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*QCC's Early Childhood  
Education Program*

**Celebrating  
40 years of  
Excellence in  
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*Letter from our President*

## Renewed and Reinvigorated Alumni Association Breathes Fresh Air into QCC

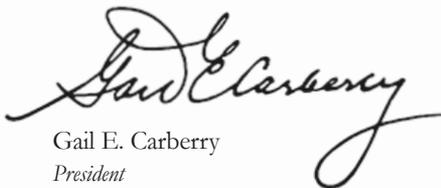
**E**ach year, we recognize the success of our ever-growing student body and thank the many dedicated and hard-working people of the QCC Family who help make it possible – faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

This year, let's add the QCC Alumni that have joined faculty, staff and administration to help us spread enthusiasm and support of the College in many ways. This issue of Connections has several uplifting stories that will give you a renewed sense of purpose and excitement for the type of "connections" our alums are responsible for!

The QCC volunteer boards have grown, adding new members from multiple business sectors, helping to round out the professional diversity of the organization as well as add personal contacts and fun-quotient! Newer board members have stepped up to provide sponsorship of events, as well as provide valuable ambassadorship for QCC in their daily and professional lives.

If you're an alum and feel you have something to offer – anything – time, expertise or even business connections, please consider taking an active role and join the Alumni Board or participate in an event. Your experience and your ability to make a successful life for yourself and your family, speaks volumes to prospective students and business partners! You top my list for additional gratitude.

With my sincerest thanks,



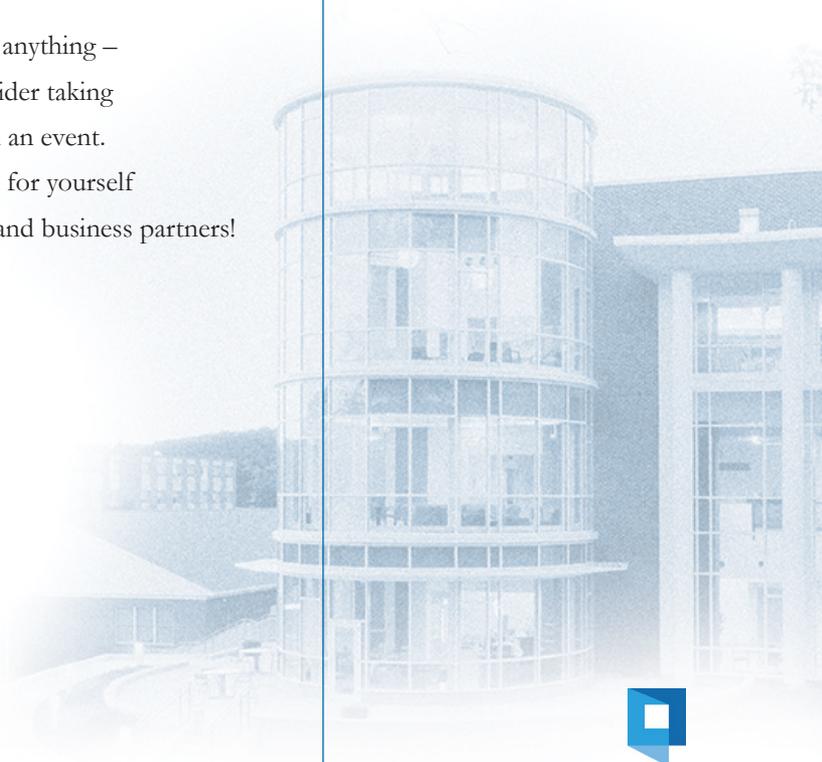
Gail E. Carberry  
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*Photo by Amy Yonover*

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**Dr. Gail E. Carberry**  
QCC President



