At the invitation of Quinsigamond Community College’s Board of Trustees Chairman Brent Andersen, QCC Foundation Chairman Roland Gauthier, and President Gail Carberry, State Senate and House leaders were hosted at a Legislative Breakfast on October 21 at the Worcester Senior Center. The purpose of the Breakfast was to apprise elected officials of the state of the College and to solicit delegates’ advice for best strategies as the College pushes forward in supporting educational access and economic development.

Over 35 people attended including 15 delegates and aides to hear President Gail Carberry and Vice President of Community Engagement, Dale Allen, outline the College’s new strategic plan, Pathway to a New Prosperity. Dr. Carberry presented enrollment increase figures over the past five years (up over 52%), and also reported on the opening of the College’s first official satellite campus in Southbridge, MA.

A critical message on state appropriation inequity was delivered; President Carberry noted that QCC’s state appropriation per full-time enrollment to Quinsigamond is the lowest in the state. She pointed out the reality that QCC students are, in fact, subsidizing students at other campuses and are burdened with higher fees. A number of delegates expressed concern and assured QCC officials that they would work together in the coming months in an attempt to lessen any inequity.

In addition, the audience was briefed on QCC’s newest location, the satellite site at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough, as well as plans in development for an additional satellite location in Blackstone Valley in 2012. The relocation of QCC’s Automotive Tech Center in partnership with Burncoat High School, and better access for potential Main South students at the Worcester Boys and Girls Club were also reported. The expansion of QCC’s Training and Education Center to a larger facility for more classroom space and student body growth was discussed as well.

The gathering was treated to a spectacular breakfast managed and provided by students from QCC’s Hotel and Restaurant Management program (pictured below).
US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Innovation for Postsecondary Education, David Bergeron, Visits QCC

On Friday, November 18, US Assistant Secretary David Bergeron paid QCC a visit to discuss recent higher education policy changes and their impact on the QCC Community.

Members of the Executive Team and current students attended the informal discussion. Students and staff had an opportunity to discuss issues including financing, student loan repayment policy and the new plan to cap payments on federal student loans at 10% of a borrower’s income above a set minimum, and allow loans to be forgiven after 20 years instead of 25.


(The US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Innovation serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education in policy development, strategic planning, innovation, policy research and analysis in the area of postsecondary education, and accreditation issues.)

Call for Nominees for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Nominations are now being accepted for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship ($1,000.00), which will be awarded to a student who has exemplified the ideals of Dr. King, a prominent leader of America’s nonviolent movement for justice, equality and peace. Ideal candidates are positive role models who have demonstrated leadership and strong academic achievement.

The following criteria must be met in order for a student to be eligible:

1. Currently enrolled in a certificate or degree program at QCC
2. Has not previously earned a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship
3. In good academic standing (not on academic probation) and will be attending QCC in the spring 2012 semester.

Please send information regarding your nominee(s) no later than December 1, 2011, to Donna Kilgore at dkilgore@qcc.mass.edu or MLK Scholarship Committee, Mailbox #2.

“Life’s most persistent and nagging question is, what are you doing for others?”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Campus News

You’re A Star Honors 30 Students!

On November 9, 2011, QCC honored 30 of their most outstanding male students in a luncheon ceremony at the Harrington Learning Center. Steve Sullivan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services greeted the gathering and Pat Toney, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented student awards. A multi-media presentation created by Jane Pickett, Learning Center Manager, featuring the honorees was shown after the presentation of awards.

Students are nominated by faculty and professional staff on the basis of their academic standing, accomplishments, character and skills, in particular their ability to overcome great odds, make a difference in their home or school community and any achievement that has distinguished them from fellow students. Many are on-campus tutors, outstanding athletes, dedicated parents and loyal employees and volunteers while not attending classes – often challenging combinations to manage successfully while attending college.

