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Harvard Comes to QCC

Researchers from the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education are working with three classes at Quinsigamond Community College to help improve instruction to intermediate readers in the adult basic education program with the hope of getting students to a high school reading level faster. The new instructional methodology includes new teaching techniques and the incorporation of technology, such as laptop computers and speech recognition software, into the classroom. QCC was selected to participate in the study because of the quality of its programs and instructors said Harvard researcher, John Strucker. Funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education, the study is being conducted in 24 classrooms in colleges in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

QCC Benefactor Recognized

Quinsigamond Community College longtime friend and benefactor, Mr. James Harrington, recently received national recognition at an early December gala in Washington, D.C. for his outstanding work and dedication to the College. Mr. Harrington was presented the Region I Council for Resource Development 2005 Benefactor Award. The CRD award embodies the ideals of philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism in the service of community, technical, and junior colleges.

Downtown Center Relocates

Quinsigamond Community College re-introduced the community to its new downtown location, QCC at CitySquare (formerly QCC College at the Mall) with an open house on Jan. 25. Through a partnership with Berkeley Investments Inc., developers of CitySquare, QCC relocated to the second level at 100 Front St., the only section of the mall not slated for demolition.

Bellwether Award

QCC garnered national attention and was a Bellwether Award finalist for its presentation titled "The Power of Visioning Change," which explains the paradigm shifts the college undertook in order to create a more effective student advising system. The presentation documented the challenges faced, the processes undertaken, and the end results — a web-based CAPS Plan — and the key lessons learned. The Career, Academic, and Personal Success Program (CAPS) at QCC is a comprehensive, competency-based experience designed to prepare students for college-level course work. The program focuses on writing, mathematics, academic study skills, academic acculturation, critical thinking, and workforce development skills. The Bellwether Awards is a national competition held by the University of Florida Institute of Higher Education 2006 Community College Futures Assembly.

QCC Celebrates Black History Month

The College is celebrating Black History Month with a host of student and community events in February. During the month, QCC and its partner Arts/Worcester will be exhibiting a diversity show in room 107A. Featured in the exhibit, which runs through March 3, are local minority artists. The College is also showing a film series every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fuller Student Center followed by a discuss; a Hip Hop Dance workshop will be held on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 109 at the HLC. For a complete list of events, shows, and times contact the Fuller Student Center 508-854-4225.

QCC Graduate Enters WPI Doctoral Program

Brandy Parker, a 2003 graduate from QCC, has been accepted into a PhD. program in nanotechnology at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. Ms. Parker graduated from QCC with an Associate's Degree in Engineering and received her Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University.

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