

# Local Edward Jones branch team celebrates anniversary, national award

STURBRIDGE — The Edward Jones team in the Sturbridge branch office has much to celebrate. This year marks Financial Advisor Jeff Burdick's 15th anniversary in the community and the firm's recognition by J.D. Power for client satisfaction.

Burdick joined Edward Jones in 2006, and for the past 15 years has served the Sturbridge area from his branch office. As the local financial advisor, he believes in partnering for positive impact to improve the well-being of his clients and colleagues, and to better his community and society. He is a 19-year local resident.

Client Satisfaction Award — In April, Edward Jones ranked highest in investor satisfaction, according to the J.D. Power 2021 U.S. Full-service Investor Satisfaction Study. The study measures overall investor satisfaction with 24 full-service investment firms based on seven factors including product offerings; problem resolution; convenience; digital experience; financial advisors; value; and trust. Edward Jones has ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power for several years — in 2019, 2015 (tied), 2012, 2010, 2009, 2007–2005, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began. For more information, visit [jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards).

Burdick said, "It's been a great honor to serve the Sturbridge community these 15 years, building relationships with clients and setting the financial path that helps them live their best lives. And the J.D. Power recognition we've received as a firm is especially meaningful because it demonstrates that the appreciation for the relationships we build is mutual."



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Local investors are also being served by Financial Advisor Trevor Nielson, who joined the Sturbridge branch in 2019. Branch Office Administrators Ellen Santimaw and Lauri Cotela complete the local team.

The branch office is located at 419 Main Street in Sturbridge. You may contact the office at 508-347-1420 or Jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com

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## SIP & STARS

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nighttime light show, will span two nights. Tickets are \$25 for patrons 21 and over; under 21 tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org) under the Events section. Bring a blanket. Set up a chair. Don't forget the bug spray and a flashlight.

Hitchcock Academy Executive Director Cindy Skowrya noted in the case of overcast skies or a rain interruption, an astronomy demonstration will take place under the covered pavilion and there will be live music to enjoy. Skowrya urges people to get their tickets in advance as there is, "no guarantee of ticket availability at the door." She also said that summer's best chance to enjoy fresh air, good company, great music, and the beauty of the night sky would not be possible without the generous support of B.T.'s Smokehouse, Country Bank, Brimfield Winery and Rapsallion Brewery. Sip and Stars checks off all the boxes for a summertime ritual while supporting the goals of a great community organization.

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# QCC's Respiratory Care program receives credentialing success award

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Respiratory Care Program has received the distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The College has joined a select group of programs that received this national recognition based on a high-level performance of key accreditation metrics.

"The students of QCC have labored diligently to strive for excellence in this respected profession by earning the highly-desirable, Registered Respiratory Therapist credential. I am thrilled with their success and demonstration of skillfulness in their chosen profession," said Professor Emerita Karen Kaletski Dufault.

This award is presented as part of CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. The CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.

To earn this prestigious award, programs were required to have three or more years of outcome data, hold

accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90 percent or above, and meet or exceed core thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination high cut score and retention. QCC had a three-year (2017 – 2019) average of 100% of students who achieved the high cut score. The CoARC threshold for retention is 70% and QCC had a 96% retention rate for the same 3-year average (2017-2019).

"This is the first time that the program has achieved this recognition and it could not have been done without the leadership of Karen Dufault, who was the previous program coordinator/director until she retired in 2020," said Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care, Keith Hirst.

He added that Amy Hogan, current director of clinical education, along with all the current and past clinical instructors, clinical sites, and Advisory Board members, QCC administration, and graduates of the program also played a large role in this award.

"Over this same time frame we had 100% job placement rate within six months of graduation, as well as 100% employer and graduate satisfaction rates," Mr. Hirst said.

To learn more visit QCC's Respiratory Care Program.

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

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