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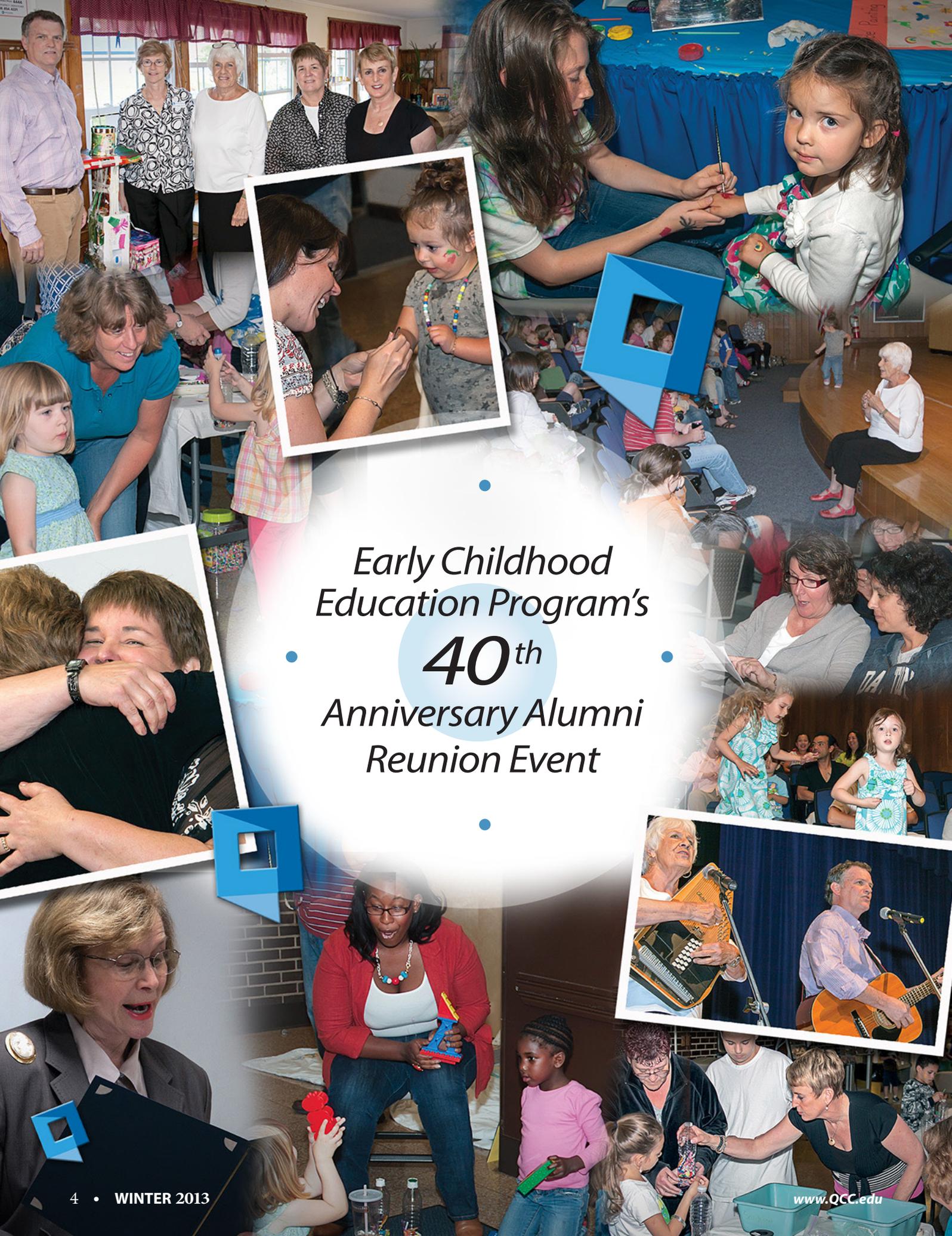
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QCC Early Childhood Education Center students Ar-Marlee Dupoux and Daniel Erickson



*Early Childhood  
Education Program's  
40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Alumni  
Reunion Event*

## Early Childhood Education Program and Children's School Celebrate 40th Anniversary

**T**he Early Childhood Education Department and Children's School celebrated a milestone in June, 2012 – an historic 40th Anniversary.

Two evenings of celebratory events began with an alumni reunion reception, followed by a professional development workshop on June 5. The workshop, co-sponsored by Edward Street Child Services, Worcester Area Association for the Education of Young Children (WAAEYC), Center for Childcare Careers, and Massachusetts Community College Educators (MCCECA), was presented by Bev Bos, an internationally renowned expert on the importance of play in children's lives. Hundreds of Early Childhood Education classmates, alumni and professors were able to re-connect and network with Early Child Care professionals from all over Massachusetts. The second evening of the Anniversary celebration on June 6 featured a family reception with ribbon cutting ceremony for the school's new climber, with remarks by Worcester City Councilor, Tony Economou. The event concluded with a Family Concert featuring Bev Bos and co-presenter Michael Leeman, a talented child development specialist, teacher and musician and frequent collaborator with Bev Bos.

A new climber was installed in the Children's School play area this past spring. The climber is a welcomed addition to the playground and rounds out the current equipment consisting of swings, a fire truck climber, a wooden play house and a large sandbox. The climber, a sturdy piece of multi-purpose playground equipment, is a new adventure



*Bev Bos shares a moment with a curious, young, audience member*

for Children's School students! At an expense of approximately \$20,000, the climber was funded through a GameTime matching grant, the Carol Lawson Memorial Garden Fund and a generous family gift. The Early Childhood Education Department hopes to continue playground development with a new swing set, bike trail and vegetable garden to enhance the learning experience for both children and QCC students.





*Children at the  
Quinsigamond  
Children's School  
enjoying the  
new climber*

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# Red Robin Alumni Event



2012 graduates Eli Rivera (Worcester) and Mary Ann Riggs (Milford)



1994 Alumna, Marny O'Brien and 1969 Alumnus Ron Josephson



1985 Alumnus Steven Jassaume with 2012 graduate Jack Howell (both from Douglas)



Bill Porter, Bill Fredericks, Ron Josephson, Katherine Fairbanks and Dale Allen

**O**n April 30, QCC hosted a 2012 graduate and alumni reception at the Red Robin Restaurant in Millbury.

Two new companies in Millbury with QCC ties, sponsored the event. Katherine Fairbanks, President of DirtyGirl Disposal, Inc. and a two-time alumna was one of the two co-sponsors. Bill Fredericks, CEO of Allcare Medical Supply, and co-sponsor of the event is a local entrepreneur.

Over 50 alumni, friends and supporters attended the two-hour event. Regions represented included: Worcester, Leicester, Spencer, Blackstone, Southbridge, Millbury, Sutton, Douglas, Milford, Brimfield, Clinton, Auburn, Linwood, Warren, West Brookfield. Topics discussed during the event included establishing regional alumni councils and staying connected to the college during job searches through the Training and Education Center (TEC) and the Career Services Department.



2005 graduate, Said Nafai and family (Worcester)



2012 Graduates Jim Brink (Spencer) and Eli Rivera (Worcester)



Trustee Ron Josephson and Peter Tamulis, QCC Business Development Specialist



Marie Dolo and Teresa Burnett (both from Worcester) celebrate with other 2012 grads.



