QCC Receives Verizon Foundation Donation

On September 27, Ellen Cummings, Regional Director of Verizon External Affairs, presented President Carberry with a $20,000 check for QCC’s Advanced Robotics Intensive program (ARI). ARI is one of many K-12 STEM outreach initiatives created by Professor Betty Lauer over the past 10 years. In 2011, ARI was one of only six projects to receive "@Scale" endorsement from Governor Deval Patrick’s STEM Advisory Council. The endorsement came with a $50,000 grant.

President Carberry hailed the Advanced Robotics Intensive as “one of QCC’s shining stars.”

She also congratulated Professors Dean Polnerow and Betty Lauer on their insight and dedication to the program and thanked the Verizon Foundation for their recognition and generosity in support of QCC’s ground-breaking STEM initiative.

Annual Foundation Golf Tournament a Success!

On September 17, the QCC Foundation held its annual scholarship golf tournament, “Driving for Scholars” golf classic at Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. Twenty-four teams with over 97 golfers participated, clearing approximately $20,000 for the Foundation Scholarship Fund. The day’s event included a round of golf, dinner, and various raffle, silent and live auction items.

At right, the Wyvern paid a surprise visit to congratulate Nancy Chosta on yet another successful golf tournament.
Campus News

QCC Professor of Math Leslie Horton Selected as PARCC MA Higher Educator Fellow

In a recent memo sent to Dr. Gail Carberry by MA Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Richard M. Freeland, it was announced that QCC Professor Leslie Horton was selected to participate in a “Fellows” program as a Massachusetts Higher Education Educator Fellow. Massachusetts is one of 24 PARCC states participating in the program, funded via PARCC, and supports each PARCC state to identify a team of 24 P-16 Educator Fellows, 18 from P-12 and 6 from Higher Education.

The focus of the Fellows work in Massachusetts over the next two years is in support of the implementation and full understanding of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and to help communicate in the P-12 and Higher Education communities the development and pilot of the PARCC Assessment. The public higher education institutions in the Central Links Region supported Professor Horton’s selection.

Congratulations Professor Horton!

Fall Athletic Center Hours

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Program Classes:

Circuit Training
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Indoor Cycling
Monday: 6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Yoga
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Kung Fu
Monday & Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Zumba
Monday & Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

P 90 X Fit Club
Tuesday: 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Ingrid Skadberg Chosen for Prestigious Steering Committee

The Northeast Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) has chosen Dr. Ingrid Skadberg to join their leadership team as a member of the association’s Steering Committee. Dr. Skadberg was chosen among a group of “exceptionally strong candidates” and will attend the NEAIR annual conference in Maryland later this year.

Congratulations Dr. Skadberg!

PTK NEWS

Phi Theta Kappa’s Annual Fall Cookout - Postponed!
Due to inclement weather, the PTK Annual Fall Cookout originally scheduled for September 26 has been postponed to October 3. The hours have not changed - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Don’t miss the fun with a caricature artist, food, DJ, raffles and more! Proceeds to benefit Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Gang Camp recently featured on the August 26 edition of CBS Sunday Morning.

New PTK Raffle: Prime parking space available!
Take a chance for $1/ticket to win a spot outside of the Administration Building. Parking space is available for use from October 4, 2012 - January 21, 2013. Raffle winner will be drawn at the annual Fall cook-out on October 3. Tickets available at the Phi Theta Kappa Office or from any PTK member.
QCC Student Bryan Leasot Develops New App: Neo WebOS

webOS Nation, an e-zine dedicated to the webOS community (www.webosnation.com) has recently previewed QCC Computer Information Systems student Bryan Leasot’s newly developed app, Neo WebOS in a recent edition and gave it high marks. Though the app is still in beta, Mr. Leasot’s work is important enough to garner notice from webOS Nation and admiration of Computer Information Systems Professors Charulata Triveda and Robert Desilets.

(“WebOS” is short for Web Operating System - an internet service through which a user can access his computer data remotely anywhere on any computer and in any part of earth where internet is available. It has been termed “Web Operating System” because data is present on the web and not on the computer of the user.)

To read the complete review, go to: www.webosnation.com/app-preview-neo-webos

Congratulation Mr. Leasot!

The Colleges of Worcester Consortium’s Road Bowl III Walking Challenge kicked off Thursday, September 27 at the Hebert Auditorium. The challenge officially begins Monday, October 1 and ends Friday, October 16 at midnight. Team registration closed Sunday, September 30 at midnight.

Last year, 22 QCC teams hit the pavement and stomped all over the competition - a repeat performance is expected this year! Lace up, get walking and Revel in the Rivalry!

For more information or questions on the event, please contact Laurie Comeau at ext. 4355, Diane Maple at ext. 4226 in the Human Resources Office or Nancy Chosta at ext. 4385.

