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Four Colleges Pump \$217 Million into Economy

The four colleges comprising the newly formed Central Links Central Massachusetts Higher Education Alliance released a study showing that the combined economic impact of the colleges on Massachusetts is \$217 million. Quinsigamond Community College, Fitchburg State College, Mount Wachusett Community College, and Worcester State College worked with a group of UMass Amherst students on the study. QCC Interim President Sheila Sykes said investment in public higher education pays great dividends. According to the study, every \$1 invested by the Commonwealth generates \$2.76 in economic output; the colleges provided \$5.3 million worth of volunteer labor in central Massachusetts last year; and QCC is one of the top 25 employers in the Worcester region.

"Image Makers" Art Exhibit

QCC and the ArtsWorcester hosted a reception and exhibit of photography taken by the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester's Ionic Avenue Photography Club from March 7 to March 17. Working in conjunction with the Worcester Cityworks AmeriCorp program, the photography club is comprised of 30 youths ages eight to 17 who have been learning basic photographic techniques, styles, genres, and history. Selected from over 150 images, this exhibition offers 25 examples of their youthful creativity and curiosity.

QCC Unveils Training and Education Center

The College's Continuing Education Center, located at CitySquare, has officially changed its name to the Training and Education Center. The name change more accurately reflects the Training and Education Center's mission to provide an easily accessible learning environment that provides individuals, businesses, and community organizations quality training and education opportunities needed for successful personal, career, or workforce development.

Dental Hygiene Students Win First Place at Conference

Dental Hygiene students Evelyn Bosworth and Theresa Martinez took first prize for "Anchors Away" at the Yankee Dental Congress 31st Student Table Clinics Competition, a national dental convention held in Boston every year. The students' presentation consisted of information about temporary anchorage devices for orthodontics as a new way of using micro screws to move teeth and replace headgear and help with patient compliance. This would alleviate the need for patients to wear elastics. Their research was conducted with the assistance of local orthodontist John Walker.

Nursing Program Awarded BHE Grant

QCC received a grant from the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts Hospital Research and Education Association for \$10,993. The money will be used as part of the College's effort to increase the number of faculty in Massachusetts community college nursing programs. Dean of Instruction for Health Care and Human Services, Jane June, feels that now is the time to begin developing programs to help the nursing program. "There is a severe lack of qualified nursing instructors and nurses," she said. The grant establishes QCC as the lead school in a collaborative project with Framingham State College and Mount Wachusett Community College.

College Holds Neighborhood Forum

Rep. James B. Leary, D-Worcester, co-facilitated an on-campus neighborhood forum on Feb. 25, 2006. At the meeting, neighborhood residents were provided with their first opportunity to hear about our upcoming North Wing Project and landscape improvements. Interim President Sheila Sykes, Director of Marketing and Public Relations Victor Somma and Facilities Director Don Hall were on hand to offer insights into the plan and answer questions. Involving area neighbors early in the planning process, the College intends to gather their input and integrate it into the planning process where appropriate.

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