2012 Grads Mary Ann Riggs (Milford) and Krista Virchow (Brimfield)

# The First QCC Students Use New South County Labs

In May, Quinsigamond Community College opened the doors to new healthcare and science labs in Southbridge, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of dedicated local funders. Renovations and scholarships have been made possible by contributions from local banks and businesses, including **North Brookfield Savings Bank, Hyde/Dexter Russell Charitable Foundation, Savers Bank, Southbridge Credit Union, Southbridge Savings Bank and United Lens Company.**

**The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts** awarded QCC \$48,000 to equip the healthcare labs. “Employment in the healthcare sector represents good jobs and meaningful work serving people at a time of great need. The Health Foundation has been pleased to partner with others in supporting QCC’s expansion of its nursing programs in Southbridge,” said Janice B. Yost, Ed.D., Founding President of the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. Significant funds and equipment also came from the **Harrington Hospital and Harrington Auxiliary**, with QCC covering the cost of equipment for the science labs.

Since 2009, enrollment at the Southbridge campus has tripled expectations. Thanks to the addition of new labs, South County students may now take many of the required courses that lead to certificate and degree



Site visit by Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts Founding President, Janice B. Yost, Ed.D. and Vice President for Programs Elaine C. Cinelli, M.P.A. Also pictured: QCC President, Dr. Gail Carberry, Sandy Ackerman, instructor, Larry Morrison, QCC Foundation President, Brian Chandley, QCC Foundation Director and QCC students.

programs in nursing, allied health and the life sciences. QCC was able to offer three sections of the Nursing Assistant program to South County residents over the summer. With the health care lab in place, QCC may now accelerate completion in non-credit and credit training programs (Certified Nurse Assistant and Home Health Aide) and in an Associate Degree in General Studies-Healthcare option. The new science labs allow students to take such electives and prerequisites as Biology, Earth Science and Principles of Ecology in South County without the time and expense of commuting to the Worcester campus.

QCC is grateful to the **Fallon Community Health Plan** for providing CNA Certification Program Scholarships to 10 students toward a Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide Training course this past summer. Each recipient received a \$250 scholarship.

Fallon scholarship recipient, Juanita Normandin from Southbridge shared, “...everything stood out as important. Our teacher Sandy took the time to explain to us how everything was connected. I worked at a residential handicapped home. Today I am a private PCA, in part because of QCC.” Corey Robbins from Sturbridge, also a Fallon scholarship recipient, remarked that, “...going to QCC has been rewarding. I’m planning to continue my education and someday will achieve my dream of being a doctor.”



Corey Robbins (from Sturbridge), with Jan Yost, Elaine Cinelli and Brian Chandley. Mr. Robbins completed his Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide Certificate and Home Health Aide course, receiving his certificate in late June. A Fallon scholarship recipient, he landed a new job with Radius Healthcare in Southbridge.



# QCC Board Approves Expansion



*Respiratory Care Program students and faculty at work in the lab.*



**O**n June 7, the Quinsigamond Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a ‘FY 13 budget that supports expansion of its Health Care and Workforce Development programs in the Worcester area. Key in the decision making process was QCC’s desire to assist in the revitalization of Central MA. In a January 2012 Economic Impact study prepared for QCC by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc., data shows that “the accumulated contribution of QCC instruction received by former students annually adds some \$223 million in income to the QCC Service Area (Central MA).” QCC President, Dr. Gail Carberry said, “We’re committed to our economic partnerships with the city of Worcester and our new location means that we’re aligned with the city’s plan for expansion. The new location supports the vision I had for QCC’s growth when I took office six years ago while ensuring our students are aligned with the workforce needs of our community.”

QCC has been battling overcrowded conditions for years. In 2005, the MA Department of Higher Education pointed out that QCC was at capacity. Today the number of students enrolled has grown exponentially from 5,970 students in 2005 to 9,130 students, an increase of nearly 55% - far more than it can reasonably accommodate.

Challenged with state funding that has remained stagnant for twelve years, QCC has creatively maintained its status as the most affordable higher education in Worcester County. The new expansion will provide state-of-the-art facilities and space to offer accelerated workforce development training, adult basic education and ESL, non-credit opportunities, and health care degree and certificate programs. No state resources will be used for the cost of the lease or the build-out for the new location. QCC expects the expansion to serve upwards of 2,000 students and employees. The college received a number of responses to its RFP. QCC will announce the final location at a later date.



## New Science and Technology Building

QCC has secured funding for a feasibility study for a new science and technology building on the main campus. The new building will be approximately 36,000 square feet and is slated to move into the detailed design phase in January.



## Massachusetts Community Colleges and Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MCCWDTA)

Working in partnership with the Commonwealth's adult basic education and workforce development systems, business, industry and other key stakeholders, Massachusetts' 15 community colleges and state universities are catalyzing collaborative statewide change in the delivery of training and education programs. QCC led the submission of a consortium grant for an unprecedented \$20 million from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education. The Transformation Agenda puts Massachusetts citizens on the fast-track to certificates, degrees, industry-recognized credentials and high-wage, high-skill employment in six priority industries: Healthcare, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Financial Services and Clean Energy/Sustainability. Funding from this grant will provide a seamless pipeline of supports and activities from the moment of layoff notification to completion of education/training, and ultimately, to a new job or career.

Each college is working to reshape specific certificate and degree programs so that adult students can earn the credentials they need to gain a foothold in the labor market.



