

# Quinsigamond Community College freezes tuition rates for 2021

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has announced it will freeze its tuition and fees in 2021.

“We are committed to making college affordable for anyone who wants to better their lives through higher education,” said President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “We want to remain the most cost-effective higher education option in our area, which is why we are pro-

actively keeping our tuition rates the same for our students.”

Recognizing the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has affected many students and their families who lost jobs or had their hours reduced, QCC has also made emergency funds available. These funds can assist students in paying bills, obtaining laptops, Wi-Fi and other basic life and educa-

tional necessities, to help offset some of the financial burdens brought on by the pandemic. Since the pandemic began last March, QCC has worked on innovative ways to help its students with the new financial challenges they faced that included increasing financial aid through state, federal and institutional funds, as well as a Student Emergency Fund available to all current students

in immediate hardship due to the effects of the pandemic.

“Attaining a higher education has positive, lifelong implications to students and their families. Higher education can rise people from poverty, improve our economy and make our nation stronger,” Dr. Pedraja said, adding, “Higher education is a right of all.”

QCC’s online associate degree programs were ranked in the top five for best return on investment by OnlineU.com, an unbiased rankings organization that compares all online colleges and universities in the country.

Registration for Summer/Fall begins on March 29 for returning students and April 12 for new students.

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## ***Pet of the Week***

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**Name:** Simon  
**Breed:** English Cocker Spaniel/  
Australian Shepherd  
**Sex:** Male  
**Size:** Medium  
**Age:** 10 years



Hi I'm Simon! I'm about 10 years old, but still have the energy of a younger fella. I love my naps and my walks equally! I can be quite vocal when I get excited (especially for my food!) so I'd