of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General. “I feel strongly that by furthering my education in the criminal justice profession, I enhanced my abilities and the quality of investigations that I performed. By taking the first step and attending QCC, I began the process of acquiring additional skills and abilities that opened doors to many other professional opportunities,” adds the senator.

Senator Moore’s speech began by acknowledging the hard work of the 2011 graduating class and praised QCC’s cutting-edge curriculum, as well as its demonstrated commitment to expanding opportunities for students. He also praised QCC for taking a recognizable leadership role in the Worcester com-



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munity. This is a topic of great importance to the senator, who also serves as the Chair for the Joint Committee

on Higher Education. “I requested to serve as Chair of Higher Education because of the vital role that our colleges and universities play in our economic life. Not only are they sources of good jobs, but they are also essential for maintaining a skilled workforce,” he says.

The senator’s goals as Senate Chair include advocating for increased funding for financial aid and for making public higher education a priority in the state budget. Senator Moore recognizes that the latest financial crisis and the dramatic reductions in state funding are in opposition to the record-breaking numbers of student applications. He feels that the increased community college enrollments call for government action and more funding. “I think that any time you bring people into a community who are interested in furthering their education, it’s a plus,” he says. “These individuals are increasing their own capacity to make more significant contributions to our economy.”

As a native of Millbury, Moore thinks that Central Massachusetts is fortunate to have a number of quality higher education opportunities available to students. He says that much of QCC’s success can be attributed to partnerships with local businesses: “Our public and private higher education institutions individually provide a quality education, but they have also enhanced their programs by working together as partners.” These partnerships, such as the one QCC has with the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce, allow students to participate in new educational programs and to conquer economic challenges. To continue addressing these challenges, Senator Moore says that the state government will need to work with the business community to determine what skills and job training is needed.

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Senator Moore visiting local senior center

higher education fields,” the senator says. “Having a skilled workforce – which the Worcester area already enjoys – will be key to exploiting these opportunities.” Senator Moore cites a recent analysis performed by the Boston Business Journal in which Worcester ranked third in the nation in terms of job creation. The study, which compared 100 U.S. metropolitan areas, is proof that Central Massachusetts has a bright economic future.

The senator acknowledges that the community college demographic has changed significantly since he attended in 1988. The leading job fields are emerging as health care, biotechnology, life sciences, and higher education. This change in career focus is one of many reasons that student enrollment has sky-rocketed. Other reasons include displaced workers, obsolete professions, and the traditional desire for self betterment. “We have more single parents trying to improve their lives and older workers who, by no choice of their own, are displaced and looking to re-enter a workforce that is in need of skilled workers,” says Senator Moore. “They are now going back to school to acquire the skills necessary to compete in this economy.”

Given what community colleges have accomplished on limited budgets, Senator Moore strongly supports providing community colleges with more funding and says that the Commonwealth has a “vital, central role to play in supporting higher education..I also believe a funding formula for community colleges should be adopted to promote transparency and equity in the system,” he says.

The state currently provides approximately \$3,000 per student (**minimum Full Time Equivalent**), forcing community colleges to develop creative solutions to meet their goals. One way this has been accomplished is through partnerships with local businesses. “According to a report from the Executive



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(D-Millbury)

Office of Labor and Workforce Development, more than 60% of all new jobs created in Massachusetts by 2016 will require at least an Associates degree. Since students will need to continue their education past high school in order to find employment, we must continue to address the factors that keep students from achieving this goal,” stresses the senator.

Last October, President Obama issued a challenge to increase the number of community college graduates by 5 million prior to 2020. Since then, a state initiative known as the Vision Project has been employed to reach this goal. The project was funded to support public higher education and achieve leadership based on five key performance measures: increasing college attendance, assisting enrolled students, matching programs with needs in the work force, raising learning and compe-

tence levels, and finally, managing even results for a diverse student population.

Senator Michael Moore, a Millbury resident, was elected in November 2008 to represent the Second Worcester District in the Massachusetts Senate. This covers the towns of Auburn, Grafton, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, and Upton, in addition to Wards 5-8 in the city of Worcester. Senator Moore feels strongly that community colleges are the backbone of the higher education system and continues to advocate for schools and students alike. He is proud of his district and the local effort that has gone into Obama’s Vision Project challenge; initiatives that QCC is diligently pursuing – and succeeding at - through conscientious development of business partnerships, innovative programming that addresses business and community needs and insistence on student success.



QCC Alumni/Foundation Round-Up Events:



Many familiar faces attended the Nurse Education Scholarship Fundraiser Event – Pictured: Terry Foster, Ellen Andrews, Dr. Gail Carberry, Kathy Rozanski, and Debbie Campeneli

Nurse Education Scholarship Fundraiser Event – *Featuring Terry Foster*

On April 15, the QCC Nursing Alumni hosted a benefit for the Nursing Scholarship Fund of the QCC Foundation. Terry Foster, acclaimed speaker and critical care specialist from Kentucky, entertained the crowd at the Hebert Auditorium on the QCC main campus. \$2,489.00 was raised for the scholarship fund.