### ***Progress to date includes:***

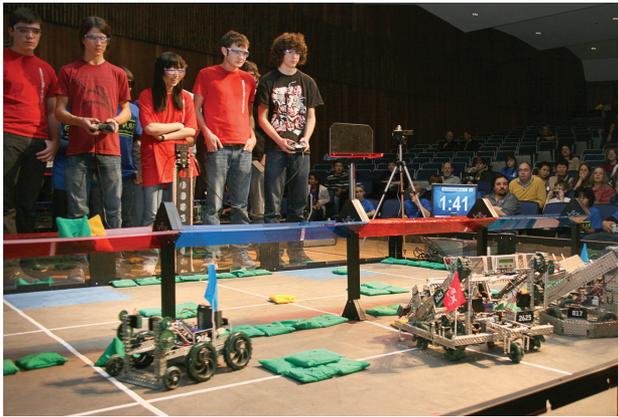
- Career and College Navigator positions implemented to build bridges between community colleges and the Workforce Development System.
- Career Pathways in Development through industry teams to assess industry need and to engage employers and industry representatives to develop common competencies and career pathways.
- Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative Held; Event highlighted discussion on common core standards for all advanced manufacturing programs.
- Biotech and Life Sciences Team Established to work with the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation to connect with employers and develop common core math competencies for entry-level bio-ed positions.
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Developmental Education currently in process to contextualize curricula for three industries (Healthcare, IT and Advanced Manufacturing).

To view a list of degree and certificate programs, please visit [www.mccwdta.org](http://www.mccwdta.org).

Added resources, information and updates will be included when a more robust web presence is unveiled.



## QCC Professor Betty Lauer Advances STEM Education with Enthusiasm and Innovative Programs



*Advanced Robotics Intensive (ARI) for Worcester Public Schools (Middle and High Schools)*

**Q**CC has some of the largest, most comprehensive and most effective K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach programs in the country. For nearly a decade, Betty Lauer, Professor of Computer Systems Engineering Technology and Coordinator of the Computer Systems Engineering Technology Program, has worked to develop the Advanced Robotics Intensive (ARI), the Women in Technology (WIT) program and the Summer Tech Academy (STA). Starting with 15 students in 2002, QCC’s in-school and out-of-school-time programs now form a pipeline from kindergarten to college to STEM careers in Central Massachusetts for 1,000+ Worcester Public School students each year. Thanks to a substantial in-kind commitment from the College and the generosity of a host of corporate, foundation and government funders, QCC’s K-12 STEM programs are offered free-of-charge. ARI was seeded with funds from **Microsoft Corporation**, and recently became one of only six projects statewide to receive @Scale endorsement by the Governor’s STEM Advisory

Council. Major funders have included the QCC Foundation, the MA Department of Higher Education, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, the Fred Harris Daniels Foundation, Inc., Hoche-Scofield, Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundations, RECF, VEX Robotics, NACCE, Boston Scientific, Intel, EMC, Sovereign Bank, Unum and Verizon, among others.

Participating students are not top performers, but have interest and aptitude in STEM disciplines.

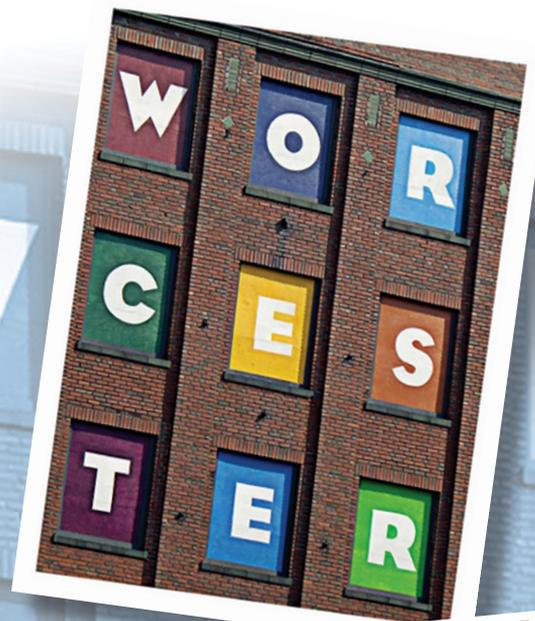
All programs give priority to underserved students with family income levels below \$27,000, most of which have little or no access to education in the STEM disciplines and lack a computer at home. All involve many points of delivery (i.e. after-school, in-school, summer and on-line formats), use a “STEM is everywhere” approach (i.e. “...there is physics going on in your golf game...”), and integrate skills defined by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills.



*A Claremont Academy student proudly demonstrates her computer to her sisters and mother at the camp's open house. (Intel Foundation - Summer Technology Academy for Girls)*

## On-Going Impact of The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation

**S**ince 2010, The Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation has made a significant and on-going commitment to expanding and enhancing educational and youth development opportunities for residents of Worcester's Main South neighborhood by directing special funding to Quinsigamond Community College, Clark University and the Worcester Boys & Girls Club. Thanks to this new funding stream, QCC has made great strides in Main South by offering both non-credit and credit initiatives. During the past year, QCC piloted English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for 272 residents with a focus on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. ESL instruction has been contextualized to the Main South neighborhood, with opportunities to visit and practice English skills at neighborhood stores, the Worcester Public Library, post offices, churches and Clark University, among others. In addition, QCC awarded a total of 28 scholarships to Main South residents who wished to enroll at the College. The majority of these scholarship recipients are non-traditional students, as well as the first members in their families to attend college. QCC is most grateful to the Francis A. and Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation for its ongoing, generous support.





*Katherine Fairbanks with daughter (and current QCC student) Rachel Carlson and Dale Allen, Vice President for Community Engagement*

## QCC Runs in the Fairbanks Family

Katherine Fairbanks is a Millbury business owner and two-time graduate of QCC. Recently, she shared a life-skills tool learned while taking nursing classes in the 90s. “ADPIE (Assess, Diagnose, Plan, Implement, Evaluate) was a common tool used in nursing classes. I soon realized that it makes sense to use this measurement tool for everything from a divorce to a business start up. QCC gave me ADPIE to carry through life.”

