Lars Farnham Awarded Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year!

Congratulations to QCC’s Lars Farnham who has been awarded the 2011 NJCAA Region XXI, Division III Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year.

The annual award is based on votes cast by fellow coaches and athletic directors. It is also based on the overall success of the team, including sportsmanship and execution of the team, as well as the historical success of the coach. Coach Farnham has been leading the QCC Women’s Basketball team to victory since fall of 2005; his overall win-loss record to date is 99 - 62.

This past season, Coach Farnham’s sixth for QCC, the team put forth a 24-7, win-loss record, earning the Women Wyverns a spot on both the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Tournament, and the NJCAA Regional Tournament.

As a student athlete himself, Coach Farnham played football for Marquette University, but admits basketball was his favorite sport. In an unfortunate high school accident, however, he shattered an elbow playing football, prematurely ending his basketball career. He began coaching right out of college with Pop Warner Football and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) girls basketball. He says, “I specifically wanted to coach the women - they play with so much passion…”

A dedicated mentor as well as a coach, Mr. Farnham commented, “I coach for all the things that happen off the court - watching my players graduate, go on to another school and play basketball and in general, watch them mature into promising women. Nothing makes me happier than to see players from the past, show up at games or stop in during practice and thank me for the education and the experiences that playing basketball at QCC provided.”

One of three Captains on the QCC Women’s team this past season, Nancy Collazo reiterates the dedication Coach Farnham is known for, “I loved playing for him. He’s one of those coaches who expects a lot but always saw more in me than I saw myself. He was always there for me.”

The entire QCC Family congratulates Coach Farnham on his well deserved award!

QCC a Finalist for $250k Next Generation Learning Challenges Grant

QCC has been selected from 600 applicants nationwide as one of 50 being considered for a $250k grant awarded by Next Generation Learning Challenges Initiative, based in Colorado.

Next Generation Learning Challenges is a collaborative, multi-year grant program aimed at increasing college readiness and completion through applied technology. Grant money will be issued in multiple funding “waves” launched approximately every 6 to 12 months. There will be 32 awards made from the pool of 50 asked to return; award notifications will be announced on March 31, 2011.

QCC submitted a pre-proposal in November outlining the project. Seeking an award is QCC’s NECAA/Nurse Education Computerized Assessment Application: National Beta-Testing, Adoption, and Scaling Project. Funding would be used to update the learning assessment tool and conduct beta testing. The project, in collaboration with seven partners from Arkansas, California, Massachusetts and Rhode Island will include testing with three MA colleges and then complete testing with four nation-wide colleges.

NECAA collects student feedback, provides analytical and trending functions and produces a variety of reports from collected data. For more than 10 years, NECAA has proven critical to course completion, persistence, content mastery and mastery of deeper learning outcomes for QCC students.
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. Deadline for the April e-newsletter is April 8, 2011.

Russian Delegates to Visit QCC Worcester
As part of a collaboration established by Kathy Rentsch, Dean of Business and Technology, during a Fulbright Scholar Program seminar in Russia last year, delegates from the Russian State University of Tourism and Service in Sochi, Russia are expected to visit QCC in early April. Three scholars (one from Moscow and two from Sochi) will spend April 4-8 on the QCC Worcester campus, continuing discussions begun last year on potential partnerships in travel and tourism and international business.

“Dobro pozhalovat” (welcome) to our Russian visitors!

Wyvern Design a Winner
Winners have been announced for the Twenty-Sixth Annual Educational Advertising Awards sponsored by Higher Education Marketing Report. QCC’s Wyvern won awards in both “Imprinted Materials” and “Total Advertising Campaign” categories.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, over 2500 entries were received from more than one thousand colleges, universities and secondary schools from all fifty states and several foreign countries! Higher Education Marketing Report has been the nation’s leading marketing publication for higher education marketing professionals for twenty-six years.

Make Your Own Music Video a Hit with Students!
On March 8, 2011, QCC students enjoyed making their own music videos in the Fuller Student Center. The event, sponsored by the Student Life Office, was run by Neon Entertainment of New York.

Using state-of-the-art video editing and sound system equipment, seven different cameras, fun props, costumes and an emcee, students were able to sing, dance, and be superimposed from green screen onto a current musical artist’s video. Students who participated also took home a complimentary video of their performance.

And Neon Entertainment will return April 6 to host a game show called Cash Attack, where students will have an opportunity to compete for $1250 cash!

The Face of QCC Search Begins March 30, 2011
The Office of Institutional Communications (IC) has partnered with Student Life to find “The Face of QCC,” kicking the search off with an event on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 in room 107A. Any current student, faculty or staff member regardless of age, nationality, disability, etc., is encouraged to attend the informal audition.

The goal is to find QCC representatives that embody the values that QCC embraces, to use in all future advertising and marketing collateral. IC and Student Life plan to select a pool of candidates rather than restrict the search to one candidate, for a true campus representation.

Come to 107A for a brief, informal interview, have your photo taken and BE the FACE of QCC!
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Basketball Season Officially Over - Wyvern Teams End on High Note

At the close of the basketball season, both Men's and Women's teams ended with impressive stats in the win-loss column. The Women's team played to a 24-7 record, earning a spot in both the Regional and State tournaments, while the men played to a 12-15 record, winning the western region in Division XXI.

