

# Cornerstone Bank donates \$5,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Student Emergency Aid Fund

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$5,000 to Quinsigamond Community College's (QCC) Student Emergency Aid Fund, which was established in March of 2020 to help offset tuition costs for students at risk of having to drop out of school due to financial hardships.

"One of our major charitable goals revolves around access to education," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd

Tallman. "This past year and a half has proven difficult for so many people, and QCC has found a way to help their students stay enrolled and finish their degrees despite sudden financial hardships. We hope our contribution can help students continue to work towards their graduation goals."

The Student Emergency Aid Fund has helped almost 600 students stay in college, with 90 percent of those who received aid not having to drop a class. QCC serves about 10,000 students every

year with the vast majority coming from low- to moderate-income families. More than 80 percent of QCC students receive some form of financial aid.

"During the pandemic, 72 percent of students at QCC had a reduction in their working hours and almost half lost their jobs," continued Tallman. "Even in our newfound normal, many of these students are struggling to pay their tuition. We are committed to helping ensure that students who wish to continue their education have the opportunity to do so."

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## CORRECTION

DUDLEY — The Ivascyn family of Charlton has brought to our attention that in selecting a photo to run with a press release published last week concerning the establishment of a scholarship in the name of Daniel Ivascyn, we inadvertently chose a photo of his son, who shares his first name.



Pictured here is the Daniel Ivascyn for whom the scholarship was, in fact, named.

Stonebridge Press deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from this unintentional error.

## Dudley partners with Sutton Center for hazardous waste collection event

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY — The town of Dudley will launch a multi-month Household Hazardous Products Collection Event starting in September and stretching through the end of the calendar year.

Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski confirmed the events during a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Aug. 9 where he explained the program is funded through donations and will be similar to hazardous waste events of the past.

"Basically, we'll be billed every single month until the funds are totally used up," the Chief told selectmen in a brief update. "Everybody has been asking about this including the (selectmen) so now we finally have the opportunity to do it."

The event runs from Sept. 1 until New Year's Eve or until funds dry up and can be extended into early 2022 if funds allow. The town of Dudley will pay up to \$100 of disposal costs per household for hazardous household waste disposal which will be sent to the New England Disposal Technologies Inc (NEDT) Household Hazardous Products Collection Center in Sutton. Homeowners with larger volumes of hazardous waste will be responsible for payments that exceed \$100. All waste must be brought to the Center itself at 83 Gilmore Drive in Sutton where positive identification proving residency in Dudley, such as a driver's license of property tax receipt, must be shown.

Among the products that can be disposed of in Sutton are latex and oil based paints, oil, gasoline and other automotive fluids, mercury and items containing mercury, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, driveway sealer, polishes and waxes, fluorescent lamps, computer monitors, and other electronic items such as batteries. The NEDT Household Hazardous Products Collection Center is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Charissa shares that her favorite class is gym and her least favorite is history. When Charissa grows up, she has expressed interest in becoming a social worker to help others. Charissa has shared that she is proud of herself for reaching her goals. Charissa relates her experiences in life to climbing a mountain and not stopping until she reaches the stars.

**Charissa**  
Age 17

Charissa is legally freed for adoption. When thinking about what she wants in an adoptive family, Charissa has expressed that she would like to have her own bedroom, to be able to go for walks in the community, to spend time with friends, go shopping, and work out at the gym. Charissa would like a potential family to know that when meeting someone new, it will take time for her to open up. Charissa has great relationships with her visiting resources and would like to stay connected to them.

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