At 19, Katherine earned her first degree in secretarial studies. She went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree from Worcester State College, and taught in the Millbury School System for a few years.

All 3 of Katherine’s children have attended QCC. “They were comfortable attending QCC. Not only have they seen me continually come back to work on one degree or another, they have also been Dental Clinic clients for over 17 years. There were times when we took four seats in the waiting room. We have many fond memories of times at QCC as a family. My youngest, Rachel, started coming to the dental clinic at 18 months old. Today, she is a QCC student in the Business program.”



## Quinsigamond Community College:

### A Family Affair for the Guyettes

After three years of working as a Dental Assistant, JoAnne Guyette decided to go back to school for a degree in Dental Hygiene at QCC. Joanne calls these two years, “Grueling Schooling.” In 1983, she received an Associate degree. Her first Dental Hygienist position was with a former QCC instructor, Dr. Patrick Palidino. Since then, JoAnne has worked in several other positions, and has taken time off to raise a family. For the past 17 years, she’s been a dental hygienist at Whitinsville Family Dentistry. Joanne’s son, John (pictured below), a member of QCC’s Phi Theta Kappa honor society, graduated this past May with an Associate degree. Her daughter, Jamie, who hopes to teach music education after a 2013 graduation, will also earn an Associate degree.



*1983 Alumni JoAnne Guyette (Linwood) and her son John with classmate Jonathan Giachelli (Worcester, both class of 2012)*

During Joanne’s last semester, Albert Parent, a QCC Liberal Arts student, visited the Dental Clinic for a cleaning. He qualified to be JoAnne’s “board” patient, an activity that required traveling to Springfield with her where she cleaned his teeth as part of her licensing exam for the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dental Hygiene. Becoming friends, at graduation JoAnne introduced Albert to her sister. He is now her brother-in-law as well as a paramedic and EMT in Connecticut. Albert’s son, Adam, also attends QCC. Next year will be Adam’s final year at QCC where he is studying engineering and hopes to transfer to WPI to complete a Bachelor’s degree.



## The 14th Annual QCC Spelling Bee



Spelling Bee Judge, Allen Fletcher, addressing teams

The 14th Annual QCC Spelling Bee, sponsored by the QCC Alumni Association and the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, was held on Thursday, April 5. Allen Fletcher, Chairman of Worcester Publishing, served as Spellmaster. Judges included: Mark Contois, Head Librarian at Worcester Public Library; Kevin M. Dowd, President, Worcester Public Library Board of Directors; and Chris Sinacola, Editorial Page Editor of *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. Chuck Barton, QCC Professor Emeritus of English as a Second Language, was the ultimate authority on the English language. Sharon Doherty, President of the Alumni Association, was the Beekeeper.

This year's Spelling Bee Champions were the Mechanics Hall Team, "Worker Bees." Through the efforts of all of our teams and supporters, QCC was able to raise \$5,191 to support programs and student scholarships. ■

To participate or learn more about the Spelling Bee, please contact Christine Whipple, Director of Philanthropic Relations at 508.854.2730.

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS!

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## American Association for Respiratory Care Recognizes QCC Student



Michelle McGarry



Karen Kaletski Dufault

As a second-year Respiratory Care student, Michelle McGarry was assigned a 30-hour Senior project that included a community service element. Ms. McGarry chose to write informative and self-help articles about Respiratory issues such as Smoking Cessation and Asthma, which she then pitched to local Senior Centers as material for in-house newsletters. One

of her Senior Center contacts thought the material should be published to a wider audience and succeeded in having the Leominster Champion pick up several of Ms. McGarry's articles. Two of her articles were published by the Leominster Champion when the American Association for Respiratory



Care (AARC) found them and subsequently highlighted Ms. McGarry along with Program Director, Karen Kaletski Dufault in their "Good Press - AARC Members in the News" column. The Leominster Champion published all nine of Ms. McGarry's Senior project articles.



## QCC Volunteers Provide Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site for Fifth Year



Carol Murphy, Accounting Professor

For the fifth consecutive year, Carol Murphy, Accounting Professor, and her volunteer team of QCC students and

graduates, offered free tax assistance for low-income residents of the community. The free program, called the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), is hosted by the Main South Community Development Corporation (CDC) at 875 Main Street, Worcester. The program is IRS certified. QCC volunteers assist eligible residents with free E-Filing, opening bank accounts, and achieving fast refunds. A kick-off event was held on January 27 with Charter TV3 coverage after which Ms. Murphy was asked to demonstrate the tax assistance software for

officials in attendance from Washington, D.C. including George Sheldon, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the US Department of Health & Human Services, and Debra Holland, Deputy Commissioner of Wage and Investment at the IRS, as well as several other Washington D.C. officials who were in Worcester to help kick off the new filing season. The program is highly successful; in 2007 and 2008 combined, it netted over \$545,000 in tax refunds for residents.



## QCC is Recipient of Electronic Vehicle Charging Station



*Dr. Gail Carberry addresses the crowd with Victor Somma, QCC Southbridge Director of Community Affairs and Site Facilitator, looking on*

QCC has been selected as one of three local college campus sites for electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations by National Grid. A special event on April 2 was held at Clark University's Lasry Center for Biosciences, Maywood Street in Worcester to celebrate the city's newest effort in

sustainability and clean transportation. The event included information and demonstrations and also marked the first service at a public EV charging station to be delivered in the city. The Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, BMW Active-E, Mitsubishi iMiev, and other EV models were displayed. Speakers included QCC President Gail Carberry as well as Massachusetts Congressman James McGovern; Richard K. Sullivan Jr., Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Mark Sylvia, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; Timothy McGourthy, Chief Development Officer, City of Worcester, WPI and Clark Presidents, National Grid and the Institute for Energy & Sustainability representatives.

