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## Historical Museum seeking Auburn Achievers



AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Museum is collecting information on notable people from Auburn. We are looking for anyone who ran a business, worked on a farm, taught school, managed a family while holding down a job or wrote a book. Maybe you starred in a middle school play or sold Girl Scout cookies.

Have you a relative who was a blacksmith, or a shoemaker or a housewife in the last century? We are collecting stories about the people of Auburn, what they did, what they accomplished and how they managed during difficult times. Or great times, or any times! In short, we want to compile a theme book on what people in Auburn have done. It doesn't have to be anything incredible, like being the CEO of IBM, or a famous movie star, or a professional baseball player, or the author of a popular book. (Though all of those things have been done by people raised in Auburn.) It can be a story about getting home through a blizzard, raising 12 children while managing a farm, being a shoemaker and a selectman at the same time. Maybe you are a gifted photographer and want to share your photos with us. Have you written a poem, or found a diary your grandmother kept? These are all part of Auburn's history and need to be shared and preserved.

Please help us compile our book by sharing your stories, and your family stories. Come by the museum any Tuesday or Saturday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., or email us at [auburnmuseum@verizon.net](mailto:auburnmuseum@verizon.net). We look forward to hearing from you!

## QCC's Respiratory Care program receives credentialing success award

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Respiratory Care Program has received the distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The College has joined a select group of programs that received this national recognition based on a high-level performance of key accreditation metrics.

"The students of QCC have labored diligently to strive for excellence in this respected profession by earning the highly-desirable, Registered Respiratory Therapist credential. I am thrilled with their success and demonstration of skillfulness in their chosen profession," said Professor Emerita Karen Kaletski Dufault.

This award is presented as part of CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. The CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.

To earn this prestigious award, programs were required to have three or more years

of outcome data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90 percent or above, and meet or exceed core thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination high cut score and retention. QCC had a three-year (2017 - 2019) average of 100% of students who achieved the high cut score. The CoARC threshold for retention is 70% and QCC had a 96% retention rate for the same 3-year average (2017-2019).

"This is the first time that the program has achieved this recognition and it could not have been done without the leadership of Karen Dufault, who was the previous program coordinator/director until she retired in 2020," said Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care, Keith Hirst.

He added that Amy Hogan, current director of clinical education, along with all the current and past clinical instructors, clinical sites, and Advisory Board members, QCC administration, and graduates of the program also played a large role in this award.

"Over this same time frame we had 100% job placement rate within six months of graduation, as well as 100% employer and graduate satisfaction rates," Mr. Hirst said.

To learn more visit QCC's Respiratory Care Program.

For more information about QCC,

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## Bay Path alumna, LPN to RN grad has a wide perspective

CHARLTON — Over ten years, Danielle Southall-Scotto, formerly of Southbridge, now of Brooklyn, Conn., rose through the ranks, from a resident care assistant to wellness nurse, from Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) floor nurse in a subacute rehabilitation unit in a skilled nursing facility to now, a Registered Nurse (RN)!

When she reflects on that time, she admits it was difficult, but she is also extremely grateful. It is a time of immense pride in her own tenacity toward earning her Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN) degree from Excelsior College with a 3.0 GPA. For Danielle to make the transition from LPN to RN, she completed the ASN and took the NCLEX-RN, the National Council Licensure Examination for RN licensure.

Her knowledge and compassion helped her lead through the challenges of navigating the year of COVID-19, working full-time at the Milford Regional Physician Group in Northbridge, MA and completing all her course work including taking



Danielle Southall-Scotto

a two-part test that is a clinical examination also known as CPNE.

"Goal-directed, hardworking, compassionate, dedicated...all these words describe Danielle," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN,

CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. "Danielle graduated at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in 2017, was the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award and was inducted to the National Technical

Honor Society."

Southall-Scotto completed her secondary education in 2007 at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School with honors, National Honor Society.

"The Excelsior College's program is essentially a self-taught program," said Southall-Scotto.

"I am grateful to Bay Path for helping to lay a foundation for me to complete this, without a good foundation I would have never made it through," she concludes.

As a practical nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Danielle was a member of the Mock Code Team. She competed in the SkillsUSA Medical Math category and won a gold medal in District, a gold medal in state, and a bronze medal at the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky. According to Southall-Scotto, she plans on continuing with her academic progression and earns her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree "after working as an RN for a little while."

## Old Home Day returns to Charlton in 2021

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CHARLTON — A local tradition returns to cap off the summer in the town of Charlton in 2021. After a year-long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Old Home Days is set to return on Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day Monday, with a weekend of fun planned leading up to the big day.

In addition to activities on the Town Common all weekend, the annual fireworks display will be lit off once more on Saturday, Sept. 5 with a rain day of Sunday, Sept. 6. Labor Day Monday is the big day however with a slew of activities for all to look forward to on a day designed to celebrate the spirit of community.

Monday, Sept. 6 will start with the yearly Soap Box Derby at 7 a.m., one of the oldest traditions of Charlton's Old Home Day. Entry forms are available in the Town of Charlton website. A road race will then take off at 9 a.m. from the town common which. Volunteers are being sought out for the Soap Box Derby and Road Race and interested parties can contact Kathleen Walker at [kwalker4@mac.com](mailto:kwalker4@mac.com). Music will be held all day with rising country star and Charlton native Liam Coleman taking the stage as well as the Shepherd Hill Vocalists, Lee Irish Step Dancers, and the Bad New Jazz Band & Blue Orchestra. The Singing Trooper will also perform at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon.

At 2 p.m. is one of the biggest events of the afternoon, the community awards ceremony recognizing individuals, groups and businesses who have contributed to Charlton and were nominated by their peers. Old Home Day concludes with the annual parade kicking off from The Overlook at 3:30 p.m. The day will also include a variety of other community activities including pony rides, train rides, and the Scottish Highland Games.

Old Home Day will also celebrate the artistic side of Charlton with the annual Art Show going hybrid in 2021. The Charlton Cultural Council's Old Home Day Art Show with all fees waived for 2021. Artwork will be on display in the Town Hall throughout Labor Day. Applications for the Art Show are due by Monday, Aug. 23, and can be found on the Charlton Cultural Council Facebook Page.



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