

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Luis G. Pedraja

Growing up in Florida, I had never experienced fall until I went to graduate school. I remember feeling energized by the crisp cold air, walking under a canopy of vibrant colors, feeling the crunch of leaves under my feet, the smell of wood oozing from fireplaces as I watched the leaves swirling in the wind like a paintbrush moving across the canvas of the city.

At the same time that the world was changing, so was my life. One Friday afternoon returning home from a full week of classes, I got the call that my father had died unexpectedly of a heart attack. In the midst of grieving, I wondered whether I would be able to continue my education or would I need to quit so that I could support my mother.

Life happens when we least expect it, throwing us a curve ball and leaving us wondering how we will make it. While those days proved quite difficult, I knew that my father would have wanted me to continue with my education. Eventually, my family rallied to support me and I was able to graduate. Nevertheless, the fall colors still fill me with a bit of melancholy and remind me of the many challenges you face beyond the classroom. However, I also find comfort in the fiery colors of fall, recognizing the intrinsic beauty of nature as it faces the coming adversity of winter.

Often, the challenges we face might seem unsurmountable, but they also allows us to grow. As the philosopher, Nietzsche, once said: "What does not destroy us makes us stronger". By choosing to attend college, you have chosen to change your life for the better. Although you might struggle at times and face obstacles, you can persevere. If you feel overwhelmed, do not get discouraged. Speak to your teachers, advisor, friends, and family. Every problem or challenge we face is also an opportunity to learn and grow. No matter how difficult it may get, things will change.

At this point in the term, you are well into your studies and have the end of the term in sight. As the days get shorter and colder, do not forget how much you have accomplished so far during this term, such as learning something new, making new friends, and overcoming challenges. Also, keep focused on your ultimate goal: completing your courses and your degree. On cold, dark mornings, we may want to remain longer in our beds. We may also feel discouraged by the challenges we face, both in and out of the classroom. I encourage you to rise and keep on moving toward your academic goal.

Proud Of Our Veterans by Yozue A. Davila

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, is celebrated on November 11th as a federal holiday to honor military members and veterans who have served this great country for peace and justice. Many of us have seen on the news how the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard actively respond to situations both in state and overseas to keep us safe and in peace. There are local heroes who walk among us; those who have served and continue to serve close within our neighborhood and on our proud campus. Our college includes many veteran and military students who have served our country in one way or another, be it overseas or in state, in time of peace and war. The Open Door has reached out to these local heroes and asked them to give us some of their time to honor us with their knowledge and service history.



Joshua Alvarez

Joshua Alvarez is a Psychology Major at QCC who served in the Marine Corp from 2010-2015, retiring with the rank of Lance Corporal. Joshua has been deployed to Afghanistan, Korea, and Japan while he served his term at Camp Pendleton, CA as a Rifleman. Joshua believes Veterans Day to be the reflection and honor to those who have served, recognizing their sacrifice and service.

The military has benefited him through discipline, a strong sense of character, professionalism, and appreciation for the country as well as for the military service. His advice to veteran students are to know what you would like for a career, use your skills and experience from the military to your advantage and use your benefits wisely. To those who wish to serve: "Go in with the mindset of serving, no matter what you take, make the best out of it, the experience will be carried throughout your entire life."

Shannon Hardy is a US Army National Guard Soldier who has been serving since 2014. Her military occupation specialty is an 88M Truck Driver in Worcester's 1166th Transportation Unit. Currently pursuing a nursing degree, she would like to one day switch over as a 68W Combat Medic.

Her Father served in the Navy, and she has several family members who have served as well. With Veterans Day coming around, it is a way for her to say thank you to those who have served, and currently serve, for this country.

The military has helped her to adapt to the environment of school and everyday interaction of life with organization, alertness, and time management skills. She advises veteran students to reach out to those who are in the same shoes, not to be afraid to ask for help and use the resources available. To those who wish to serve: "Reach out, speak to a recruiter, stay in shape, and practice teamwork."



Shannon Hardy

Heath is a US Army Veteran who served from 2014 to 2018 and is now retiring with the rank of Specialist (SPC). He was stationed at Fort Bliss as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Specialist (74D), and is currently a Fire Science Major preparing to serve for the Worcester Fire Fighting Department. Veterans Day to him is a moment to reflect on all those valiant military servicemen who have served including friendships he has made in his service term. A great benefit towards his personal life from the military would be that of career experience; the correlation of his training in CBRN could be applied for the firefighter service, not only in the teamwork but in the HAZMAT training as well.

I challenge you to face the challenges of today head on, to shape the future, and dream of what tomorrow could be.

Heath Tisdale

As a staff member of the Veterans Affairs Office at QCC, he strongly advises students to take advantage of the office and to experience knowledge and camaraderie within the Veterans Club. To those who wish to join, he suggests: "Do something you are passionate about, both in personal and military careers, and remember to do well on it.

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Welcome Students

Welcome new and returning students! The Open Door staff hopes that you find our paper to be an informative and entertaining window into the QCC world. We are published once a month with the help of the college's many different departments and services. Our goal is to bring you important dates, events and articles offering a wide range of topics.

The Open Door goes beyond announcements and news. It's a <u>creative</u> outlet for you, as a student, to have your work published whether it's an editorial, poetry, reviews or art of all kinds; our policy is the same as our name. We encourage everyone to contribute in some way. The Open Door is located in the Fuller Student Center. Stop by and introduce yourself and your ideas. Or, if you prefer, send your submission via email to

opendoor@qcc.mass.edu

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The 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, coordinator. The office is located in the Fuller Student Center in Room 2F. Come visit us, or email opendoor@qcc.mass.edu or phone 508-854-4285. Advisor: Pat Bisha-Valencia

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OPEN DOOR SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2018/ SPRING 2019

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#4 Dec/Jan	December 6	November 8
#5 February	February 4	January 10
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#7 April	April 4	March 7
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Question of the Month



Be Thankful & Be Grateful

By Tyler Paul Wills

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. Below are comments from QCC students and what they are thankful for this year.