QCC is joined by Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Clark University as the



*New charging station at QCC Worcester*

additional sites selected for EV charging stations. The charging stations, manufactured by Coulomb Technologies are called ChargePoint portals and cost \$3.50 per hour of charge. QCC has two ChargePoint portal stations; one is located in parking lot 4 and the second is located in the lot next to the Surprenant Building.

## QCC Fire Science Program Recognized at Fire Service Professional Development Summit

QCC's Fire Science Program was one of only four colleges state-wide recognized at the Second Annual Fire Service Professional Development Summit in Stowe, MA on March 12, 2012.

QCC's Fire Science Program has successfully integrated the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education's (FESHE) core curriculum model which leads to a National Fire Certificate of Completion. This curriculum aligns QCC with national standards and provides students with a solid foundation of knowledge from a standardized curriculum that will enhance their capabilities as fire fighting professionals. In addition to QCC, Anna Maria College, Bunker Hill Community



*L. to R: John Sullivan, Deputy Fire Chief, Worcester Fire Dept., Pat Schmohl, Mark Cady, Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent, National Fire Academy and Peter Ostroskey, Deputy State Fire Marshall at the State Dept. of Fire Services*

College and Mount Wachusett Community College were also recognized. Pat Schmohl, Acting Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Mark Cady, Fire Science Program Coordinator accepted QCC's certificate of recognition from

Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy.

Congratulations to QCC's Fire Science faculty on their work to make QCC's fire science curriculum among the best in the nation.

## QCC Professor Featured in Essence Magazine



Professor Sandra Hinds with husband Ray and children, Marcus and Raesa

Sandra Hinds, Adjunct Professor of Sociology was featured in the February 012 issue of Essence Magazine in an article that discussed parenting techniques relative to early learning. Ms. Hinds, a professor with QCC since 2009, enrolled her son Marcus, 3 years old, in drum lessons, with excellent results. Read the full story at: [www.essence.com/2012/01/25/mom-and-dad-know-best](http://www.essence.com/2012/01/25/mom-and-dad-know-best).

## Criminal Justice Class



Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez (r) instructing class

Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez, Assistant Chief of Police conducted outdoor criminal justice classes on March 6 and 8 that simulated a crime scene. Students were actively engaged in learning to investigate crimes and processing a crime scene. This real-life exercise advanced their working knowledge of an investigator's activities while on duty at an active crime scene. Students also routinely "investigate" indoor crime scenes as learning opportunities also set up by Lt. Rodriguez.

## QCC Student Samuel Offei Receives Distinguished Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

QCC Student Samuel Offei received a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Mr. Offei is one of 60 national scholars selected this year to receive the award. The scholarship is for up to \$30,000 per year and covers educational expenses – including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees – for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship honors excellence by supporting outstanding community college students with financial need to transfer to and complete their bachelor's degrees at the nation's top four-year colleges and universities. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and critical thinking ability, financial need, will to succeed and breadth of interest and activities.



Samuel Offei with Dr. Gail Carberry

Mr. Offei is an international student from Ghana, who majored in Business Administration at QCC. He is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, now at Cornell University. Mr. Offei is fluent in five languages and is the founder and president of QCC's Intercultural Club. He is also a Commonwealth Honors Scholar. (Scholarship runs in the family; Mr. Offei's brother received the same scholarship previously as a student in Anaheim, CA.)

## QCC Robotics Club Competes at 2012 VEX Robotics World Championship



Front row (l to r): Vladimir Pogorelov, Phouc Phan, Autumn Kubiak (team leader), Dr. Douglas Osheroff, Katie Cunningham. Back Row (l to r): Mike O'Connell, Mike Bonin, Dean Polnerow (QCC CSET Asst. Professor), Betty Lauer (QCC CSET Professor)

Six members of the QCC Robotics Club along with Advisors Dean Polnerow and Betty Lauer traveled to Anaheim, CA to compete in the 2012 VEX Robotics World Championship.

The team worked tirelessly to field two robots for QCC at the event held April 19 - 21. Competing were nearly 10,000 participants from 18 countries around

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the world, including 600 robot teams from nearly 5000 VEX robot teams overall throughout the world. The event includes competitions for middle school, high school and college levels. Professors Polnerow and Lauer also acted as judges for the event. Dr. Douglas D. Osheroff, Professor of Physics at Stanford University and a 1996 Nobel Prize winner was one of

the guest speakers at the event. Autumn Kubiak, one of only two female students on the team said recently that they are already “psyched for next year’s competition and are planning their designs for next year’s new robots!” The team earned high praise from many judges who commented on the originality of their robots.



## QCC Jazz Gets A Visit from WICN



On April 20, Jazz Radio Station WICN visited QCC and spoke about jazz in New England to the History of Jazz class. Pictured are Professor Jose Castillo, WICN

Manager Gerry Weston, Jazz Host Joe Zupan, and members of the History of Jazz class.



Students from Bob Gillies Physics class preparing to launch rockets built in class.

## QCC Physics Rocks!

Students from Professor Bob Gillies Physics class in the Verizon Next Step program gathered on the QCC baseball field to launch rockets built in class earlier in the semester. The launch was a success – students were able to witness the practical applications of physics!



## The Wyvern in the Wild



Maria Addison, Director of Career and Academic Planning caught the Wyvern recently in Bangkok, Thailand, at Wat Arun.



