



May/June 2018

# THE OPEN DOOR

QCC's Student Newspaper

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Luis G. Pedraja

I remember the day that I graduated from college. As the first in my family to graduate from college, I saw the pride in my parents' smile as they posed for pictures. It was a time of celebration for completing an arduous journey. In the flurry of activity, I remember one of my friends looking at my diploma and asking: "You spent four years here to get this piece of paper, how does it feel?" It felt great, but my reply surprised him: "Actually, I got this piece of paper because I spent four years here." While the degree was important, the real goal for me was the journey and the knowledge that I gained through my education. My education opened doors for me in ways that I could have not imagined at the time, including serving as president of this wonderful college.

For some of you, this might be the end of your time at our college as you complete your degree, but hopefully not the end of your journey. Whether you continue into the workforce or transfer to another institution to continue your education, I hope that you continue in your pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning. You are our ambassadors to the world and you will always have a place in the QCC family. Enjoy the celebration, the pride in the smiles of your friends and family, and the feeling of accomplishment, but never stop learning.

Some of you will continue in your journey with us and we will be there walking beside you. Take advantage of our resources, prepare for the future, and register early to make sure you get all of your classes. We look forward to seeing you in the summer and fall as we continue together on our quest for knowledge. Good luck in finals and congratulation to all our graduates!

-See President's Inauguration on pg. 28



## Moving on

By Kelsey Cobb

Hello, my name is Kelsey Cobb and I have been writing articles for The Open Door for two semesters now. I will be graduating this May and would like to write a last farewell.

I began my journey at QCC about three years ago. I started in one major and ended up making the greatest decision for my personal goals by switching to the Human Services major. The switch pushed me back a year from graduation, but that did not matter to me because I was finally doing something I was passionate about. Time flies when you are enjoying the journey, and I am now in finals week and getting prepared for graduation.

I can't begin to express the gratitude that I feel for QCC by providing me with the skills and knowledge needed to persevere and gain opportunities to better myself.

By Edward Reitz

Looking back, I never thought I would be where I am now. When I came to QCC I was not looking for anything in particular. I had already done a year at a large university in the south, though it did not seem to fit.

In a way, I was lost. I entered QCC after taking some time off to work in a factory, but knew an education was the key to a happy future. I enrolled here in the spring of 2015 part time to see what it was about, and then went full time that fall. Even then my only goal, like so many of us here, was to come to class and leave.

I think the single pivotal moment was when I decided to enter the Fuller Student Center. I ran into an old friend from high school, and from there was able to develop many new connections and friendships at QCC. I couldn't imagine all the opportunities I would have missed if I had never made the choice to enter the Fuller Center.

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# COMMENCEMENT

**Commencement:**

*Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm*

**Where:**

*The DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA.*

*Our Commencement Speaker this year is Senator Elizabeth Warren.*

***Student graduation information can be found on the Q at:  
[https://theq.gcc.edu/ICS/Student\\_Services/Graduation.jnz](https://theq.gcc.edu/ICS/Student_Services/Graduation.jnz)***

*Hats, gowns and invitations will be distributed from the Registrar's Office  
(Room 152A) beginning April 30th .*

***Sunday, April 30th – Wednesday May 2nd***      ***9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.***

***Thursday May 3rd*** ***9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

Friday May 4th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*During Cap and Gown distribution we will also be providing you with your Graduation Card. This is the card that will be used to announce your name at graduation as you cross the stage. It is important that you bring this card with you to graduation and keep it with you until you hand it to the announcer on stage. If your name is difficult to pronounce, feel free to write a phonetic spelling of your name on the card. The cap and gown is yours to keep and there is no charge to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. You may invite as many guests as you like. There is no ticket for your guests to bring.*

**Open Door** is the student newspaper of Quinsigamond Community College and is distributed once a month. Students are encouraged to participate in its publication through the submission of articles, article ideas and actual production work. If you are interested in working on The Open Door, please see Pat Bisha-Valencia, Advisor. The office is located in the Fuller Student Center in Room 2F. Come visit us, or email [opendoor@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:opendoor@qcc.mass.edu) or phone 508-854-4285.

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OPEN DOOR  
WILL BE BACK IN THE FALL

From everyone at the Open Door  
Have a safe and happy summer!



# Moving on continued from page one

## Kelsey Cobb continued...

It wasn't until I became involved on campus in Student Life that I truly felt a connection to the college and the wonderful people who work here that make it all possible. Being a part of the Fuller Student Center and The Open Door Newspaper has helped me to gain leadership qualities, professional development, and self-actualization. I have gained so much support, and I will forever remember the memories and friendships that I made here.

Quinsigamond Community College is a wonderful place to begin your educational journey in higher education and you become part of an amazing community. I may sound biased but it is the truth. I now have the confidence to join the workforce and transfer to another college. Everyone is so welcoming here and I hope that each and every student at QCC can have a similar experience to my own; to cross barriers, reach your goals, and get involved on campus with all the opportunities offered. Thank you for reading and we appreciate your support.

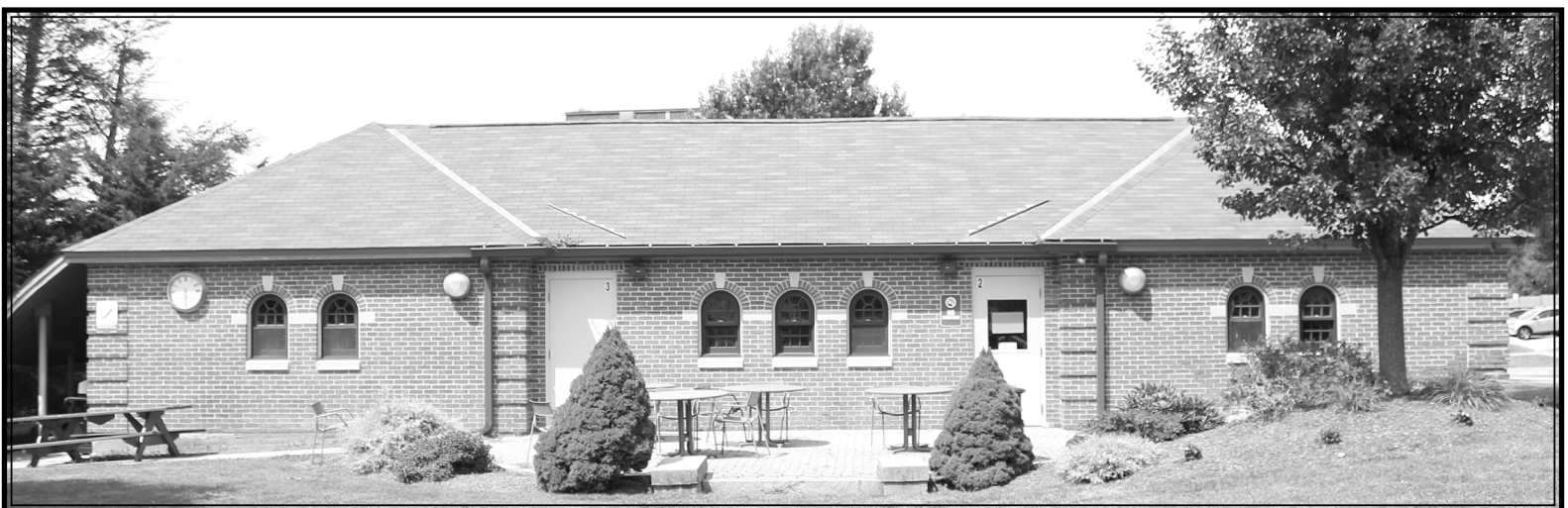
## Edward Reitz Continued...

I would have never gotten the chance to make such amazing friends. I would have never have gotten involved with Student Senate and Student Life. Even in my wildest dreams I never imagined I would become the Student Senate President and become a voice and advocate for all students here at QCC. Even when I joined Senate, I thought the best I would do is maybe become the vice president. It has been such a joy and honor to be a leader for a school that I have become proud to call home. Every day I have met a new face and enjoyed a new experience with my peers. There is never a dull day in Student Life and I always feel at home.

Having the honor of writing for the Open Door was something I thought I would never be able to attempt, but with help and motivation of the awesome staff I have been lucky to spread my creative wings and write for a great newspaper. I never thought that I would have the honor to become a mentor and aid for the Environmental Science program, my lifelong love and future career, and get the opportunity to see students learn and grow.

I never thought I would say it, but I will miss QCC. I will miss being the Senate President. I will miss being a tutor. I will miss writing for the Open Door. But most of all, I will miss being a QCC student.

## The next issue of **The Open Door**



on stands **September 5th**

# Summer to-do list

**By Santana K. Wright**  
**Open Door Staff**

I think for many of us we are looking fervently toward the summer and that blessed break from academics. It's the time of year when you can snuggle further under those sheets at the dawn of each new day. But if you are like me, you know that is only a dream. You still have to get to work and maybe pick up more shifts. You could also be doing courses in the summer and volunteering at your local school or hospital.

We all wish we could have some more me-time. Instead we rush to do and achieve the next goal. If the aim is to become an Ivy Leaguer or get into a great four-year institution, that valuable me-time has to wait to allow you to concentrate. All of us are familiar with the adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." We might not be able to get all the quality time we want, but we shouldn't completely ignore the word FUN. Hence, for the summer let us find a way to balance. After all, we are the generation of multitaskers. Here are some suggestions to make this summer memorable:

- Sleep for as long and as much as you like.
- Eat healthy foods, drink enough fluids and exercise; a healthy body equals a healthy mind.
- Travel, there is nothing as enlightening as travelling. If you can afford it go somewhere you have never been.
- Volunteer. I know it sounds like a lot of work, but I promise that you will absolutely enjoy it if you pick something you like. It is a fulfilling activity, the bonus is that 4 year institutions are looking for student leaders who are active in their communities.
- Do some reading, a book a day keeps the lazy at bay.
- Make sure you have registered for your fall classes.
- P A R T Y . . . Safely please!
- Go shopping for some new gear, time flies fast.
- R E L A X, because you will hardly find the time when the next semester begins.

