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Sheila R. Sykes
Interim President

Sykes named QCC Interim President

Sheila Sykes, vice president of administrative services, has been named Interim President of Quinsigamond Community College following the departure of Dr. Sandra L. Kurtinitis, who was named Chancellor of the Community College of Baltimore County, Maryland. A Worcester resident, Ms. Sykes was previously the College's vice president of administrative services and chief financial officer. Appointed vice president in 2003, Ms. Sykes has 32 years experience in education. She previously worked as dean of administrative services at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Presidential Search

Quinsigamond Community College has contracted with the Association of Community College Trustees in Washington, D.C. to help with the College's search for a new President. The College's Board of Trustees, which will select the new President, plans to have a new leader named by July 2006.

Fairlawn Foundation Grant

The QCC Nursing Program was awarded \$120,000 from Fairlawn Foundation. The money will be used towards the creation of a Nurse Education Technology Lab. The lab will support advanced computer-based instruction in nursing and related disciplines with the intent of achieving greater student retention and performance.

The "Quinsig Six"

Six recent Smith College graduates have something unique in common — they all graduated from Quinsigamond Community College in 2002. Dubbed the "Quinsig Six," the women transferred to Smith in Northampton as Ada Comstock Scholars, a program for non-traditional age women, in September 2002. They graduated from the elite private, women's college in May 2005.

QCC at the Mall Moves To CitySquare

QCC at the Mall is on the move. Our downtown location has relocated from the old Worcester Common Outlet Mall, which is destined for the wrecking ball in 2006, to our new, 8,568-square-foot location at 100 Front St. as part of the CitySquare project being developed by Berkeley Investment Inc. of Boston. Committed to having a presence in the heart of Central Massachusetts, QCC has extended its lease with Berkeley for 100 Front St. for five years.

Report to the Community

QCC's Report to the Community 2000-2005 is a celebration of accomplishments and initiatives by the College over the last five years. A sampling of the report finds that QCC has increased its institutional and donor-funded scholarships for students to \$150,000 and awards more than \$5.3 million in federal and state financial aid annually. The College also received \$1.7 million in federal grant funds to transform the way development classes in English and math are delivered, brought an \$11 million commitment from the state to renovate the North Wing of the Administration Building, raised \$1.2 million to expand the College library's collection by 20,000 volumes, and opened the \$15 million Harrington Learning Center.

QCC Dedicates Memorial to Robert Mortell

The Robert J. Mortell Memorial, named for the Paxton Police Chief killed in the line of duty on Feb. 1, 1994, was dedicated on Sept. 23. In addition to honoring Chief Mortell, the memorial commemorates the services and sacrifices of police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical professionals in Central Massachusetts. Chief Mortell graduated from Quinsigamond Community College 15 years ago with a degree in Criminal Justice. The 38-year-old law enforcement official was killed while responding to a call for assistance following an armed burglary. A \$10,000 scholarship is being established in Chief Mortell's name.

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