

Dudley Woman's Club to host September Meet & Greet

DUDLEY — Bring a friend and celebrate the start of our 14th year!

The Dudley Woman's Club (DWC) formed in 2008 by a handful of women committed to the betterment of our local communities, who, despite the pandemic, has maintained a healthy membership of more than 60 members from Dudley and surrounding towns.

Through its volunteer services, the DWC supports many local charities, provides services to local veterans and local needy children. We continue to honor our veterans and support our town by purchasing and caring for the plantings at the veterans' squares.

The DWC also awards multiple annual college scholarships to local high schools students and adult women returning to school. Our fundraisers continued to be successful events (basket and calendar raffles and this summer's highly successful "You've Been

Bloomed") despite the challenges of a pandemic year! All this and we formed lasting friendships and had fun along the way! Monthly club meetings provide members with social time as well as enrichment programs.

After 13 years in existence, our meeting programs are numerous and have provided insights into many aspects of our members' lives. Special events depend on COVID restrictions and will be planned "as we go"! All ladies interested in learning more about the club and its commitment to community, please join current members for our '21-'22 kickoff meeting: A Meet & Greet Social at 5pm Thursday, Sept. 9, outdoors at Roseland Park Pavillion, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, Conn. Please BYO snacks & beverages for your table. Social time starts at 5pm, meeting begins at 6pm. Roseland Park is a beautiful venue, with many

activities available for you to take advantage of prior to our meeting. (For more information on Roseland Park available activities, please visit their website at www.roselandpark.org.) DWC 's September giving project: members are asked to monetari-

ly support Roseland Park's grounds keeping fund. For more information please email DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com or visit our website: <http://DudleyWomansClub.org>. Come join us, bring a friend, get involved and celebrate the start of our 14th club year!



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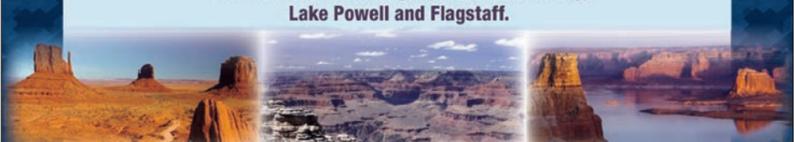
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Holly LaMountain pursuing Bachelor's degree at Albright College

READING, Pa. — Holly LaMountain of Oxford has begun higher education studies at Albright College, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree as a member of the class of 2025. A graduate of Oxford High School, LaMountain is majoring in environmental science at Albright.

LaMountain is joined by more than 385 first year students from 21 states, and seven different countries.

"Our incoming class has shown the qualities and behaviors that are in line with the Albright College mission and core values. Our new students are academically talented, having demonstrated success in the classroom, and continued to remain focused on their academic achievements in their high schools and previous colleges/universities," said Dwayne Walker, vice president for enrollment management. "Like Albright College, the class of 2025 has exhibited the resilience to persevere throughout the global pandemic and remain committed to their academic, civic and co-curricular pursuits."

"Incoming students have demonstrated that they are engaged citizens

with vast participation in community service, leadership and co-curricular activities like the arts, music, athletics and student organizations," said Walker. "More than 130 students plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics and over 80% plan to participate in student clubs and organizations, community service and study abroad while at Albright."

10 students are in the top 10 of their high school's graduating class

6 average number of high school honors courses

57% are the first in their families to attend college

51% are male, 49% are female

35% are student-athletes

10 Albright College legacy students

22 students with a family member that attended the college.

5 Eagle Scouts

Ethnically:

38 percent are Black

38 percent are White

19 percent are Hispanic

1.4 percent are Asian

The most popular majors for this year's incoming students are Business Administration and Nursing, followed closely by Computer Science, Biology and the college's Alpha program - designed to help students discover their best areas of study.

Founded in 1856 and located in Reading, Pa., Albright College is a diverse community of learners cultivating integrity, curiosity, connection and resilience. The college's flexible curriculum encourages students to combine and cross majors to create individualized academic programs. Close faculty mentorship and numerous experiential learning options create opportunities for Albright graduates to exceed their own expectations.

Taking advantage of QCC's presence in the South County Region

WORCESTER — A local Southbridge family has found a way to higher education thanks to Quinsigamond Community College's presence in the Southbridge community.

QCC 2021 nursing graduates Cassara Casey and Kirstianna Ferschke are part of a large family who found their local community college to be just the resource they needed to obtain a higher education. Ms. Casey was the first to head to college in 2008, choosing QCC for its affordability and accessibility. Her sister Kaitlynn Ferschke followed suit, graduating in May 2016 with her associate degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

"Calissa is the second youngest and she starts this fall for ECE at QCC," Ms. Casey said, adding, "My mom has also taken classes at QCC."

Today, QCC at Southbridge is even closer to the communities it serves with its move in the summer of 2020 to a well-known and recognized central location, Southbridge High School.

"Broadening the footprint of QCC makes it more accessible not only Southbridge, but also to the surrounding communities. Also, by virtue of our location, Southbridge High School students can easily take part in QCC's Early College Program," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Currently QCC is registering students for the fall semester. Students can set up appointments with a variety of offices through the QCC's new Easy Queue (EZQ) system (www.QCC.edu/EZQ). This new system enables students to save time by joining virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such offices as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid. Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closer, saving them time from waiting in a physical line. When a student's appointment time is ready, they will receive notification and can then proceed to the designed office.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

"There are so many resources going to a community college. Ms. Casey said, "I like that QCC is more of a community."

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



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Let us do the cooking!

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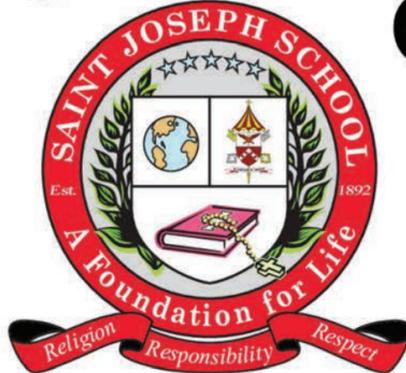
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