For those of you who are graduating, good luck to you all. For those of us who will be attending in the fall, see you soon.



- ❖ S.H.E. is a support system and mentoring group for female students at Quinsigamond Community College.
- ❖ All actively enrolled female students are encouraged to apply by filling out an online application at [www.qcc.edu/she](http://www.qcc.edu/she).
- ❖ Skills and knowledge are presented through a speaker series and a one-to-one mentor/mentee relationship is offered as a supplement.
- ❖ Students have the opportunity to gain academic, personal, and professional development to help increase their overall success, satisfaction, and achievement while at QCC.

## JOIN US!



# Spring Human Services Practicum Fair

**By Edward Reitz**  
**Open Door Staff**

As a STEM major I have not been able to interact much with the Human Services Department, though many of my close friends are human services majors. When I attended the Human Services Practicum Fair last month I was impressed. I saw a large population of students surrounding tables filled with potential employers for future field work, possible internships and future careers.

Geritza Ortiz, a student in the Human Services Program, was volunteering for the fair and was able to give me her take on the importance of the event. “The fair is here to help students find opportunity and even a job,” she explained. “It is a way for students

to get their foot in the door for a possible career in our field.”

Currently there are about seventy students in the Human Services Program. All of them are required to finish two hundred and fifty hours of volunteer field work to complete their program, as I was informed by Jean Kennedy, Professor of Human Services and Coordinator of the Human Services Program. She advocated for the fair as a means for students in the field to build partnerships and connections with possible future employees. I saw first-hand the multitude of students who attended the fair to take another step toward success here at QCC. I commend them on their efforts to better themselves and our community at large. I wish the best of luck to all in the program with their field work and futures.



Lto R: Geritza Ortiz, Human Service Student Volunteer, Nichole Wheeler, Career Placement Representative, and Brenda Kuchnicki, Clerk III



## ***The Brothers & Keepers Program***

Brothers & Keepers is an innovative, male mentoring initiative designed to increase the retention and educational success of male students at Quinsigamond Community College (QCC). Participants in the Brothers & Keepers Program will work with peers, faculty, and staff to learn how to successfully navigate the college experience and to prepare for life, work, and education after QCC.

***For more information about the Brothers & Keepers Program please visit <http://www.qcc.edu/brothers-keepers>, email us at [brothersandkeepers@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:brothersandkeepers@qcc.mass.edu), or call 508-854-7413.***

### **Brothers & Keepers exposes students to:**

- Educational and social tutoring
- Career development counseling
- Interpersonal skills coaching
- Interview and presentation skills development
- Health and wellness counseling
- Strategies for resolving conflict with peers, faculty, and/or staff
- Coping strategies for managing social, academic, and financial hardships
- Self-confidence and self-esteem building exercises
- Student leadership and community engagement opportunities
- Social outing and peer bonding experiences
- Celebrations of ethnic diversity and immigrant experience

# Athletics

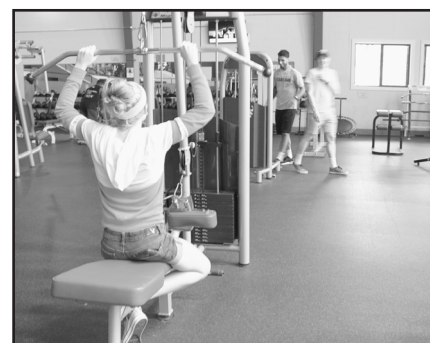
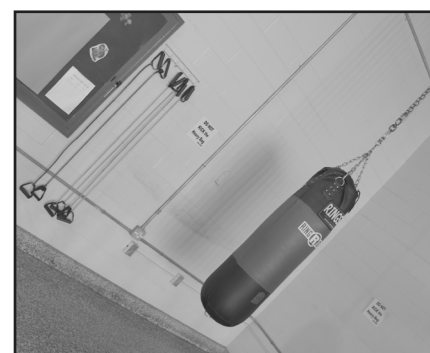
## Need To Know

([www.qcc.edu/student-life/athletics](http://www.qcc.edu/student-life/athletics))

([www.qcc.edu/services/athletic-center](http://www.qcc.edu/services/athletic-center))

### Athletic Center Hours

Monday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 2:00pm



Photos by Luke Donoghue-Open Door staff



## Quinsigamond 2018

### Baseball Roster

Matthew Ambrosino, Joseph Benoit, Charles Callender, Joseph Benoit, Alex Despres, Spencer Giorgio, Jason Higgins, Kyle Johnson, Dylan Lague, Nick Martin, Christian Martinez, Patrick McGrath, Bryce Melanson, David Roach, Justin Rosenthal, Matthew Rosenthal, Tanner Roy, Ryan Sanderson, Chris Vacarelo, Jordan Weber, Paul Wydom

**Head Coach:** John McLaughlin

**Assistant Coach:** Paul Goodwin

**Vol. Asst. Coach:** Jamie Downie , Zak Platts

### INTERESTED IN PLAYING A SPORT AT Q.C.C?

Athletes must be currently enrolled in at least 12 credits to try out for the team. A valid physical form and try- out waiver must be submitted before being able to compete. Student Athletes are required to have a physical stating that you are "cleared to play competitive sports". Please stop by the Athletic Center to pick up a Q.C.C. athletics physical form.

#### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Contact the coach as soon as possible to find out more information about meetings prior to the start of the season.

#### Men's Basketball

Tishaun Jenkins  
508.854.4211  
tjenkins@qcc.mass.edu

#### Women's Basketball

To be announced  
508.854.4492

#### BASEBALL WOMEN'S SOCCER

Student interested in playing baseball or women's soccer in the fall should contact the coach.

#### Baseball

John McLaughlin  
508.854.4316  
jmclaughlin@qcc.mass.edu

#### Soccer

Josh Cole  
508-854-4317  
jcole@qcc.mass.edu

### QCC Women's soccer team is in need of players of all ability levels for the Fall of 2018

Student must be registered full time (12 credits) for that semester to participate. Anyone interested can contact - Head Women's Soccer Coach- **Josh Cole jcole@qcc.mass.ed 508-854-4317** or come up to the **Athletic Center**





# Athletics

## WYVERNS 2018 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

### MAY

**Last Home Game Sunday 5/6**  
**Region 21 - N.E. Regional Tournament:**  
**Friday 5/11, Saturday 5/12, Sunday 5/13**



\* New England Region 21 - Division III/Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference opponents  
\*\* New England Region 21 - Division II opponents  
HEAD COACH: JOHN MCLAUGHLIN  
ASSISTANT COACH: PAUL GOODWIN  
VOL ASSISTANT COACHS: JAMIE DOWNIE & ZAK PLATTS



On April 19, the QCC Baseball Team presented a plaque to QCC Vice President Steve Marini and Facilities Director Jim Racki on the baseball field. It was the Athletic Department's way of thanking our V.P. and Facilities Department for our new baseball fence and their support.

We would like to thank QCC President Luis Pedraja and Vice President Lillian Ortiz for being there and for their continuous support.



**QCC's Johnny Dombrowski Receives Award**  
Johnny Dombrowski is this year's recipient of the Patrick Oroszko Courage Award, named in memory of the late Clark player and assistant coach. The award is given to recognize someone who has overcome obstacles, displays courage and has a love for basketball. Johnny was diagnosed at 3 years old with autism spectrum disorder. During this season, Johnny scored a QCC single game record 47 points while maintaining a 3.3 GPA.





# Athletics

**QCC WYVERNS BASEBALL** underway as of April 12th. The team is packed with talent and determination



**The 2018 Quinsigamond Community College Intramural Basketball Champions**





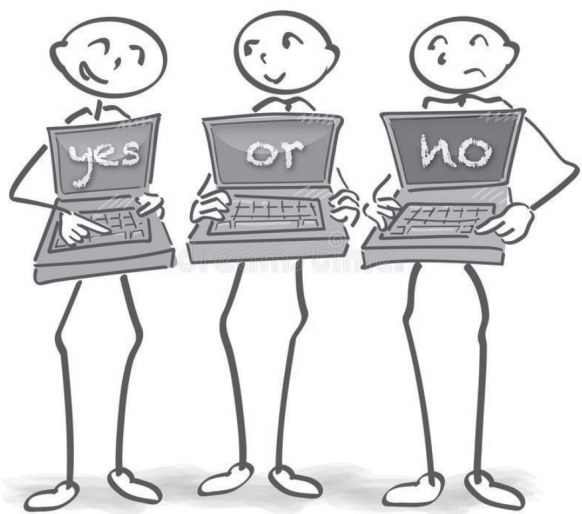
# ACADEMIC ADVISING

advising@qcc.mass.edu

W. Boylston Street Campus: Room 61A—Administration Building (508) 854-4308

Southbridge Campus: 5 Optical Drive, Main Floor (774) 318-2110

Downtown Campus: 25 Federal Street (508) 751-7900



## Are Summer Classes a right fit for me?

Summer Session 1: May 21—June 28, 2018

Summer Session 2: July 5—August 13, 2018

*How do Summer courses differ from Fall and Spring Courses?*

*Let's explore...*

Summer Courses	VS	Fall/Spring Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accelerated five week term</li><li>2 courses per summer term is considered a full-time load</li><li>Many summer classes are online</li><li>Classes meet fewer days, for longer durations of time: <i>Approximately 4-hours per class (or 8 hours a week) for a 3-credit hour course.</i></li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Traditional 15 week semester</li><li>4-5 courses is considered full-time</li><li>A good variety of classes are online</li><li>Classes meet more often, for shorter durations of time: <i>Approximately 1-hour per class (or 3 hours a week) for a 3-credit hour course.</i></li></ul>

