Grainger Foundation Donation Supports HVAC Program

On December 13, the Grainger Foundation generously donated $10,000 to QCC for the purchase of equipment for the HVAC program. Michael Hanlon, Branch Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.’s Worcester location was on hand to make the presentation along with colleague Greg Guyton, Sales Specialist. President Gail Carberry expressed gratitude on behalf of QCC and the HVAC program for the Grainger Foundation’s generosity.

Grainger has been a part of the Worcester business community for more than 27 years. “We are proud to recommend the programs offered by Quinsigamond Community College,” said Hanlon. “We understand the need for a highly trained, skilled workforce in the technical trades within our community.”

The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc.

Everybody on the QCC Bus!

QCC recently established a new collaboration with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA), to provide bus service for both TEC (Grove Street, Worcester) and QCC Southbridge locations. Students now have transportation options where previously few existed for these locations.

On December 5, QCC unveiled its newest marketing innovation during a Board of Trustees meeting at the main campus - a bus “wrap” that the WRTA rolled out for Board members review.

The QCC bus wrap art includes QCC’s logo, Wyvern mascot and students in Wyvern t-shirts.

Members of the Board of Trustees, QCC Foundation Board and E-Team stand in front of the QCC bus.

The bus will be seen on a variety of routes throughout Worcester and Southbridge.
Campus News

QCC Robotics Club Holds MA State Robotics Tournament

Hebert Auditorium was the scene of an exciting MA State Robotics Tournament coordinated and facilitated by the QCC Robotics Club on December 8. Elementary and high school teams from across MA competed at the annual event. The tournament was sponsored by the Robotics Club, EMC, MA Board of Higher Education, the Education Foundation and Verizon.

This is the 10th year the Robotics Club has facilitated the tournament and the 5th year that VEX Robotics (suppliers of classroom and competition robotics kits) has been involved. The QCC Club has earned a reputation for well-run robotics tournaments, however, in addition to facilitating tournaments, the Robotics club also competes on an international level in the VEX Robotics World Championships.

On January 12, the Robotics Club will hold the New England Regional Championship Robotics Tournament on the main campus. The club anticipates that this will be one of the largest Robotics events in the United States. Local civic and business leaders will attend, as well as sponsors of the event.

Through outside funding, QCC’s Robotics Club has been working with Worcester public schools for years, providing an innovative program, the Advanced Robotics Intensive (ARI), assisting students with robot builds, strategy and overall STEM learning opportunities. Many of the WPS students involved with the club later become QCC engineering and technology students.

Student Success in Manufacturing Technology Program

QCC Manufacturing Technology program student Jonathan Crowell recently shared exciting career news. He was offered the position of in-process inspector for a control valve manufacturer in Worcester, at NEARLY TWICE THE SALARY of the hourly wage he had previously made before enrolling in QCC’s program. His new position is directly related to skills he developed in the program, and he says that, “I would not have been given the opportunity without my training here at QCC!”

Congratulations Mr. Crowell!
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Author, Andre Dubus III, Speaks at QCC

On November 15, the QCC Community welcomed NY Times best selling author Andre Dubus, III, to the main campus for a speaking engagement.

Mr. Dubus is the author of House of Sand and Fog, Townie (A memoir), collections of fiction and several other award-winning novels. (Townie was a recent QCC Book Club selection.)

Mr. Dubus spoke to a large crowd in the Hebert Auditorium about his memoir, Townie, and the craft of writing as well as conducting a question and answer period and a book-signing. The event was coordinated and sponsored by Professor John Stazinski and the English Department and Staff Development.

Mr. Dubus commented that he was pleased by the insightful and knowledgeable questions and comments offered by attendees.

The Veteran Support Office Marches On

On November 11, the QCC Veteran Support Office along with QCC Family volunteers marched in the annual Worcester Veterans Day Parade, under QCC’s banner.

The parade route was a half-mile long and began behind the Marriott Hotel on Grove Street and ended at the Immaculate Conception Church on Grove St.

Pictured marchers at right are: Lori Corcoran, Debbie Ryder, David Lauzon (QCC student and employee) with son, Eric, Mary Rodziewicz and husband Michael and grandson, Miguel, Wayne Brink, Carol Kwasek (QCC student) and daughter Ericka, Matthew Horwedel (QCC student and employee) and Brian Truenow (QCC student).

In related news, the Veteran Support Office would like to thank everyone for their support of the veteran letter drive during this holiday season. QCC, the Children’s School and the West Boylston Middle School was able to collect over 200 letters to mail to veterans serving overseas and also to several Massachusetts Veterans’ hospitals. Warm wishes to everyone during this holiday season.
QCC Criminal Justice Club Welcomes Sheriff Lew Evangelidis as Guest Speaker; Inducts New Members

On Wednesday December 12, in the Hebert Auditorium, the QCC Criminal Justice Club hosted a special presentation from Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. Sheriff Evangelidis spoke about the Worcester County Sheriff Department’s goals to make a difference in the community and emphasized the importance of drug and alcohol rehabilitation, education, community service programs, and preventative programs such as Face2Face. In addition, the Criminal Justice Club inducted several new members.

Adjunct Professor Douglas M. Bushman, Advisor of the QCC Criminal Justice club spoke about the excitement and importance of the Sheriffs’ visit, saying, “The members of the Criminal Justice Club and I are excited to sponsor this very special guest and hard working public servant. We look forward to broadening the students’ and publics’ understanding and familiarity with all the components of the criminal justice system to help make a difference within the community. In the two years that Lew Evangelidis has been Worcester County Sheriff, he has implemented a wide range of changes and reforms from preventive programs, training and budgetary. We look forward to his presentation. We are also taking advantage of this night to induct new members into the Criminal Justice Club.”

