QCC Board Approves Expansion

On June 7, the Quinsigamond Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a FY 13 budget that supports expansion of its Health Care and Workforce Development programs in the Worcester area. Key in the decision making process was QCC’s desire to assist in the revitalization of Central MA. As the economic engine that supports the economy, QCC graduates remain in the Worcester area; in a January 2012 Economic Impact study prepared for QCC by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc., data shows that “the accumulated contribution of QCC instruction received by former students annually adds some $223 million in income to the QCC Service Area (Central MA).”

QCC President, Dr. Gail Carberry said, “We’re committed to our economic partnerships with the city of Worcester and our new location means that we’re aligned with the city’s plan for expansion. The new location supports the vision I had for QCC’s growth when I took office six years ago while ensuring our students are aligned with the workforce needs of our community.”

QCC Foundation Board Elects New President

At the June 13 QCC Foundation Board of Directors meeting, Laurance S. Morrison was newly elected as President of the Board. Jeannie Hebert was also newly elected as Clerk/Secretary.

Pictured at left signifying the recent change of leadership is Dr. Jacqueline C. Diggs, Vice President; Roland Gauthier, President Emeritus; Dr. Gail Carberry and Laurance S. Morrison, President-elect.
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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 July e-newsletter is July 13, 2012.

QCC Hosts Gaming Commission Meeting

Monday, June 4, QCC hosted the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s Public Education Forum in the Hebert Auditorium. QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry offered introductory remarks.

This event was the second in a series of public forums that will cover economic and market data for the gaming industry and is intended to give the Commissioners and the public an opportunity to hear from experts who have done research on the potential economic impact of gaming in Massachusetts.

College and Career Readiness Event

On March 13, 2012, QCC’s System for Adult Basic Education Support (SABES) held its College and Career Readiness for a Night program for adult basic education (ABE) students in Central MA. This yearly event on the QCC main campus provides opportunities for ABE students to learn about education, training and career pathways to a better future.

The program featured a panel of five students who had successfully transitioned from ABE programs to enrollment at QCC, and who inspired their audience by relating their experiences. Their insights were a highlight for attendees who discovered that they don’t need to be afraid to go to college, that they’re not too old, that they can have difficulties but rise above them, and that there are wonderful people and resources at QCC to help them succeed.

Following the panel, students then each attended seminars led by QCC faculty which included: Applied Arts, Automotive Technology, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Medical Assisting, Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy.

New this year, seminars were also offered in Admissions, Career Planning and Financial Aid to help students better understand how to navigate these systems. Each session gave an overview of the particular field and corresponding course (or the focus of the college offices) as well as engaging hands-on activities.

181 ABE students plus 30 ABE instructors, counselors and program directors attended.
QCC Celebrates GED Graduates

On Monday, June 4, 2012, QCC hosted the 2012 GED Graduation Ceremony at Hebert Auditorium. Fifty-two proud graduates and their families and friends filled the auditorium for the happy occasion.

QCC President Dr. Gail Carberry delivered opening remarks; guest speakers included Kathie Manning, Dean of Training and Education Center; Tom Mechem, GED State Chief Examiner; and Theona Lourens, former GED recipient and current college student. Laura Tino, GED Chief Examiner, facilitated the ceremony with assistance from Maria Keffalinou, Adult Education Program Manager.

QCC has facilitated high school graduation equivalency credentials for over 600 students between January 2011 and May 2012, from across Central MA. Of the graduates, 16 participated in QCC’s GED Test Preparation program.

QCC’s GED graduates come from many different places in life but all missed an opportunity to walk across the stage in cap and gown. QCC’s GED Graduation ceremony makes that missed opportunity a meaningful reality.

QCC Collaborates on “Marlborough Works!” Initiative

QCC recently collaborated with the town of Marlborough Mayor’s Office and the Marlborough Economic Development Corporation on an initiative designed to bring job seekers together with local companies looking to fill job openings.

The “Marlborough Works!” initiative included a professional Resume and Interview Workshop as well as a Job Fair - the first of its kind for Marlborough - with over 500 attendees and 30 companies participating. Both events were facilitated by QCC’s Training and Education Center.

Marlborough Mayor Arthur Vigeant said of the initiative, “The feedback I have heard from both residents and companies has been tremendous. Our goal is to get Marlborough residents back to work with local companies, and I look forward to hearing about some of the success stories that come from this initiative.”
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Dale Allen, Panelist at College and Career Planning Summit

Dale Allen, Vice President for Community Engagement recently served as a panelist at a college and career planning summit held in Boston by YourPlanForCollege.org.

YourPlanForCollege.org is an online college and career planning site launched last year which has already helped 140,000 Massachusetts students learn and prepare for life after high school. Lt. Gov. Tim Murray said the program is part of larger efforts, in the public and private sectors, aimed at building the career skills of Massachusetts residents. “There are jobs out there that are available, but what we’ve had here in Massachusetts is a skills gap,” Murray said.

YourPlanForCollege.org is managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA).