- I am thankful for having a mother that is always there for me and always supporting me in life. I'm thankful for having a wonderful family and good friends.
 Tyler Paul Wills
- I am thankful for my health, my niece and nephew, and my self-confidence. Joe B.
- What I'm thankful for are the teachers that I was placed with, especially the two professors that are helping me to graduate.
 Claude Niyonzima
- I'm thankful for the people that have gotten me to where I am today.
 Big V
- I am very thankful for being able to use my passion for counseling to help young people that do not have someone to talk to.
 Nana A.N. Santiago
- I am thankful for my family, friends, and my health. **Doris W.**
- I'm thankful for being very successful and having great people and friends. George Barakliis







Veteran Affairs



670 West Boylston Street Worcester, MA 01606



Veteran Affairs Office Room 258A -Administration Bldg.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide support to assist student Veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the adjustment to becoming successful in civilian and College life. We are committed to promoting College spirit as well as establishing and maintaining fellowship amongst Veterans and students on campus. Office Hours:

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Paula Ogden Director of Veteran Affairs-258A Enrollment and Student Services







QCC Vets Club Hygiene Drive donated over 1000 items to Vets Inc. in Worcester, MA. Veterans Heath Tisdale and Manny Antwi (club president) delivered the items.

Operation: Provide Gravy



We will be collecting donations from November 1– 16, 2018.

Veteran Affairs and the Veteran's Club are Collecting Cans of Gravy and Cans of Cranberry Sauce For the Grove Street Veteran's Shelter.





Please Drop-off Cans at The Veterans Center Room 258A or downtown campus at security desk.

Tel:508.854.2721

WE WANT YOU! Join Veteran Affairs in supporting all

Veterans

We invite you to show support for all Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel. Please march with us in the Worcester Veterans' Day Parade.

Contact our office (258A) to RSVP:



508-854-2721 or veteranaffairs@qcc.mass.edu

Veterans' Day Parade

Sunday -November 11, 2018

(we will meet at Vets Inc at 10 am)

Parade starts at 11 am.

We are meeting at 9:00 for a free breakfast at Vet's Inc.



Supported by: Veteran Affairs Office, QCC Veterans Club

(Veterans continued from page 1)

Neil is a US Air Force National Guard Airman and has been serving his country since February 2015. The Sr. Airman is a Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics Technician. He was recently deployed to Romania for a military operation. Neil is currently an Engineering Major at QCC, preparing to transfer to into the Electric Engineering program at UMASS Amherst. As for military family history, there are traces that some served in the Coast Guard. In his eyes Veterans Day are for those that are in and merit recognition as an inspiration to pursue the military because of their sacrifice. Aside from educational benefits, Neil believes that he has benefited from experience, memories, structural development and time management the military has developed.

His message to other veteran students: "Speak to the veterans, make connections with those around, gain their knowledge, and come into the veteran's affairs office at QCC."

To those joining the military: "Join into something you're interested in, speak to those who know about the subject and do something you love." As said by his father: "If you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life." It is because of this inspiration that Neil says "I always feel like a little kid at an air show."



Neil Donnelly



Giovanni David Caban

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US Army National Guard Soldier Giovanni Caban has been enlisted since 2015 with three years of service. His current unit is the 1166th Transportation Unit in Worcester where he is a Truck Driver (88M) for his unit. Specialist (Army Rank) Caban comes from a military background with family members serving in the Marines, Air Force, and Army. For this soldier, Veterans Day is not just a celebration of those who serve, have served, and will be serving, it is also a day to celebrate his birthday. Humbly, Giovanni states that as for Veterans Day we (the military men and women) do not do enough. "We must remember those that are still fighting," he said. As a member of the military, Giovanni appreciates the benefits he has received in everyday life,

education, and personal growth. Developing connections, relationships, education, and progressive leadership skills through the military have helped him through his civilian life. The Open Door asked him what advice he would give to those veteran students currently studying and those who wish to one day serve in the military: "Continue in your education, stay fit, reflect the professionalism of the military, and stride towards your career goals."

As for those who wish to serve: "Make sure you know why you wish to join," he said. "Be it benefits, monetary gain, experience, or patriotism, be sure to ask yourself how much time you are willing to invest."

My name is Yozue Davila (Josh), I am an English and Music Major at QCC and an active US Army Guardsman. My current unit is the 747 MP Company, and I am a 25U (Signal Support Systems Specialist). I have been serving since 2013, and with almost six years of service, I hold the rank of SGT (Sergeant). I have a rich history of veterans in my family, specifically the Army. Veterans Day to me is a special day of celebration and reminder of those Heroes among us who serve and continue serving for our great country to prosper and remain safe against any opposing forces. The military has benefited me in a significant way. Once a shy person, my personal character has matured towards being a more social person. It has also helped me in focus, determination, commitment, and teamwork. Plenty of my life goals have come from the military service, wanting to take action, help others, and solve difficult life problems.



My advice to military students is to try and correlate your experience and careers in a way that leads to success. Visit the Veteran Affairs office at QCC; there are some incredible students there to help and guide any questions you might have.

Last, to those who wish to serve, go in with a strong mentality. The training and long days only become as hard as you make them, it is a very pleasing feeling to know why you are serving and what cause you are serving for. More importantly, find a job that you will love to pursue in your civilian life. As a 20-year-old, I was not thinking of a long life career, but now I am striving to change my current military specialty towards a music inclined profession 42R (Army Band Person). Think of any job in this world, and you will find it in the military; do not be afraid to ask directly for what it is you want.