### Top 6 Reasons to consider taking Summer courses

- 1) **CATCH UP ON CREDITS:** Summer classes can help you **make up** failed or withdrawn classes.
- 2) **GET AHEAD:** They're also a great way to help you **meet prerequisites** for courses you're trying to take the following semester. If you're trying to **graduate by a specific date** taking Summer classes is a great way to help you stay on track or get ahead.
- 3) **FLEXIBILITY:** Many of our Summer classes are offered online, which means they're accessible 24/7 from anywhere you have internet access...even by the pool!
- 4) **SHORTER DURATION:** Summer classes are accelerated, meaning they're also shorter and are typically over within a month.
- 5) **KEEP YOUR BRAIN ACTIVE:** Taking summer courses will keep your brain active all year round.
- 6) **PLENTY OF PARKING!**



**SUMMER FINANCIAL AID** might be available for students who qualify and have completed the 2017–18 FAFSA. Ask our financial aid office for details specific to you.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:



**Going on NOW! Registration for Summer/Fall classes**

Contact your Advisor to register for the best possible schedule. You can find their contact information on The Q > My Academics tab.

**May 5—May 8:** Final Week of Classes

**Friday, May 18:** Commencement

**Monday, May 28:** College closed for Memorial Day Holiday.



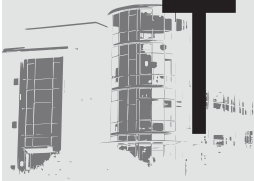


- ### Cap and Gown Distribution Schedule:

Monday, April 30- Wednesday, May 2                      9am-7pm  
Thursday, May 3    9am-4pm  
Friday, May 4    9am-12pm  
After May 5, please call the Registrar's Office at 508-854-4257 to arrange a pick-up of your  
Cap and Gown.

DATE OF EXAM		EXAM TIME	CLASSES THAT MEET ON	
Wed.	5/2	07:00– 09:00	MWF	07:00
Wed.	5/2	09:00– 11:00	TR	9:30
Wed.	5/2	11:30 – 01:30	MWF	10:00
Wed.	5/2	02:00 – 04:00	MWF	2:00
Thurs.	5/3	06:40 – 08:40	TR	6:40
Thurs.	5/3	09:00 – 11:00	TR	8:00
Thurs.	5/3	11:30 – 01:30	TR	11:00
Thurs.	5/3	02:00 – 04:00	TR	3:00
Fri.	5/4	09:00 – 11:00	MWF	8:00
Fri.	5/4	11:30 – 01:30	MWF	12:00
Fri.	5/4	02:00 – 04:00	MWF	1:00
Mon.	5/7	09:00 – 11:00	MWF	09:00
Mon.	5/7	11:30 – 01:30	MWF	11:00
Mon.	5/7	02:00 – 04:00	MWF	3:00
Tues.	5/8	11:30 – 01:30	TR	12:30
Tues.	5/8	02:00 – 04:00	TR	2:00





# Transfer Services

Questions about Transferring to a  
Four-year University or College?

**Attend a Transfer Services Workshop:**  
*All workshops will be held in 62A*

College Search—*“Match.com from the University Perspective: How Do I Find the Right One for Me?”*

May 2: 2-3 p.m.  
May 4: 1-2 p.m.

Preparing to Transfer—*“Taking the Chance out of Transfer: How to Prepare While at QCC”*

May 2: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Transfer Agreements—*“What are they and How Can They Help Me Transfer?”*

May 4: 2-3 p.m.

Transfer Services: Room 272A P: 508.854.4404 E: [transfer@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:transfer@qcc.mass.edu) W: [www.qcc.edu/transfer](http://www.qcc.edu/transfer)



## TRANSFER SERVICES ADVISING AT SOUTHBRIDGE

MAY 9

8 A.M.-4 P.M.

To make an appointment, please call 508.854.4404 or e-mail us at [transfer@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:transfer@qcc.mass.edu)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: VISIT OUR WEBPAGE  
@ [QCC.EDU/STUDENT SERVICES/TRANSFER](http://QCC.EDU/STUDENT SERVICES/TRANSFER)

### 2018 SPRING Walk-In Transfer Sessions

#### MAY

Th 5/3: 12-2

M 5/7: 12-2

ALL SESSIONS HELD  
IN 62A

Use your WITS: Attend a  
Walk-In Transfer Session (WITS)!

These sessions are drop-in times—no  
appointment needed.

Get quick answers to transfer  
questions or learn more about how to  
transfer.

Repeat visits welcome.

Persons needing accommodations for this event can contact  
Transfer Services at 508.854.4404 before each event.

EMAIL: [TRANSFER@QCC.MASS.EDU](mailto:TRANSFER@QCC.MASS.EDU)

## Transfer Services

*May Campus Visits:*

Colleges will meet with students in the  
HLC Lobby from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. unless noted otherwise.



May 3 & 5  
10:00 a.m.-2 p.m.



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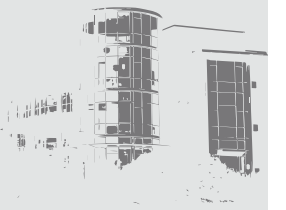


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# Veterans Affairs



## Quinsigamond Community College Earns 2018-2019 Military Friendly ® School Designation

Quinsigamond Community College announced that it has earned the 2018-2019 Military Friendly ® School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly ® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designation. More than 1,400 schools participated in the 2018-2019 survey with 941 earning the designation.

The 2018- 2019 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly ® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the

assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

"We are extremely honored that QCC has received this award for the services that we provide to our student veterans. It is our way of saying 'thank you' to the men and women who have served us so proudly," said QCC Director of Veteran Affairs Paula Ogden.

Victory Media's Chief Product Officer Daniel Nichols stated, "Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to colleges creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to invest in programs to provide educational outcomes that are better for veterans."

For more information about QCC's student veteran programs, visit Quinsigamond Community College's Veteran Affairs.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)



QCC Vets Club participated in the first RUCK WALK that was held Saturday, April 7. Approximately 50 folks participated in the event along with an escort from Worcester Police. The event was a free walk that supports all veterans.



## QCC Police Informer

*Deputy Chief Reynaldo Rodriguez*

### "Heat Awareness"

Annually Heat Awareness Day falls in the month of May and is observed on the last Friday. Fatalities caused each year by heat exhaustion and dehydration are some of the leading weather-related killers in the United States. In 1980 record heat related deaths occurred with as many as 1,250 lives, and in 1995 in Chicago as many as 700. Most summers in the U.S. see heat waves in one or more parts. Some regions have high temperatures and high humidity.

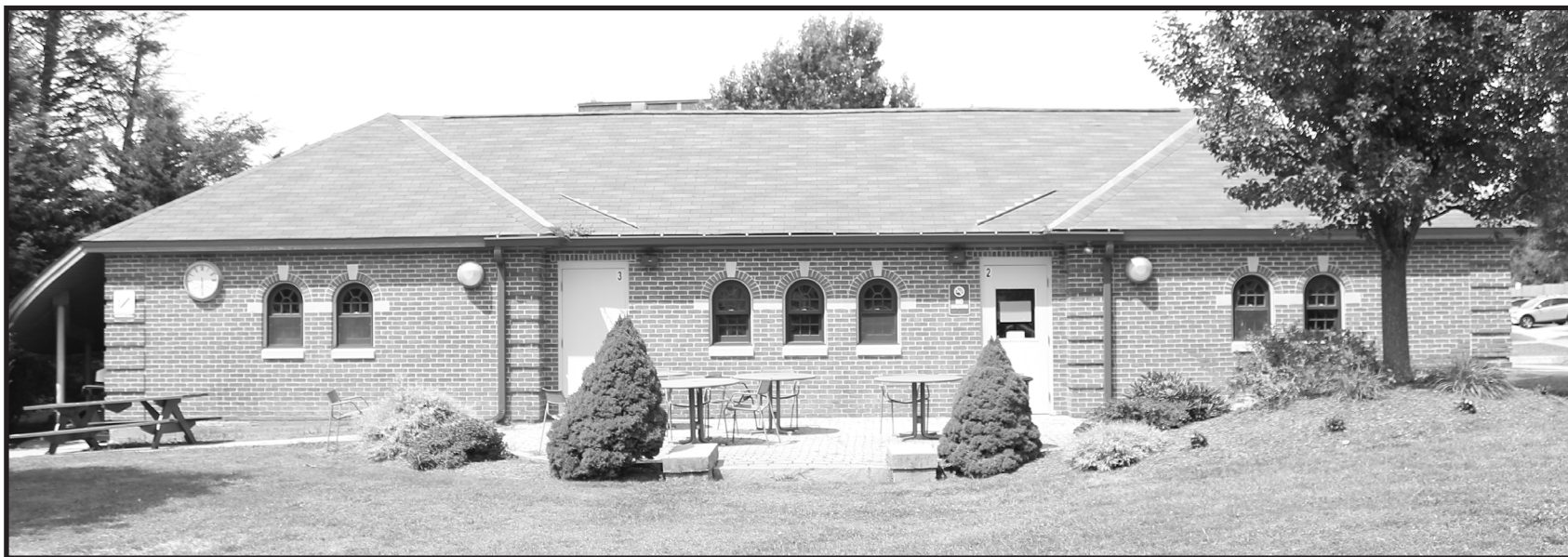
The worst heat waves have been dry.