The “You’re a Star” award ceremony was initiated seven years ago by Karen Cox, Coordinator of Counseling, who manages the event with assistance from Enrollment and Student Services Office staff. The STAR designation stands for Someone To Admire and Respect. The equivalent female award ceremony, Women of Distinction, is celebrated in May.

The 2011 honorees are:

- Daniel Akeyo, Webster
- Osvaldo R. Aponte, Webster
- Justin Berard, Lancaster
- Max Boddy, Northborough
- Alex Osei Bonsu, Worcester
- Thomas Bosse, Worcester
- Jose Carrasquillo, Worcester
- Nelson Colon, Worcester
- Ruben Colon, Worcester
- Mahmoud El-Rifai, Worcester
- Kevin M. Ethier, Southbridge
- Joseph Geneva, Worcester
- Ronald F. Hadge, Uxbridge
- Jeffrey R. Hall, Worcester
- Dennis Harris, Millbury
- Todd L. Holland, Worcester
- Juyub Jung, Holden
- Armand Kapinova, Worcester
- Andrew R. Lund of Auburn
- Eric Mentzer of Worcester
- James Nester of North Brookfield
- Kenny Nguyen of Worcester
- Kevin Njogu of Cherry Valley
- Samuel B. Offei of Worcester
- Joseph J. Pacenka of Holden
- Lawrence Preston, III of Worcester
- Michael Smith of Worcester
- John E. Tautenhan, III of Southbridge
- Michael R. Van Hoof of Sterling
- Michael C. Wiesman of Sterling

Photo: Institutional Communications

Pat Toney with Daniel Akeyo
Pat Toney with Ronald Hadge
Pat Toney with Armand Kapinova
Doe West, Assistant Professor of Human Services with John Tautenhan
Be an Angel

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, QCC Counseling Services invites you to:

A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 30, 2011
Room 107A
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

QCC students, faculty and staff are asked to “be angels” and bring a new unwrapped toy for a QCC Feed a Family child. Your toy will delight a child and register you in the holiday raffle.

Please join Counseling Services for home baked goodies and/or a light lunch.

Tricks and Treats at QCC’s Annual Faculty, Staff and Student Trick or Treating

Children of QCC Faculty, Staff and Students enjoyed Trick or Treating across the Worcester campus on Friday, October 28.

Participating offices were treated to a delightful assortment of characters who enjoyed the safe, festive environment.
Wyvern Basketball Season Off and Running!
(...and shooting, and scoring, and rebounding, and....)

QCC Wyverns Men and Women’s Basketball season is ON!
At the Season Home Opener, the QCC Men’s team lost to Central Maine Community College in a hard-fought battle, 76-87. Their current overall record is 3-2 and 2-0 in their division.

And at the most recent home game on November 10, the Wyvern Women met Holyoke Community College head-on with a strong 50 - 46 win.

The next home game for both teams is Tuesday, November 29. Come out and support the Men and Women Wyverns!

Road Bowl II Walking Challenge Ends!
The Walking Wyverns team from QCC lands in the Finals!

The Colleges of Worcester Consortium’s (COWC) Road Bowl II Walking Challenge officially ended Friday, October 28 at midnight; a Closing Event was held on Thursday, November 10, in HLC Room 109A/B to honor the winning teams. Top teams from each college participated along with guest speakers. Patricia Toney, Vice President of Academic Affairs spoke on behalf of Dr. Carberry; Mark Bilotta, CEO of COWC, Pat Hughes and Karen Gagliastre from Fallon Health Care also spoke.

The top team from QCC was the “Walking Wyverns” (pictured left). Team captain Henry Ritter and members Marie Scichilone, Susan Sheridan, Mary Fegreus-Reynolds and Reynaldo Rodriguez were each presented with a $50 prize award.

