Back to School at QCC!

The relative quiet of the summer months came to an end recently with an estimated 700 new QCC students on campus, participating in Orientations during August 23 - 25.

Presenters welcomed students and parents, encouraged students to “get involved” and directed them to the myriad of helpful break-out sessions.

Orientation was also held at QCC Southbridge on August 24 in the evening, and was well-attended.

As of August 29, over 8200 students were registered, with more expected during One-Stop Registration that began August 29.

Reminder: the first day of classes for the Fall 2011 Semester is Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

Welcome new students!
Welcome back students and faculty!

QCC at Assabet and Burncoat Locations Fully Operational for Fall Semester!

QCC’s newest locations at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School (QCC at Assabet) and Burncoat High School have had QCC faculty fully occupied preparing for a fall semester 2011 start, and it’s all systems GO!

The equipment order for the Solar Training Lab at QCC Assabet arrived in the first week of August. A state-of-the-art Photovoltaic (PV) Training Lab and industry leading instruction will highlight the QCC Solar PV Training program. The first PV class, Introduction to Solar PV Design and Installation, starts in October. Students who complete this course are eligible to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners’ (NABCEP) PV Entry Level Exam.

The Automotive Technology Program has made a successful transition to its new home at Burncoat High School. New signage is in place, faculty is pleased, excited and ready for the September 6 start.
Campus News

Send us your news! We want to hear what’s happening in your department and with your students or staff. Submit information at www.QCC.edu/newsletter.html. Events, awards, success stories... We want to share your news with the entire QCC community. The deadline for the September e-newsletter is September 9, 2011.

International Engineering and Technology Corporation Recruits at QCC

This past Spring, Metso Corporation, a global engineering and technology company of more than 28,000 employees in 50 countries, visited QCC for on-site interviews to recruit students for employment at their Shrewsbury, MA facility.

Metso, a worldwide supplier of sustainable technology and services for mining, construction, power generation, automation, recycling and pulp and paper industries, creates effective cutting edge solutions to increase the productivity and environmental quality of their customers’ operations. The Shrewsbury facility specializes in providing high-tech automation solutions to help companies gain a competitive edge in their respective fields.

Five students, identified by the QCC Electronics and Electromechanical faculty were selected to participate in the interviews. Once selected, Maureen Giacobbe of QCC Career Placement Services worked with the students, assisting them with updating their resumes and fine tuning their interviewing skills.

Although Metso had anticipated filling just one position, the quality of the candidates prompted them to look at other possible openings at their facility. Two QCC students, Michael Anim-Addo and Michael Mozeak were offered and accepted positions with the company, while hiring managers attempted to find the right fit for a third candidate. A fourth candidate, also under consideration, opted to go with another company.

Results from Metso’s successful recruitment at QCC are a direct result of the quality of programs at QCC and the professionalism displayed by QCC students.

QCC Earns Endorsement from State Officials for Advanced Robotics Program

On Thursday, August 18, 2011, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray announced the Commonwealth’s endorsement of QCC’s Advanced Robotics Program as a model for state and national science and mathematics education initiatives.

QCC’s Advanced Robotics Program has gained wide-spread recognition as one of the successful programs under the Patrick-Murray Administration’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and workforce initiative.

A total of six state-wide programs were endorsed at the National Governor’s Association’s Center for Best Practices conference in Boston. “These selected STEM initiatives will build a pipeline for success between elementary and secondary education to post-secondary education and careers in Massachusetts’ growing innovation economy for students in all regions of the Commonwealth,” Mr. Murray said in a prepared statement.

QCC’s Advanced Robotics Program creates a unique conduit for K-12 STEM education in Worcester Public Schools and Worcester County Schools to college and ultimately the local STEM workforce. With a focus on robotics and robotics competitions, this program promotes academic achievement for students and professional development for teachers through hands-on training in state-of-the-art labs, and also reaches neighboring underserved school systems, develops best practices in an urban setting and disseminates tools and findings on a broad scale. The program will target 1,250 Worcester Public School students in its first year with plans to reach out to an additional 100 students in year two and again in year three.