For safety, we must take precautions when heat advisories are issued:

- Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated. Stay Informed.**
  - Drink plenty of fluids before, during and after activities.
  - Dress in appropriate clothing.
- Don't Forget Pets:**
  - Supply adequate water and food.
  - Avoid walking on concrete during hot, sunny days
  - NEVER EVER leave pets in a car, even with windows cracked open.
- Drink More Than Just Water:**
  - Balance sports drinks or foods that contain sodium.
  - Eat more pickles, salted cucumbers and electrolyte drinks.
- Keep an Eye on the Temperature:**
  - Sometimes it can get too hot even in the shade.
  - Limit your outdoor activities.
  - Keep track of the heat index.
- Keep an Eye on the Elderly.**
  - Older people with chronic health problems should stay indoors.
  - If there is no air conditioner go to places that have them.



# Student Life



## Fuller Student Center Summer Hours

**Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

**Fridays 8:30 am-12 pm**

**MAY** 23rd

Tickets available in the Fuller Student Center

2 tickets per student

Bus leaves campus at 4pm-Dave & Busters 9pm



**\$20**

*This includes 7 Awesome Appetizers  
Unlimited soda, coffee & tea  
\$20 Power Game Card—games 1/2 off  
Coach transportation  
and a  
Night of FUN*



You must ride the bus No Exceptions—No refunds and you are not allowed to transfer/re-sell your tickets  
Persons in need of accommodations for the event should contact Cheryl Pike Event Organizer at  
Student Life (508-854-4225) before date of event. Thank you!

**CRAB APPLE  
WHITERIVER  
RAFTING TRIP**

**DEERFIELD FIFE  
BROOK**

**10 MILES LONG**

**TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON  
(2 TICKETS PER STUDENT)**

**JULY 26TH, 2018**  
BUS LEAVES QCC AT 7AM AND  
COMES BACK TO QCC AT 6:30PM

**MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT  
8 YEARS OLD +**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FULLER STUDENT CENTER  
NO REFUNDS AND YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TRANSFER/RE-SELL YOUR TICKETS  
PERSONS IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THIS TRIP SHOULD CONTACT CHERYL PIKE EVENT  
ORGANIZER AT STUDENT LIFE (508-854- 4225) BEFORE DATE OF EVENT. THANK YOU!



# Arts

## Entertainment

### PAWS DAY

Students and staff alike got to relax and enjoy spending time with some lovable, furry visitors last month in the Fuller Student Center. Paws for People, a nonprofit organization associated with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, provides animal assisted activities in a variety of settings. The event was sponsored by Disability Services, Student Life, and Counseling Services.



(Photos by Luke Donoghue, Open Door Staff.)

### HLC flowers photoshoot



I titled this photo "Emergence" because this term has roots in the arts and sciences. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts, especially as we moved towards commencement, it is a crowning achievement. Also too, that spring has finally emerged.

-Mary Foley



# Arts

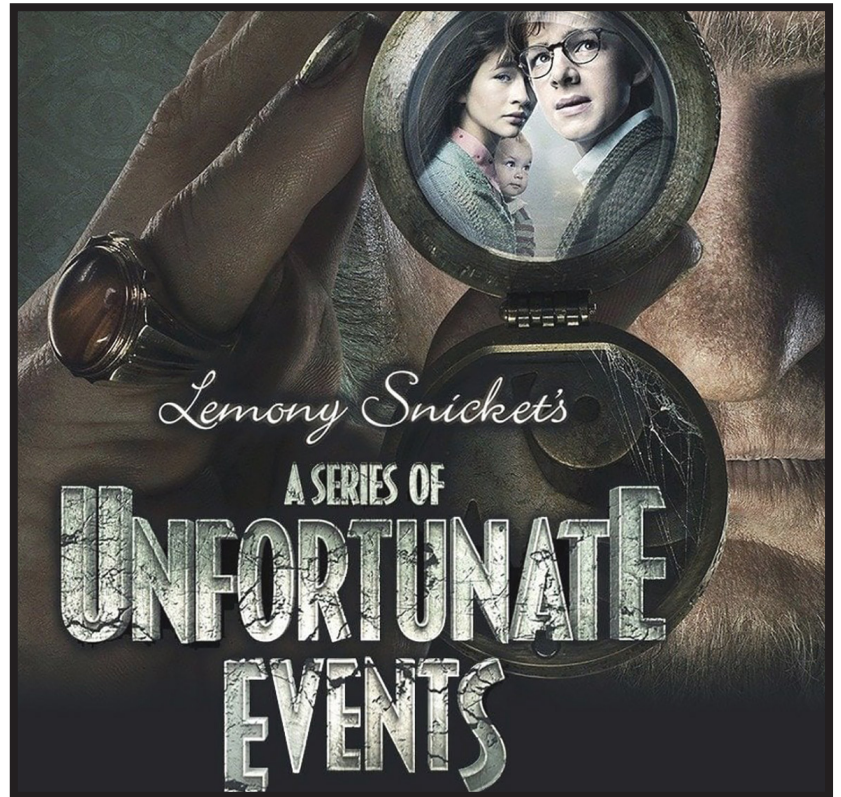
## Entertainment

### Review

#### A Series of Unfortunate Events

The tv series follows the Baudelaire children as they embark on unexpected journey, searching for answers regarding the death of their parents and their secretive lives. The orphans are sent to multiple guardians which their parents carefully chose to look after them, in the case of an emergency where they were unable to care for them. As the series progresses you are introduced to an interesting selection of people, few of which are trying to help the orphans. The Baudelaire's are constantly being trailed by the menacing Count Olaf, who is after the children's fortune and will stop at nothing to obtain it. The series is full of surprises, even though it can be repetitive it is delightfully entertaining. It's not a series that would be great to binge watch, but one you should take your time to enjoy. The scenery is very dismal, but the fun quirky characters keep the story enjoyable and pleasant to follow. I really enjoyed the series so far and it is said that there will be one more season, which I'm sure will be just as good.

By Luke Donoghue



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## ROOT BOY

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Root Boy's Journey here at QCC has come to an end, since this will be the last year I'll be working on the newspaper. I didn't want anything bad to happen to him this issue. I think he deserved a little good luck for once. Well best of luck to all my fellow graduates, I hope your days bring better fortune than that of Root Boy.



Have you missed an issue? You can view the rest on instagram, just search "rootboyofficial"

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First name:	Last name:		First name:	Last name:	As of 4/27
Joseph	Abbaschia		Simon	Appiah	
Aimee	Abbott		Susanna	Appiah	
Zachary	Abbott		Carlos	Araujo	
Ahlam	Abdelkader		Felipe	Araujo	
Tiba	Abdulrazaq		Jasmine	Araujo	
Gellica	Abellana		Chenelle	Archibald	
Hayley	Abendroth		Melvin	Arkue	
Clifford	Aboagye		Todd	Armstrong	
Kofi	Acheampong		Michelle	Arrastia	
Collins	Ackah		Benjamin	Aryeh	
Jennifer	Adams		Tina	Asante	
Ian	Adamuska		Hasnain	Ashaq	
David	Adeoso		Barry	Aslanian	
Osei	Adu		Kimberly	Atchue-Cusella	
Georgina	Afriyie		Renald	Attakora	
Shanjil	Aftab		Nancy	Atuahene	
Henry	Agim		Ronald	Aucoin	
Kayla	Agnir		Sandra	Avalos	
Kathleen	Agostinho		Melissa	Aviles	
Waldemar	Agostini		Xavier	Aybar	
Nana	Agyeman		Basri	Azemi	
Oluwatobiloba	Ajayi		Lindsey	Baarda	
Eric	Akillian		Vildana	Bacaliu	
Basma	Akram		Marybeth	Bacigalupo	
Haitham	Al Khateeb		Caroline	Bacon	
Mohanad	Zuhairi		Lubjana	Bacova	
Alissa	Albert		Glen	Baczewski	
Dawn	Alden-Burns		Mettle	Badu	
Zubaer	Aleem		Asael	Baez	
Nicholas	Alejandro		Rachael	Bagwell	
Rasmi	Alhafez		Keisha	Bailey	
Jose	Alho		Natasha	Bailey	
Hasnain	Ali		Hayleigh	Baker	
Zachary	Alicandro		Danielle	Baldassarre	
Daniel	Alicea		Magan	Baldwin-Trottier	
Johannalys	Alicea		Olivia	Baldyga	
Virginia	Alicea		Julius	Baliekulo	
Amy	Allen		Corey	Ball	
Brianna	Allen		Shana	Bandeleen	
Kristen	Allen		Prisca	Bangandozou	
Nichole	Allen		Brandon	Bara	
Robert	Allred		Katherine	Barber	
Aseel	Almanahy		Nicole	Barbour	
Sanan	Alsamarraie		Dean	Barnett	
Daynelis	Altiery		Cindy	Barrios	
Emmanuel	Alvarado		Edith	Barrios	
Abigail	Amaral		Emily	Barry	
Haroon	Amarkhail		Michael	Barry	
Kevin	Amici		Darralie	Barthelemy	
Cynthia	Amoako		Teddy	Bartkiewicz	
Emmanuel	Amoako		Midsie	Bastien	
Samuel	Ampadu		Brandon	Bautista	
George	Ampiah		Rose	Bautista	
Stephen	Ampofo		Charles	Bautista	
Harrison	Anable		Cathy	Beatrice	
Erica	Anderson		Cathy	Beaudoin	
Leonardo	Andrade		Yvonne	Beaudry	
Michelle	Andrade		Robert	Beaulieu	
Nathan	Andrikowich		Patrick	Beaupre	
Christine	Andujar		Paul	Beck	
Rachel	Annan		Laurie	Behrmann	
Edmund	Ansah		Amy	Beland	
Jessica	Antetomaso		Mark	Belanger	
Mary	Antwi		Giovanna	Belen	
Aida	Aponte		Ryan	Bellows	
Cristina	Aponte		Leah	Belo	
Saul	Aponte		Jennifer	Bemis	
Dawn	Appiah		Alicia	Benoit	
			Keannah	Benoit	
			Kristine	Benoit	