The QCC Women's Team, coached by Lars Farnham, recently named NJCAA 2010 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, participated in the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Tournament, losing in the first round to Holyoke Community College (whom they had never lost to during the regular season). Moving on to the NJCAA Regional Tournament, in the first round the Women Wyverns met rival Holyoke again, but beat them to advance to round two, losing to Roxbury Community College.

The Men's team, coached by Hadley Camilus, also played in the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Tournament. In the first round, the Wyvern Men were defeated by Mass Bay Community College in a close game, 66-62. In the NJCAA regional tournament, the QCC men were top seeded and received a bye in the first round, but fell to Roxbury, 73-66, in the second round.

Congratulations to both Men's and Women's teams and coaches (as well as support staff) for an exciting season!

Bookstore Overrun by Wyvern Plush Dolls!

Exposure to Light May Reduce Population... or the purchase of one (or more) cuddly QCC mascots! Take one home from the QCC Bookstore today for just $9.95 and do your part to control the excess population!

And the Wyvern was recently spotted in Mexico, soaking up some sun and enjoying the local scenery in Ixtapa, Mexico, courtesy of Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services.

QCC Student Roundtable Spring Discussion Topics Announced

The Black Student Union (BSU) has announced the Spring 2011 Discussion Topics for the QCC Roundtable:

April 4 - Ghana: Community Service Trip
April 18 - Cambodia: Community Service Trip
May 2 - The Cultural Politics of Bachata, Hip Hop, Kompa, Salsa and Rueda de Casino
May 16 - Ethnicity in the Classroom (Room TBA)

All discussions are held at the Fuller Student Center from 10 - 11 a.m. And as always, Faculty, Staff and Administrators are invited to participate.

Honors and Awards Nominations Requested

The Office of Student Life and Leadership has announced that nominations are due for QCC’s annual Honors and Awards Ceremony, May 11, 2011 at the DCU Center. Please contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller@qcc.mass.edu or 508.854.4334) for nomination forms for Distinguished Service, Special Recognition and Departmental Awards. The deadline for nominations (submitted to the Office of Student Life) is Monday, April 11, 2011.

Reminder:

Let Institutional Communications promote your event! It’s what we do BEST! Send us the details and we’ll assist in increasing your attendance or visibility. Also, please remember that all press inquiries must be filtered through the Office of Institutional Communications.
New Faculty and Staff
In February, the following new full-time employees joined the QCC Family:

Administrative Services welcomed Alvah MacDonald into his new role with Facilities as Maintenance Equipment Operator I. Mr. MacDonald has worked in the private sector for a number of years and has experience in plumbing, electrical, framing, sheetrock, plastering, carpentry, tiling, flooring and appliance repair.

Administrative Services welcomed Stacey Tata into her new role as Buyer I - Purchasing. Ms. Tata’s experience includes working at QCC for the past year as a purchasing assistant, in addition to approximately five years experience working in the private sector in the areas of purchasing, retail, and sales. Ms. Tata earned an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College.

Administrative Services also announced that Deb LaFlash has been promoted to the position of Comptroller. Ms. LaFlash has been with the Business Office for many years, serving most recently as Director of Accounting and Assistant Comptroller. During the past year, she held the position of Interim Comptroller.

And on March 1, 2011, Academic Affairs welcomed Paul Sluckis into his new role as Computer/Networking Technician II, CSET Lab. Mr. Sluckis’s experience includes seven years at Quinsigamond Community College as a CSET Lab Assistant, Adjunct Faculty for CSET and CIS programs, ILC Evening Manager and Computer Tutor, and Mentor for both the QCC/Worcester Public Schools Robotics Program and the QCC Women in Technology Program. In addition, Paul has 14 years experience as a systems analyst in the private sector. Paul earned an AS in Computer Information Systems from Central New England College/Worcester Industrial Technical Institute, and a BS in Computer Science from Worcester State College.

Please welcome Alvah, Stacey, Deb, and Paul into their new positions at QCC!

Phi Theta Kappa News
During the weekend of March 4, 5 and 6, PTK members Jim Dalton, Jodi Christian, Jeanne Dee, and Luz Witt-Mesa along with PTK Advisor, Bonnie Coleman, attended the Phi Theta Kappa New England Regional Conference, in Putney Vermont. The QCC organization received three awards: Distinguished College Project Award (for Faculty & Staff Appreciation Social), Pinnacle Award (for raising membership by 25 percent) and Two Star Level Chapter (for completing a set number of activities and miscellaneous requirements).

Bowl-A-Thon Update - Lanes Sold Out!
The annual Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the Jimmy Fund, scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2011 at AMF Auburn Lanes, Auburn, has sold out of lanes! Please contact Bonnie Coleman at bonniec@qcc.mass.edu, if you wish to be placed on a waiting list to bowl at the event.

Where have you seen the Wyvern?
Send us a photo if you catch him in a unique spot - we’ll publish it!

The Wyvern checks out a few titles in the library.