The Campus Newsletter of Quinsigamond Community College

Congratulations Class of 2011!

QCC Graduates 1,140 Students at DCU Center

Plagued by miserable weather, QCC Commencement 2011 was moved to the DCU Center just two days before the event on May 19. Despite the clouds outside, commencement went off without a hitch and sunny smiles prevailed as the graduates moved their tassels right to left.

QCC Southbridge Celebration

On May 6, QCC celebrated the successful launch of QCC Southbridge location with a gala held at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. QCC Southbridge, established in 2009 exceeded all enrollment goals in the first year and doubled enrollment projections in the second year.

The celebration took the form of a college spree day with giant games and social opportunities, and also honored community Educational Partners that helped ensure the success of the new location with a special presentation of Wyvern Awards.

As part of the festivities, Southbridge town officials proclaimed May 6, 2011 as “Quinsigamond Community College Higher Education Day” in celebration of “QCC in Your Neighborhood.” To acknowledge this event, an official proclamation was issued at the gala by Southbridge Councilwoman Catherine Nikolla.
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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. **Deadline for the June e-newsletter is June 10, 2011.**

**Automotive Technology Program Agreement Signed with Burncoat High School**

QCC’s Automotive Technology Program will move to Burncoat High School from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upton, where it has been located since 1987, in time for the Fall semester. All Day and Evening classes will be held at the new location. The re-location to Worcester and the proximity to the main campus is a plus for many students of the program who are Worcester residents.

Program Coordinator, **Don Morin** says that everyone involved in the program “is looking forward to being in a new location.” The agreement, signed on May 11 includes provisions for the space and for future dual-enrollment opportunities for Burncoat students.

**QCC Presents at Regional National Association of Academic Advising Conference**

QCC Advising Staff members **Ray Lawless**, **Henry Ritter**, **Tenisha Mincey**, **Maria Addison**, and **Colleen Doherty** joined three hundred participants from advising centers across New England and Eastern Canada to present at the annual National Association of Academic Advising conference held in Burlington Vermont. “Advising: Evolution, Progress, Sustainability” was the conference theme.

QCC’s presentation, “Career Advising: A Little Help from my Friends” highlighted ways to develop and promote customized, regional career advising materials for both student and staff usage. Samples of Career Focus, monthly student news articles, and an innovative, new 4-step career decision-making model developed by staff of the advising, career placement, faculty and Mass Tech were shared with the audience. QCC is one of the only community colleges that has expanded academic advising to include career planning in efforts to better serve students with decisions they face regarding program of study choices, employment and transfer options, and developing a deeper understanding of the many opportunities within their career field.

To support the initiative of career advising at QCC two staff from Advising - **Maria Addison** and **Martin Muysenberg** recently obtained certification as National Career Development Facilitators. The goal is for all QCC advisors to complete this certification within the next two years.

For more information on Career Focus, please visit The Q at https://confucius.qcc.mass.edu/ics/Student_Services/Career_Focus.jnz

**Spring Fling**

On April 25 and 26, QCC students enjoyed the annual Spring Fling ritual that celebrates the end of the semester and the beginning of Spring! Questionable weather forced the event inside the Athletic Center but did not dampen attendee’s spirits. Organized by Student Life and Leadership Office, this year’s theme was the Wild West and included Mechanical Bull Riding and other giant games, a cook-out, give-aways, prizes and more!

The Wyvern bounces on one of the games and waits his turn for the Mechanical Bull, while students enjoy the festivities.
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Honors Program Showcase

Students in this semester’s Honors Colloquium hosted the Honors Program Showcase: “Rewriting Ourselves: An Exploration of Emerging Paradigms,” on April 28 in the HLC. Poster presentation topics included:

- Probabilities of Parallel Universes
- Re-evaluating the Law of Conservation of Energy
- Ancient Mayan Healing and Today’s Epigenetics
- Energy Psychology
- The Psychophysiology of the Placebo Effect
- The Future of Art
- Biocentrism and the Death of Reality

- Heart and Brain Interactions
- Redefining Our Environment thru Epigenetics and Bioenergetics
- The Future of Education
- Applied Kinesiology and the Future of Self Health
- Morphic Resonance in Family Systems
- Mindful Awareness
- The Paradigm Shift from Neoclassical to Behavioral Economics

Colleges of the Worcester Consortium 2011 Career Fair Held At DCU Center

On March 29, QCC along with the Career Centers from the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium (COWC) hosted the annual Spring Career Fair at the DCU Center. Sixty regional and national employers and universities attended including the Federal Air Marshalls, UMass Medical, several major national insurance companies, human services agencies, UNUM and many other hi tech companies.

Of approximately 330 Fair attendees, 49 were from QCC, second only to Worcester State. According to student evaluations at the end of the Fair, many found the experience very helpful and were pleased to discover that companies were actively hiring. Employers also indicated that they were pleased at the quality and skills of the student attendees and felt that they had interacted with potential candidates for available positions at their companies.