Thanks to all who participated and kept the competition alive and successful for a second year!
PTK News

PTK Students March in Veterans Day Parade

PTK students enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by Veterans Inc. before lining up to march in Worcester’s Veteran’s Day parade on November 11. PTK members marched from Glennie Street to Grove Street, ending at the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum on Salisbury Street in Worcester, to show their gratitude and support for all Veterans. (PTK President and Veteran, Jodi Christian, was featured in a T&G story - see first link on last page.)

Did you know? The QCC Chapter of PTK is one of the most active, most successful chapters in the Northeast!

Another PTK holiday tradition is upon us - Poinsettias will be available beginning December 1 for $10. This is the only event PTK conducts to raise funds for working capital for their chapter. Please place orders with any PTK member before December 1 for Holiday delivery. Orders will be accepted through December 22.

Letters for Santa!

PTK is also assisting Macy’s fundraising efforts for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For each letter to Santa collected, Macy’s will donate $1 to the foundation. Stop by the PTK office for a letter template or drop your letter off!

Alumni News

The QCC Alumni Association announces the Annual Holiday Bake-Off: Monday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 107A!

Can your holiday treat compete with QCC’s best? Find out by entering home baked goods in any of the following categories:

Pies/Trifles  Cakes/Breads/Brownies  Bars/Cookies/Candy and Sugar-Free

Blue, Red, and Yellow Ribbons (as well as prizes) will be awarded in each category. Deadline for entries is December 2. Baked items will also be accepted for the Bake Sale Table. Attendees may sample the goodies and vote for favorites for $2 (faculty/staff) or $1 (students/Seniors).

For more information or entry forms, contact Nancy Chosta at nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

Warm Thoughts!

The Worcester Community Action Council has started their annual "Clothe a Child" Coat Drive, to benefit needy Worcester-county children. QCC has committed to purchasing15 new coats for WCAC’s effort and needs your assistance to fulfill this promise - specifically, there are 4 unclaimed coat assignments that still need to be filled. Participate as a class, office, club or personally by contacting Mary Knittle at mknittle@qcc.mass.edu for more information. Coats can be dropped off to Laurie Comeau and Diane Maple in HR at QCC’s main campus, Mary Knittle at TEC, Lu Costa at Millbrook Street, Victor Somma at QCC Southbridge or Carlos Davis at QCC at Assabet Valley.

Update: Please drop off all coats as soon as possible. They are scheduled for delivery this week!
New Faculty and Staff

QCC announces the following new staff appointments:

On September 11, Administrative Services welcomed **Peggy Tata** into her new role as Director of Payroll. Peggy has been with the College since 2003, and most recently served as Payroll Manager.

On September 25, Human Resources welcomed **Beth Austin** into her new role as Associate Director of Human Resources. Beth has been with the College since 2008, and most recently served as Human Resources Administration Manager.

On November 1, Human Resources welcomed **Tom Patria** into his new role as Human Resources Generalist Administrator. Tom, who had been working within the Career Placement Office as a Career Placement Representative, will be sharing his time between both offices during a brief transitional period, and will become fully engaged in the Human Resources Office by the end of this semester.

Please congratulate Peggy, Beth and Tom in their new roles!

In The News

QCC continues to be covered in a variety of local news outlets:

http://www.telegram.com/article/20111112/NEWS/111129952
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111113/NEWS/111119551
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111023/NEWS/110239805
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111023/NEWS/110239749
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111021/NEWS/111029916
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111017/NEWS/111019649/0/business
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111016/NEWS/110169871
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http://www.telegram.com/article/20111110/NEWS/111109137/1237
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111110/FLASH/111109327
http://www.telegram.com/article/20111109/NEWS/111109277/1116

A graduate of QCC who is a psychic medium was profiled in the Telegram:

http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111107/BUSINESS01/111079926

Adjunct Faculty Member Donna Colorio won a seat on the Worcester School Committee:

http://www.telegram.com/article/20111109/NEWS/111099886/-1/NEWS04

College Town ran a blurb on the TEC relocation:

http://www.telegram.com/article/20111106/NEWS/111069739