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Cassandra	Bensahih	Kaitlyn	Button
Maddison	Benson	Kevin	Buxton
William	Benson	Virgolino	Cabral
Christina	Berard	Gloria	Cabrera
Stacey	Berrigan	Julie	Cady
Jesus	Berrios	Daisy	Calderon
Cody	Berry	Ethan	Caless
Vivian	Berry	Margarita	Calixto
Jake	Berthel	Patrick	Callahan
Amber	Berthiaume	Amy	Callbeck
Sarah	Besaw	Kiera	Calzini
Alexander	Bickerstaff	Holiziel	Camara
Aleah	Bischoff	Tatyana	Campbell
Stephanie	Bispo	Pegui	Campoverde
Lillian	Black	Veronica	Campoverde
Stephen	Blackburn	Amarelis	Candelaria
Nicholas	Blackmore	Iilir	Capi
Derek	Blair	Rose	Carabba
Mary	Blair	Michael	Caranci
Rebecca	Blair	Gabriella	Cardinale
Jamie	Blais	Nicole	Caretti
Brian	Blanchard	Brenna	Carlo
Melissa	Blanchette	Jane	Carlson
Siobhan	Blaylock	Jennifer	Carlson
Samuel	Blodgett	Lindsay	Carlson
Elissa	Blom	Nicholas	Carlson
Michelle	Blum	John	Carmody
Kwabena	Boakye	Judith	Carmody
Dorothy	Boateng	Christine	Carney
Eric	Bobka	Wyatt	Caron
Wencess	Boereau	Angela	Carpaneda
Colleen	Boisvert	Xiomara	Carrasquillo
Erika	Bombard	Janice	Cartagena
Scott	Bombredi	Janice	Carter
Jacob	Bond	Lucas	Carvalho
Erin	Bonnevie	Mariana	Carvalho
Marilia	Bonorino	Ross	Caserta
Ethan	Borchetta-Platt	Jessica	Cashman
Megan	Boria	Christian	Castro
Glenn	Bosma	Fernando	Castro
Lauren	Bostock	Jennifer	Castro-Lainez
Thalita	Botario Ribeir	Katherine	Cavanaugh
Rafael	Botechia	Lediana	Cerri
Samantha	Bottis	Angelo	Chachu
Cindy	Boucher	Laurel	Chaison
Dominica	Boucher	Jacquelyn	Chaisson
Alycia	Bouffard	Matthew	Chanthavangso
Michelle	Boulay	Nadege	Chateau
Kayla	Bowes	Jade	Chaves
Allison	Bowser	Wai	Cheng
Kayla	Branowicki	Jessica	Chianese
Connor	Brenneman	Tara	Chianese
Trevor	Bresse	Sarah	Chipman
Colleen	Bressette	Brian	Chisholm
Jamie	Breton	Nicole	Chrul
Amie	Brooks	Daniel	Cimpan
Kayla	Brooks	Talia	Clark
Tieaja	Brown	Talia	Cleary
Ryan	Bruder	Michael	Clements
Mackenzie	Brule	Anthony	Cobb
Eric	Bryant	Kelsey	Coffey
Noreen	Bucchino	Nathan	Coffone
Krista	Buchanan	Steven	Cofske
Shannon	Buckley-Eca	Taren	Coker
Jeremy	Bullock	Cheyenne	Cole
Darren	Burley	Kevail	Colebrook
James	Burley	Peter	Colebrook
Stephen	Burris	Whitney	Colebrook
Jason	Butler		

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Whitney	Colebrook	Claudia	Deaguiar
Timothy	Coleman	Matthew	DeBettencourt
Andrew	Collette	Michelle	DeBrusk
Angela	Collins	Cheryl	DeCoff
Stephanie	Collins	Nicole	Degalis
Ashley	Colon	Alexa	DeJesus
Lynette	Colon	Ryan	Delage
Melany	Colon	Fabian	Delatorre
Michael	Comeau	Jonathan	Delgado
Samuel	Confalone	Jennifer	Dell'Arciprete
Matthew	Contois	Tyler	De'Lorge
Haley	Corbett	Christa	Dembitzky
Courtney	Cormier	Tyler	DeMello
Rachael	Cormier	Laurie	Despotopulos
Katherinne	Cornejo	Alex	Despres
Alisandra	Correa	Tanner	Desrosiers
Maria	Correa	Eric	Dettloff
Rachel	Corridori	Danielle	DeVito
Anthony	Corrieri	Jessica	Deyo
Stephanie	Cortes	Lindsay	Deyo
Tyler	Cota	Lindsay	Dealisse
Rachel	Cotterly	Tanisha	Dealisse
Samuel	Courville	Tanisha	Dickinson
Tanasia	Cox	Megan	Dillenkoffer
Edward	Craney	Son	Dinh
Deprise	Cronin	Sarah	Dinsmore
Kelly	Cronin	Marie	Djiondo
Aubrie	Crosby	Victoria	Dobrowolski
Jennifer	Crossen	Samuel	Dodson
Julianna	Croteau	Oliver	Dogbe
Kevin	Crouch	Bruce	Dolan
Ray	Cruciani	Kayla	Dombrowski
Stacy	Cruz	Alexandre	Dominique
SyAnn	Cruz	Ludmilla	Donahue
Marcela	Cuenca Diaz	Kassie	Donais
Hugo	Cuenca	Shannon	Donnelly
Matthew	Cullinane	Luke	Donoghue
Michael	Cummings	Brian	Donovan
Alexis	Cummisky-Keohan	Leslie	Donovan
Daniela	Cunha Raphael	James	Dooling
Erin	Cunningham	Michelle	Dooling
Katharine	Cunningham	Kaitlyn	Dore
Kristen	Curboy	Kristi	Dorr
Jose	Curet	Jessica	Dos Anjos
Ana	Curet	Moises	Dos Santos
Caroline	Curran	Ramon	Dos Santos
Michael	Currier	Alexander	Dotsenko
John	Curtis	Gregory	Doucet
Kara	Curtis	Anthony	Doyle
Kerry	Cyganiewicz	Christina	Drake
Jasmine	Da Silva	Kaylee	Drouin
Andy	Daboul	Ali	Duchemin
Zachary	Dagnese	Steven	Duclos
Corey	Daigle	Karina	Duenas
Jeanine	Daley	Kelly	Duffy
Robert	Daniels	Meghan	Dugan
Nicole	Dansereau	Alicia	Dulmaine
Kofi	Danso	Tenley	Dunlap
Asabea	Danso-Kwateng	Melissa	Dunphe
Bhomati	Danwah	Ryan	Dupell
Annemarie	Darling	Chelsea	Dupuis
Daniel	Dasilva	Kayla	Durkin
Alexis	David	Marissa	Duval
Antoinette	Davies	Mearlin	Dwyer
Haley	Davio	Nicholas	Dykers
Almeina	Davis	Mohammed	Dzato
Ann	Davis		
Rachel	Davis		
Rachel	Davis		
Jennifer	Davison		
Uziel	De Jesus		
Stephany	De Souza		



