

QCC receives \$25 million bond investment for creation of I3Q Center

WORCESTER — The Baker-Polito Administration today announced that Quinsigamond Community College has received \$150,000 and a total state bond investment of \$25 million for a renovation to create an innovation center for advanced manufacturing and robotics.

The investment will allow the College to upgrade and expand its current Athletic Center to Showcase and highlight advanced manufacturing, robotics, artificial intelligence, and hospitality programming. These programs will help address a signif-

icant workforce and regional economic development need.

Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D., QCC President said, "This investment from the Commonwealth is another validation of the amazing work that our faculty and staff perform to ensure that our students are being trained not only for the jobs of today, but for the jobs of tomorrow. I thank the Governor, Lt. Governor, and their entire administration for the faith they have in us to continue meeting the needs of our students and our community."

When completed, QCC's new I3Q Center will provide state of the art training for the following high growth, high demand disciplines:

- Robotics/Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced manufacturing
- Artificial intelligence
- Drone training
- Robotics
- Mobile app development
- e-Gaming testing lab
- Website design & usability
- Hospitality and
- Foodservice

The I3Q Center will also provide flexible space for students, faculty, staff and the community to gather to share ideas, networking and mentoring opportunities, receive counseling and wellness services and attend training conferences and

workshops.

As a renovation/expansion of the College's existing Athletic Center, the I3Q Center will also house Wyvern Athletics intercollegiate sports teams as well as a full health and wellness center for the college and the community.

"This is an exciting day for the future of QCC and for our entire community," said Dr. Pedraja. "I thank our entire QCC Family for their hard work and vision in developing a proposal that will ultimately come to fruition to enhance the workforce development and advanced training of our region."

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Fitchburg State University announces Dean's List

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

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Uxbridge
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Chase W. Carlson, Hannah J. Niemiec
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Sophia M. Gardner, Maikael Y. Gwargious, Allison M. Zopatti

Margaret Krause earns degree from University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Margaret Krause of Fiskdale, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics during commencement ceremonies in May 2021.

Determined to maintain the spirit of joy and optimism that is the hallmark of UVM's commencement ceremony, but doing so in a safe manner, University of Vermont President Suresh Garimella conferred degrees on graduates at multiple, smaller school and college ceremonies. "Our emphasis will be on celebrating our students. We are very proud of each and every one of them and salute their accomplishment," Garimella said prior to the ceremonies, which marked the end of a highly successful year of in-person education on the UVM campus. An estimated 3,347 graduates, including 2,685 bachelors, 435 masters, 117 doctoral and 110

medical, earned degrees during the university's 220th commencement.

About UVM

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