

# Bay Path PN students shine at SkillsUSA state competition

UPTON — Four practical nursing students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy wowed as members of the panel of judges with their health-related skills during the recent SkillsUSA state competition held at the Blackstone Valley Tech.

Dr. Adelina Healy, adjunct faculty at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy served as the Team Lead for the Volunteer judges. She was glad at how well everything went at the SkillsUSA State competition.

“The PN student judges did a great job,” Dr. Healy added, “all the PN students took leadership roles.”

The practical nursing students from the class of 2021 are Brianna Cloutier of Charlton, Meghan Reidy of Auburn, Angeley Santa of Southbridge, and Sonya Ugrinow of Southbridge.

Recounting the experience, Cloutier stated, “When the opportunity came up to participate as a SkillsUSA judge I was overjoyed! I was filled with pure excitement upon arriving at Blackstone Valley.”



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According to Cloutier, “The competitors were prepared and ready to go.”

Cloutier has experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

She adds, “I was blown away to see the talent and true determination these students had” as she witnessed them perform their skills. Cloutier stated that she really enjoyed rating

the competitors while expressing the importance of proper and safe patient care. “I was proud to see so many students with extremely bright futures ahead of them!”

Similarly, Santa stated, “I really enjoyed being a volunteer judge for SkillsUSA. I was able to meet new people, and everyone was very friendly.”

She adds, “one of the greatest benefits I found from judging was that I was able to reflect upon and test my own knowledge on certain skills before I tested the student competitors.”

Both Cloutier and Santa were thankful for the opportunity to serve as judges on skills such as measuring height and weight, labeling human anatomy, and the proper application and removal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Santa even added, “I had a fantastic day with my peers and Dr. Healy!”

SkillsUSA’s mission is geared to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens and serves as the blueprint for workplace readiness.

## QCC student honored in 29 Who Shine ceremony

WORCESTER — On May 13 at the 10th Annual “29 Who Shine” Ceremony, Quinsigamond Community College Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) student Fatima Mohammed, of Worcester, joined 28 other public college and university graduates, to be honored virtually by Gov. Charlie Baker and higher education leaders in a Live YouTube ceremony at 2 p.m.

Each year, these awards are given to one student from each of the Commonwealth’s 29 public campuses, including the 15 community colleges, nine state universities and five campuses of the University of Massachusetts. This year, the 29 graduates are being honored for their resilience in the face of pandemic-related challenges and their willingness to pitch in and support COVID-19 relief efforts, while working to earn their degrees.

Ms. Mohammed played an essential role with QCC’s COVID-19 health team, assisting with student surveillance testing during the Spring 2021 semester, working multiple volunteer shifts each week, and acting as a mentor and advisor to new volunteers.

“Fatima has been volunteering her time during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to keep our college community safe. Her dedication to her fellow students, while maintaining the highest academic standards is inspiring. We are honored to have her as a member of our QCC community,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Currently majoring in Liberal Arts, Ms. Mohammed will be graduating from QCC later this month with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. She plans to continue her education at the Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) in fall 2021. She has received a \$10,000 merit scholarship from MCPHS, based on her academic qualifications, for the entire 16 consecutive months



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Fatima Mohammed

of the program. After earning her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, she plans to continue her education to earn a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry. Ms. Mohammed said she hopes to continue helping others in her future career in dentistry, caring for and educating low-income families about dental care.

“Ten years from now, the letter grades of the ‘29 Who Shine’ won’t matter. What we will remember is their commitment to their communities in a time of crisis,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Our public colleges and universities educate homegrown Massachusetts natives – people who are here to learn, and here to stay. They have shown how much they care about where they come from, how much they care about us, and how much they will contribute to the civic and economic future of our Commonwealth.”

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## Abigail Stansky of Sturbridge receives academic award from Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College Academic Awards Ceremony took place virtually on Tuesday, May 4.

Each year the English Department is awarded to a deserving English major, this year there are two recipients, Abby Stansky and Jacob White.

Dr. Kellie Deys, Associate Professor of English presented the award, commenting “Both Abby and Jake are creative, analytical and insightful, embodying the wonderful traits we hoped for in all of our majors. They’ve added so much to every class they have been a part of. I’ve been impressed with their work and their willingness to dig deep into their own lives, novels or into crafting their own fiction.”

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Jadelyn enjoys school and was a peer mentor in her summer program. She is currently working on learning her multiplication tables.

Legally freed for adoption, Jadelyn will do well in a family of any constellation that can provide her with positive attention and support. If there are other children in the home, it would be best if they are older than Jadelyn so that they can act as a role model for her. An ideal family will help Jadelyn maintain contact with her birth parents and siblings.

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