Congratulations to all faculty, staff and administrators involved in the Advanced Robotics Program for this recent honor!
**QCC Faculty Participates in Intensive Collaboration on Long Term Care**

Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation Launches Faculty Institute for Nursing Leadership

In an effort to expand the state’s capacity to prepare more nurses to provide quality care in long term care facilities, the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Department of Nursing, has established the “Faculty Institute for Gerontological Nursing: Strengthening Partnerships for Clinical Education in Long Term Care.”

The Faculty Institute is an intensive five-day program designed to enhance nursing faculty knowledge of geriatric nursing care and quality care practices in nursing facilities, while providing tools and resources to help faculty incorporate gained knowledge into classroom and/or clinical teaching. The Institute took place August 15 - 19, and included training sessions and clinical site visits to nursing facilities. Participating faculty also worked with their assigned Institute mentor to design and implement gerontological-related curricula or clinical experiences for their students over the upcoming academic year.

The Selection Committee was particularly impressed with the interest and enthusiasm of this year’s inaugural class, with participants from nursing programs across Massachusetts, including QCC’s Maureen Ricotta.

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**QCC Participates in College Community Connection Program**

For three weeks this summer, QCC was one of approximately 20 local sites participating in Worcester Public School’s College Community Connection Program and MCAS Summer Camp. 94 students were assigned to city-wide sites where they had an opportunity to attend class in the morning and work at paid internships in the afternoon.

For many years, Lori Gourouses, Staff Assistant to Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, has facilitated the program at QCC, serving as the site administrator and assistant to the teacher assigned to the QCC site, Jim Kett.

Ten Worcester Public School students were assigned to QCC and placed in internships in the following offices: the Admissions Welcome Center, the Athletic Center, the Business Office/Payment Center, Food Service, Math Center, Media Center and the Office of Student Life.

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**QCC Student Awarded Grainger “Tools for Tomorrow” Scholarship**

On Tuesday, August 30, QCC student Dale Warren received the Grainger “Tools for Tomorrow” scholarship in a brief ceremony at the Grainger facility in Worcester. The scholarship includes a one-time award of $2,000 and a customized Westward toolkit. Mr. Warren, who is an Army veteran, completed the Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair certificate program and is continuing his studies at QCC to earn an Associate degree in Automotive Technology, with an anticipated graduation of May 2012.

The “Grainger Tools for Tomorrow” scholarship is available for students in their final year at select community colleges who are studying electronic systems, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, pneumatics, welding, automotive, construction, facilities maintenance or other industrial trade and maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. A limited number of scholarships are also set aside each year for military veterans enrolled in these programs. For more information on the scholarship, contact Hilary Grabe at Grainger: 508.762.0224. (Please encourage any eligible QCC student to apply.)

The entire QCC Family congratulates Mr. Warren on his achievement!
PTK News

Save the Date:
The Annual PTK Charity Cook-Out is Wednesday, September 21 (Rain date: Wed., September 28). Along with delicious food, scheduled events include raffles, a caricature artist ($4.00 per picture/per person) and FUN!

Please support PTK in their fund raising efforts! For more information, contact Bonnie Coleman, PTK Advisor, at 508.854.7412 or bonniec@qcc.mass.edu.

Alumni News

The QCC Alumni Association will be sponsoring the annual 2011 Bourne Scallop Festival & Cape Cod Canal Cruise on Sunday, September 25. The cost per person is $59.00 and includes admission to the Bourne Scallop Festival, choice of scallop or chicken dinner, a narrated ninety-minute Cape Cod Canal Cruise, and luxury Silver Fox VCR/DVD-equipped motor coach transportation, departing at 8:30 a.m. from QCC and returning at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Chosta at 508.854.4385 or nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

On Saturday, September 17, the QCC Alumni Association will be holding a Flea Market and Craft Fair at the Worcester Senior Center, 128 Providence St., Worcester from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tables available to sell items are $25 per table or $15 for a ½ table. All proceeds benefit the QCC Foundation to fund scholarships and other student necessities. Please contact Rebecca King for more information or to register for a table at 508.799.8068.

