One Stop Registration Update

A very busy One-Stop Registration kept Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, Registrar, Payment Center, ID and Testing stations hopping from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., January 10 - 14, 2011 (less one day cancelled due to snow).

Prospective students flocked to the week-long event which signaled the final opportunity to register for the Spring Semester at QCC.

“The well-attended event is evidence of QCC’s affordability, accessibility and excellent education programming,” said Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services.

“One-Stop Registration is our way of helping prospective students get all the assistance they need, in one location.”

In just the first two days of the event, Advising and Testing processed almost 900 students! Congratulations on a job well-done to all QCC Faculty and Staff that participated in the event.

QCC’s Strategic Action Teams Tackle Goals and Objectives in College’s Strategic Plan 2010-2015

Teams complete successful first semester of meetings

Comprised of committed members from departments across campus, including faculty, staff, and a student representative, Strategic Plan Teams have completed the process of assigning goals and objectives to their respective areas of entry, programming, and persistence. They then took on the challenge of prioritizing areas in which they will focus during the coming year. Teams will consider QCC’s credit programs and processes, as well as non-credit programming at the downtown Training and Education Center.

A number of goals and objectives within the plan are currently being addressed by dedicated committees on campus. As such, a list of existing committees and working groups has been created to assist the Action Teams in the priority areas. As spring semester gets underway, the Teams will be reaching out to these committees to begin coordinating efforts.

As a reminder, a copy of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan can be obtained at the Institutional Research and Planning office in room 101A, or by contacting Meredith Galena at mgalena@qcc.mass.edu. QCC administration encourages you to take a look and get involved. Share your ideas! Your feedback and involvement is important!
QCC Arts Gallery Corridor

A Beautiful Spring Scheduled for Gallery Corridor

The QCC Arts Gallery Corridor is ramping up with a full schedule of original art that will be on exhibit during the Spring Semester. Formerly under the coordination of ArtsWorcester, QCC has taken the reins and the Office of Institutional Communications will coordinate all Gallery Corridor exhibits going forward.

As a reminder, the Gallery is open to all QCC students, faculty, staff and community artists to exhibit original artwork, which will be accepted in that order. Exhibits can be scheduled one or two months at a time. The artist is responsible for all pre-show work (printing, matting, framing, hanging, etc.,) as well as disassembling the exhibit at its close. QCC cannot be responsible for the artwork during the exhibit. Artwork will neither be juried nor censored but must fall under general, good taste guidelines that ensure all work exhibited can be viewed comfortably by the entire QCC family. Opening Receptions can be scheduled but are at the expense of the exhibitor.

Original artwork in the form of painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, charcoal, pen and ink, wood, metal, fiber/fabric and some performance art will be accepted. In the future, video files may be accepted.

For more information or to schedule an exhibit, e-mail Cherie Ronayne at cronayne@qcc.mass.edu or call 508.854.2849.

Exhibit Schedule

March – Leo Burgess
Photography - *Floral Abstractions*
Reception: Friday, March 4, 107A, 6pm

April – QCC Children’s School Artwork

May/June – Memescapes Exhibit (Student artwork)
Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes

Send us your news! Let us know 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.

Deadline for news and information for the February QCC e-newsletter is February 11, 2011

QCC Book Store Initiates Textbook Rental Program

New Rental Program to Help Students Offset Out-of Pocket Expenses

Beginning this Spring semester, the QCC bookstore is introducing a textbook rental program designed to help keep student out-of-pocket expenses down.

Through the program, students can rent their previously used books for 60, 90, or 130 days with the option to add additional days as necessary. The program is accessible via a rental website set up by the book store, at http://bookstore.qcc.mass.edu/home, and then by clicking the “TO RENT TEXTBOOKS...” button (pictured at right). Students can then select their textbooks from a database organized by course number and section. After making selections, students will have their textbooks shipped to them with the return shipment after the class ends, free of charge.

Some textbooks might not be available for rental such as custom textbooks, but those that are available for rental are 50%-70% less than retail price.

QCC New Hires

The QCC Family continues to grow! The Human Resources Office reports that 50 new employees were hired in 2010. In November 2010, QCC welcomed Amie Hamel into her new position as Human Resources Data Administrator. Amie earned an AS in Business Administration at Mount Wachusett Community College, and brings to the college over 10 years experience in the areas of Human Resources, Payroll and Accounts Receivable from both the public and private sector. Her office location on the main campus is room 221A.

