QCC’s “Face the Region” Hits the Airwaves!

QCC’s new radio program, “Face the Region” officially aired its first show on Sunday, September 7 at 1:30 p.m! The new show, carried on WCRN, AM 830 will continue to air weekly on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

WCRN radio personality Hank Stolz hosts the show featuring QCC experts on a variety of QCC topics. This weekly show is an opportunity to promote all of QCC’s exciting programs and activities with engaging dialogue with one of the area’s most knowledgable talk show hosts.

The first show featured President Gail Carberry and guests Jane June, Dean of Healthcare and Kathie Manning, Dean of Training and Education – Workforce Development on "All About Downtown." This past Sunday’s show (10/5) was "Top Ten Reasons to Go to College" featuring Mishawn Davis-Eyene, director of Admissions, Michelle Tufau, Associate Dean of Enrollment and Ingrid Skadberg, Dean of Institutional Research and Planning - an articulate and information packed show discussing all of the important reasons to attend college - and attend QCC!

Recent shows have featured topics:

“Financial Aid Advice” with guests Lillian Ortiz, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Development and Student Engagement; Robin Butterfield, Associate Director of Financial Aid; Rebeccah Cyr, Senior Financial Aid Counselor and Michelle Tufau.

“STEM at QCC/Women in STEM” with guests Betty Lauer, Professor of Computer Systems Engineering Technology/Coordinator of the Computer Systems Engineering Technology Program; Lisa Whitcomb.

QCC President Gail Carberry with Hank Stolz.

STEM Starter Academy Coordinator, Adjunct Faculty and QCC alum, Autumn Kubiak.

“QCC in the Community” with guests President Gail Carberry, Larry Morrison, President, QCC Foundation Board of Directors and Dr. Dale Allen, Vice President for Community Engagement.

If you’ve missed any of these historic, first shows, stay tuned: They will soon be archived online at www.QCC.edu/wyvern-media.

Get Your Program on the Radio! Don’t miss an opportunity to showcase your program, class, project or area of expertise as it relates to QCC. Discuss an exciting project or new tool, new idea or student success story – as QCC Faces the Region! Be a part of this exciting, new media opportunity. If you’d like to be a guest on the show or have a topic or idea that you’d like to have discussed, please visit: www.QCC.edu/submit-news.
QCC Respiratory Care Students Make a Difference with Senior Assignment

QCC Senior Respiratory Care Students are required to fulfill a senior assignment; a 30-hour community service project prior to graduation. Amy Edson and Jessica Grenham who became friends during their time in the program, recently collaborated on their senior assignment. “We wanted a project where we could make a difference,” said Amy Edson. “We decided to volunteer for a medical, humanitarian mission to Haiti on our March break from classes,” added Jessica Grenham.

Before leaving for the trip, the students participated in multiple team meetings in preparation for their trip to learn health protocols, what to pack, how to emotionally and physically prepare for the trip, as well as what they could expect to be doing upon arrival. Ms. Edson explained, “our team consisted of medical professionals including paramedics, nurses, and occupational therapists as well as non-medical missionaries. We were the sole Respiratory Therapists!”

Once in Haiti, the students said, “we very quickly realized how different life was!” Their work location, Mission of Hope International in Grand Goâve took 2 ½ hours by bus from the airport. The clinic and pharmacy consisted of a small room with two beds, one desk and a variety of medications that were stored on make-shift shelves.

Each day, teams split up into smaller provider groups in order to maximize the number of individuals that could be treated. Ms. Edson and Ms. Grenham saw patients with a wide range of health issues including ear infections, breathing difficulties, heartburn, and malnutrition. “It was an eye-opening experience to say the least,” said Ms. Edson. Ms. Grenham added, “perhaps the hardest part of the day was when a child’s ‘chief complaint,’ was hunger. These were truly the most heart-wrenching moments of our trip.”

One of the clinical days was spent on a mountainside in a mobile clinic, where many Haitians traveled hours to be seen. Many came for “minor ailments,” (as over-the-counter medications are inaccessible) such as headaches, heartburn, and minor aches and pains. Ms. Edson explained, “we followed the World Health Organization protocols for developing country clinics, and dispensed medications as needed. These protocols are guidelines that helped us diagnose and treat common, third world diseases such as malaria, worms, scabies, and malnutrition.”