13th Annual Alumni Association Spelling Bee



All photos by QCC Media Services

Pictured: "sbee03TeamsnSharonDoherty" – Spelling Bee Teams with Sharon Doherty, President of Alumni Board Pictured right: Spelling Bee judges....

On April 7, 20 teams from the Worcester area participated in the 13th Annual Alumni Association Spelling Bee held at the Hebert Auditorium on the Worcester campus. Two QCC teams placed in the top three, while two student teams, the "Kappa Bees" and "Theta Bees" placed third and fourth respectively. \$5,125 was raised to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

FIRST PLACE TEAM

"Bee Me up" – QCC Faculty/Friends:
Lisa Cook, Pat Schmohl, and Dorai Sitaram

SECOND PLACE

"BEEfuddled" – Fallon Community Health Plan

THIRD PLACE

"Kappa Bees" – QCC students



FOCUS on Excellence

In April 2011, the Adelphi University School of Nursing and the Alpha Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International honored Betty Forest, RN, EdD, with their Lifetime Achievement Award at its seventh annual Nursing Leadership Conference in New York.

Ms. Forest, a 1947 graduate of the university, founded the Quinsigamond Community College School of Nursing in 1965 with just 35 students and retired as its director in 1990. Forest holds a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an honorary doctorate from her alma mater.



SEPTEMBER

Foundation Golf Tournament

On September 19, 32 teams of golfers hit the links at Wachusett Country Club, West Boylston, for the 14th Annual QCC Foundation Golf Classic to benefit the Foundation scholarship fund. With money still coming in at press time, over \$24,000 has been raised for the fund.



Pictured L to R: SteveHarneyMarieHarney... Team Harney SteveCariglio,KellyCiprari



Pictured L to R: MichaelMartin,ScottLouder, Mike O'Reagan, Fran Capuano

All photos by QCC Institutional Communications



A group of QCC Staff and Alumni enjoyed the Annual Bourne Scallop Festival and Cape Cod Canal Cruise trip on September 25. The group traveled on a luxury Silver Fox motor coach to attend the Festival, complete with dinner and narrated cruise down the Cape Cod Canal.

Flea Market and Craft Fair

On September 17, the QCC Alumni Association held the first Flea Market and Craft Fair to fund scholarships and other student necessities. The Worcester Senior Center was the location for the new fundraising event; \$x was raised.



Caption

Salem Trip

The "Fun" raiser trip to Salem, MA has already been sold out! The QCC Alumni Association trip is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 and includes transportation on a Luxury Silver Fox motor coach, and admission to the Salem Witch Museum.



Andrea Davis and Sharon Doherty

David Papazian and Peter Tamulis

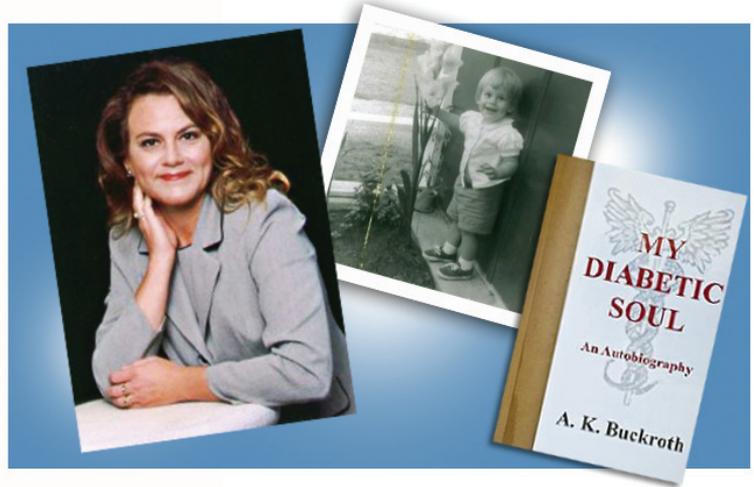
Photo by Christine Whipple

Dzian Gallery Event

An Alumni/Foundation gathering at Dzian Gallery in Worcester on ? was a social networking event held in ?

FOCUS on ALUMNI

Andrea Roth (1984) – Author and QCC grad, Andrea Roth discusses life with diabetes in “My Diabetic Soul – An Autobiography.” Diagnosed with diabetes in 1959 at the age of two, Ms. Roth spent the intervening fifty-two years coming to terms with the terminal disease. For more information or to purchase a copy, visit www.mydiabeticsoul.com. “My Diabetic Soul” has been described as “Insightful, hopeful, challenging, and realistic” and proof that life with the disease is not a death threat.



In Memoriam

Robert Axline

Foundation Board Member, Robert Axline, passed away on July 27, 2011. Mr. Axline had been a Quinsigamond Community College Foundation Board Member since June 2004; he was currently serving his second term. Mr. Axline always had something to share, whether at a Board Meeting or through a gift to QCC. His presence was a constant and his dedication and commitment will not soon be forgotten.