Yozue A. Davila:

I Stand With Immigrants

By Yozue A. Davila



On October 24, 2018, Selena Boria, a representative of I Stand With Immigrants brought a very diverse and vibrant community to listen to the voices of other immigrants as they shared their stories with the student body. In addition to the multicultural food and excellent promotional shirt, some of the faculty and students from QCC shared their story with the student body to influence and inspire immigrant students among us.

To begin, we had our President, Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, who gave a beautiful opening speech of his share within the immigrant society and backstory of his success as an immigrant.

Dr. Luis Pedraja: "I was born in Cuba, faced with a lot of restrictions. My family wanted me to have an opportunity, and I was sent out with one suitcase and one teddy bear for my journey. I arrived in Spain with a temporary visa and found a toy soldier to accompany my teddy bear for the rest of the travel."

Like many other immigrants, it was tough for Dr. Pedraja to leave his homeland, but with sacrifice one can find success and come back to their home once again to make their family proud of their growth and progress. Dr. Pedraja believes that immigration should be celebrated within the differences, to understand the diversity and add it to our collateral strength. "It is not what divides us, but what unites us," he said. To the students at QCC he advises to be frank, honest and don't be afraid to engage in dialogue and connect. Most importantly he added was to share your hopes and wild dreams to achieve a mutual goal.

As Dr. Pedraja weaves the first path within the voice of the QCC immigrant community, many others came up to say a piece of their story as well. The following are some of the speakers:

Dr. Deborah Gonzales is a Puerto Rican woman who at the age of 18 arrived at the doors of Worcester. She now holds a Ph.D. Even though she had to work 2 or 3 times harder than others around her, she is proud of her success and to be considered an immigrant. "I still have my accent and am very proud of it because it represents who I am."

Noella Penn is a QCC Nursing Student who arrived in the US from Africa in 2014.

Once asked, "Is it true that in Africa you live in Trees?" Noella saw that this was an unfortunate way people would view other countries. Despite this view, Noella still believes in the power of unification within the immigrant society. "I have faced a lot of challenges, but America has opportunities for everybody."

Benjamine Nupolu, our QCC Student Trustee, is from Ghana. "When am I going to sit in an airplane?" These were the opening words of Benjamine. When he was a child, he would always ask his mother if he would be able to one day travel to the United States. This dream became so great that right after high school he flew from Ghana to the United States and succeeded through the steep road to success. This young man not only overcame the challenge of obtaining his GED after a failed attempt, but also became an engineering technician after long travels from Worcester to Spencer on foot. Benajmine serves as a great inspiration to all immigrants, from hard work to success, he took the hard road and achieved his goals regardless if everything was strange and new. "When going to college, QCC is not in the last place; it is the best. We are the best!"



Photos courtesy QCC Institutional Communications

Film Review Venom

Arts

I. Entertainment

Reviewed by Yozue A. Davila

<u>With</u> *Deadpool* setting the initial tone and fan generation of anti-hero, *Venom* hits theaters as a catch up on this kind of genre in super hero movie. *Spider-Man* has been a favorite for all Marvel fans, we can see the original trilogy pulling in an average of \$800M within the box office. The most memorable of the trilogy is *Spider-Man 3* pulling in \$890.9M due to the first appearance of *Venom* within the franchise. The stand-alone anti-hero *Venom* movie pulled in a whopping \$400M within the first 2 weeks of release, this could be a very grand opportunity for a sequel. Like *Deadpool*, *Venom* could pull in a great amount of fandom on its spin-off tales of a very popular anti-hero. Though hard critics gave it a low rating of 30% on rotten tomatoes, the fans response to the movie raised it to 88% and 7/10. This gives the movie an exciting opportunity to have a block buster sequel. Why? Well let's look at some sequels which started with low ratings and then had an outstanding sequel fan uproar:

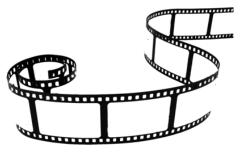
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So what is this movie about? We have journalist Eddie Brock who runs into the founder of Life Foundation, Carlton Drake, whom Eddie knows is using malpractice within the scientific experiments being run in secret from the public view. One night while finding access into the laboratory, Eddie comes to find an organism labeled a Symbiote within one of the rooms. This alien, the entity of Venom, then merges with the body of Eddie Brock, not only giving the alien access to Eddie's body, but also to his brain thus then having conversations and making Eddie look like a schizophrenic. The alien then attempts to control the body of Eddie Brock to take down the shadowy organization of Life Foundation.

As a super hero fan, I believe this movie is a great addition to the Marvel Universe. Most Marvel movies are cast around the known everyday super heroes, *Captain America, Iron Man, Spider Man*, etc. But here we have a superhero that has been missing on very important screen time. *Venom* washes us with a fresh coating with its action, comedy, and great spin off tale which doesn't include the New York friendly neighborhood web slinger. Even though many fans would love to see the famed red suite take action, I believe Marvel is trying to hype this new hero to add it into the next roster of the grand Avengers. I know many fans who have been wondering why Venom is not affected from the Infinity War. Well there is a very logical explanation which the great Stan Lee has created, the alternate universes. Not only does the alternate universe play a great part in this hero's appearance, but we must also keep in mind the rights that have been sold to the different movie production studios. Marvel Cinematic Universe owns pretty much all of Marvel which is under Disney, but Sony and Fox still hold a very important end of the tail for some of these heroes. *Spider-Man* held by Sony and X-Men held by Fox makes it a bit difficult for Disney to do as it wishes with all the characters crossing within the grand Marvel Universe.