Sheriff Evangelidis’ presentation highlighted how the criminal justice system works and how individuals can work together to make a difference within the community. For more information on the club, contact Adjunct Professor Douglas M. Bushman at dbushman@bushmanlaw.com or by cell phone at: 860.250.9888 or Criminal Justice Club President Jennifer Pulaski at jpulaski@qmail.qcc.edu.

Persistence Mini-Seminars Developed

A new initiative under Enrollment and Student Services to promote persistence for QCC students has been developed as a series of 10-minute take-aways. Based on student’s needs, the take-aways were presented as students relaxed and socialized in the living room of the HLC. The topics included: Start Your Semester Off Right; Note taking Approaches; Do You Know Your Midterm Grades; Registration 101; and What is Your Stress Level. Over 350 students were reached with handouts and the new 10-minute mini-seminars. This new initiative will continue into the Spring semester.
SO MANY Random Acts of Kindness

Were you aware of how generous the QCC Family is? Consider the following events that collected a variety donations for less advantaged people in the QCC community:

- **Be An Angel/Feed A Family**  
  For over 17 years, the QCC Family has given generously to these two confidential, internal events, sponsored by Counseling Services, that collect toys and funds for grocery gift cards for the QCC community in need. This year, 75 families received Stop & Shop gift cards and toys. Extra toys were donated to the children of St. Joan of Arc Church, Worcester, in memory of Sr. Helen Egan, former Campus Minister.

- **Children’s Hat and Mitten Drive**  
  Over 300 hats and mittens were collected for the Planting Seed Foundation, Inc. to distribute to needy Worcester-area children and adolescents.

- **WCAC Coat Drive**  
  Coordinated by TEC, QCC donated 15 new winter coats with an estimated value of over $450. The donations will be dispersed through WCAC’s “Clothe-A-Child” Coat Drive, currently in its 5th year, to more than 300 children in their Head Start, Early Head Start, and Healthy Families programs, as well as children of GED students.

- **Project Linus Blanket Drive**  
  The Student Senate and Fashion Club partnered to collect 30 blankets to donate to those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

- **PTK Christmas Card Sale/Letters for Santa**  
  The annual Christmas card sale held by PTK benefits Why Me/Sherry’s House in Worcester. This year, the card sale raised over $2000. PTK also assists Macy’s fund raising efforts for the Make-A-Wish Foundation by collecting Letters to Santa. For each letter to Santa collected, Macy’s donates $1 to the foundation. PTK raised over $1000 for Make-A-Wish this year.

Dan McAuliffe, Radio Host

Dan McAuliffe, QCC’s Campus Portal Manager, became the new host of the “Scholastic Sports Zone” radio program after guest hosting in September. “The station realized how much I love to talk and realized it was a good fit,” said Mr. McAuliffe.

“The Scholastic Sports Zone” is a high school sports talk radio program. Each week, radio personality Howie Kahn and Mr. McAuliffe cover some of the most recently played high school games with local high school coaches and players as well as local sports writers from the Telegram & Gazette and Coulter Press. The show, which airs every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fitchburg on WPKZ 105.3 FM/1280 AM, has been on the air since April, 2010. “It’s easy to cover the football and basketball games”, commented Dan, “but we also want to talk about the lesser known sports, like field hockey and cross country”.

The show streams live on wpkz.net during the same time. For more information, visit scholasticsportszone.com
New Faculty and Staff
On December 5, the QCC Board of Trustees, voted unanimously to approve the recommendation and appointment of Mr. Stephen Marini as the new Vice President of Administrative Services. Mr. Marini, most recently serving as the Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, was selected following a national search for candidates which yielded 61 candidates, 48 of whom met the minimum qualifications. Mr. Marini has served the college as a high level leader and member of the Executive Team as well as serving as a faculty member, a Dean, and an Assistant Vice President in the Academic Affairs area. He has a strong background in information technology, network security, unionized environments, and has served as the college’s key representative on site exploration initiatives.

On December 10, Administrative Services welcomed Robert Sarao as Deputy Chief Technology Officer/Information Security. Mr. Sarao brings over 15 years experience in the computer/network security, support and privacy fields in management, engineering, consulting, support, and education, most recently serving as Information Security Officer for the University of Massachusetts, to QCC. Mr. Sarao earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University and an MBA from Fitchburg State University.

Also on December 10, Administrative Services welcomed Karen West as Accountant I, Business Office. Ms. West brings over 12 years of cash transaction and teller experience from the private sector, to QCC. Additionally, she has spent the last four years in the QCC Financial Aid office serving as a Clerk III.

QCC Announces Juried Art Show; Call for Entries
All artists within the QCC community, including faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to submit original works of art – photographs, drawings, paintings, digital, montages, fiber and more to Mary Newman at mnewman@qcc.edu. All submissions must be sent as low resolution jpg files but high resolution files (24”x36” at 300 ppi) will be required for winning submissions to be printed and framed.

The art will be judged by a jury panel consisting of QCC Faculty and Staff. The deadline for submissions is January 2, 2013. The selected art will be printed as giclées by Applied Arts students, mounted, framed and hung permanently in the new North Wing to decorate and promote the talent on campus.

Festive Holiday Luncheon An Annual Delight
The Staff Development Committee held its annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 13 in the HLC.

Fabulous food, beautiful decorations and collegial socialization were highlights of the event.

Leo Burgess Photography

PTK Parking Space Raffle
Love that new car you have? Don’t want a ding or a dent? Stop by the Phi Theta Kappa Office (Room 154) and pick up a raffle ticket for a chance at a PRIME PARKING SPACE on campus! The drawing will take place on January 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Phi Theta Kappa Office! (Tickets are $1.00 each!)

Happy Holidays to All!