Alum Lends a Helping Hand

Carlos Castillas, Class of 2011, visited faculty from the Auto Tech Program on August 2 and 4, helping to unpack and sort equipment that was moved from Blackstone Valley Tech to the new location at Burncoat High School. Mr. Castillas volunteered his help as a way to give back to the college.

Mr. Castillas recently landed a job at Harr Dodge and started his new career on Tuesday, August 16. Congratulations and thank you, Carlos!

Clean those clubs and practice your swing! The 14th Annual QCC Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2011 at Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston, MA. A limited number of teams are still being accepted for registration. For more information or reservations, contact Nancy Chosta at 508.854.4385 or nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

QCC Honor Guard Presents Colors at Tornadoes Game

On Friday, August 26, the QCC Honor Guard presented both the American and Canadian colors at a Worcester Tornadoes game on the College of the Holy Cross campus.

The Honor Guard was formed in January, 2011, led by Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez with Officers Daniel Litchfield, Steve DiGiovanni, and Hasnain Ali rounding out the corps of the new volunteer unit.

The Honor Guard can be seen next, marching in Marlborough’s Labor Day Parade, Monday, September 5.

Calling All Artists...

A reminder to faculty, staff and student artists: The QCC Art Gallery in the main corridor of the Administration Building is available to display your original works of art for 4 to 6 week increments.

Please contact Institutional Communications (ext. 2849) for more information.
Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes

New Faculty and Staff

On August 1, Academic Affairs welcomed Andrea MacRitchie into her new role as Dean of Library & Academic Support Services. Andrea brings 17 years of library experience in higher education and the public sector, most recently serving as the Director of Libraries overseeing the three-campus library system at Union County College, NJ, and three years of teaching experience as an Adjunct Professor of Art History at College of St. Elizabeth, NJ. Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Middlebury College and an Master of Library Science degree at Rutgers University. Her office location on the main campus is room 314 HLC.

On August 8, Community Engagement welcomed Kate Anderson into her new role as Staff Associate, Adult Community Learning Center. Kate brings over 19 years experience working in the public sector on behalf of seniors and adult learners, most recently supporting the Adult Basic Education Program, Transitions to College Program, and the Learn at Work Program at Mount Wachusett Community College. Kate earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her office location at City Square is room 105.

On August 15, Academic Affairs welcomed Melissa Miller into her new role as Teacher, Children’s School. Melissa brings over 12 years experience as a Lead Teacher for the Worcester Child Development Head Start. Melissa earned an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education at Quinsigamond Community College, and a Bachelor of Science degree in both Early Childhood Education and Psychology at Worcester State College. Her office location in on the main campus in room 205 CSC (Child Study Center).

Please welcome Andrea, Kate and Melissa into their new roles at QCC!

Road Bowl II Walking Challenge Scheduled

Are QCC Teams Ready for Victory, Part Deux?

Get Ready for the Colleges of Worcester Consortium’s Road Bowl 2 Walking Challenge! Kick-off is Wednesday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Athletic Center (cardio machine area). Representatives from the Consortium will be on hand to distribute information and encourage competitors.

This year, the event will be held for 4 weeks starting Monday, October 3, and ending on Friday, October 28, instead of last year’s 8 weeks. Each participant will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and pedometer and training will be provided to team captains sometime during the week of September 12.

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

QCC Family Wanted!

Do you love a parade? Can you spare a few hours on Monday, September 5 to join the largest Labor Day parade in MA?

To celebrate the launch of QCC at Assabet, QCC Family will march in the 60th Annual Marlborough Labor Day Parade. Join the fun as we distribute frisbees, treats and QCC Cheer as we walk the 1.7 mile parade route in Marlborough. The parade begins at noon but marchers will assemble at Pleasant Street in Marlborough at 11 a.m. Join the Family - join the FUN! The newly formed QCC Honor Guard will be marching and the newly outfitted QCC Special Operations truck will also make an appearance.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lucinda Costa at ext. 2733 or lcosta@qcc.mass.edu.

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