But fear not! Sony has come to an agreement with the Marvel Cinematic Universe, this is the reason of the new Spider-Man appearance within the Avengers franchise series. Pretty soon we will be seeing how Venom can be intercrossed into this universe and maybe even having Fox release some of our favorite X-Men heroes. To end with a bang, Venom is promised a sequel. For those who have seen the movie or know the comics, there is a red "Carnage" Venom must take care of, for those who have no clue, watch the movie and stay for a little to see the after credit teaser that will have you talking about the movie for the rest of the season.





Film Review

Coco

Reviewed By Reneasia Love

Once again, Disney-Pixar has created another wonderful masterpiece that the entire family can enjoy for generations to come. *Coco* is a heart-warming animated movie with an amazing storyline and a beautiful award-winning music score, *Remember Me*.

Coco's storyline centers around Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), a holiday that is practiced throughout Mexico in which family and friends pray and remember their loved ones who passed on. The main character of the story is Miguel, a young boy who dreams of becoming a famous musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. However, Miguel must hide his passion for music from his family who made a generational ban on music. Miguel disobeys his family's objections and enters a talent show for the Día de Muertos, desperate to find a guitar, Miguel breaks into Ernesto's mausoleum and takes his guitar to use for the show. As punishment for stealing from the dead, Miguel turns invisible and must receive a blessing from a family member before sunrise or else he will become one of the dead. While venturing the Land of the Dead, Miguel meets Hector, a skeleton who wishes to visit the Land of the Living to see his daughter again. As the two new friends travel the Land of the Dead, Miguel and Hector unlocks the secrets of Miguel's family.

The plot had a lot of twists and turns, the story and humor are captivating enough for children while being mature enough for adults. The animation and visuals were superb, as expected, Disney has animated an imaginative and creative world with astounding colors and special effects. I highly recommend *Coco* to anyone who's interested in a remarkable story that embraces love, family, and the Mexican culture.





An evening of original works

November 28 - December 1 at 7:00 p.m. & December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Hebert Auditorium (Surprenant Hall) Main Campus - Worcester 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester MA

Tickets are \$5 for everyone

For more information, contact kstowell@qcc.mass.edu



Directed by Kelly Stowell Presented by the QCC Theater Program

- Write reviews on music, movies, and books!
- Send photos of landscapes
- Showcase your passion to the campus community
- Work with fellow students at QCC

Here's what we're looking for: Photographers, writers, designers

This will be a great opportunity to build your resume and be apart of the QCC community!

Location: Student Fuller Center Contact: opendoor@qcc.mass.edu

Athletics



Need To Know

(www.qcc.edu/student-life/athletics) (www.qcc.edu/services/athletic-center)

Athletic Center Hours Starting 9/9:

Monday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 2:00pm
All offerings	and programs are
FREE for QCC	Students. Staff and

Faculty program classes available

for a fee

Check The Q and posted signs

schedule.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START THE YEAR HEALTHY Healthy Goal Setting Tips:

- Start small- don't overwork yourself Be specific- write it all down
- Write down checkpoints and keep them posted somewhere you'll always see them
- Reward yourself for each step accomplished. Find friends to work out with that will encourage your.

Remember the Great feeling you have after you exercise.....

BENEFITS OF EXERCISE

-Reduces & Relieves Stress -Reduces Cholesterol -Prevents Osteoporosis -Helps Prevent Coronary Heart Disease (which is the #1 death rate) -Weight Maintenance Firm & Tone your Body -Firm & Tone your Body -Meet New People

Ultimately....You Will Have More ENERGY





The QCC's Athletic Center Program Fitness Classes are Flexible, Fun and FREE program classes designed for you

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- Only 45 minutes long Come to every class and be challenged Come to classes only when you can and still be able to follow along

Yoga and Full-Body Toning



YOGA Will run Sept 17 thru Dec 13 Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00pm

FULL-BODY TONING

Will run Sept 17th thru Nov 28th Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12:30pm



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2018-2019 OCC MEN'S BASKETBALL

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NOVEMBER						
Tuesday	6 th	5:00pm		Mass Bay CC*		HOME
Thursday	8 th	7:00pm	2:45pm	Holyoke CC*	10:30pm	AWAY
Saturday	10 th	1:00pm	10:45pm	Quincy College**	4:30pm	AWAY
Tuesday	13 th	7:00pm		UConn @ Avery Point	t**	HOME
Thursday	15 th	8:00pm	3:45pm	Bristol CC*	10:30pm	AWAY
Saturday	17 th	2:00pm	9:45am	Roxbury CC*	5:30pm	AWAY
Tuesday	20 th	5:00pm		Ben Franklin		HOME
Tuesday	27 th	7:30pm	3:00pm	Bunker Hill CC*	10:30pm	AWAY
Thursday	29 th	7:00pm		Springfield Tech CC*	¢	HOME
DECEMBER						
Saturday	1 st	3:00pm	9:30am	Gateway CC*	7:30pm	AWAY
Tuesday	4 th	5:00pm		Northern Essex CC*	*	HOME
Saturday	8 th	2:00pm		Massasoit CC*		HOME
Saturday	15 th	1:00pm	11:00am	C.C. Rhode Island	4:30pm	AWAY
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Saturday	19 th	12:00pm		Quincy College**		HOME
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Thursday	24 th	7:00pm	•	Bristol CC*	-	HOME
Saturday	26 th	2:00pm		Roxbury CC*		HOME
Tuesday	29 th	8:00pm	5:45pm	Ben Franklin	11:00pm	AWAY
Thursday	31 st	7:00pm		Bunker Hill CC*		HOME
FEBRUARY						
Saturday	2 nd	12:30pm		C.C. Rhode Island		HOME
Tuesday	5 th	7:30pm	3:15pm	Springfield Tech CC*	10:15pm	AWAY
Thursday	7 th	6:00pm	3:45pm	Northern Essex CC*	10:15pm	AWAY
Saturday	9 th	3:00pm	10:45am	Massasoit CC*	6:30pm	AWAY
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Thursday	8 th	5:00pm	2:45pm	Holyoke CC*	10:30pm
Tuesday	13 th	5:00pm	-	UConn @ Avery Poin	it**
Thursday	15 th	6:00pm	3:45pm	Bristol CC*	10:30pm
Saturday	17 th	12:00pm	9:45am	Roxbury CC*	5:30pm
Tuesday	27 th	5:30pm	3:00pm	Bunker Hill CC*	10:30pm
Thursday	29 th	5:00pm		Springfield Tech CC*	
DECEMBER					
Saturday	1 st	1:00pm	9:30am	Gateway CC*	7:30pm
Saturday	8 th	12:00pm		Massasoit CC*	Ĩ