New January hires include:

Diane Levinson with her new role within Career and Academic Advisement as the Coordinator of Specialized Advising. Diane has worked in various capacities at QCC for the past 3 years, serving as a Career and Academic Advisor, an Adjunct Faculty member, a tutor, and a GED Examiner. In addition, she has tutored at Becker College and the Worcester Public Schools, has been a Counselor at the Worcester and Franklin Public Schools, and was a Staff Therapist for several counseling organizations. Diane earned an MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Lesley University, an MA in Psychology from Boston University, and a BA in Medieval History and Literature from Harvard University. Diane’s office location is on the main campus in room 271A.

Joseph Babu, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, brings 17 years teaching experience as an adjunct faculty member and tutor at Quinsigamond Community College, Holyoke Community College and Anna Maria College. He earned a BS in Mathematics from Coppin State College in Maryland and an MS in Applied Mathematics from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. His office location on the main campus is room 270A.

Sheiba Mas-Oud, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, brings over 10 years of teaching experience as an adjunct faculty member, tutor, and research assistant in various public and private institutions, as well as 5 years experience in the private sector. He earned a BS in Mathematics from the University of Science and Technology in Ghana, a BS in Actuarial Science from St. John’s University in New York, and an MS in Biostatistics from New York Medical College in New York. His office location on the main campus is room 403A.

Jeffrey Clements, Assistant Professor of Human Services, has been an adjunct faculty member in Human Services at Quinsigamond Community College for the past 2 years, and has guest lectured on a variety of topics at QCC and Assumption College over the past 5 years. In addition to his teaching experience, he brings 5 years experience serving the public and private sector as a vocational specialist, career development specialist and case manager. He earned an AS in Human Services from Quinsigamond Community College, a BA in Social and Rehabilitation Services from Assumption College, and an MA in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College. His office location on the main campus is room 326A.

Thomas Patria, Career Placement Representative/Career Development Counselor within the Career Placement Services Office, earned a BA in Mass Communications at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. He brings to the college 4 years experience in Career Services & Employment Relations at UMASS Boston, as well as 5 years experience in employment counseling through the Department of Workforce Development. His office location on the main campus is room 327A.
PTK Bowl-A-Thon Scheduled
The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society will hold its 2nd Annual Bowl-a-thon, the Strike Out Cancer Rally, to benefit the Jimmy Fund on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Auburn Lanes AMF Bowling Center, 101 Southbridge St., Auburn from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. This year’s goal is to raise $10,000 - up from last year’s $9,000. For more information, contact PTK Advisor, Bonnie Coleman at 508.854.7412 or bonniec@qcc.mass.edu.

PTK Donates Video Equipment to Children’s Camp
From proceeds raised by the annual Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society cook-out in September 2010, PTK was recently able to donate $2000 worth of high-tech video editing equipment to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, is a fee-free camp for children with serious and life-threatening illnesses. Each child who attends the camp returns home with a video memory that includes a personal thank you to PTK and QCC for their generous donation.

Congratulations to PTK for their on-going efforts to help those less fortunate!

Wyvern Mascot Litter Arrives On CAMPUS!
The Wyvern plush mascot doll has arrived - in mass quantities! The bookstore will be selling the fearsome but loveable 7” tall, blue beast early next month. Get your own mini mascot to cheer you on during the day!

Send us a photo to let us know where on campus he shows up!

We’re Out THERE!
If you're wondering where QCC advertising will turn up next, check out askpatty.com, an automotive site dedicated to assisting women with automotive issues! QCC banner ads will appear in rotation for 90 days, highlighting the Automotive Technology Program. Look for the ads on the askpatty.com blog page, thanks to Don Morin, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of the Automotive Technology Program, in exchange for offering expert automotive advice on the site!

Just for Fun - “Forever Young!”
If you’ve passed down the hall on the first floor of the Administration Building recently, you may have noticed older photos attached to name plates outside of various offices.

Be Forever Young and add a photo of yourself (at college-age or any earlier time period) outside your door and watch what happens!

Can you identify this “youngster?”
Looking for QCC Family Input!

Institutional Communications is working on a project that will seek to answer the age-old question asked by students everywhere:

"Why do I have to learn ______ when I’ll never use it again?"

We are asking the QCC Community to fill in the blank, as well as provide practical applications of the answers. For example, a question asked by many students high schoolers may be, “Why do I have to learn geometry when I’ll never use it again?” Some possible answers may be that geometry plays an important role in calculating angles for a game of billiards, or how much paint is needed to cover a room, or how much fertilizer is needed to cover a lawn.

“The best submissions may be used in a WyvernTV series that is in the early stages of development!”

Please share any ideas with the Institutional Communications staff:

Sheryl Tardie: stardie@qcc.mass.edu / x7458 - Room 115A
Cherie Ronayne: cronayne@qcc.mass.edu / x2849 - Room 115A
or Josh Martin: jmartin@qcc.mass.edu / x7513 - Room 121A

WyvernTV Series in Development

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