For students, faculty and staff who were unable to attend the Fair, a complete list of employers and their contact information is available at the QCC Career Placement office, room 272A, or by e-mailing fwong@qcc.mass.edu or by viewing the COWC website at http://www.cowcworks.org/career/CareerFairylisting2.asp.

Thanks to Maureen Giacobbe, Tom Patria, and Brenda Kuchnicki from QCC Career Placement Services for their diligent promotion of the event, resulting in the strong student turnout.

Cory Zarella, Athletic Center Assistant Manager caught the Wyvern at the free weights as he was saying, “I pick things up. I put them down.”

Reminder: The Athletic Center will be closed for two weeks starting May 31 and will re-open on Monday June 13, 2011 with Summer Hours.

Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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The Wyvern turns up in Dublin, Ireland!
The plush QCC mascot was spotted recently hitching a ride in Molly Malone’s basket and again, attached to a Guinness tap in Dublin, Ireland, courtesy of Jane Pickett, Learning Center Manager. (We’re happy to see that the Wyvern has excellent taste and even happier to learn that the Wyvern did not drink and drive, according to Ms. Pickett.)

Where in the World will the Wyvern turn up next?

Stand Against Racism

For the second year, QCC Family participated in the “Stand Against Racism” on April 11. The four-year old, national program, run by the YWCA had a total of 2,151 organizations that participated, attracting over 267,000 people across 39 States! Over 75 QCC faculty, staff and students participated on campus, signing the “Pledge Against Racism” and attended a Luncheon round-table discussion with faculty panelists Gaelan Benway, Brian Kapitulik, Deborah Gonzalez and Alison Hall. Attendees were invited to ask questions or to “Speak Out” against racism and left with “racism hurts everyone” buttons, bookmarks and Wyvern t-shirts. Organizers include Susan LaPrade who first brought the program to the attention of the Diversity Caucus, Donna Harvey, John Solaperto, Flo Lucci, Matt Bejune, and Stacey Tata.

QCC Works Humanitarian Effort in New Orleans

On March 9, QCC students, faculty and staff travelled to New Orleans to help with the on-going rebuilding effort. Students and staff worked with both Habitat for Humanity and Hands on New Orleans, in an effort to further assist the citizens of New Orleans with recovery efforts. Students and staff worked hard to ensure that housing was provided to those that needed it. The sights, sounds and overall culture of New Orleans provided an experience that was both rewarding and enjoyable.

Reporting Live from...Quinsigamond Community College!

Interest in the Worcester Tornado of 1953 spiked recently due to the devastating tornado in Missouri on May 22. WBZ TV, Channel 4, reported live from the Tornado Memorial on the QCC campus, interviewing Larry Abramoff, publisher of the book Tornado! 84 Minutes, 94 Lives, reported by Jim Armstrong of WBZ-TV.
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Betty Forest, Founder of QCC Nursing Education, Honored at Adelphi Conference

On April 6, the Adelphi University School of Nursing and the Alpha Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International held its seventh annual Nursing Leadership Conference in New York with 160 people in attendance.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Alpha Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau’s Lifetime Achievement Award to Betty Forest, RN, EdD, a 1947 graduate of the university who came to Adelphi during World War II. In 1965, she founded the Quinsigamond Community College School of Nursing with just 35 students and retired as its director in 1990. Forest holds a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an honorary doctorate from her alma mater. (The entire article can be viewed at: http://news.nurse.com/article/20110502/NY02/105020074)

Congratulations to the QCC Math Team!

The Quinsigamond Community College Mathematics Team placed second in the Northeast Division of the Student Mathematics League, sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. There were 18 community colleges representing the Northeast in the competition, and 191 teams overall. The QCC team was composed of sixteen students (full and part-time) who shared an interest in solving challenging math problems. The top five individual scores from both rounds of competition were combined to obtain the overall team score. Five of the team members (Shai He, Matt Scott, Sokol Lushllari, Vangjush Dedo, and Hardik Hanslia) earned high enough individual composite scores to be ranked in the top twenty in the northeast, out of over 172 participants. In addition, QCC Math Team member, Shai He, ranked 13 out of over 2,093 participants in the country. This was the first year QCC participated in the national competition. Congratulations to the Math Team and Assistant Professor Philomena D’Alessandro, the QCC Math Team faculty advisor.

The QCC Math Team:

Levis Agaba
Nyansafo Aye-Addo
Joshua Biernacki
Jessica Campaniello
Vangjush Dedo
Amirhossein Farvardin
Sebastian Franco
Marsela Fida
Hardik Hanslia
Shai He
Rewana Khedr
Sokol Lushllari
James O’Connor
Omar Olortegui
Matt Scott
Mike Smith

QCC Psychology/Psi Beta Clubs

Like Psychology? Interested in how the mind works? Want an opportunity to enrich your understanding of development, personality, cognition, memory, emotions, behavior, and more? Would you like an opportunity to mentor others? Want to Join a Psychology Honor Society? Then we have the clubs for you - Please join us!

