QCC e-News
The Campus Newsletter of Quinsigamond Community College

QCC is Recipient of Electric Vehicle Charging Station
Will Participate in Collaborative Celebration On April 2, 2012

QCC has been selected as one of three local college campus sites for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as part of a grant from National Grid. A special event has been scheduled on Monday, April 2, at 3 p.m. to celebrate the city’s newest effort in sustainability and clean transportation at Clark University’s Lasry Center for Biosciences, Maywood Street in Worcester. The event will include information and demonstrations and will also mark the first service at a public EV charging station to be delivered in the city. The Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, BMW Active-E, Mitsubishi iMiev, and other EV models will be on display. The event is open to the public.

Speakers will include QCC President Gail Carberry as well as Massachusetts Congressman James McGovern; Richard K. Sullivan Jr., Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Mark Sylvia, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; Timothy McGourthy, Chief Development Officer, City of Worcester, WPI and Clark Presidents, National Grid and the Institute for Energy & Sustainability representatives.

QCC is joined by Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Clark University as the additional sites selected for EV charging stations, with other city sites expected to be in service soon. The charging stations, manufactured by Coulomb Technologies are called ChargePoint portals and cost $3.50 per hour of charge.

QCC has two ChargePoint portal stations; one will be located in parking lot 4 and the second will be located in the lot next to the Surprenant Building.

QCC Fire Science Program Recognized at Fire Service Professional Development Summit

QCC’s Fire Science Program was one of only four college programs state-wide recognized at the Second Annual Fire Service Professional Development Summit in Stowe, MA on Monday, March 12, 2012.

QCC’s Fire Science Program has successfully integrated the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education’s (FESHE) core curriculum model which leads to a National Fire Certificate of Completion. This curriculum aligns QCC with national standards and provides students with a solid foundation of knowledge from a standardized curriculum that will enhance their capabilities as fire fighting professionals. In addition to QCC, Anna Maria College, Bunker Hill Community College and Mount Wachusett Community College were also recognized.

Pat Schmohl, Acting Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Mark Cady, Fire Science Program Coordinator accepted QCC’s certificate of recognition from Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy.

Congratulations to QCC’s Fire Science faculty on their work to make QCC’s fire science curriculum among the best in the nation.
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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 April e-newsletter is April 6, 2012.

Liz Woods, Dean of Students Receives PTK Award

Liz Woods, QCC’s Dean of Students has been awarded Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society’s Distinguished College Administrator Award. Recipients of the Distinguished College Administrator Award are selected based on outstanding support provided to Phi Theta Kappa over several years.

Ms. Woods will travel to Nashville, TN with President Carberry, PTK Advisor Bonnie Coleman, Jodi Christian, PTK President and Tom Bossé, PTK Treasurer to receive the award in a ceremony in April. (President Carberry will be accepting the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction at the same ceremony.)

PTK International Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,250 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually. QCC’s PTK chapter in one of the most active in the region with over 800 students invited to induction this year.

QCC Students Earn All-MA Academic Team Status

Two Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society students have earned special recognition as members of the All-Massachusetts Academic Team. Alex Osei Bonsu of Worcester, a Business Administration Transfer Program student and Taniel Washington, also of Worcester, a Human Services Program student were nominated by QCC for the honor.

Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. The PTK Honor Society includes an element of community service for eligible students to fulfill prior to graduation. Mr. Bonsu has focused his community service on PTK activities benefitting the Jimmy Fund while Ms. Taniel is actively involved in campus-wide volunteer activities for her community service requirement.

Mr. Bonsu and Ms. Washington will be honored at a Recognition Ceremony at the State House, Boston, in May. As team members of the All-MA Academic Team, Mr. Bonsu and Ms. Washington are both eligible for nomination to the All-USA Academic Team, an international competition co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, USA TODAY, and the American Association of Community Colleges. Each year the All-USA Academic Team Program selects 60 exceptional students from a pool of nominees provided by community college Presidents and CEOs across the U.S.

Mr. Bonsu and Ms. Washington both plan to graduate from QCC in May 2012. Ms. Washington will graduate with an Associate’s Degree in Human Services while Mr. Bonsu plans to transfer to a four-year university to complete a degree in Business Administration.

Lori Corcoran, Associate Dean of Disability Services Presents Research

In February, Lori Corcoran, Associate Dean of Disability Services presented her research proposal entitled, “Factors Influencing Transition and Persistence in the First Year for Community College Students with Disabilities” at the 31st Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, held in San Antonio, TX.

The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition serves as the trusted expert, internationally recognized leader, and clearinghouse for scholarship, policy, and best practice for all post-secondary student transitions.

Over 2,000 people representing all 50 states attended the conference from February 17 - 21.
QCC Professor Featured in *Essence Magazine*

**Sandra Hinds**, Adjunct Professor of Sociology was featured in the February 2012 issue of *Essence Magazine* in an article that discussed parenting techniques relative to early learning. Ms. Hinds, a professor with QCC since 2009, enrolled her son Marcus, 3 years old, in drum lessons, with excellent results.