29 Who Shine award recipients on the State House steps (top) and QCC Graduate Elizabeth Forehand receives 29 Who Shine award from Governor Patrick

## 29 Who Shine Honored at State House

On May 10, 250 people gathered at the State House for the second annual 29 Who Shine awards ceremony honoring 29 outstanding graduates of Massachusetts’ 29 public college and university campuses. “These students’ stories remind us all of the power of education to transform lives,” said Governor Deval Patrick. Elizabeth Forehand, PTK Honor Society member, Iraq war veteran and recent graduate of the Basic Engineering program is the QCC honoree. Ms. Forehand is also the recipient of Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Student of Distinction and Wyvern Awards. President Gail Carberry, Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, Liz Woods, Dean of Students and Bonnie Coleman, PTK Advisor attended the ceremony at the State House.



# Commencement 2012

**QCC Graduates 1,331 Students!**

**“The future’s so bright I gotta wear shades!”**

QCC Commencement 2012 took place on Thursday, May 17 on campus, under bright sunshine. President Gail Carberry welcomed family and friends and congratulated the Class of 2012. Legislative Greetings were made by Representative Peter J. Durant, Faculty Greetings by Associate Professor Jean McLean, Student Greetings by Student Senator Alex Osei Bonsu and Alumni Greetings by Alumni Association President Sharon Doherty. The Commencement Address was given by Gladys Rodriguez, Senior District Representative for Congressman Jim McGovern.

President Carberry gave each of the 1,331 graduates a pair of sunglasses because (according to the 80’s song) “The future’s so bright I (you) gotta wear shades!” The Wyvern mascot also made an appearance in a graduation cap and sunglasses.



## Applied Arts Students Published!

Congratulations to QCC Applied Arts students who have recently self-published books as part of a Capstone class project in design production: Chris Whittle for his book, *Architectural Drafting Works and the Subject that Makes*

*Other Arts Possible*, Jamila Maurer for *Pavo in the Stars* (both available from [www.blurb.com](http://www.blurb.com)) and Caitlyn Ciasullo for *A Very Long Dog*, available from [www.Lulu.com](http://www.Lulu.com). All authors are recent graduates.



(Clockwise from left): Books by Caitlyn Ciasullo, Jamila Maurer and Chris Whittle.

## QCC Employee Lynn Cohen Receives 2012 Verizon/Next Step Star Award

Lynn Cohen, Business and Technology staff member has been selected to receive the Verizon/Next Step Star Award. (QCC's Verizon/Next Step Program is a two-year Telecommunications Technology program offered to 80 Verizon employees each year at QCC.) Ms. Cohen provides comprehensive NSP administrative support that includes scheduling/meeting planning for such events as student orientation, faculty meetings, and the graduate recognition dinner. he also manages purchasing, maintaining the QCC inventory of NSP



laptop computers and loaners and maintaining regular contact with the NSP administrative office on programmatic issues. In addition, Ms. Cohen designed several programmatic

faculty and student survey tools using Survey Monkey, an electronic survey tool.

STAR Awards are given to individuals who have contributed in extraordinary and/or innovative ways towards the success of the Next Step Program. STAR Award recipients are selected from nominees by the Faculty Institute Planning Committee comprised of representatives from the New York and New England Next Step Programs. Ms. Cohen will receive the award at the 2012 Verizon/NSP Faculty Institute in Saratoga Springs, New York.

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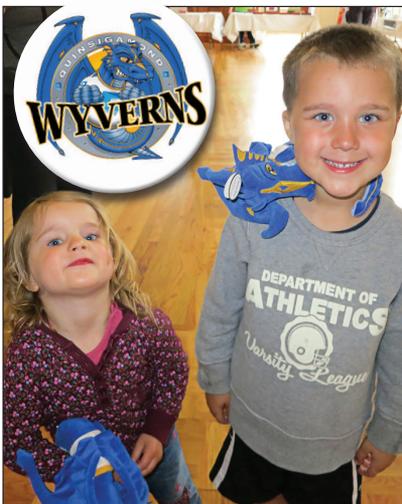
## Phi Theta Kappa Takes on Habitat for Humanity Project

On June 9, ten members of QCC's 5-star, internationally recognized PTK chapter participated in a Habitat for Humanity project on Fales Street in Worcester as part of their commitment to community service. PTK students accepted donations to cover the \$30

per student cost to participate; donors were able to sign a stud for their donation. (All studs were used in the construction on Fales Street.) PTK members participated in a second round of work on the Fales Street house on August 18. Habitat for Humanity's mission is to "...bring people together to build homes, communities and hope." Coincidentally, the new house is being built for a

former QCC graduate and her daughter; they will be able to move into their new home this fall/winter!

### Future Wyverns



Zachary and Mia DeLuca visited the QCC table at "Walk in the Park", which celebrated the new \$4.3 million Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex in Auburn last summer.



L to R, rear: Eric Akwaboa, Obesebea Aye-Addo, Nelson Colon, Lindsey Pepin, and Jodi LeBel-Christian. L to r, front: Paula Costa, Ghenwa Elmaola, Heather Grimes, Kristina Perry, and Jarad Bushnell. Missing: Matthew Horwedel.

## Spencer Savings Bank Makes Donation to QCC



L. to r: Roland Gauthier, Foundation President Emeritus, Dr. Gail Carberry, Michael Robbins, Spencer Savings Bank President and Larry Morrison, QCC Foundation Board President

On June 6, 2012, Spencer Savings Bank made a \$5,000 donation to the QCC Foundation at QCC Southbridge. This was one of several major gifts

made by banks in the South County area as part of QCC's Open Door Campaign. Spencer Savings Bank pledged a total of \$15,000 over three

years. The gift is designated through the South County Fund for scholarships for low- to moderate-income students enrolled at QCC Southbridge.