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John	Dzencelowcz	Virginia	Gachiri
Judith	O'Connor	Andrew	Gagne
Kevin	Ebers	Alexander	Galarza
David	Echavarria	Jake	Gallagher
Miguel	Echavarria	Danielle	Gammon
Thomas	Edwards	Ruoxian	Gan
Lauren	Egbert	Gayle	Garlick
Robert	Elkins	Jacey	Garron
Evan	El-Qasem	Jessica	Gasiewski
Samer	El-Sayed	Jennifer	Gaspie
Jennifer	Emery	Nicholas	Gemme
Rekpene	Enyi-Idoh	Ashley	George
Maxwell	Erskine	Melissa	George
Nicolas	Esper	Nicholas	George
Alexander	Esposito	Brittany	Gerber
Maame	Essoun	Allyce	Germain
Cathy	Evans	Lucas	Giard
Jakob	Ewings	Lillian	Gichobi
Emily	Fagan	Lauren	Gigante
Sarah	Fagan	Michael	Giguere
Nicole	Faherty	Alexandra	Gilles-Lindor
Michael	Fahey	Matthew	Gillespie
Eric	Fahim	Toni-Marie	Gillette-Sylvester
Rachel	Fahim	Michael	Gingras
Raymond	Familia	Winnie	Gitau
Ashton	Farland	Audrey	Given
Tyler	Farley	Sharon	Gjeltema
Giulio	Farolfi	Kostandina	Gjergo
Timothy	Farrar	Beolt	Gjiriti
Alexandra	Faucher	Elton	Gjoni
Melina	Fauro	Gina	Goclowski
Sarah	Faustin	Paoli	Gode
David	Feeley	Paoli	Gode
Tiana	Felix	Leah	Goldstein
Lidia	Feliz	Danielle	Gomes
Sean	Fellows	Gerardo	Gomez
Rachel	Ferdinand	Ian	Gonyea
Darlanne	Fernandez	Arianna	Gonzalez
Desiree	Fernandez	Jared	Gonzalez
Carrie	Ferreira	Jarol	Gonzalez
Zenia	Ferrer-Garcia	Jauzalina	Gonzalez
Andrew	Finn	Nina	Gooden
Sarah	Finn	Justin	Goodney
Shana	Fitzgerald	Gianna	Goodrich
Dayna	Fleming	Danielle	Goodspeed
Joseph	Floester	Sydney	Goozey
Joseph	Floeter	Michelle	Gorman
Renata	Florenca	Jeremy	Gosselin
John	Foley	Elizabeth	Goyette
Mark	Fonner	Desiree	Gracie
Matthew	Fonseca	Evan	Grant
Gabriela	Fontes	Evan	Grasseschi
Shantoi	Forbes	Yokasta	Gray
Charles	Fordjour	Jill	Grazulis
Carol	Forget	Adam	Greamo
Ashley	Forhan	Christina	Green
Barnabas	Forndia	Adam	Gregoire
Allison	Foskett-Shea	Elizabeth	Gregoire
Samantha	Fox	Tefta	Gremaj
Addie	Franklin	Daniele	Grenache
Olivia	Fraser	Ashley	Griffin
Talia	Freda	Samuel	Grijalva
James	Frederick	Aleksandra	Gronek
Alexys	Fredette	Ashley	Grover
Cara	Freedman	Luis	Guardado
Joyce	Freitas	Dennis	Guerrero
Brenda	French	Jessica	Guerrero
Thomas	French	Patrick	Guerrieri
Monica	Frew	Jennifer	Guildford
Ryan	Fridley	Deepak	Gurung
Anubis	Fuenmayor	Ryan	Gustfason
Sydney	Fuhs		
Jordan	Fuller		
Andrew	Fyvie		
Jill	Gacheri		

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Meghan	Guzman	Tony	Huynh
Timothy	Huynh Ha	Bailey	Iannucci
Maria	Hagood Shteinlukht	Suzanne	Inman
Armen	Hagopian	Alfred	Iraola
Laura	Haigh	Saja	Ismael
Joshua	Hall	Saja	Ismael
Melissa	Hallenbeck	Sarah	Osamah
Maria	Hallihan	Mazen	Ibrahim
Robert	Hallihan	Xhensila	Isufi
Menal	Hammodi	David	Jackson
Ashia	Hampton	Shawn	Jackson
Jay	Hannan	Justin	Jacobs
Jay	Hannan	Abdul	Jalloh
Alyssa	Hanson	Alex	Jandrow
Beatrice	Hanson	Ashton	Jansen
Noreddine	Harchaoui	Elizabeth	Jansen
Thomas	Harrington	Gilberto	Javier-Gomera
Jaime	Harris	Marie	Jean-Baptiste
Sandra	Harris	Christian	Jerome
Vincent	Hashey	Brenden	Jett
Mohib	Hashimi	Andrew	Johnson
Susan	Hashway	Cory	Johnson
Rukia	Hassan	Cory	Johnson
Brian	Hatch	Eva	Johnson
Kayla	Hathaway	Kyla	Johnson
Brian	Hawes	Samantha	Johnson
Devon	Hawley	Spencer	Johnson
Robert	Hayes	Stacey	Johnson
Tanya	Hazard	James	Johnson
Sarah	Hemphill	Amaireny	Espinal
Jaymes	Hendricks	Joshua	Joseph
Tyler	Henry	Joshua	Joslin
Taylor	Hensley	Lynn	Joslin
Kimberly	Hepler	John	Joy
Joseph	Her	Desiree	Joyce
Jessica	Hernandez	Dylan	Juarez
Rogelio	Hernandez	Angela	Kabutha
Yolanda	Hernandez	Catherine	Kaitbenski
Maritza	Herrera	Tiffany	Kaizer
Nathan	Hess	Ana	Kalmashy
Katheryn	Hibbard	Lillian	Kamhaz
Chericka	Hill	Radwan	Kaminski
Jennifer	Hill	Dawn	Kamosky
Lisa	Hilton	Jessica	Kankam
Michael	Hinkley	Petrula	Karapanxho
Kim	Hintlian	Bradley	Karow
Hahns	Hitchcock	Michel	Kasole
Alyssa	Hite	Sun-Mee	Kasper
Jeanne	Hitt	Brian	Keefe
Victoria	Hogan	Mary	Keller
Connor	Holbrook	Daniel	Kelley
Hannah	Holbrook	Melinda	Kelley
Tracy	Holland	Erin	Kelly
Nina	Hong	Ahmed	Khalaf
Lianna	Hopkins	Amjed	Khalaf
Hailie	Hopkinson	Aseel	Khalaf
Amit	Hossain	Behram	Khaled
Heather	Hovasse	Jina	Khaled
Michelle	Howe	Adam	Kibbe
Riley	Howland	Malgorzata	Kicilinska
Amanda	Hoxha	Ashley	Kiefer
Olivia	Hoyt	Ronah	Kihu
Vy	Hua	Deidra	Kilgore
Joan	Hudon	Christine	Kilonzo
Brandon	Hughes	Heeae	Kim
Patrick	Hughes	Yvonne	Kimani
Angela	Hurd	Joseph	Kimball
Jessica	Hurwitz	Elliott	King
Jennifer	Hutchins	Mikayla	King
Khai	Huynh	Allyson	Kirkland
Nga	Huynh	Hazel	Kirrne
		Ericson	Kisau



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Biankah	Kiser-Miranda	Ariel	Lopez
Kristin	Kobel	Halie	Lopez
Michael	Konetzny	Yanairin	Lopez
Beauty	Konie	Sarah	Lorange
Savvas	Kosmidis	Laura	Lorange
Jessica	Kosztyla	Marissa	Lortie
Susan	Kotowski	Keri	Lowe
Tyler	Kowalczyk	Orion	Lu
Kristofer	Kowalik	Bryan	Lubin
Kendrick	Kranwinkel	Tonya	Luce
Krystol	Kruckas	Jay	Lucier
Ellis	Kudior	Nicole	Lucier
Franc	Kulla	Robert	Ludovici
Cameron	Kumpey	Matthew	Luhta
Lilian	Kuria	Rebecca	Lulu
Mercy	Kuria	Chi	Luong
Kimberly	Kvaracein	Chance	Lussier
Alice	Kwarteng	Dhlin	Lutaaya
Jessica	Kwiatkowski	Christian	Lutbert
Jodi	LaBoffa	Kristin	Lyons
Lydia	Labonte	Mitchell	Mabardy
Kristie	Labrecque	William	MacArthur
Sandra	Laferriere	Ariel	Macey
Mikayla	Laliberte	Kevin	Mackie
Rebecca	Lambert	Kristopher	MacKinnon
Victoria	Lamptey	Trevor	Mackowiak
Ashley	Landgren	Allison	MacLeod
Hannah	Langan	Christopher	MacNicol
Kelly	Langlois	Krista	Madrid
Ross	Lapetina	Fred	Maganga
Courtney	LaPorte	Hema	Magar
Olivia	Lareau	Kaitlyn	Magner
Nidia	Lariosa	Sara	Magnuson
Patricia	Larkin	Sara	Magnuson
Paul	Latino	Bonnie	Mahan
Dena	Laudon	Shaunice	Mahone
Andrew	Lauzon	Charles	Maina
Ginette	Lavarin	Mary	Maina
Nathan	Laverdure	Shelby	Maiorana
Emily	Lavin	Michael	Makowiecki
Farah	Lawson	Edit	Malatinszky
Paige	Layton	Ciani	Malave
Ricky	Le	Matthew	Maldonado
Thomas	Le	Andrew	Malone
Antonella	Leal Figueredo	Molly	Manchester
Marjorie	LeBlanc	Teena	Manter
Alexis	LeBoeuf	Ardiana	Manxura
Chazmine	Lee	James	Manzello
JulieAnne	Leite	Andrea	Manzi
Corey	Leja	MarcDonald	Marcelot
Debra	Leno	Tyler	Marcoux
Rae'Anne	Leonard	Keith	Marden
Taylor	Leonard	Jacquelyn	Marinelli
Vincent	Lepore	Kasey	Marks
Danielle	L'Esperance	Gustavo	Marques
Cheryl	Letson	Jason	Marques
Bryan	Leufstedt	Mayela	Marques
Stephanie	Levesque	Yara	Marques
Janika	Lewis	Cheryl	Marrino
Emily	Lieu	Daniel	Marsala
Debra	Likes	Brien	Marsh
Danielle	Lima	Jemma	Marsh
Jing	Liu	Cameron	Martel
Tina	Livesay	Cassandra	Martin
Theresa	Loch	James	Martin
Edris	Logue	Leslie-Anne	Martin
Elvis	Lolo	Matthew	Martinelle
Kishawna	Long	Alma	Martinez
Samantha	Longden	Christian	Martinez
Cristina	Lopez de Henriquez	Julia	Martinez