QCC Participates in ABE Showcase

On Thursday, May 17, the Adult Community Learning Center participated in the ABE Showcase at the State House, Boston. The event was organized by the MA Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE). The ABE Showcase included MCAE’s Outstanding Student Awards, ABE Educator of the Year Award, and Outstanding Legislator Award. Representative Alice Peisch, Chair, Joint Committee on Education and Representative David Nangle, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Ethics, spoke at the event. Staff and students from more than 20 Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs from across the state were present.

Barbara Shea, ESOL Instructor, and two students represented QCC’s Adult Community Learning Center at the event, the only ABE program from Central MA.

Faculty and Staff Enjoy Annual “Job Well Done” Picnic on June 27

Faculty and Staff queue up for indoor picnic food

Liz Hanlon with psychic at Job Well Done Picnic
Phi Theta Kappa Takes on Habitat for Humanity Project

On June 9, ten members of QCC’s PTK chapter participated in a Habitat for Humanity project on Fales Street in Worcester as part of their commitment to public service.

An additional date for the Fales Street construction is scheduled for August 18. PTK students will again be soliciting donations to cover the $30 per student cost to participate; donors are invited to stop by the PTK office, sign a stud and make a small donation. All studs will be used in the construction on Fales Street.

Habitat for Humanity’s mission is to “...bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.”

Phi Theta Kappa Canned Food Drive

From June 26 to July 3, Phi Theta Kappa and a local inner-city scout troop will work together gathering canned food and non-perishable food items for two downtown Worcester Food Banks. Food donation drop off boxes will be at the following locations on campus:

**Administration Building:**
- In the basement near the revolving door next to the vending machines,
- On the first floor, inside the hallway at each of the three entrances

**Surprenant Building:**
- Inside the front doors of the building next to the newspaper racks
- Inside the rear of the building next to the sliding doors

**Fuller Student Center:**
- Lobby

**Harrington Learning Center:**
- First floor next to the Admissions Office

**Administration Building:**
- Room 154A

Late Registration Committee Dines on “Steak and Lobster!”

Members of the Late Registration Committee met recently to discuss strategies to improve retention and dine on “steak and lobster.”

Committee members pictured from left to right include: Tara Fitzgerald-Jenkins, Jean McLean, Margaret Wong, Ingrid Skadberg. Standing, l. to r: Raymond Lawless, Elsie Newmane, Colleen Doherty, Carol Murphy, Diane Gillespie, and Liza Smith. (Inset: Steak and Lobster CAKE!) The group is a sub-committee of the college’s strategic planning persistence team and will present their findings and recommendations at the end of the summer.
On June 6, 2012, Spencer Savings Bank made a $5,000 donation to the QCC Foundation at QCC Southbridge. This was one of several major gifts made by banks in the South County area as part of QCC’s Open Door Campaign.

The original pledge made by Spencer Savings Bank was made in April 2011 for $15,000 over three years; the June $5,000 payment was the second of three payments.

The gift is designated through the South County Fund for scholarships for low- to moderate-income students enrolled at QCC Southbridge.

ECE Celebration Events

QCC Children’s School and Early Childhood Education Department celebrated a special 40th anniversary on June 5 and 6. Festivities included a Children’s School Family Reunion and Recognition Ceremony, Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Professional Workshop with renowned expert on preschool learners, Bev Bos, who also performed in concert with Michael Leeman.

L. to r: Michael Leeman, Nancy Knight (Director of the Children’s School), Bev Bos, Charlene Mara (Coordinator of the ECE Program), Renee Gould (Faculty, ECE)

Bev Bos and Michael Leeman entertain at the Hebert Auditorium.
QCC’s Institutional Research and Planning Staff Present at Annual Conference

Earlier this academic year, Stacey Kadish of QCC’s Institutional Research and Planning (IRaP) office presented at the Northeast Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) Annual Conference in Boston, on the topic of applying a logistic regression method to measure the effectiveness of a program.

At the same conference, Dr. Ingrid Skadberg collaborated with colleagues from the UMass system office and Boston College to present on IRaP’s role in strategic planning. In addition, Dr. Skadberg was requested by her peers to present at NEAIR’s upcoming Summer Institute at Bunker Hill Community College on the topic of Survey Research & Design and web survey.

Corridor Art Gallery Available

The Corridor Art Gallery in the Administration Building is currently available to exhibit works of art created by QCC faculty, staff and students.

Please contact Cherie Ronayne at cronayne@qcc.mass.edu for information or to schedule an exhibit.

New Faculty and Staff

On June 4, 2012, Administrative Services welcomes Erica Henault as Accountant I - Payroll. Ms. Henault brings over 10 years of cash collection and cash office management experience to QCC from both the public and private sector, including her most recent employment for the past six years as a Receiving Teller I for the QCC Business Office. Ms. Henault earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College.

On June 4, 2012, Enrollment Services welcomes Caitlin Laurie as Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Ms. Laurie brings over seven years of higher education experience at Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the areas of Financial Aid, Student Accounts and Fundraising to QCC. Her most recent position was Assistant Director of the Office of Financial Assistance at Clark University. Ms. Laurie earned both a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Culture, Studio Art, and a Master of Science Degree in Professional Communications from Clark University.

The QCC Family welcomes Ms. Henault and Ms. Laurie into their new roles at QCC!

The Wyvern in the Wild

The Wyvern was spotted pounding the gavel at a recent Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education retreat.