2018-2019 QCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Departure

JANUAKY						
Tuesday	15 th	5:00pm	2:45pm	Mass Bay CC*	10:15pm	AWAY
Thursday	17^{th}	5:00pm		Holyoke CC*		HOME
Tuesday	22 nd	5:30pm	3:00pm	UConn @ Avery P	oint** 11:00pm	AWAY
Thursday	24^{th}	5:00pm		Bristol CC*		HOME
Saturday	26 th	12:00pm		Roxbury CC*		HOME
Thursday	31 st	5:00pm		Bunker Hill CC*		HOME
FEBRUARY						
Tuesday	5^{th}	5:30pm	3:15pm	Springfield Tech	n CC* 10:15pm	AWAY
Saturday	$9^{\rm h}$	1:00pm	10:45am	Massasoit CC*	6:30pm	AWAY
Thursday	14^{th}	5:30pm		Gateway CC*		HOME

* Conference game

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** Region XXI game

Head Coach: Gabe Santner Assistant Coach: Mikayla Singas

* DATES/TIMES OF GAME ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK QCC.EDU FOR THE MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION*

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Return

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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.

BASKETBALL Try-out /Practice starts MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st

WOMEN'S @ 4:00pm MEN'S @ 6:00pm

SOCCER TRYOUTS SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 6PM

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. <u>Men's Basketball</u> Women's Basketball

Tishaun Jenkins 508.854.4211

Gabe Santner Ext. 4492

QCC Women's Soccer Team



QCC Lady Wyverns Soccer team win 6-4 against Bunker Hill CC.

** Region XXI game Assistant Coach: Neftali Gonzalez Head Coach: Tishaun Jenkins

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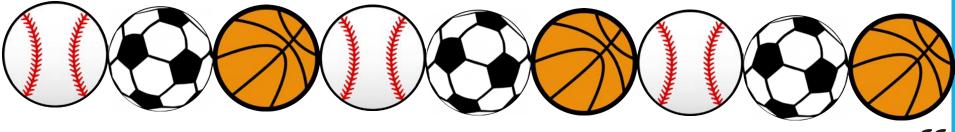
First win in program history! Building a program from scratch is not easy but it eventually finds its notch!

GO LADY WYVERNS!

tajenkins@qcc.mass.edu gsantner@qcc.mass.edu BASEBALL / WOMEN'S SOCCER Student interested in playing baseball or women's soccer in the fall should contact the coach.

<u>Baseball</u> John McLaughlin 508.854.4316 Jmclaughlin@qcc.mass.edu

<u>Soccer</u> Josh Cole 508-854-4317 jcole@qcc.mass.edu



Workplace Etiquette

Career Services and QCC Mentoring hosted a Work Place Etiquette event on October 12. Students met with employers to discuss skills and qualities they look for in candidates, and to prepare for the upcoming Job Fair that was held on October 24^{th.}

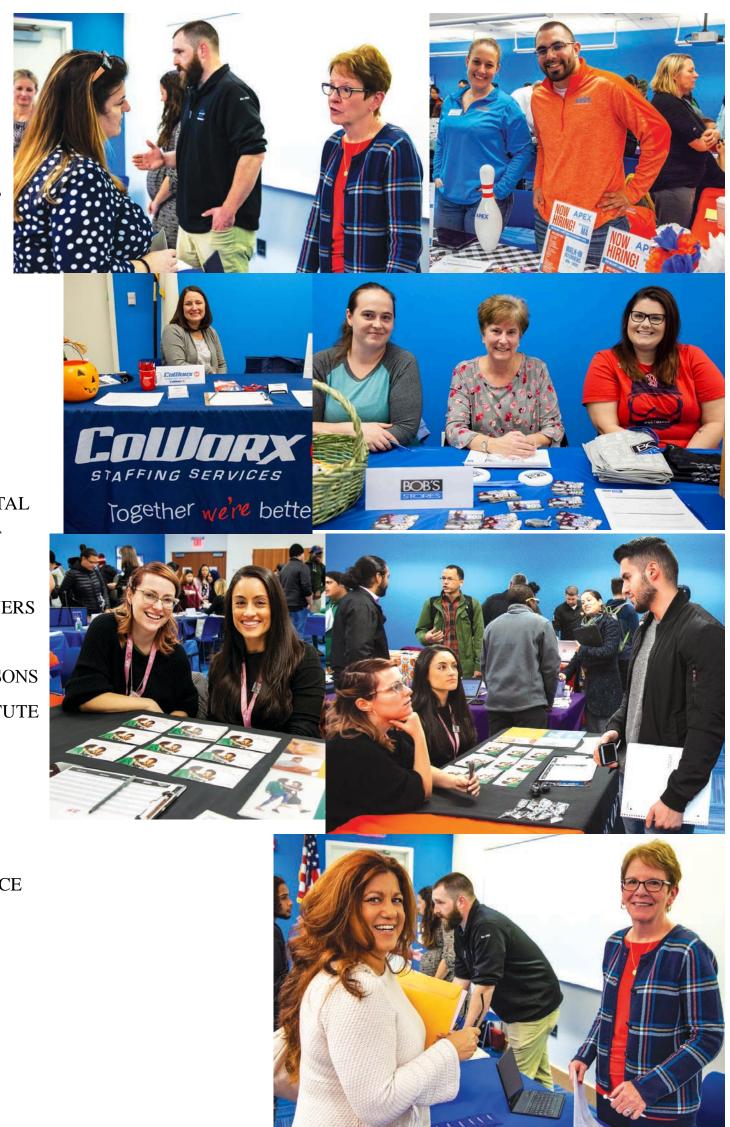


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Job Fair

On October 24, Career Services & Credit for Prior Learning held a Fall Job Fair for students in the HLC. With resumes in hands, students got to meet with representatives from the following companies:

AEROTEK ATLAS DISTRIBUTING **BOB'S STORES** COWORX STAFFING CHUGACH TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS FEDEX **IPG PHOTONICS** MAPFRE INSURANCE **OPEN SKY COMMUNITY** SERVICES **SCRUBADUB SPECTRUMS** THE HOME DEPOT UMASS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WEGMANS FOOD MARKET APEX ENTERTAINMENT AUTISM LEARNING PARTNERS CITIZENS BANK FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS JUSTICE RESOURCE INSTITUTE MICRO TECH STAFFING SCRIBE AMERICA **SECURITAS** TECHNICAL NEED



THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

VALET PARK OF AMERICA

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Registrar

Records & Registration News

Key dates and deadlines for Fall Semester

- Withdrawal period is through November 16. To withdraw from a class, your instructor or your academic advisor must sign the Withdrawal form. After November 16, your professor <u>may</u> grant you the grade of W, but you are no longer entitled to that grade. Your instructor may assign the grade of F. If you are considering withdrawing from a course and receive financial aid, talk to the Financial Aid Office to find out if your package will change due to the withdraw.
- **Priority Registration is November 5-19 for returning students.** You have seniority over all new students. Don't wait to register for Intersession or the Spring 2019 semester.
- Monday November 12 is the observed holiday for Veteran's Day. Classes will not be held on Sunday November 11 or Monday November 12.
- Last day to change to or from an AUDIT is Friday November 16
- **Thanksgiving Recess is Thursday November 22-25,** there are no classes during that period.
- **Final Week of Classes December 12-18,** during the final week of classes there is a modified class schedule. Check The Q for the Fall 2018 Final Exam schedule or ask your instructor for a detailed class syllabus. Final grades are due on The Q 48 hours after the last class/exam.

Final Week of Classes/Day Classes are on a Revised Schedule to allow for a Two-Hour Final Examination

Final exam week begins on Wednesday, December 12 – Tuesday, December 18, for **all day classes** (defined as any class that meets before 4 p.m.).

PLEASE NOTE: Evening classes (defined as any class that beings at 4:00 p.m. or thereafter) will meet at their regular times and **do not have a special exam schedule.** Each two-hour period of time during finals weeks may be used for final exams, classroom instruction, or other types of evaluation at the instructor's discretion. If a course does not fit exactly into one of the time modules below, please use the closest time module for that time. For example, if a class meets on MW from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., it would be assigned to the MWF 9:00 a.m. time slot.

Registrar

Exam Date	Exam Time	Classes that meet on:
Wed., 12/12	7:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.	MWF (7:00 a.m.)
Wed., 12/12	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MWF (9:00 a.m.)
Wed., 12/12	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	TR (9:30 a.m.)
Wed., 12/12	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	TR (3:30 p.m.)
Thurs., 12/13	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	TR (6:40 a.m.)
Thurs., 12/13	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	TR (8:00 a.m.)
Thurs., 12/13	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	TR (12:30 p.m.)
Thurs., 12/13	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	TR (2:00 p.m.)
Fri., 12/14	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MWF (10:00 a.m.)
Fri., 12/14	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	MWF (11:00 a.m.)
Fri., 12/14	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	TR (11:00 a.m.)
Mon., 12/17	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	MWF (8:00 a.m.)
Mon., 12/17	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	MWF (12:00 p.m.)
Mon., 12/17	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MWF (3:00 p.m.)
Tues., 12/18	11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m.	MWF (1:00 p.m.)
Tues., 12/18	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MWF (2:00 p.m.)

New to the Registrar's Office!

Request an Enrollment Verification Letter through The Q. Log into The Q and go to the Registrar's page, then select Self-Service forms towards the bottom right of the page. Select and complete the Enrollment Verification Form. You have the option to pick up the form, or have us mail, fax or email it to you or a third party.

Did you know?

If you can't make it to campus or stopping by the Registrar's Office is inconvenient to your schedule, you can find many of the Registrar's Office forms on The Q. Go to

Transfer Services



QCC TRANSFER SERVICES

November 2018 Transfer Visits

All visits in the HLC Lobby, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., unless noted otherwise.



NOVEMBER 1 Columbia: 2-3 p.m., 107Admin. Bldg.





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ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION THURSDAY, NOVEMBER I 2 TO 3 PM Quinsigamond Community College



Becker: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7



NOVEMBER 13 Nichols: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bridgewater: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



NOVEMBER 14

Becker & UMass: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 16 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Administration Building, Room



SOME OF COLUMBIA'S BEST AND **BRIGHTEST STUDENTS HAVE COME FROM** QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

The School of General Studies—Columbia University's college for returning and nontraditional students offers the rigor of a liberal arts education from one of America's finest universities. GS is committed to supporting students who transition from two-year colleges to a four-year university. Our students are fully integrated into the academic life of Columbia, taking classes with peers in the other undergraduate col sharing the same Arts & Sciences faculty, and earning a bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: GS.COLUMBIA.EDU/INFORMATION-SESSIONS-AND-TOURS



Transfer Services

Transfer Services Workshop Series

• Held in the HLC, Conference Room, Egan 239 • All dates are followed by a one-hour walk-in time for general transfer questions•

Transferring to a State University

Transferring to a bachelor's program WITH college credit has different requirements. This workshop address common aspects of the transfer process to Massachusetts State Universities.

