

Bay Path nursing students bring Mental Health Awareness Month to a close



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Along with the practical nursing class of 2021, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty and staff participated in activities promoting mental health awareness. Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said every May, Bay Path holds mental health awareness activities.

“Our practical nursing students are mental health first aid certified. We believe in breaking the stigma and it is more than just using the hashtag. We need to increase awareness on reducing the stigma of mental health issues,” she explained.

Bolandrina said this year, the #breakthestigma drive was embraced by the practical nursing class of 2021. All practical nursing students are fully aware of the importance of mental health awareness. Additionally, raising awareness about the available mental health

services is also important. Many individuals experience mental illness more so with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation is compounded with being isolated, illness, financial challenges, or the loss of a loved one. The practical nursing class of

2021 showed support and raised awareness of those living with a behavioral or mental health issues and help reduce the stigma of mental illness.

QCC offers free Administrative Medical Professional Training program

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Center (WDEC) is offering a free, grant-funded Administrative Medical Professional Training program that will prepare students for a career as a

medical administrative assistant. An in-person summer class is being offered June 28 – Aug. 3, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., with a maximum of 10 students accepted. Students must apply by the application deadline of June 14. Accepted students are also required to attend an orientation

session. This training program prepares students to work as medical administrative assistants in healthcare facilities such as hospitals and health systems, physicians' offices, clinics, long-term care facilities, surgery centers, ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilita-

tion centers, and other types of healthcare areas. Students will learn roles and responsibilities of a healthcare team, interpersonal communication, medical records management, compliance with HIPAA, and diagnostic and procedural coding. Students accepted into the program will not only receive free tuitions, books and supplies; but also will attend a computer class, and earn contract tracing and infectious control certifications. After successfully

completing the program students are eligible to sit for the National Health Career Association's Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Certification Exam (fee is paid for by the program). Students who complete the program will receive career placement assistance and those who work in the field for at least two months will receive a \$500 stipend. “Everyone is eligible to take part in this program, but space is limited. We encourage those who are interested to reach out

and register as soon as possible as classes fill up quickly,” said Grant/SNAP Coordinator Jo Sundin, of QCC's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education. Prospective students should email Ms. Sundin, at jsundin@qcc.mass.edu to learn more. For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

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Friday's Child

Jayvon
Age 10

Hi! My name is Jayvon and I want to be a police officer or firefighter.

Jayvon is a boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who loves to jump and run. He is an energetic child who enjoys going to the playground and particularly likes to play on jungle gyms. Jayvon is very proud that he recently learned how to ride a bike. Jayvon also likes board games, playing games on his tablet, and Pokémon cards. When he grows up Jayvon would like to be a police officer or a fireman. Jayvon is smart in many ways and enjoys school. He is currently receiving academic supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayvon will do well in a family of any constellation where he is the youngest or only child. He will thrive in a family that can provide him with affection, guidance, structure, and calm limit setting. A family for Jayvon must be open to helping him maintain contact with his sisters who reside in Massachusetts.

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