The senior students also worked with the resident nurse to ensure proper documentation and charting to record medical history, height and weight, blood pressures, heart rate, and lung sounds for each patient in the village. These medical records were kept by the clinic for future reference.

A highlight of the trip was distributing rice and beans to an entire village. “Knowing that we played a role in easing the burden of hunger was incredibly rewarding,” said Ms. Grenham. During the week, the students reported that their medical knowledge increased exponentially but more importantly however, “was what we learned about the human condition and the daily challenges of those who are less fortunate. This trip was a life-altering experience that has changed our lives forever. We are planning a return trip next year to continue the worthy work done by the Mission of Hope International.”

The student’s story appears unedited in the September Open Door.

Respiratory Care student, Amy Edson works with children in Haiti.
Engineering and Technology Faculty and Staff Members Take on Fab Academy at AS220

In QCC’s continuing effort to merge innovative thinking, entrepreneurship, and “making stuff”, Damian Kieran, Assistant Professor of Manufacturing Technology and Rob Russell, Electronics Engineering Technology Laboratory Technician took on an innovative engineering challenge of their own by participating in the global Fab Academy hosted by AS 220 in Providence this past spring. The Fab Academy is a Digital Fabrication Program based on MIT’s rapid prototyping course: How to Make (Almost) Anything. The Fab Academy began as an outreach project from the CBA, and has since spread to Fab Labs around the world. The program provides advanced digital fabrication instruction for students through a unique, hands-on curriculum and access to technological tools and resources. (www.fabacademy.org)

Dedicating well over 20 hours each week from January through June, Mr. Kieran and Mr. Russell immersed themselves in the tools and technologies of digital fabrication and in the world of collaborative makerspaces. QCC is preparing to open its own digital fabrication labs in the new QuEST Center at QCC’s main campus in Worcester and the Innovative Technology Acceleration Center (ITAC) in Southbridge. With a forward-looking vision that links innovation and entrepreneurship and strong faculty and technical leadership, QCC will soon be offering students and community partners with the knowledge, skills and abilities to turn code into “things”.

Check out Mr. Keiran’s web page: http://fabacademy.org/archives/2014/students/kieran.damian/

QCC Students and Staff Participate in Annual “Out of the Darkness Walk”

On September 13, Psi Beta and the Psychology Club participated in the annual “Out of the Darkness Walk,” sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Many volunteers and QCC students participated. The honor society and Psychology club have raised over two-thirds of their goal, but will still be fund-raising throughout the semester.

Please assist QCC students to achieve their fund raising goal for this worthy organization: Donations can be made on-line to the QCC page at www.afsp.org.

17th Annual QCC Foundation Golf Classic, Driving for Scholarships, a Success!

The recent 17th Annual Foundation Golf Classic, Driving for Scholarships, was a huge success. The new venue at Cyprian Keyes Club in Boylston was perfect for the event and new elements, the Helicopter Ball Drop and Golf Clinics, were exciting additions to a worthwhile event.
National POW/MIA Recognition Day

On Friday, September 19, Veteran Services hosted a short ceremony to honor those in military service who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

QCC Family paused for 15-minutes to honor those brave servicemen and women for their lifetime of service.

Of special significance at the event was the “Missing Man Table,” traditionally a part of military dining-in ceremonies and service balls. The table is laid in memory of fallen, missing or imprisoned military service members - a focal point of ceremonial remembrance originally growing out of U.S. concern over the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue.

QCC Named to Victory Media’s 2015 Military Friendly® Schools List

On September 23, QCC was designated a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds.

Now in its sixth year, the Military Friendly® Schools designation and list by Victory Media is the premier, trusted resource for post-military success. Military Friendly® provides service members transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that do the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past six years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

QCC Service Learning

Liz Woods, Dean of Students recently facilitated a “Wyvern Weekend of Service” event as a component of her sabbatical project, “Creating a Framework for Volunteerism.” 24 QCC students interested community service work participated in the project on September 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Five local, non-profit organizations participated with pre-arranged projects and five faculty members assisted. Students were shuttled from QCC to a variety of locations where they assisted with a various projects on-site.

