

Four QCC Students named to Phi Theta Kappa All-Massachusetts Academic Team

WORCESTER — Four Quinsigamond Community College Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students, Edmilse Diaz, Alexander Riopel, Vincent Carl Strzelecki and Bradley Sylvestre, have been recognized for their outstanding achievements as members of the 2021 Phi Theta Kappa All-Massachusetts Academic Team.

Each year, the highest academic achievers in the state's 15-member community college system are selected for the team. Students are chosen for their high academic achievement, as well as their exceptional student service and are honored by the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony is being held virtually, as opposed to its traditional venue of the Massachusetts State House. Each student is currently being spotlighted through MACC's social media, through a virtual "PTK Community College Excellence Week," during the last week of April.

"This is an honor not only for these outstanding students, but also for QCC. These students have worked hard to get to where they are. Their dedication and perseverance are an inspiration to everyone who dreams of a better life through higher education," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Edmilse Diaz is a member of the Class of 2022 Dental Hygiene program. Originally from the Dominican Republic, he moved to the U.S. as a child. "I received a Bachelor's in Psychology from Saint Michael's College in 2015. Throughout my life, I have continued to

pursue learning and challenged myself. I came to QCC when I decided to pursue a career in dental hygiene, because I wanted to help raise awareness on the importance of oral health and its affect on a person's overall health," Mr. Diaz said.

Alexander Riopel chose QCC because of its MassTransfer program with UMass Amherst.

"I am currently a business transfer major and plan on pursuing a finance degree at a four-year university in the fall. QCC has done a great job preparing me for a four-year university," Mr. Riopel said. "As the former president of QCC's PTK Honor Society, I was fortunate to be part of a group that affected real change within the community."

Vincent Carl Strzelecki came to QCC to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

"My life's goal is to help as many people as I can, and I am working hard to build a career in video game development, so I can create games that are inexpensive, highly accessible, and very enjoyable," he said.

Bradley Sylvestre is in QCC's Nurse Education program and is a member of the Class of 2022.

"Despite classes being online with limited time in a physical classroom,

I have been able to learn from the best and apply that knowledge in my clinical settings. I was able to go to a local nursing home in Westborough and make a difference with the elderly; see a birth at UMass Hospital in Leominster, and have been able to bond with patients in need of companionship. I was able to do all of this thanks to the hardworking educators at QCC, who were constantly advocating for me and my fellow nursing students, despite the grueling process of running a nursing school during a pandemic," Mr. Sylvestre said. "QCC is a community college, and for me, a new nursing student from Rhode Island, QCC has become my community."

According to Bonnie Coleman, QCC's manager for Student Resources and PTK advisor, the Spring 2021 class of new inductees is the largest group in the College's history, with 240 new students becoming PTK members. There are 555 total active PTK members at this time.

"The four students honored are a part of a large and impactful student organization. It is an honor to work with such amazing students," she said.

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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David Petrides presents research at sociology conference

ANNVILLE, Pa. — David Petrides of Uxbridge is one of 30 Lebanon Valley College students who presented research at the 39th Annual Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference held in April on Zoom.

Petrides, a graduate of Milford High School, is pursuing a bachelor of arts in criminal justice. Petrides's research

was titled: Hash It Out: The Effects of Age, Level of Education, and Source of News on Views of Legalization of Marijuana.

The first Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference was convened on the Elizabethtown College campus on April 6, 1981, where 23 conference participants represented five different schools. This year more than 70 students representing 16 different schools participated.

Learn more about criminal justice and sociology at LVC by visiting www.lvc.edu.

About Lebanon Valley College For three consecutive years (2018-2020), Lebanon Valley College has been listed as #1 in Pennsylvania for graduate job placement by the career guidance site Zippia.com, using federal data.

Lebanon Valley College is a private, coeducational college in Annsville, Pa. The College offers more than 45 undergraduate majors plus self-designed majors and a range of minors, concentrations, and pre-professional options. LVC also offers online and in-person graduate degree programs in accounting (MBA 3+1), applied kinesiology, athletic training, business administration, clinical exercise physiology, clinical mental health counseling, physical therapy, science in STEM education, speech-language pathology, and sport performance, and certificates in health-care management, integrative STEM education, leadership and ethics, online teaching and learning, modern band, and supply chain management & logistics.

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