Quinsigamond Community College’s Gateway to College program has received a Program Excellence Award, Gateway to College’s highest national honor.

Only 11 colleges nationwide received this award in 2019. This is the second time QCC’s Gateway program earned this prestigious award and is one of only five programs in the nation to earn the award twice since the program’s inception four years ago.

These awards are given out by Achieving the Dream, which leads a network of 277 community colleges committed to helping their students achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity.

Four benchmarks are used to measure how well the Gateway programs are supporting students in completing high school and achieving postsecondary success: first term success, one-year persistence, two-year persistence, and graduation (within three years).

“This award recognizes the success of our students and our Gateway to College team for their hard work and performance, by exceeding all four benchmarks. This award is a great reminder to all who help and support our students through their dedication and everyday commitment to ensure student success,” said QCC’s Director of Gateway to College Marci Skillings.