<u>September</u>

6: 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.} & 11^{a.m.}-12^{p.m.} 10: 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.} & 11^{a.m.}-12^{p.m.} 18: 9^{a.m.}-10^{a.m.} & 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.} 28: 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.} & 11^{a.m.}-12^{p.m.}

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Transferring to a UMass Campus

Transferring to a bachelor's program WITH college credit has different requirements. This workshop address common aspects of the transfer process to UMASS campuses.

<u>September</u>

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Transferring to Private Colleges/Universities & Institutions Outside of Massachusetts

This workshop address common aspects of the transfer process to Massachusetts private Colleges and Universities as well as schools outside of Massachusetts.

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December 3: 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.} & 11^{a.m.}-12^{p.m.}

Paying for College

The thought of paying to complete your bachelor degree can be overwhelming. This workshop address the general concepts related to the cost of pursuing a bachelor degree.

<u>September</u>

12: 1^{p.m.}-2^{p.m.} & 2^{p.m.}-3^{p.m.} 19: $9^{a.m.}$ - $10^{a.m.}$ & $10^{a.m.}$ - $11^{a.m.}$ 26: $1^{p.m.}-2^{p.m.} & 2^{p.m.}-3^{p.m.}$

October

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November 21: 1^{p.m.}-2^{p.m.} & 2^{p.m.}-3^{p.m.}

12: $9^{a.m.}$ - $10^{a.m.}$ & $10^{a.m.}$ - $11^{a.m.}$

Transfer FAQ Sessions

Get quick information and answers to common transfer issues such as: • Important QCC courses for transfer

 How to pick colleges and majors

• General steps to transferring-deadlines, forms, admissions requirements.

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December

4: 9^{a.m.}-10^{a.m.} & 10^{a.m.}-11^{a.m.}

QCC Transfer Services •2ND FLOOR, HARRINGTON LEARNING CENTER • 508.854.4404 • transfer@qcc.mass.edu

QCC MENTORING One strong relationship is all it takes

When you receive a QCC Mentor, you will gain a trusted guide, a personal and professional resource, a connection to the professional world, and a friend.

By participating in the QCC Mentoring program, you will learn ways to raise your GPA, while building connections in the career path of your choice. This is a chance to build your personal and professional network and develop lifelong skills that you can take with you wherever you go. Mentees will receive training, guidance, resources, and



December 5: 1^{p.m.}-2^{p.m.} & 2^{p.m.}-3^{p.m.}

QCC Mentoring:

support throughout the program.

- Builds self-confidence and self-esteem
- Provides motivation
- Delivers vital college/work/life strategies
- Offers support and experience in public speaking/ presentations
- Enables students to grow to their full potential

To learn more about the QCC Mentoring program, please email mentoring@qcc.mass.edu, call 508.854.4573, or visit 120A in the **Administration Building.**





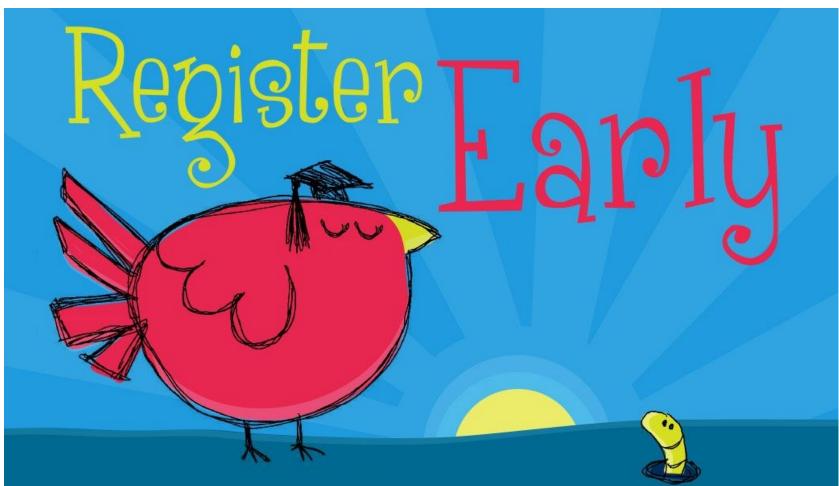


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W. Boylston Street Campus: Harrington Learning Center—2nd floor (508) 854-4308 Southbridge Campus: 5 Optical Drive, Main Floor (774) 318-2110



Registration for Returning/Active Students Starts November 5th!

Starting November 5th through November 19th, registration is *exclusively* for returning and active students. This means that you can build your Winter/Spring schedules during these dates and get the best possible seats!

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to wait until your final grades are posted. Assume success!

Build your Winter/Spring schedule now on the assumption that you'll be passing your current classes. You can always make adjustments later.

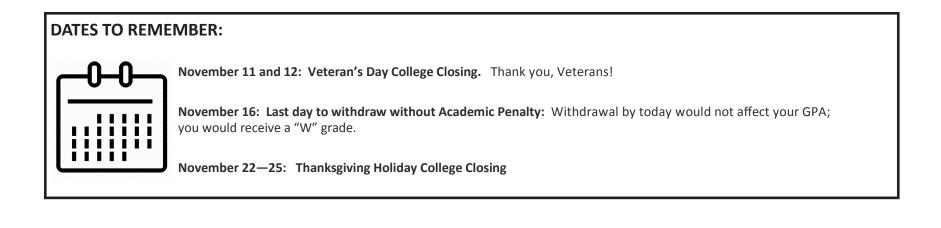
Your bill isn't due until the first week of January!