Volunteers were treated to a free lunch at QCC after completing their projects. Liz Woods said, “I was delighted with the turn out - the faculty support was outstanding. Everyone had a wonderful day.”
Faculty Presentation Chosen

Congratulations to QCC Faculty member, Lisa Smith whose presentation, “The Possibilities of Positivity” was selected to be published on the Association of Surgical Technologists’ web site, www.ast.org, as a teaching tool.

Ms. Smith presented the topic at a national conference, The AST, ARC/STSA and NBSTSA 17th Annual Instructor’s Forum 2014 in Savannah, Georgia in March and was notified of its selection to be published in September. View the presentation at: www.ast.org/Educators/Presentations (select the title “The Possibilities of Positivity” from the list on the left.)

QCC Faculty and Staff Participate in Siemens Webinar

QCC Faculty and staff participated in a recent Siemens Webinar for the American Association of Community Colleges that highlighted the innovative work QCC has done to develop stackable programming between MMEP and QCC, creating a unique national model.

Dean Kathy Rentsch presented “Developing Meaningful Non-credit to Credit Pathways” and Dr. Dale Allen presented, “Strategies to Optimize Industry Partnerships” for the September 25 Webinar.

QCC’s work was recognized as a national model at the event whose overall focus was, “Building a Manufacturing Pipeline: Community College, Industry and MEP Partnerships” in order to create a national spotlight on industry-community college partnerships to fill skills gaps.

Officer Bardier Retires

On September 25, QCC’s Campus Police Department hosted a retirement celebration in honor of Krista Bardier, a 25 year veteran and QCC’s first full-time female Officer!

During Ms. Bardier’s tenure she became the department's first EMT and has also played a key role in teaching Staff, Students and children from the Children’s School, the RAD program, First Aid and CPR.

Ms. Bardier could always be seen at all of the new student orientations greeting our new students with a smile and going over the safety messages with them.

She was congratulated and wished well by many QCC Family friends; above, left to right, standing: Rose D’Andrea, Donna Kilgore, Nancy Chosta, Cheryl Travers and Joan Perry.
Speakers at QCC: Fall 2014

Mark your calendars! The following is a list of speakers scheduled to be on campus this Fall:

Dr. Vincent Tinto
Tuesday, October 7, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Hebert Auditorium
All College day - Keynote Presentation

Bernard B. Kerik
Wednesday, October 8, 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. | Hebert Auditorium
“Making Change Happen: Why Reform Is Needed In Our Criminal Justice System”

Benjamin Korstvedt, Ph.D.
Thursday, October 9, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. | HLC Room 109AB
“What’s so Great about Originality? Thinking Realistically about Musical Innovation”

Professor Jabari Asim (Emerson College)
Friday, October 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | HLC Room 109AB
“The African Americans, Many Rivers to Cross”

By John Varriano, Ph.D.
Wednesday, November 5, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | HLC Room 109AB
“Wine: A Matter of Life and Death”

Author Junot Diaz
Friday, November 14, 1:00 p.m. | Hebert Auditorium
“The One Book Project”

Craig Boykin
Wednesday, November 19, 1:30 p.m. | Hebert Auditorium
“Brothers & Keepers”

Where have you served?
Veteran Services has a new look outside Room 220A—a map of the world with different color pins in it. Each pin color represents a different branch of the service. Student veterans take the “pin color” representing their particular branch of the service and put it in the location(s) where they served. Stop by and take a look. If you are a veteran, feel free to put in “your” pin too!
Save the Date: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Reception

In Celebration of the College’s 50th Anniversary of Exceptional Educational Excellence and in Honor of QCC’s next ten Alumni Guardians, QCC invites you to a Faculty/Staff Appreciation Reception.

Please mingle with colleagues for friendly conversation, hot and cold hors d’oeuvres and an opportunity to greet the next ten QCC Alumni Guardians.

**Tuesday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.**
**Hebert Auditorium, QCC Main Campus**
**670 West Boylston Street, Worcester**

Reception to follow at the Harrington Learning Center, QCC Main Campus. Parking will be available in Lot 2.

