

Cornerstone Bank donates \$5,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Student Emergency Aid Fund

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$5,000 to Quinsigamond Community College's (QCC) Student Emergency Aid Fund, which was established in March of 2020 to help offset tuition costs for students at risk of having to drop out of school due to financial hardships.

"One of our major charitable goals revolves around access to education," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "This past year and a half has proven difficult for so many people,

and QCC has found a way to help their students stay enrolled and finish their degrees despite sudden financial hardships. We hope our contribution can help students continue to work towards their graduation goals."

The Student Emergency Aid Fund has helped almost 600 students stay in college, with 90 percent of those who received aid not having to drop a class. QCC serves about 10,000 students every year with the vast majority coming from low- to moderate-income families. More than 80 percent of QCC students receive some form of financial aid.

"During the pandemic, 72 percent of students at QCC had a reduction in their working hours and almost half lost their jobs," continued Tallman. "Even in our newfound normal, many of these students are struggling to pay their tuition. We are committed to helping ensure that students who wish to continue their education have the opportunity to do so."

About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving residents, businesses and communities throughout Central Massachusetts. Our cus-

tomers promise, Built on Trust, is not just a brand, but also a corporate focus. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone Bank rests on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender and SBA Preferred Lender. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

Ladies Auxiliary of Quinebaug Lodge to host Craft Market



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Just one example of the craft tents set up by Norah's Fabric Creations that will be at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge on Sunday, Aug. 29.

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Sunday, Aug. 29, the Ladies Auxiliary of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge, located on Route 131 at 339 Ashland Ave. in Southbridge, will be hosting a Craft Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This Craft Market offers a great opportunity to find all kinds of unique gifts and crafts for your home or anyone on your shopping list. Everything from

hand sewn items, crochet items, candles, signs, soaps, jewelry, active wear, kids and women's clothing and much, much more. All Covid-19 Guidelines will be greatly appreciated.

Some Vendors including, but not limited to are, Little Hearts Custom Creations, Norah's Fabric Creations,

SOR Creations, Matilda Jane, Jackson's Creative

Cakes and Crafts, Nicole Singer Arts. If you are interested in setting up a tent display and would like more details of space availability and setup information or have any questions or concerns, please contact Norah Proper at 1-413-297-8374 or e-mail her at

norahsfabriccreations@yahoo.com.

Worcester Academy congratulates graduates

WORCESTER ± Worcester Academy held its 187th Commencement Exercises June 4 with 129 seniors graduating. Commencement speaker was WA alumnus and Billboard-charted American jazz performer, Victor Fields, Class of 1971.

Among the graduates were:

Owen Hughes of Charlton
Isabella Nascimento of Charlton
In addition to Fields, speakers included the Academy's Class of 2021 valedictorian Zoe Alpert of Southborough and salutatorian Ava DeAngelis of Shrewsbury. Worcester Academy Board of Trustees President James Pietro officiated,

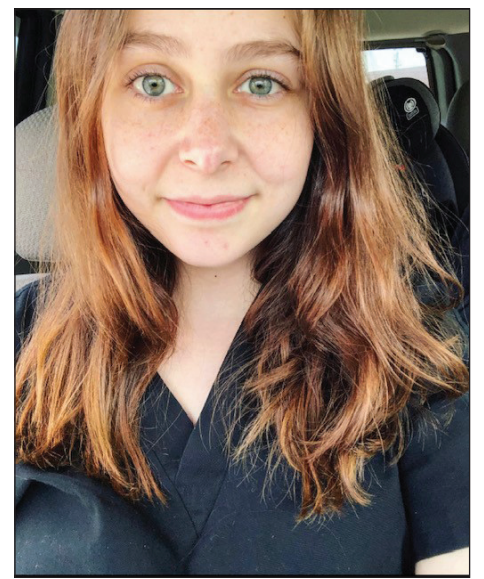
About Worcester Academy
Worcester Academy, founded in 1834, is an independent day and boarding school for boys and girls in grades 6 to 12 (and postgraduates). Located in the thriving city of Worcester, the Academy provides an exceptional educational experience that fosters personal growth, nurtures a sense of belonging and well-being, and develops intellect and understanding through authentic community engagement and real-world experiences. Students define what it means to "Achieve the Honorable" and are equipped to honorably impact the world wherever they go.

Bay Path LPN named CNA Instructor

NORTH GRAFTON — Kellsey Tillotson, LPN of Spencer was named Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Instructor at Grafton Job Corps in North Grafton. She plays a key role in the planning, selection, preparation, and implementation of learning activities to meet the course objectives of CNA students. She delivers instruction using active learning techniques to different learning styles and abilities. She assists in building healthcare knowledge and developing clinical skills of the CNA students aimed at obtaining their certification.

Tillotson is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, PN Class of 2018. While a student at Bay Path she was a SkillsUSA District Champion earning a gold medal for competition in Medical Math. Tillotson was an officer of the UNICEF Club, spearheading many successful fundraising activities benefiting children. She volunteered for FAFSA Day, Blood Pressure Clinics at the Charlton Senior Center, and the Site Mobile at Paxton. Tillotson is certified in Mental Health Care, Dementia Care, OSHA10, OSHA 30, BLS Provider CPR and AED. In 2017 she completed the Medical Assistant Certification Program at Grafton Job Corps.

The appointment of Tillotson as CNA



Kellsey Tillotson

Instructor comes at a very challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before joining Grafton Job Corps, Tillotson has held clinical positions with Washburn House and CareWell Urgent Care both of Worcester. As a novice nurse educator Tillotson is excited about her work and loves it.

Charlton resident named 10 Under 10 Honoree

DUDLEY — Amber Tariq, a Charlton, a resident and Senior Accountant with UMass Memorial Health, is named a 10 Under 10 honoree by Nichols College. This year, the 10 Under 10 Award was created to recognize GOLD graduates (Graduates Of the Last Decade) for outstanding accomplishments in leadership, service, career and character. Our first class of leaders includes a police officer, entrepreneur, business owner, national security analyst, and a VIP executive

with the Boston Celtics. Awardees were honored in a virtual ceremony on July 29.

Tariq was a standout student during her time at Nichols College, an honors student, member of the Accounting Club, and teaching assistant. She also worked in the accounts payable department and held two internships. Her hard work and good nature have served well, rising to a senior accounting role at the region's premier medical center.

Tariq commented,

"I started out in public accounting after graduating; last year I transitioned to the healthcare industry. One of my professional goals has always been to work in an industry where I can see the positive impact that our organization has on our society, and I feel that is exactly where I have landed at UMass, especially given the circumstances of this last year. I wouldn't be here I am today if it wasn't for Nichols."



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