Read the full story at:  

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**JAZZ on Campus!**

On Friday, March 23, Hebert Auditorium was center stage for a live Jazz ensemble concert. The six-piece ensemble featured Music Professor **Jose Castillo** (bass), Professor **Marty Gilman** (saxophone), Staff member **Tom Herbert** (saxophone), and guest artists Mike Agbay (drums), Jonathan LaTorre (percussion), and Ismael Castillo (piano) who entertained the crowd with Jazz from the 1930's to the 1960's.

“The concert was a wonderful experience! We should have more events like this throughout the semester,” was the response from students, staff, and faculty. Attendees were delighted by the ensemble’s interpretation of compositions by Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Paul Desmond, and Wayne Shorter.

The next Jazz event is scheduled for April 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in room 412S when the college will be visited by WICN (Jazz for New England radio station). WICN station manager, Mr. Weston and WICN Jazz host Joe Zupan will be introducing the wonderful world of Jazz in New England. This event is open to students, staff, and faculty.  
For more information on this event please contact Professor Castillo at jcastillo@qcc.mass.edu.

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**Dental Hygiene Class of 2012 Presents “Hypnosis Gone Wild!”**

QCC’s Dental Hygiene Class of 2012 presents, “Hypnosis Gone Wild!” — A Comedy Stage Hypnosis Show featuring Dan Candell on Friday, April 13, 2012 at Hebert Auditorium.

Tickets are $10 for students (with valid student I.D.) and $15 General Admission, available at the door or in advance by emailing bcharpentier@qmail.qcc.edu or at QCC Fuller Student Center. The show starts at 7 p.m; doors open at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Dental Hygiene Class of 2012.
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Criminal Justice Class

Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez, Assistant Chief of Police, conducted criminal justice classes outside on March 6 and 8. Students were actively engaged in learning to investigate crimes and processing a crime scene. This real-life exercise advanced their working knowledge of an investigator’s activities while on duty at an active crime scene.

Students set up crime scene tape, took photographs and measured and marked the physical evidence located at the crime scene. The scene involved a kidnapped baby that was murdered and left near a tree. The body and miscellaneous tools of the crime were left abandoned by the perpetrator.

Lt. Rodriguez also set up an indoor crime scene that included a victim that was hit in the head with a hammer, while seated at a desk. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital; the crime scene did not include a body but did include items left behind.

Lt. Rodriguez is pleased with the response from the class saying, “They did well!”

Gateway to College presents Brown Bag Series

During the month of April, the Gateway to College program will present a series of short presentations for all interested QCC faculty and staff that includes a question and answer period on the newly established Gateway to College program. All sessions will take place in the Ahlfors Building, Center for Academic Excellence on the QCC Main Campus. Attend one session or all!

Session 1
WHEN: April 4
TIME: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
TOPIC: Gateway to College Nuts and Bolts (Overview)

Session 2
WHEN: April 11
TIME: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
TOPIC: Student Selection and Support Services (Overview of typical GtC student and types of services they may need)

Session 3
WHEN: April 18
TIME: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
TOPIC: Curriculum and Instruction (program alignment and development, instructional functions of Gateway to College staff/faculty.)

For questions about this series or the Gateway to College program, please contact Marci Skillings, Program Manager, at 508.854.2755 or email: mskillings@qcc.mass.edu.

PTK News
Eight is GREAT!

At the annual Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society’s New England Regional Convention held on March 9 at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, QCC’s PTK chapter came away with multiple awards. Accepting on behalf of QCC, PTK member Andrea Boisseau collected eight awards for the highly successful QCC chapter including:

1. Five Star Level Award
2. Distinguished Chapter Award (Second Runner up)
3. Distinguished Issue Award – Honors in Action, “Technology”
4. Distinguished Chapter Member Award – Andrea Moberg
6. Milestone Award
7. Pinnacle Award
8. Distinguished Advisor Award - Bonnie Coleman
New Faculty and Staff

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Linda LeFave as Acting Dean of Healthcare, effective March 5, 2012. Ms. LeFave has taught at QCC for more than 25 years, and has served in the last 10 years as Coordinator of the QCC Radiologic Technology Program. Ms. LeFave earned an Associate’s Degree in Radiologic Technology at Quinsigamond Community College, and both a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and a Master’s Degree in Health Education from Worcester State College.

Additionally on March 5, 2012, Community Engagement welcomed Marci Skillings as Program Manager, Gateway to College Program. Ms. Skillings brings over 15 years of secondary and post-secondary public sector experience involving development and transition into career pathways. Most recently, she served for the past 12 years as Coordinator of Tech Prep Pathways at QCC. Ms. Skillings earned both a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Development and a Master’s Degree in Higher Education/Student Services from the University of Maine.

On March 12, Academic Affairs welcomed Cathryn MacDonald as Assistant Professor, Respiratory Care. Ms. MacDonald has been an Adjunct Faculty member in the Respiratory Care programs at Newbury College and Community College of Rhode Island, and brings over 30 year’s experience as a Respiratory Therapist. Ms. MacDonald earned an Associate degree in Allied Health-Respiratory Therapy from Fairleigh Dickenson University, NJ, a Bachelor’s Degree in Health Science from Worcester State College, a Master’s Degree in Instructional Design from UMASS Boston and a Master’s degree in Secondary Education/Biology from Boston College.

Wyvern in the Wild!

A plush Wyvern was caught in an early March snowstorm in South County.

Photo: Alexandra McNitt, Executive Director of the South Central Mass Chamber of Commerce