For more information, contact Valarie Clemente, Ed.D., Advisor, Assistant Professor of Psychology, x7506; Rm 422A; or e-mail vclemente@qcc.mass.edu. (Watch for Fall 2011 meeting time and date posters around campus in September! Psychology and Psi Beta Clubs meet at the Fuller Student Center.)

Phi Theta Kappa News

Summer Bowl-A-Thon!

The annual Spring Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the Jimmy Fund was such a success that PTK scheduled a second Summer Bowl-A-Thon! Once again, the site will be the AMF Auburn Lanes, Southbridge Street, Auburn on July 23 and 24 from 1 - 3 p.m. Admission is $10 and includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental and lanes. There will also be various raffles held on both days of the event. For more information, contact PTK Advisor, Bonnie Coleman at bonniec@qcc.mass.edu.

And just in time for Father’s Day...Ernie’s Carwash Cards!

PTK is selling discounted car wash cards good at any Ernie’s Carwash location with no expiration date! Choose from:

Option 1: Super Wash Cards - Ernie’s Price: $17.00 - Phi Theta Kappa’s Price: $13.50 or Option 2: Ernie’s Special - Ernie’s Price: $11.50 - Phi Theta Kappa’s Price $8.75

Stop by Room 160A or e-mail Bonnie Coleman.

Ernie’s Locations:
Auburn: 888 Southbridge Street
Spencer: One Meadow Road
Worcester: 215 Grove Street
Worcester: 579 Millbury Street
West Boylston: 114 W. Boylston Street
Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes

New Faculty and Staff

On April 19, Enrollment Services welcomed Diane Gillespie into her new role as Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Diane brings 24 years of higher education experience in Financial Aid and Admissions with both public and private institutions including Nichols College, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, Rob Roy Academy, UMASS Medical School, and The Slater School & New England School of Accounting. Diane earned a BA in Psychology from Anna Maria College and an MBA from Nichols College. Diane’s office is located in room 147A.

On May 16, Enrollment Services welcomed Angela Quitadamo into her new role as Financial Aid Counselor. Angela brings over 10 years experience in secondary and post-secondary institutions working on behalf of students and their families, most recently as an Education Advisor with the Colleges of Worcester Consortium. Angela earned a BA in History and a BA in Women’s Studies from UMASS Amherst. Angela’s office is located in room 160A.

On May 16, Enrollment Services welcomed Robyn Esposito into her new role as Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Robyn brings over 5 years financial experience working with both higher education and the private sector, most recently with Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Robyn earned a BA in Psychology from Castleton State College in Vermont. Robyn’s office is located in room 160A.

Also on May 16, Enrollment Services welcomed Christina Matthew into her new role as Clerk III - Admissions. Christina brings over 5 years of administrative and customer service experience with higher education, most recently as a Coordinator for the International Office at The University of Texas. Christina earned a BA in Spanish Linguistics from The University of Texas. Her office is located in the HLC Welcome Center.

On May 25, Enrollment Services will welcome Roya Hashimi into her new role as Clerk III - Admissions. Roya has provided clerical support to the Registrar’s Office at Quinsigamond Community College for the past 5 years. Roya earned an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College. Roya’s office is located in room 148A.

Please welcome Diane, Angela, Robyn, Christina and Roya into their new positions at QCC!

Celebration of Excellence and Retirement Recognition

Five of QCC’s finest were recognized for their years of service and dedication to the college during the annual Celebration of Excellence on May 19. Retirees include: Jean Nicholas, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Phyllis Samara; Professor of Occupational Therapy, Juneau Hutchins; Professor of Nurse Education, Lynda Nesbitt; Coordinator of the Respiratory Care Program, and Mike Vallante; Adjunct Faculty.

Jean Nicholas, Phyllis Samara and Juneau Hutchins were present to accept service awards from President Carberry who spoke at the luncheon, expressing gratitude on behalf of the entire QCC Family.

Athletic Awards

On May 13, the QCC Athletic Department honored outstanding athletes from the men’s and women’s basketball teams, as well as Coach of the Year, in a ceremony at the HLC.

For Region XXI, All New England Men’s Basketball, Division III, two student athletes were named:
First Team for the year 2010-2011 - John Jones
Second Team for the year 2010-2011 - Gaetano Iacovane
(The Men’s Team is coached by Hadley Camilus.)

For All New England Women’s Basketball, Division III, two student athletes were named:
First Team for the year 2010-2011 - Trafficia Warburton
Second Team for the year 2010-2011 - Krystal Rodriguez

The Women’s coach, Lars Farnham, was awarded NJCAA 2010 Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to all of the winners for their dedication and hard work throughout the season!