College Announces Shining Light Initiative

At a kickoff and news conference on Tuesday, September 21, on the QCC campus, the College announced the “Shining Light Initiative,” which will create a coalition of non-profit and educational partners committed to advancing educational opportunities for adult Worcester residents.

The “Shining Light Initiative” seeks to increase support for the educational enrollment and retention of historically underserved adult populations in Worcester County.

The news conference was attended by QCC faculty and staff, partner organizations, and local legislators.

AGLOW Group Takes Shape

As part of the Shining Light Initiative, QCC has created a local strategic ideation group, AGLOW (Alliance for Greater Learning Opportunities in Worcester), which comprises local organizations that work directly with the target population and sectors.

The AGLOW coalition currently includes representatives from the Latino Education Institute at Worcester State, the Southeast Asian Coalition, Centro Las Americas, the Worcester Youth Center, MLK Business Empowerment Center, and the Worcester Public Schools. Together with faculty and staff from QCC, all have committed to expanding educational opportunities for Worcester County adults and ensuring their persistence through higher education, including ESOL and workforce development.
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.

News and information is due on the following dates: Oct. 13 and Nov. 10

Training and Education Center News
The QCC Training and Education Center has partnered with Career Step to offer high demand online medical training courses for students throughout our service territory. The courses currently offered include: Inpatient/Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing ($2250), Medical Transcription ($1875), Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing ($1875), and Medical Transcription Editor ($2375). Job placement assistance is available. Don’t miss this great opportunity!

Other News:
• Based upon the results of an online technology skills and knowledge self assessment tool, SABES worked with TEC’s adult basic education program and developed technology modules to support their professional development. If providers want to assess their technology strengths and gaps they can visit the survey web site www.adultedonline.org.
• This year ABE graduated 40 out of 62 students (approximately 64.5%). Graduates who meet the program admissions criteria are encouraged to then enroll in TEC’s Future Focus program, which seeks to integrate GED graduates into for-credit courses at QCC. Traditionally, 50%-60% of students enrolled in Future Focus are our GED graduates.
• All program teachers and staff participate in professional development activities to learn how to best integrate technology in their classroom as a routine tool. This effort started in the spring of 2010 and will continue in FY2011 as continuous improvement for the program.
• For the first time, TEC received funding from Workforce Central to offer an ESL class that uses healthcare, employability skills and advanced reading/writing curricula with expected job outcomes for its participants.

Partnership with Blackstone Valley Chamber Results in New Entrepreneurship Certificate
QCC has teamed up with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce in Whitinsville to offer an entrepreneurship certificate this fall.

Classes will cover topics including accounting, business plan development, finance and banking, social networking skills and management models and challenges.

Classes will be held twice a week, from late September through mid-November for a total of 38 hours, at the chamber of commerce office in Whitinsville. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate from QCC.

The program costs $200 for Blackstone Valley residents and business owners and $450 for non-residents and people from outside the Blackstone area. Classes can also be taken a la carte for $25 per hour for Blackstone residents and $50 per hour for non-area residents.
Faculty, Staff, & Student Notes

Strategic Planning Update
On September 13 the Office of Institutional Research and Planning and the President’s Office held a kick-off and orientation for the three Strategic Action Teams - Entry, Persistence, and Program - responsible for lifting parts of the 2010-’15 Strategic Plan.

The session began with welcoming remarks by President Carberry, followed by a charge to each team from the Team Sponsors/Vice Presidents. Educational change consultant Kathy Obear then went through each team's manuals and lead the entire group in some exercises related to working on cross-functional teams.

Each Action Team then had the opportunity to meet as a group for the first time and lay groundwork for their future meetings. The Action Teams are now underway breaking down and prioritizing the Plan's numerous goals and objectives.

More planning news will be shared throughout the semester!

QCC Holds Peace Rally
A Rally for Solidarity and Peace was held on Friday, September 10 at the Peace pole near the Fuller Student Center on campus. The event brought together numerous representatives from groups across Worcester, as well as QCC faculty and staff, who came together to remember the events of 9/11 and commit themselves to open dialog with all people, of all faiths, from all over the world.

PTK Students Hold Annual Fall Cookout
Phi Theta Kappa students held their annual charity cookout on Thursday, September 16th. The always popular event had games, prizes, and food for the entire QCC community, and over $5,000 was raised for charity. All proceeds go to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and Second Chance Animal Shelter. The group also held a canned food drive to support families at the Why Me/Sherry's House in Worcester. Keep an eye out for many upcoming PTK activities on campus this year!