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Luz	Martinez	Kevin	Molt
Noemi	Martinez	Kori	Monimee
Stephanie	Martiros	Autumn	Monahan
Faith	Masaku	Ryan	Monat
Sierra	Masiello	Kyle	Mondino
Chante	Mason	Angel	Montanez
Mariah	Masse	Tania	Montanez
Annette	Massey	John	Monterroso
Lisa	Mastrototaro	Johnathan	Montumer
Mercedes	Mateo	Brian	Moore
Alma	Matos	Gregory	Moore
Emily	Matson	Jessica	Moore
Andrea	Matthews	Luis	Morales
Samantha	Matthews	James	Moran
Mario	Maturi	Genci	Morcka
Richard	Mayne	Genci	Morcka
Haley	McAllister	Kimberly	Moreau
Thomas	McAvey	Connor	Moroney
Jesenia	McBride-Safford	Giana	Moroski
Morgan	McCarthy	Emily	Morrow
Jesse	McDonald	Ashley	Morse
Aura	McForbes	Ryan	Morton
Mitchel	McGonagle	Aidan	Morvan
Thomas	McGovern	Jameson	Moscatelli
Jennifer	McGrath	Sean	Moynagh
Patrick	McGrath	Leah	Muchangi
Stephanie	McGrath	Deborah	Muchiri
Ryan	McLaughlin	Antony	Muhia
Corie	McLean	Ruth	Muhwezi
Sinead	McNaboe	Sebastian	Mulhern
Jakob	McVane	Amparo	Munoz
Stacey	Meade	Catherine	Munyua
Chelsea	Meciak	Ashley	Murphy
Giovanni	Mediavilla	Kody	Murphy
Cameron	Meece	Caroline	Mururi
Diana	Megas	Martha	Mutiga
Luz	Mejia	Tumila	Mwale
Andrea	Melgarejo Rivero	Everyne	Mwangi
Yulissa	Mella	Nancy	Mwangi
Onicia	Mends	Babalwa	Mweli
Yarelis	Mercedes	Ridvan	Myrta
Yesenia	Mercedes-Nunez	Baylee	Nadaud
Julia	Merino	Reem	Najjar
Kyle	Mespelli	Reem	Najjar
Noel	Metallic	Rashidah	Nakiwala
Maureen	Metivier	Shamiram	Naoum
Brian	Mias	Shamirah	Natule
Michael	Mielinski	Junior	Ndikidjang
Niamke	Miezan	Sharon	Nduta
Kyle	Miller	Pria	Nesta
Max	Miller	Phillip	Nettekoven
Michael	Millette	Faith	Newell
Christian	Mills	Josephine	Newton
Megan	Mills	Wangari	Nganga
Michelle	Miner	Brian	Ngari
Ryan	Miner	Tereza	Ngendahoruri
Juan	Miranda	Bopha	Ngo
Godfred	Mireku	Tracy	Ngo
Ivan	Mischenko	Sophia	Ngugi
Seth	Mix	James	Nguyen
Chase	Modestow	Linda	Nguyen
Mohamad	Mohamad	Lou	Nguyen
Hussein	Mohamed	Thanh	Nguyen
Mohammed	Mohammed-Essam	Tuan	Nguyen
		Vu	Nguyen
		Yamila	Nikolla
		Harmony	Njoroge
		Elizabeth	Nuoroge
		Isaac	Njoroge
		Joan	Njoroge



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Leah	Njoroge	Daniela	Pawelek
Magdalene	Njuguna	Dana	Peary
Jacob	Norquist	Kristine	Pedersen
Dallas	Nozzolillo	Milissa	Pena
Monica	Nubuor	Rafael	Pena-Martinez
Adriana	Nunes	Timothy	Pepin
Eric	Nutter	Paige	Perault
Sarah	Nyakako	Stephanie	Percy
Mark	Nystrom	Jennifer	Pereira
Joshua	Oberle	Alessandra	Perez
Jocelyn	O'Brien	Gabriel	Perez
Megan	O'Brien	Jatnna	Perez
John	Ocasio	Luz	Perez
Christopher	O'Connell	Tenisha	Perez
Allison	O'Connor	Ashley	Perkins
Casey	O'Connor	Lyndon	Perkins
Jennifer	O'Connor	Aleyah	Perrin
Matthew	O'Connor	Elizabeth	Perron
Ryan	O'Connor	Darcie	Peters
Seamus	O'Connor	Steven	Peters
Rachel	Odoom-Cann	Saige	Peterson
Amanda	O'Driscoll	Rebecca	Petrie
Samuel	Ofori-Mensah	Maria	Petrovsky
Franklyn	Oforu	Hannah	Pettepit
Kevin	O'Grady	Beryl	Pettiford
Michelle	Ojeda	Lucas	Pham
Karlee	O'Keefe	Thao	Pham
Love	Olongo	Thinh	Pham
Carol	O'Loughlin	Steven	Phan
Kristin	Olson	Thutrang	Phan
Scott	Olson	Nathaniel	Picard
Emily	O'Malley	Yimeiry	Piccirillo
Molly	O'Neil	Michel	Pichardo
Edna	Ongoma	Ashley	Pickford
Diandra	Opacki	Cristina	Picozzi
Eugene	Opoku-Ahenea	Samantha	Pierce
Haleigh	Oppewall	Michaela	Pinkham
Esther	Ortiz	Paula	Pinto Rodriguez
Esther	Ortiz	Alison	Pinto
Geritza	Ortiz	Maytavee	Pisitjinda
Noel	Ortiz	Valencia	Piverger
Noel	Ortiz	Amanda	Planck
Vincent	Ortiz	Andrea	Plichta
Ross	Osae	Francis	Poku
Duncan	Osborn	Johanny	Polanco
Olivia	Osei	Kawrin	Polanco
Patience	Osei-Waree	Winifred	Pomaa
Anna	Osgood	Heather	Pontbriand
Enea	Oshafi	Peter	Portev
Isabell	O'Shaughnessy	Bryan	Porth
Rebeca	Otero-Lopez	Kevin	Portillo Chavarria
Jacob	Ottaviano	Kevin	Portillo Chavarria
Brian	Owaka	Courtney	Poske
Hannah	Owusu	SherryAnn	Potenti-Crumbliss
Patrick	Owusu	Matthew	Potrikus
Garrett	Pacy	Andre	Pourhakopian
Ariana	Page	David	Pratt
David	Paik	Nina	Pratt
Brendan	Palumbo	Alec	Prefontaine
Megan	Paquette	Asia	Monay
Tavis	Paquette	Johanne	Prochet
Nicole	Paquin	Kayla	Prokopowich
Richard	Paquin	Amber	Prutzanni
Margaret	Paradis	Lillian	Prutzanni
Margaret	Paredes	Bradley	Pudsey
Laurie	Parmelee	Kyle	Pursell
Olivia	Pastor	Masonor	Putu
Shivani	Patel	Larissa	Pyatt
Tara	Patenaude	Miranda	Quinn-Laureyns
Anish	Patil	Megan	Quinones
		Alisa	Racine
		Santa	Rai
		Aida	Ramirez
		Carmen	Ramirez
		Anthony	Ramos

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First name:	Last name:	First name:	Last name:
Solangel	Ramos	Timothy	Ruston
Vincent	Rannigan	Krystal	Ruzzoli
Elizabeth	Real	Karryn	Ryan
Krystle	Redmond	Sydney	Ryan
Sean	Reeves	Jonathan	Saade
Isamar	Remigio	Tiffany	Sackett
Matthew	Renaud	Balwinder	Sahota
William	Revene	Olanike	Salau
Jessica	Reyes	Julia	Saldanha
Douglas	Rice	Shahad	Salem
Emma	Rich	Christie	Salisbury
Jake	Richard	Ryan	Salmon
Naomi	Richardson	Ryan	Salmon
Kayla	Riel	Isaac	Salmu
Jessica	Rivera Morales	Bailey	Salvadore
Angeli	Rivera	Pattie	Salvatore
Ashley	Rivera	Janira	Sanchez
Josephine	Rivera	Karina	Sanchez
Keylataiz	Rivera	Kassandra	Sanchez
Kimberly	Rivera	Smailen	Sanders
Shakiyla	Rivera	Tony	Sanders
Yanitza	Rivera	Tony	Sanford
Abanoub	Rizk	Erin	Sangrones
Tabbitha	Robare	Jessica	Sangrones
Paul	Robbins	Jessica	Sanko
Floretta	Roberts	Alexia	Santa
Zachary	Robidoux	Kelven	Santa
Cristian	Robles Martinez	Kelven	Santana
Warlen	Rodrigues De Oliveira	Chabelis	Santana
Jayleen	Rodriguez	Marco	Santana
Julio	Rodriguez	Thuanny	Santos
Michael	Rodriguez	Tyler	Saphirak
Natalie	Rodriguez	Alexis	Sargent
Vladimir	Rodriguez	Brianna	Sarli
Zenaida	Rodriguez	Benita	Sarno
Anna	Rogowska	Hannah	Sarro
M	Rojas	Elizabeth	Sasse
Thomas	Rokicki	Brett	Sawtelle-McKenzie
Nicolas	Roman	Harrison	Saydee
Elizabeth	Romanik	Elizabeth	Scanlon
Vicsaydy	Romero	Matthew	Schaeffer
Ivette	Rosado	Sarah	Schlegel
Giselle	Rosario	Eric	Schmidt
Tavia	Rosario	Courtney	Schultz
Christopher	Ross	Jenna	Schwall
Delmaris	Rosso	Nicholas	Seale
Yahaira	Rosso	Susan	Searles
Firas	Roukos	Rebecca	Selby
Christina	Roushia	Luljeta	Sema
Emily	Rowell	Tasha	Sena
Caitlyn	Roy	Gabriela	Serafim
Katelyn	Roy	Alexandria	Serafini
Tara	Rudolph	Janice	Serrano
Angela	Rudy	Lisandra	Serrano-Rivera
Lori	Rufino-Rutberg	Benjamin	Sgammato
Luis	Ruiz	Daniel	Shadley
Wanda	Ruiz	Tatyana	Shakhray
Kayla	Rumrill	Meaghan	Shanahan
David	Runyan	Mikaela	Shanley
Addison	Russell	Jody	Sharkey
Crystal	Russell	Nicolette	Shaw
Tyler	Russell	Kayla	Shays
Amanda	Russin	Jessica	Shephard
		Rose	Sherer
		John	Sheridan
		Kristja	Shiba
		Karen	Silva
		Jacob	Simmons
		Kiwon	Simmons
		Stephen	Simone
		Elias	Slaybi
		Sam	Slobert