REVEL IN THE RIVALRY!
H.A.C.E Event Scheduled

The Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (H.A.C.E.) Committee will be hosting its annual event on Wednesday, October 3, at 5:30 p.m., in the Harrington Learning Center. The event honors more than 30 local high school seniors who have been recommended by high schools and area agencies as students whose accomplishments should be celebrated.

Please join the H.A.C.E. committee along with friends and relatives of the honorees in support of their achievements. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased from Deborah Gonzalez (Ext. 7524) in Community Engagement (Millbrook Street), co-chair of the HACE Committee; Liz Ortiz (Ext. 4489), Pat Solitro (Ext. 4203) or Susan Laprade (Ext. 4368) in the President’s office (Rm.132). If you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing and donating a ticket for use by one of the family members of the honorees.

The Olga Lopez-Hill Scholarship for QCC Students presentation will also be included at the H.A.C.E. event. The scholarship award is $500.00 and is available to students who plan to continue their education at QCC or to transfer to another institution.

For application details, please contact Susan Laprade (Room 132A, Ext. 4368) or by e-mail at slaprade@qcc.mass.edu.

Participants in Walk to Prevent Suicide gather at Green Hill Park, Worcester

QCC Participates in Labor Day Parade

QCC made an appearance in the annual Marlborough Labor Day Parade on September 3. PTK participants below are Kimberly May, Jose Lopez family members and Carolyn Somma driving the Wyvern Mobile.

Advisors Valarie Clemente (QCC Psychology Club and Psi Beta Honor Society) and Gaelen Benway (Pride Alliance) wish to thank all who donated to this worthy cause.

To read more about the walk, visit: www.facebook.com/WorcesterWalk, or www.outofthedarkness.org where people can continue to donate until December 31, 2012.
Campus News

New Faculty and Staff

On September 10, 2012, Administrative Services welcomed Delia Freitas to the Business Office as Accountant I - MACCWDTA. Ms. Freitas, who earned a Certificate in Accounting at Quinsigamond Community College, brings over 20 years experience in accounting, purchasing, and financial management in the private sector, most recently serving as a Senior Accountant for a Turf management company.

On September 11, 2012, Administrative Services welcomed Hasnain Ali back to Campus Police as Campus Police Officer I after a brief hiatus. Mr. Ali returns to QCC from the Emerson College Police Department, prior to which he served two and a half years with the QCC Campus Police. In addition, he brings an additional four years of private sector security experience to the campus. Mr. Ali completed EMT Certification at Mass Bay Community College, and is a graduate of both the Massachusetts State Police Academy and the Boylston Regional Police Academy.

On September 17, 2012, Administrative Services welcomed Stephen Zisk to Facilities as Environmental Project Manager/Engineer. Mr. Zisk brings over 14 years of experience to QCC in public and private sector engineering and construction, most recently serving the Town of Douglas as a Planning/Conservation Agent. Mr. Zisk earned a BS in Civil Engineering Technology from Central Connecticut State University.

There is also a new face in the front office in Human Resources - Oluyemisi Adekunle joined HR three weeks ago on a temporary basis, to provide assistance as a part-time Human Resource Administrator. Ms. Adekunle comes to QCC with three years experience in Human Resources in higher education and in the private sector, most recently serving as a Benefits Representative for Bryant University. Ms. Adekunle earned a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication from Towson University, MD, and a Master’s degree in Human Resources Management from Framingham State University.

The QCC Family welcomes Ms. Freitas, Officer Ali, Mr. Zisk and Ms. Adekunle into their new roles at QCC!

Health and Wellness Update

Residents Reminded to Be Vigilant about Protecting Themselves from Mosquitoes

The MA Department of Public Health (DPH) has raised the West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat levels in every Massachusetts city and town to “Moderate,” unless it was already at a higher level. “Taken together, all of these findings point to the fact that the threat of mosquito-borne illness is very real in Massachusetts no matter where you live,” All residents are urged to continue taking personal precautions to protect against mosquito-borne illnesses, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile virus. These include using insect repellent, covering exposed skin when outside, and avoiding outdoor activities between the hours of dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are at their most active when we can be sure that the threat of mosquitoes has passed.”

For more updated information about this and public health fact sheets on EEE and WNV please visit: www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph

- Susan Johnson, MSN, RN, Professor of Nursing

Lighting the Way...

UMass Memorial Cancer Center will hold its annual candle-lighting ceremony to benefit breast cancer research and patient care on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Physicians will update attendees on the potential of the research under way at UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial.

The candle-lighting ceremony, in which each lit candle honors or memorializes a friend or loved one, is a highlight of Pink — Lighting the Way... The hundreds of pink candles casting a radiant glow over the room emanate the hope that there is a cure is on the horizon.

For more information, to donate or to register, go to: www.umassmed.edu/development/pink.aspx