RSVP online at qccfoundationoctober7.eventbrite.com or by phone at 774.219.3313.

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The Odd Couple

The QCC Theatre Club’s Fall production of *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon has been cast and is currently in rehearsal. *The Odd Couple* will be presented at The Hebert Auditorium from December 3 - 6, at 7 p.m. See you at the show!

Now CALLING ALL MUSICIANS for the Spring production, *Blood Brothers*, by Willy Russell:

Interested faculty or staff willing to participate in the production as musicians, please contact Kevin Butler, Theatre Club Advisor at: kbutler@qcc.mass.edu or x4526 A stipend will be offered.

Productions are sponsored by the QCC Foundation in honor of QCC’s 50th Anniversary.

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All College Day Reminder

The Fall 2014 All College Day will take place on Tuesday, October 7. The theme for this year’s All College Day is “Building Connections to Sustain Student Success.”

Dr. Vincent Tinto, Ph.D., Distinguished University Professor at Syracuse University will deliver the keynote address and later participate in a Question and Answer period. Eighteen Workshop sessions total are scheduled.

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Show runs December 3 – 6.
Quinsigamond Children’s School Openings

The QCC Children’s School, an on campus early education and care program for children aged 2.9 to 5 years old, has openings! The Children’s School offers Monday-Friday, Tuesday and Thursday or Monday, Wednesday and Friday high quality child care from 7:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Student parents, employees and the community are encouraged to contact 508.854.4220, janel@qcc.masss.edu or nknigh@qcc.mass.edu for more information.

Disability Services Holds Faculty and Staff Tea

On Tuesday, September 30, the staff of Disability Services, Assistive Technology, and the Student Success Center held a Faculty and Staff Tea in the Alfhors Building.

Besides delicious treats, Disability Services staff provided information on the many student services available and an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with Staff.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society News

Fast approaching PTK events include:

- The First Annual Lilly 5K Walk/Run!
  Saturday, October 11, 2014
  9:00 a.m.
  QCC Soccer Field

The 5K Walk/Run will benefit Lilly, the Worcester Public Library Bookmobile. Prizes, games and give-a-ways at the conclusion of the 5K Run. Walk route starts and ends at Quinsigamond Community College. Download an application to participate at www.QCC.edu/student-life.

- Annual Fall Charity Cookout

Wednesday, October 15, 2014
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fuller Lawn

The annual cookout features the Lilly, the Worcester Public Library Bookmobile, raffles, and a caricature artist. Proceeds go to Muscular Dystrophy Association and to Lilly.

For more information on any PTK event, please email phithetakappa@qmail.qcc.edu, call 508.854.4411 or visit the PTK office in room 154A.
Where in the World is the Wyvern?

The Wyvern was recently spotted in France with Adjunct English Faculty member, Jasmine Ortiz.

Where in the world have you seen the Wyvern?
Send a photo to: www.QCC.edu/submit-news

QCC Welcomes New Staff

On September 15, Academic Affairs welcomed Caitlin Barlow as Library Assistant I – Information Desk. Ms. Barlow brings 11 years of combined experience in both customer service and library circulation, to the College, including recently the position of Circulation Desk Supervisor for the Art Institute of Boston Library. Ms. Barlow earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University.

On September 15, 2014, Academic Affairs welcomed Mariel Montanez as Clerk III – Career and Academic Planning. Ms. Montanez brings over 4 years of customer service and administrative assistance experience, to the College, including most recently, as an Administrative Assistant for the Massachusetts Partnership of Correctional Health Care. Ms. Montanez earned an Associate's Degree in Human Services from Quinsigamond Community College.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Barlow and Ms. Montanez into their new roles at QCC!

Have an interesting story to tell?
www.QCC.edu/submit-news
Deadline for the October 2014 Guardian is Friday, October 17.

STEM Lecture Series

Monday, September 22
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
HLC 109A

Scott Alexander is an engineer for United Technologies Corporation (UTC). He is also an adjunct professor at QCC in the Math Department. Scott began his education at QCC and is a QCC alumnus. He will be speaking about his journey from student at QCC to Engineer.

For further information, please contact Lisa Whitcomb at lwhitcomb@qcc.mass.edu