## QCC Celebrates GED Graduates

On Monday, June 4, 2012, QCC hosted the 2012 GED Graduation Ceremony at Hebert Auditorium. Fifty-two proud graduates and their families and friends filled the auditorium for the event.

QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry delivered opening remarks; guest speakers included Kathie Manning, Dean of Training and Education Center; Tom Mechem, GED State Chief Examiner; and Theona Lourens, former GED recipient and current college student. Laura Tino, QCC GED Chief Examiner, facilitated the ceremony with assistance from Maria Keffalinou, Adult Education Program Manager.

QCC has facilitated high school graduation equivalency credentials for over 600 students between January 2011

and May 2012, from across Central MA. Of the graduates, 16 participated in QCC's GED Test Preparation program.

QCC's GED graduates come from many different places in life but all missed an opportunity to walk across the stage in cap and gown. QCC's GED Graduation ceremony makes that missed opportunity a meaningful reality.



Maria Keffalinou with graduate



Students attending their GED Graduation Ceremony



Ronald E. Josephson, Elected Alum

## **Message from the QCC Board of Trustees**

*Ronald E. Josephson, Elected Alum*

**I**t has been a little over three years since I was first invited to be a member of the QCC Foundation, and then a member of the Board of Trustees. I accepted both as an honor and as a great responsibility.

As we move forward with a re-invigorated sense of service, I would like to recognize several colleagues who have put tremendous time and effort into the success of the Board's mission and by extension, the continued success of the College:

Deepest thanks go to Brent Anderson, who served with distinction as Chair of the Board for six years. His tenure saw many accomplishments, notably the selection of QCC President Gail Carberry. With guidance from Trustee Anderson and Dr. Carberry, the College has grown from 6,500 students in 2006 to 9,100 students in 2012.

Also, my gratitude goes to former QCC Foundation President Roland Gauthier, who has put the College ahead of his own family and professional life many times. To Brent and Roland, we offer wishes for great happiness in the future. They will be missed.

I also have the honor of working with a great group of dedicated individuals – the Board of Trustees – who care deeply about the success of QCC. Recently, Larry Morrison was elected as the President of the QCC Foundation. Larry brings a great deal of skill, dedication and enthusiasm to the Foundation. Our students are the reason we do what we do. In the coming year, I look forward to working with both boards to build a stronger QCC for them.

### **QCC Welcomes New Chair of the Board of Trustees**

I'm proud to announce Stacey DeBoise Luster's appointment as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Luster has been a member of the Quinsigamond Community College Board for five years. Ms. Luster currently works with the administration of the Worcester Public School and has a strong commitment as both an advocate and activist on matters of social and economic justice. Her commitment to the work of the College is evident even prior to her appointment as a Trustee. She knows well the vital role this College plays in her home community and I look forward to working with her as we advance QCC's academic mission and services.



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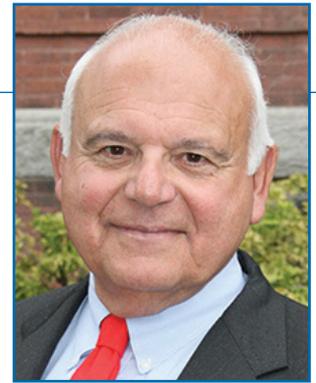
**A**s the President of the Quinsigamond Community College Foundation, I know that two longtime leaders merit our continuing gratitude. Many thanks to Roland Gauthier, CPA, who recently retired as the Foundation President, for his insight, diligence and foresight. Unreserved appreciation also goes to former Foundation Board President James Harrington, for his clarity of thought, energizing ideas and remarkable generosity.

Trustee Ron Josephson and I readily agree in the increasing value of even closer, still more careful cooperation between the two boards.

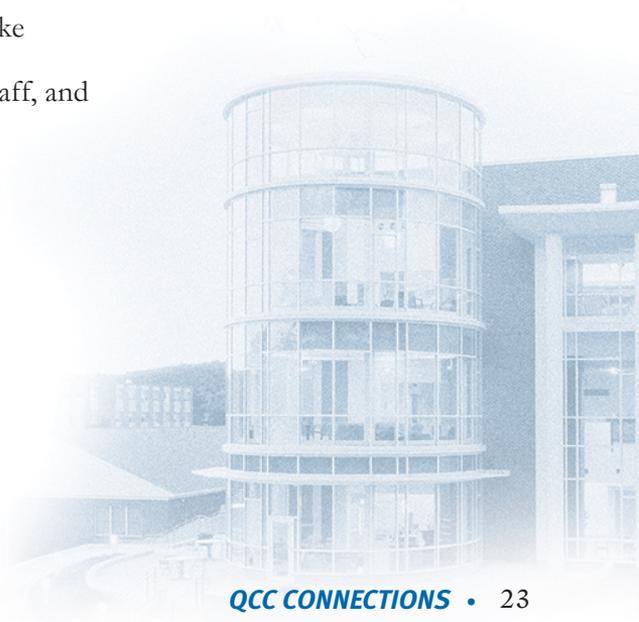
The Foundation will count on the enthusiasm of a newly-authorized, diversely-represented, community-based Board of Visitors, led by the Foundation's recently retired Secretary/Clerk and Director, the wise Paul Kennedy. My fellow Directors and I thank Paul for his years of unusually strong service.

The QCC Foundation brings the spirit of enterprise to the urgent challenge of raising private funds from our 45-community service area while state revenue drops and enrollment skyrockets. How will we take care of business? By keeping the needs of students, faculty, staff, and alumni/ae and the public first.

*Laurance S. Morrison, President*



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

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

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

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

*Please contact the QCC Foundation at*  
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