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If you register early, you don't have to pay the day you register. You can register now, and make plans to pay later.

The classes you first pick don't have to be your final ones.

If you later need to make schedule changes for any reason, you have until January 30th to make adjustments.





Over 900 of you took the **Student Success Survey** last spring, and your answers and feedback were used as a basis to develop important recommendations for President Pedraja and the Executive Team. We appreciate the time you took to submit your answers, share your issues, success stories, and feedback about QCC, from the classroom to the parking lot!

As a result of your feedback, we are examining ways to:

- provide consistent services among all the campus locations
- increase academic support for you to reach our education goals
- improve our customer service, and streamline registration and payment
- ask for your feedback on an annual basis, so that your voice is heard and considered as we make changes toward continual improvement

Thank you for contributing your input on how you define student success. The college has adopted the Student Success Task Force's recommendation, defining student success as:

Student success is whatever an individual student has set an educational goal or outcome, whether it be for an Associates Degree, Certificate, or to take one class.

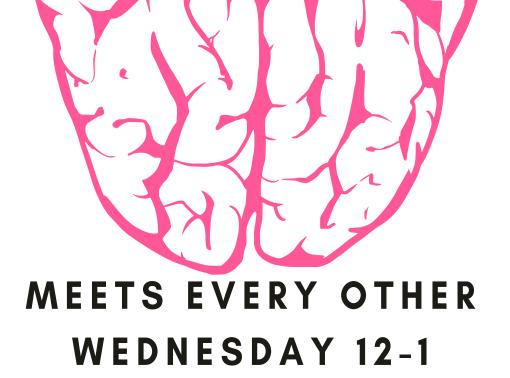
If you have further feedback you would like to share, or would like to get involved with the Committee for Student Success, please contact one of the committee members below: *Nelly Medina, Student Ashley Forhan, Student Terry Vecchio, Dean of Students, 365 A Building tvecchio@qcc.mass.edu Kristie Proctor, Director of Disability Services, 246 A Building kproctor@qcc.mass.edu*

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INTERESTED IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR? JOIN QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S...

SI BETA HONOR SOCIETY & PSYCHOLOGY CLUB VYVERNS





FALL SEMESTER MEETINGS: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28 LOCATION: HLC BUILDING ROOM 239

VISIT QCC.EDU/PSYCHOLOGY TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION

ABOUT STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

FOR EMAIL REMINDERS, EVENT ALERTS, AND MORE, JOIN THE EMAIL LIST: SEND AN EMAIL TO **QCCPSYCHOLOGYCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL ADVISOR VALARIE CLEMENTE: VCLEMENTE@QCC.MASS.EDU

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The School Year Start at the Children's School





The school year got off to a fantastic start at the Children's School in Classrooms 1 and 2. As the children explore in both classrooms, they have been busy investigating new educational materials, reconnecting with past friends and establishing new friendships. At any moment, one might see young engineers building castles in the block area, novice scientists making observations through binoculars, early artists adding detail to three-dimensional art work, future readers and writers engaged in teacher-guided small group experiences and kitchen chemists measuring and mixing together ingredients; we're gearing up for large cooking projects over the next couple weeks ahead.

We have also welcomed QCC Capstone students to our classrooms. We are eager and excited for Capstone students to be part of the inner-workings of various educational aspects, while gaining hands-on experience in an environment conducive to learning. The Children's School teachers are certainly appreciating the students' assistance and involvement.

The children are becoming more familiar with our classroom routines and helped write the classroom rules; safety is always our number one priority. With the school year in full-swing, we have focused on creating a collaborative atmosphere and understanding that we can embrace our similarities and unique differences. We have been reading stories at group time each day and some books are sure to become classroom favorites, including *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and *Today I Will Fly*, both by Mo Willems. Stories such as these encourage social and emotional development and are sure to inspire many laughs among children, students, teachers and faculty. The Children's School is looking forward to a fun-filled school year as we foster an excitement and passion for life-long learning!



PIZZA WITH THE PRESIDENT

Monday, November 5 · 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Fuller Student Center

Join QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja for pizza and conversation!





President Pedraja wants to hear from you

If you feel that you have received outstanding, student-centered service at QCC, President Pedraja wants to know!

At QCC, we embrace a holistic, student-centered approach to student service. We strive to create a welcoming and supportive community in which helpful QCC representatives are available to assist students in achieving their academic goals.

Please take a moment to go online and tell us about your experience:

www.QCC.edu/student-service



Student Life

November

2018

QUINSIGAMOND Community College

Check the QCC Events Calendar for more information and follow Quinsigamond Community College Student Life on Facebook

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEXERNS		F≆ GO VOTE		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Pizza with the President 4:30pm- 5:30pm	Election Day: GO VOTE! Women's Basketball 5pm Men's Basketball 7pm	Resume Writing 11am- 12pm	NYC Statue of Liberty Trip Pizza with the President: Southbridge 12pm-1pm	Student Leadership Academy 12pm-1pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	VETERANS DAY: College Closed	Workplace Etiquette 5pm-6pm	Resume Critique 11am- 12pm	Great American Smokeout 11am-1pm	Fuller Friday 10:30am- 1pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Thanksgiving Bingo: Main Campus 10am- 11am	Thanksgiving Bingo: Southbridge 10am- 12pm Women's Basketball 5pm Men's Basketball 7pm	Thanksgiving Bingo: Downtown 10am-12pm	THANKSGIVING: College Closed	College Closed	thanksgiving
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Hot Cocoa 5pm-6pm	Women's Basketball 5pm Men's Basketball 7pm			Student Leadership Academy 12pm-1pm	



ACADEMY

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Friday, November 9 Friday, November 30



Leadership Skills!

Free Lunch!

MEETING INFO:

Room: HLC 109 A

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 6



For more information, please visit: www.worcesterma.gov

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