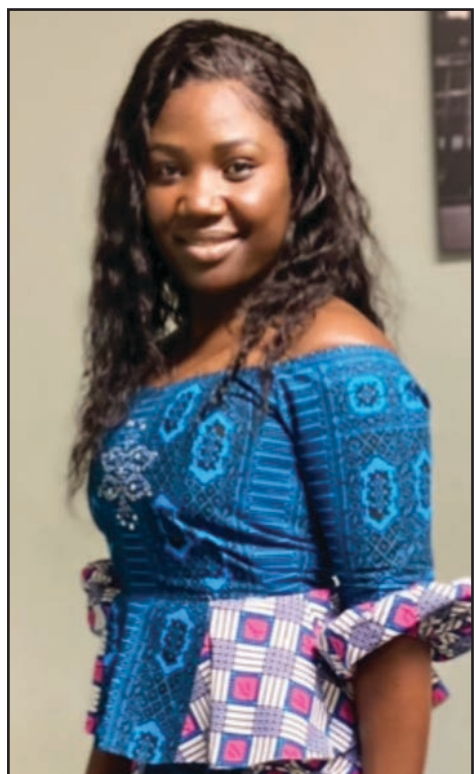


# Bay Path LPN awarded scholarship



CHARLTON — Fitchburg State University (FSU) awarded Elizabeth Mirekuua Lartey, LPN of Worcester its Burnham Scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded to a full-time undergraduate, nursing major who has completed at least one semester at Fitchburg State University who are working to support their education. Receipt of the scholarship is also based on an essay that demonstrates relevant examples of service-oriented leadership, active support for the social and academic welfare of peers, and active civic engagement in the community as well as demonstrated academic achievement and financial need.

Lartey is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton with the Practical Nursing Class of 2018. While at Bay Path Lartey was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society and was a district competitor for SkillsUSA for CPR/First Aid. Lartey was an Officer for the UNICEF Club and was certified in Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care and Dementia Care. She volunteered for multiple Blood Pressure Clinics and represent-

ed Bay Path at educational events at Framingham State University. Lartey continues to volunteer at Bay Path as a mentor and inspirational speaker to current Practical Nursing Students.

During the spring 2021 semester, Lartey, has been named to the Fitchburg State University dean's list for academic achievement. The designation is awarded to full-time students who have earned at least a 3.2-grade point average on a 4.0 scale, achieved no grade below a B, and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit, or pass/fail courses. Lartey's FSU transcript indicates "Dean's List" status for the semester.

Lartey is completing the LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is designed to transition the traditional or military trained Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to the role of baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurse. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is a unique and accelerated curriculum.



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# Bay Path LPN named member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

WORCESTER — In a recent announcement, Kiana McDonald, LPN of Worcester (formerly of Southbridge) joined the esteemed Phi Theta Kappa. The recognition included a membership packet containing a certificate, pin, and other benefits. Membership to Phi Theta Kappa allows McDonald to build job skills, challenging academic programs, scholarships, transfer support, and more. The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.

In a message to McDonald, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society stated, "congratulations on the accomplishments that brought you here. I look forward to seeing where Phi Theta Kappa takes you next."

McDonald is working on academic progression towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Quinsigamond Community College where she has been named in the dean's



Kiana McDonald

list due to her excellent academic performance. McDonald is a 2013 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate. She is an alumna of Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, class of 2017 where she was inducted into the National Technical

Honor Society. She is a State Bronze Medalist and District Gold Medalist for SkillsUSA both for Medical Terminology. She was a recipient of \$500 Bay Path RVTHS Health Occupations Graduate Award and was an officer of the UNICEF Club. McDonald is Mental Health First Aid Certified. After her role as a charge nurse at the Webster Manor Rehabilitation and Health Care Center from 2017-2020, McDonald is currently with Maxim Healthcare as a staff nurse.

# Taking advantage of QCC's presence in the South County Region

WORCESTER — A local Southbridge family has found a way to higher education thanks to Quinsigamond Community College's presence in the Southbridge community.

QCC 2021 nursing graduates Cassara Casey and KIRSTIANN FERSCHKE are part of a large family who found their local community college to be just the resource they needed to obtain a higher education. Ms. Casey was the first to head to college in 2008, choosing QCC for its affordability and accessibility. Her sister Kaitlynn Ferschke followed suit, graduating in May 2016 with her associate degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

"Calissa is the second youngest and she starts this fall for ECE at QCC," Ms. Casey said, adding, "My mom has also taken classes at QCC."

Today, QCC at Southbridge is even closer to the communities it serves with its move in the summer of 2020 to a well-known and recognized central location, Southbridge High School,

"Broadening the footprint of QCC makes it more accessible not only Southbridge, but also to the surrounding communities. Also, by virtue of our location, Southbridge High School students can easily take part in QCC's Early College Program," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Currently QCC is registering students for the fall semester. Students can set up appointments with a variety of offices through the QCC's new Easy Queue (EZQ) system (www.QCC.edu/EZQ). This new system enables students to save time by joining virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such offices as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid. Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closer, saving them time from waiting in a physical line. When a student's appointment time is ready, they will receive notification and can then proceed to the designed office.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

"There are so many resources going to a community college. Ms. Casey said, "I like that QCC is more of a community."

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



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