

QCC invests in community by eliminating student debt

WORCESTER — Today, Quinsigamond Community College announced it will use more than \$2.5 million of the institutional portion of the Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds it received in May to erase college-held debt for students. The debt relief program is exclusively for those students who were enrolled in credit degree or certificate programming during the start of the pandemic (March 13, 2020) through the end of the current Spring 2021 semester.

“Our goal with this initiative is to remove the financial barrier of institutional debt that keeps many students from completing their education and achieving their goals in life. The under-privileged and under-served in our community were hit hard by the pandemic. These students are often unable to continue their education due to the debt they are carrying. By choosing to invest in our students by removing this barrier, we are investing in our community and strengthening our workforce,” said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “We are leveling the playing field for our students so that they can succeed. This enables our students to realize a better future for themselves and their families, and in doing so, increases our community’s economic prosperity.”

The College is taking this unprecedented approach to eliminate the number one barrier in students’ achieving their goals for a higher education. This program will help put skilled workers into the workforce, assisting companies that are struggling to find qualified employees. The funding will assist 1,687 students, with an average amount of \$1,525 of institutional debt forgiveness per student. Furthermore, this program is helping those affected the most by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students eligible for debt forgiveness through this initiative represent 52 percent students of color, 58 percent are female, and 48 percent are Worcester residents.

“We know education is the greatest equalizer, lifting people out of poverty and making lasting and positive change to our communities and our nation. By eliminating this debt, we are taking an equitable approach to higher education. We find that students with debt are less likely to enroll or stay in college. This eliminates that barrier,” President Pedraja said, adding, “As we recover from the pandemic, we want to give our students in need a fresh start to a better life and a way to

enter the workforce with the skills and knowledge they need, and our businesses need, in today’s new world. “

QCC will be notifying students on their debt relief eligibility and is asking that students not reach out to the College directly.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

Lasell University students named to Spring 2021 Dean’s List

NEWTON — Lasell University students named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List were recognized for their academic performance last semester. Students included were:

- Sara Le of Auburn
- Rachel McGrillen of Auburn
- Renee Ordway of Auburn
- Zhanna Gonchar of Auburn
- Kaitlyn Johnson of Auburn
- Sophia Mazzone of Auburn
- Eftihia Fotos of Auburn

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Nichols College students named to Spring 2021 Honors List

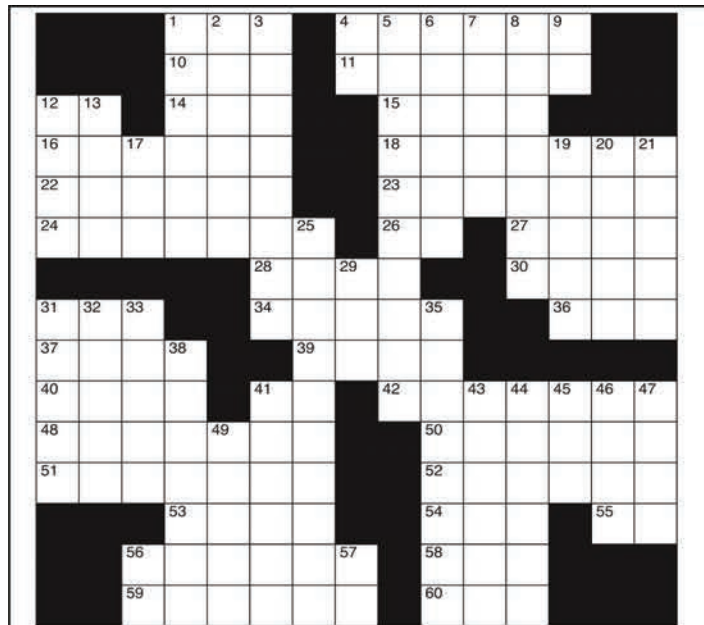
DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley have achieved Dean’s List or President’s List honors during the spring 2021 semester.

The Dean’s List and President’s List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade

point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President’s List honors.

- Alexis Strozina of Auburn receives Dean’s List honors
 - Lauren Duquette of Auburn receives Dean’s List honors
 - Kelly Ngo of Auburn receives Dean’s List honors
- About Nichols College**
Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to

learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

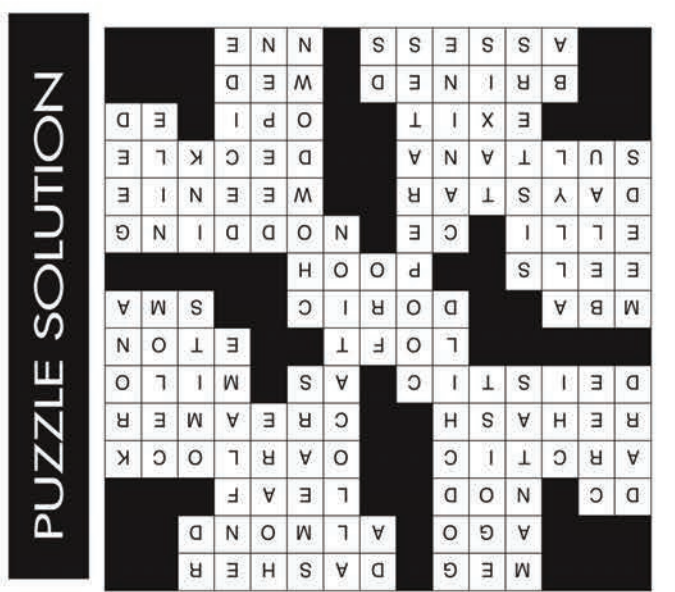


CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. “Sleepless In Seattle” actress Ryan | 34. Order of architecture |
| 4. One of Santa’s reindeer | 36. Investment account (abbr.) |
| 10. Before the present | 37. Snakelike fishes |
| 11. Type of butter | 39. Children’s tale bear |
| 12. Location of White House | 40. Norse personification of old age |
| 14. Motion | 41. Atomic #58 |
| 15. Tree part | 42. Moving your head |
| 16. Regions around the North Pole | 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner |
| 18. Fits on a boat’s gunwale | 50. Frankfurt |
| 22. Discuss after it’s happened | 51. Small, seedless raisin |
| 23. Milk substitute for coffee | 52. Device in papermaking machine |
| 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being | 53. Go |
| 26. Equally | 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.) |
| 27. Famed director Forman | 55. “Westworld” actor Harris |
| 28. Popular apartment style | 56. Saturated with salt |
| 30. British School | 58. Marry |
| 31. Advanced degree | 59. Report on |
| | 60. Midway between north and northeast |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Rays | 25. Works with |
| 2. Self-centered person | 29. Partner to “to” |
| 3. One you look after | 31. Rewards (archaic) |
| 4. Prosecutor | 32. One of Caroline Islands |
| 5. Portion | 33. Type of alcohol |
| 6. Speaks ill of | 35. Eat a lot |
| 7. Formal system for computer programs | 38. Nuns |
| 8. To make angry | 41. Dog |
| 9. Rural delivery | 43. Become more serious |
| 12. Group of languages | 44. Choose |
| 13. Large First Nations group | 45. Newspapers use it |
| 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy | 46. World’s longest river |
| 19. Excludes | 47. Commanded to go faster |
| 20. Body cavity of a metazoan | 49. Cabs |
| 21. Swedish monetary unit | 56. Mr. T’s “A-Team” character |
| | 57. Document signed (abbr.) |



Fitchburg State University announces Dean’s List

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

- Auburn: Nicole A. Fancy, Emma M. Ganley, Brandyn J. Geldart, Cameron J. McGrath, Riley J. Millay, Lucinda J. Orne
- Cherry Valley: Colleen M. Lamprey, Ingrid Y. Maravilla
- Douglas: Ashley E. Deluca, Aubrey M. Harris, Kosmo J. Symock
- Dudley: Hannah M. Volpe
- Grafton: Sean M. MacDonald
- Groton: Jesse A. Dutile, Matthew S. Gingras, Brecken R. Gingras Jodice, Heather K. Holmes, Jared R. Lelievre, Mishayla S. Silver
- Holland: Angela G. Gonzalez, Kymberly Sneade Leicester

- Miranda A. Gustin, Madison C. Hippert, Robert G. Kemp, Jack W. Larson
- Milford: Leah R. Gorham, Kaitlyn M. Mobilia, Hannah R. Ramuta, Nicholas J. Taylor
- Millbury: Samantha A. Bernard, Corrin C. Marchetta, Mikaela R. Mitchell
- Millville: Madalyn A. Rafus
- Northbridge: Chrissa A. Gannon, Martha Garley, Elijah V. Perron, Susan M. Timmons
- Oxford: Suzannah R. Lambert, Alexis F. Stitis, Kaylyn N. Violette
- Southbridge: Joseph R. Postale, Ryan P. Pratt
- Spencer: Lauryn M. Hines
- Sturbridge: Michelle D. Gunton-Lamothe, Victoria R. Messina

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\$323,000, 99 Pakachoag St, Capuano, Anthony L, and Capuano, Elizabeth A, to Creem, Michael D.
\$321,000, 3 Prentice Ave, Beaudet, Matthew J, to Agalliu, Andiola.
\$300,000, 15 Jerome Ave, S Ralph Gustafson LT, and Gustafson, Stanley R, to Pierce, Garrett F.
\$285,000, 5 Newton St, Powell, Lynn P, and Powell, Andrew D, to Samaniego, Edwin L, and Benavides, Diana E.
\$238,500, 15 Glenview Ave, Anna Kirtsy 1999 RET, and Souliotis, George, to Lopez, Cristian.
\$139,200, 112 Old Meetinghouse Rd #112, Johnson, Rubia V, to Patel, Megha S, and Patel, Suchit.
\$115,000, 11 Sword St #1R, Collette, Amanda K, and Collette, Michael J, to Thiyagarajan, Arun P, and Dhanabalu, Brindha.