Fall Distinguished Lecture Series Announced
Tuesday, October 12th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 109 HLC
“Southern Industrialization and Environmental Racism”
James Manigault-Bryant, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Africana Studies, Williams College

Tuesday, November 16th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 109 HLC
“What Happened? The 2010 Elections”
Paul Y. Watanabe, Ph.D., Director, Institute for Asian American Studies & Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Massachusetts-Boston

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Foundation Golf Tournament a Great Success

The thirteenth annual *QCC Foundation* “Drive for Scholars” golf tournament was a huge success. Nearly 140 golfers came out to enjoy a day of golf, dinner, prizes, and raising scholarship funds for QCC students. An early tally estimates that nearly $30,000 was raised as a result of the event. Special thanks to all of the QCC faculty and staff who supported the event on the course and those who volunteered their time for the day.

Eyeglasses for Haiti Collection

Nursing professors *Peg McGrath* and *Susan Johnson* are collecting any unwanted eyeglasses, (prescription or non prescription) for those in need in Haiti. There are drop off boxes located in the in the Administration building at Deb Bush’s office Room 305A and Fuller Student Center.

Career Placement Services October Event

Career Placement Services invites students, faculty and staff to an event: *Navigating the New World of Work: Take Charge and Find Your Dream Job.*

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the HLC, Room 109 A&B.

A workshop will be conducted, titled, “Navigating the World of Work,” from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Career/Employer Panel will run from 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Professor Wins WBJ “40 Under 40” Award

Congratulations to *Rose Pavlov*, a member of the QCC faculty, who was recently named by the Worcester Business Journal as a “40 Under 40” award winner, for the success she has achieved under the age of 40.

In addition to her teaching at QCC, Pavlov is an elected member of the Board of the Young Democrats of Massachusetts and on the board of the Center for Women and Enterprise. She is founder of Ivy Child International, which is committed to community work and international humanitarian service. She was honored for her work and success, along with the other 39 winners, at an awards reception at Mechanics Hall.

Psychology Club Seeking New Members

Like Psychology? Interested In How the Mind works? Want the Opportunity to Enrich your understanding of development, personality, cognition, memory, emotions, behavior, etc? Want to Join a Psychology Honor Society? Then we Have the Clubs for You! *Please Join Us!* QCC Psychology/Psi Beta Clubs meet Tuesdays 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fuller Student Center. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 28th at 2 p.m. Contact Valerie Clemente, Ed.D., Advisor, Assistant Professor of Psychology, x7506; Rm 422A; vclemente@qcc.mass.edu

Try the Wyvern Smoothie at Nu Cafe!

All students, faculty, and staff are invited over to the Nu Cafe (formerly Jumpin Juice and Java) on Chandler Street in Worcester to try to the new *Wyvern smoothie!* The smooth berry-flavored drink has been a hit. QCC students can show their i.d. and enter a raffle to win a free class!
Welcome QCC New Hires

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff on their recent hiring to QCC.

Full-Time Faculty:
Chemistry: Dilip Patel, Dr. Tetteh Abbeyquaye
CSET: Dean Polnerow
Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene: Jennifer McKeon
Developmental English: Timothy LaFountaine
Developmental Math: Aemiro Beyene
Manufacturing Technology: Lee Duerden
Developmental Mathematics: Aemiro Beyene
Nursing: Meredith Weston, Colleen Carelli, Mary Bruni
Occupational Therapy: Michelle Savrann
Physical Science/Environmental Science: Anita Soracco, Mariela Salas de la Cruz
Respiratory Care: JoAnne Hildreth-Gleason
Staff: Jonathan Miller, Director of Student Life and Leadership; Jennifer Melendez, Financial Aid Assistant; Kirsten Patey-Hurd, Interim Learning Manager, Communication Skills Center; Timothy Whiting, Campus Police II Police Sergeant.

QCC Road Bowl Kicks Off!

September 20th saw the kickoff of the Road Bowl Challenge at QCC, a fun exercise competition sponsored by the Worcester Consortium.

Teams that accumulate the most walking or exercise “points” as shown on their personal pedometers can win great prizes from the Consortium and their own colleges!

Good luck to all of the QCC teams!

Start your walking and take the first step toward a healthy QCC workplace.

* September 20 through November 12 *