

# Funding roundup

BY TABITHA WHISSEMORE SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

**Tulsa Community College** (TCC) held a dedication in July of the new A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Student Success Center at the TCC Metro Campus, made possible by a \$2.1 million gift from the A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Foundation.

The new facility represents TCC's effort to remove barriers for students and to increase graduation rates.

The center is the third student success center to open at the college since 2019.

“In developing the student success centers, we recognized the need to help individuals navigate the college experience through increased student services in a way that is not confusing or intimidating,” TCC President Leigh Goodson said in a release.

The new center has a clearly identified starting point and check-in area, and students are greeted by staff instead of rows of counters and offices for multiple departments, the college says. The center includes space for academic advising, career services, engagement and retention, new student orientation and transfer student services.

## Massachusetts

\* \* \*

**Quinsigamond Community College** (QCC) has received a \$160,000 grant to continue its food service worker training program for previously incarcerated individuals. The Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program provides industry-supported curriculum in culinary training for post-release students, as well as assistance with career readiness and job placement.

The culinary certificates are part of QCC's non-credit offerings; however, they can also be used to receive college credit. One student received her certificate in June and will start at QCC this fall with nine credits towards her associate degree in hospitality and recreation management.

“There is a stigma as a formerly incarcerated individual, but coming in with this certificate helps a lot,” she said, adding that she is already working in food service and eventually wants to open her own restaurant.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development provided the grant.