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Becky	Smith	Tu	Tong
Courtney	Maigen	Osiris	Torres
Gregory	Smith	Tatiana	Torres
Lawren	Smith	Justine	Tourtelotte
Tyler	Smith	James	Towns
Ryan	Snee	Ann	Traganos
Amy	Snow	Andrew	Tran
Patricia	Songo	John	Tran
Leslee	Soto	Lynn	Tran
Lindsay	Spada	Joseph	Traverse
Lisa	Spizzirri	Geovani	Trinidad
Norma	Spooner	Carmen	Troncoso
Marialaina	Sposato	Timothy	Trubiano
Hannah	St. Marie	Michael	Trudel
Bryan	St. Cyr	Ooreh	Tu
Brandy	St. Jacques	Colby	Tytula
Alesya	Stamova	Sarah	Ukpong
Elizabeth	Stancu	Andrew	Umana
Daniel	Staples	Holly	Umbehauer
Marc	Ste. Marie	Adrian	Valdes
Mitchell	Stearns	Kevin	Valdez
Shawn	Steele	Coral	Valerio
Tomas	Steinbrecher	Veronica	Valk
Taryn	Stevens	Jesse	Opijnen
Elizabeth	Stewart	Ingris	Vargas
Kaitlyn	Stewart	Jennes	Vargas
Taryn	Stewart	Jennes	Vargas
James	Strong	Arialis	Velez
Ervis	Sulkollari	Alexis	Ventura
Kristin	Sullivan	Vanessa	Verissimo
Meghan	Sullivan	Jacqueline	Viar
Nicole	Sullivan	Jarrood	Vienneau
Rebecca	Surprenant	Alex	Viera
Masanobu	Suzuki	Hannah	Villeneuve
Christine	Swain	Sharon	Vincent
Amanda	Sweeney	Drew	Vizzachero
Patricia	Sweet	Nicholas	Voyer
Rebecca	Sweet	Lindsey	Walczak
Susan	Swenson	James	Walden
Kendra	Swett	Nadeen	Waleed
Mary	Sylvester	Ioana	Wallace
Rosan	Synal	Brianna	Walls
Peter	Syrmis	Christopher	Walne
Michael	Takeda	Salome	Wangui
Sam	Taki	Salome	Wangui
Nicholas	Talbot	Adam	Ward
Pamela	Tamarez	Caleb	Webb
Nancy	Tang	Tyler	Webster
Sharon	Tango	Elias	Wehbe
Kelley	Tarani	Olayne	Wellington
Roberly	Tasca	Eric	Wells
Ara	Tashjian	Shadae	Wells
Ellice	Tasos	Joel	Wentworth
Andres	Tavarez Pichardo	Sarah	Wentzell
Brian	Tebo	Sarah	Wentzell
Tina	Tefft	Kimberly	West
Luladay	Tekalegn	Alan	Wheeler
Jose	Telles	Cheryl	Wheeler
Aaliyah	Tequah	Kaileen	Wheeler
Shawn	Thebado	Courtney	White
Jeffrey	Thibault	Stacy	White
Amanda	Thibodeau	Stephanie	White
Greta	Thimi	Andrea	Wiles
Pandeli	Thodhoraqi	Christopher	Williams
Shavaun	Thomas	Donald	Williams
Jennifer	Thompson	Reginald	Williams
Nicole	Thorin	Jason	Wilson
Crighton	Thornton	Jason	Wilson
Teranie	Tirado	Kayla	Wilson
Daniel	Tokarz	Kimberly	Wilson
Tu		Stephen	Wilson

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**First name:**

Taylor  
Kristine  
Kyle  
Kristen  
Niyah  
Matthew  
Christopher  
Ashton  
Michael  
Cindy  
Allison  
Jill  
Ketsana  
Aldo  
Brittney  
Lydia  
Erica  
Elisa  
Daniel  
Janet  
Mazin  
Thomas  
Melina  
Muhammed  
Carl  
April  
Richard  
Anthony  
Minming  
Robert  
Precious  
Gezime  
Ashley  
Dan

**Last name:**

Wilson  
Winchenbach  
Winchenbach  
Wisell  
Witherspoon  
Wittenberg  
Wojcik  
Wojdylak  
Wood  
Woodman  
Woodward  
Wyman  
Xapilak  
Xhemollari  
Yates  
Yazlovitsky  
Yeaton  
Yepez  
Yetter  
Young  
Younis  
Zafiris  
Zaik  
Zakkari  
Zalaukas  
Zaterka  
Zellmer  
Zheng  
Zheng  
Zick  
Zinnah  
Zito  
Zorge  
Zziwa



# Congratulations to the class of 2018

From the staff of the Open Door newspaper.





# COMMENCEMENT

**Commencement:**

*Friday, May 18 th at 1:00pm*

**Where:**

*The DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA.*

*Our Commencement Speaker this year is Senator Elizabeth Warren.*

*Student graduation information can be found on the Q at:  
[https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Student\\_Services/Graduation.jnz](https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Student_Services/Graduation.jnz)*

***Caps, gowns and invitations will be distributed from the Registrar’s  
Office  
(Room 152A) beginning April 30th .***

<b><i>Monday, April 30th – Wednesday May 2nd</i></b>	<b><i>9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday May 3rd</i></b>	<b><i>9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Friday May 4th</i></b>	<b><i>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i></b>

*During Cap and Gown distribution we will also be providing you with your Graduation Card. This is the card that will be used to announce your name at graduation as you cross the stage. It is important that you bring this card with you to graduation and keep it with you until you hand it to the announcer on stage. If your name is difficult to pronounce, feel free to write a phonetic spelling of your name on the card. The cap and gown is yours to keep and there is no charge to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. You may invite as many guests as you like. There is no ticket for your guests to bring.*

# Dr. Pedraja's Inauguration



## *The Inauguration of Quinsigamond Community College's sixth President*

Friday, April 13 became a historical moment for Quinsigamond Community College with the inauguration of its sixth President, Dr. Luis G. Pedraja.

Senator Michael Moore, Representative James O'Day, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Jim Peyser, Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty and other community leaders, along with QCC students, faculty and staff were on hand to extend Dr. Pedraja their congratulations and support at the morning ceremony held on QCC's main campus in Worcester. Keynote speaker for the event was Framingham State University's President Dr. F. Javier Cevallos, a friend who worked closely with Dr. Pedraja when he was the vice president for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

"Dr. Pedraja's inauguration comes at a time when a college degree must be accessible and affordable," said Senator Michael Moore, a QCC alumni who credits the college with starting his own career.

The inauguration parted ways from the typical pomp and circumstance with a procession of ethnic dancers from the community that included: Ritmos Dance Academy, Scared Earth Singers/Drummers, Island Vybe Dance Fitness and music from QCC's Student Ensemble and the QCC Chorale group. This set an uplifting and inspiring mood for the occasion. While many noted the unusual timing for such an event, Friday the 13th, a historically unlucky day, Dr. Pedraja explained the timing.

"I chose this date intentionally. My father was one of 13 brothers and they had a store in Cuba named, '13,' ...13 is a lucky number in my family. They were able to turn a negative into a positive," he said, adding that he even defended his dissertation on a Friday the 13th, at the 13th hour. "We must turn negatives into positives and turn obstacles into opportunities."

He has taken that very message and implemented it throughout life, discussing the challenges many community college students may face, especially first generation students (of which he is one) and those who live in poverty. He said there must be shift in the way people think about community colleges and their students.

"These students are determined, resilient and high achievers. They have aspirations and hope for the future," he said, adding, "Receiving an education is not for a community of a few, but a basic human right."

"He has all the qualities that make a great leader. Throughout his career he has demonstrated wise leadership and his commitment to students is exemplary," said Dr. Cevallos, detailing how Dr. Pedraja exemplifies the qualities of wisdom, yearning, being a visionary, empathy, having resourcefulness and being nimble, using the college's mascot name as an acronym.

"You have found a real Wyvern (QCC's mascot-a protective mythical dragon)," he continued. "You have found a leader who will watch over the college and it will thrive."

In his inaugural address, Dr. Pedraja said 100 percent student success is his goal and everything the college will do now and in the future is designed to reach this goal. He outlined many of the programs that are currently underway, from the creation of community-based learning centers in Worcester this fall; the formation of a multi-faceted Student Success Center on QCC's main campus this fall, to increasing mentorship programs; expanding partnerships with communities such as Blackstone and Marlboro, and creating scholarships with business partners.

In addition, since taking office he has worked to expand partnerships with colleges and universities that include Framingham State University among others, as well as the recent partnership with Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art integrated photonics lab. He also addressed shifting the focus of teaching for the future instead of teaching for today.

"We must be daring, agile and innovative. I will not rest until our present and future students achieve their dreams," he said.

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