

Bay Path alum named 2021 MAIC Champion Awardee

CHARLTON — Heidi Bedard, LPN of Brookfield, a graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, class of 2014 was named the 2021 Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference (MAIC) Champion Awardee. The announcement was made by the MAIC planning committee recently.

Each year, the MAIC planning committee selects the Adult Immunization Champion Award winner based on a nomination and review process. The review committee looks for nominees who have shown leadership, innovation, collaboration, advocacy, and initiative in adult immunization. The review committee was pleased to announce Heidi Bedard, LPN as the 2021 MAIC Champion Awardee and her achievement will be recognized during the 26th Annual Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference on Tuesday, April 13. Bedard is the Clinical Coordinator of Vaccine Management at the Family Health Center of Worcester (FHCW). She is described by her colleagues as a "tireless champion of immunizations for the patients who receive care at the FHCW."

Bedard is responsible for many initiatives encouraging adult immunizations. Bedard's meticulous planning resulted in FHCW's provision of over 3,425 flu vaccines to low-income, culturally diverse patients in need.

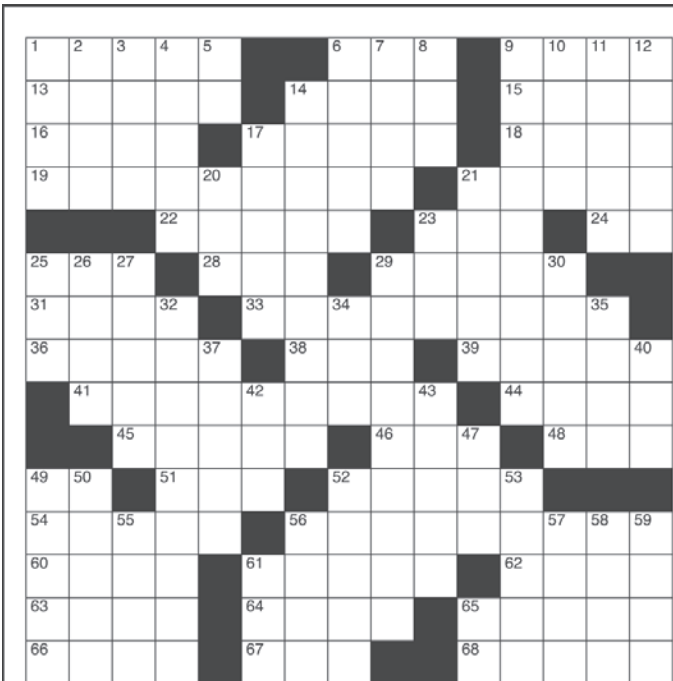


Heidi Bedard

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Her efforts almost tripled last year's adult flu vaccination count of 1,250. Bedard and her team accomplished this through the establishment of a walk-in, six-day a week community-based flu clinic and engaging in community outreach efforts. Further, Bedard initiated efforts to decrease duplicate patient records for FHCW in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). Since March 2020, Bedard has decreased the duplicate patient records in the MIIS for FHCW from more than 15,000 records to zero records. She continues to innovate and has implemented a booster vaccination catch-up program for adults (18-35). The review committee acknowledges that "given the increased urgency of access to the flu vaccine this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the logistical barriers the pandemic presented, Heidi's accomplishments are truly astounding."

Bedard is a Certified Coordinator for Vaccine Management and is ACLS and BLS Certified (American Heart Association). She graduated from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in 2014 and was one of the class representatives. Most recently, she spearheaded her team goals "scrubbed out" in Winter Walk Worcester to support Worcester Health Care for the Homeless, a program of FHCW.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One who manufactures
- 6. Science degree
- 9. Database management system
- 13. Desert
- 14. Inventor Musk
- 15. Welsh valley
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Saying
- 18. Comedian and TV host
- 19. Uppermost portions of brain
- 21. City in Transylvania
- 22. Where astronauts go
- 23. Men's hairstyle
- 24. Indicates position
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Businessmen may have one
- 29. Grass part
- 31. Running back Gurley
- 33. Unwavering
- 36. Options
- 38. Annoy
- 39. Greek mountain
- 41. Pastas
- 44. Fishes
- 45. Wrap
- 46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
- 48. Seize
- 49. The Constitution State
- 51. Upset
- 52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
- 54. Central Chinese province
- 56. Predisposition
- 60. A notice of someone's death
- 61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
- 62. Swiss river
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. Finger millet
- 65. ___ Allan Poe
- 66. German river
- 67. Brew
- 68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Acts as military assistant
- 3. Knot in a tree
- 4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
- 5. The Ocean State
- 6. Point the finger at
- 7. Parts in a machine
- 8. Midway between northeast and east
- 9. Portray precisely
- 10. Blister
- 11. Mental illness
- 12. Nose of an animal
- 14. What students receive
- 17. Semitic peoples
- 20. Beats per minute
- 21. Family of drugs
- 23. Atrocious
- 25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
- 26. ___ or bust
- 27. Icelandic poems
- 29. A citizen of Pakistan
- 30. Very pale
- 32. Metric linear unit
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Biblical judge of Israel
- 37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- 40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 42. Cool!
- 43. Large hotel room
- 47. Type of boat (abbr.)
- 49. Picked
- 50. Type of hookah
- 52. Attack
- 53. Directs
- 55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
- 56. Finished negotiation
- 57. Heroic tale
- 58. Middle Eastern country
- 59. Protein-rich liquids
- 61. Malaysian Isthmus
- 65. Spielberg's alien

QCC announces Commencement ceremony plans

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has announced its May 21, 2021 Commencement Ceremony will be held virtually.

"The College came to this difficult decision after a review of current public health advice and the many unknown factors of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic's course over the next months. Our first and foremost commitment is to the safety of our faculty, staff, students and their families," said President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "While we are encouraged by the rollout of vaccines; many are still waiting to be vaccinated and current safety protocols preclude us from holding an in-person ceremony."

QCC's featured virtual commencement speaker will be nationally-recognized scholar and elected official, Maya

Rockeymoore-Cummings, Ph.D.

Dr. Rocky Moore-Cummings has championed social justice causes in areas that include health equity, protection of social entitlement programs, income security, diversity and inclusion, and civil rights. Her career has spanned over 22 years of service in the United States Congress, the National Urban League, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and the non-profit sector. Most recently, Dr. Rocky Moore-Cummings toured the country championing her late husband, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings' autobiography, "We're Better than This: My Fight for the Future of Our Democracy."

"We are honored to have such an esteemed and relevant speaker as Dr. Rocky Moore-Cummings at our commencement ceremony," President Pedraja said. "She brings a

focus on the impact of public policy on people of color, vulnerable populations, and marginalized communities, and works with others on ways to dismantle systemic inequalities found in our society, in order for all people to succeed and thrive."

The College is offering free caps, gowns and tassels to all QCC August 2020, December 2020, and May 2021 graduates for this year's commencement.

"I look forward to welcoming the Class of 2021 into the esteemed group of QCC alumni who have done so much for our community," President Pedraja added.

To learn more visit www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

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