Professor Paul Rossman

Quinsigamond Community College hosted a breakfast in memory of Professor Paul Rossman on September 23, at the QCC main campus. Professor Emeritus Paul Rossman served Quinsigamond Community College for 39 years.

Professor Rossman, who passed away on April 20, 2011, was one of the College’s founding staff members, serving first as a business manager and later as an accomplished professor. In his honor, his family established a Professor Paul Rossman Outstanding History and Political Science Award. A memorial breakfast gives Quinsigamond Community College an opportunity to share our gratitude with family, friends, colleagues and students.

Professor Rossman’s wife, Barbara remarked, “Paul’s happiest years were spent teaching. Inspiring students was his greatest reward. Paul gave a lot of himself and demanded a lot of his students. He took great pride in watching them explore deeper, reach higher and achieve more. It is our family’s hope that this annual award will honor an outstanding student and perpetuate Paul’s legacy: ‘By learning from the past, one can influence the future.’” All gifts received will go



Professor Paul Rossman with his wife, Barbara.



Jim ? and Barbara Rossman

directly into the “Paul Rossman History and Political Science Award Fund” within the QCC Foundation, Inc. To date, approximately \$5,729 has been raised for the Rossman Award.

Reminder: Donations to both the QCC Foundation and the Paul Rossman Memorial Fund can be made on-line at http://www.qcc.edu/pages/Alumni_and_Advancement.html

Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Pathway to a New Prosperity

As Quinsigamond Community College continues to grow and transform lives, it does so guided by its five-year strategic plan, "Pathway to a New Prosperity," which establishes a vision and direction for future College plans and initiatives through 2015.

Under the guidance of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, three cross-functional Strategic Action Teams are in place, charged with lifting various aspects of the Plan and exploring initiatives and programs. These groups are comprised of dedicated members from departments across campus, including faculty, staff, and student representatives, and are focused on the areas of Entry, Program, and Persistence of our students.

It was a busy 2010-11 academic year for the Action Teams. The Teams completed prioritizing the objectives and began working with subcommittees that will have a more narrow focus on certain objectives. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the teams and subcommittees will develop action plans, build upon current initiatives, and help implement projects across campus.

In addition, the College's Executive Team demonstrated its commitment to the plan and encouraged new initiatives through a fund that was established to support projects related to key planning objectives. The initiatives that will be funded for the 2011-2012 academic year are developmental math and English boot campus, as well as a service learning initiative. For the 2010-2011 academic year, two faculty members were able to attend the New England Educational Assessment Network (NEEAN) conference. We also purchased software that will provide easier access to data, as well as software that will help us service students more effectively through our phone system.

Letter from our Board of Trustees

Despite the on-going economic crisis, QCC continues to experience an enrollment increase—up 52% over the past five years in fact! This amazing growth trend is indicative of QCC's commitment to provide the most relevant training and education to its students, so that both the needs of the students as well as their prospective business employers are met in an economy and workforce that are in continual flux.

QCC's ability to provide the most current program offerings is extraordinary in light of the financial crisis that defines our world currently. Our most pressing concern, due to the financial crisis, is the inequity of state appropriated funds that are critical to our mission. At this time, the state's appropriation to QCC per full-time student is the lowest in the state college system, as QCC President Gail Carberry noted at a recent Legislative Breakfast hosted by the college. As we voiced our concerns for assistance to our elected officials, we were assured by the delegates in attendance that our concerns are valid and important. Moreover, in addition to recognizing our concerns, they pledged to work with QCC in the coming months to lessen this inequity. We must hold them to their promise—our students and our community deserve it!

While QCC is able to respond effectively to changing business trends, it does not manage this feat in a vacuum. Relying upon a variety of local businesses and business leaders for their expertise, QCC continues to foster and develop these beneficial relationships, working in concert with the business community to develop and incorporate highly sought-after training for high demand and burgeoning business areas. QCC's new Solar Photovoltaic Training program HVAC Program, both located at the new Assabet satellite site are only a few examples. We value these relationships and will continue to hold our business partners in high esteem as we continue to address each other's needs in a conscientious and strategic way.

In response to such strong and continued enrollment increases, there has been more physical expansion to accommodate the growing student body and to “shorten the distance” by reaching students in neighboring areas. In the past year, QCC opened a satellite site at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough, MA and is currently developing plans to open a satellite site in Blackstone Valley Technical in 2012. The relocation of QCC's Automotive Tech Center, in partnership with Burncoat High School and the Worcester Boys and Girls Club—thus providing better access for potential Main South (Worcester) students—has been completed. Furthermore, the recent expansion of QCC's Training and Education Center at 280 May Street in Worcester, facilitated by Temple Emanuel and Worcester State University, allows for more classroom space and student body growth now and in the future. Happily, there seems to be no end to the growth for QCC, the students it serves, and the community as a whole in which QCC is playing a vital role.





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