As the fall term starts to wind down, we begin to look forward to the holidays and to the next year. The holidays always bring back fond family memories for me, as we would gather on Christmas Eve to celebrate Noche Buena (The Good Night), our traditional Cuban Christmas celebration. The smells of savory roasted pork, black beans and rice, plantains, mojo (Cuban garlic sauce) and yuca would fill the house with mouthwatering aromas. While I played with my cousins or listened to stories from relatives, my abuela (grandmother), mom, dad, aunts, and uncles would scurry around getting the feast ready and checking on each other. We did not have much, but we had each other—we were family. Here at QCC, we are also a family that supports each other. Every year, my traditional holiday foods and customs remind me that my roots are grounded in the diverse cultures that shaped my cultural heritage. The traditional Cuban Christmas Eve dinner represents the rich diversity of our heritage, which includes foods and traditions that come from our African, Arabic, European, and Native American ancestry. In spite of the divisive discourse that plagues our world, our differences contribute new perspectives, ideas, and energy to our society.

Our rich diversity does not dilute our identity; rather, it strengthens us. The Mexican writer, philosopher, and politician, Jose Vasconcelos hoped that in time we would develop a concept of a cosmic race embodying our diversity and ushering a universal era for humanity. I hope that in this holiday season we can celebrate our diversity and embrace each other as one family defined by our shared humanity.

As part of the QCC family, you will always be welcome, accepted, and supported here. My wish for you in this holiday season is that you will succeed and flourish as you strive to achieve your hopes and dreams through education. Believe in yourself and you can change the world! Happy holidays!

It is always a beautiful thing when you return to your hometown with wonderful memories from your childhood and the places you visited and knew growing up. In my case, it was the revisiting of my beautiful island of Puerto Rico. Going to my island after a few years brought on a nostalgic feeling of much happiness and memories. After Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico has had a great struggle to rebuild losses, and I saw how the ruins were still around; the disasters of houses, building, schools, medical centers, etc. It is sad to see when you have a place you love, and it breaks my heart to see my island the way it is currently after a year from the hurricane. But through the disaster and ruins, there still stands an island with people and culture who hold it steady.

Flying into San Juan we saw a beautiful fort that has been standing since the 16th century. It is a wonderful sign for Puerto Ricans to see how it still stands proud and tall. Walking down the vivid Old San Juan the food is always a great attraction for the beautiful island. Stopping at a nearby restaurant, the family and I ordered a vast amount of plates, but one of the plates that I love the most is that known as mofongo, a mashing of plantain and filling it with many various types of meat or seafood.

With a mofongo in hand, this arrival was becoming very welcoming.

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Walking through Old San Juan at night is beautiful. With the live music, food, and festive ambiance it feels like you have just arrived at an ongoing party. The nightlife in Puerto Rico has always been a great attraction especially in San Juan, but going to my hometown in Ponce we enjoyed a similar attraction in its downtown area. The following day, after a good night rest from the long flight, I found myself reminiscing about Ponce where you can find the historical Parque de Bombas and the proud vintage fire station of the island.

It was a beautiful experience to see my favorite childhood places, especially a hidden gem in Ponce called La Guancha. There is a boardwalk which houses a beautiful beach, lighthouse, and gazebos of amazing food. If there is a beautiful place for both day and night outings, this is the place you want to go. Finally, after a reunion with family and an amazing set of days, it was time to go back home, sadly leaving behind a beautiful island. It will excite me, even more, to return in the coming years and see how Puerto Rico is slowly rebuilding itself.

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This month’s question: What holiday traditions does your family follow this time of year?

“My Holiday traditions are the same every year since I was little, my mother bought us the advent calendars, my younger brother and I always had a small Christmas tree in our bedrooms. My Mom would leave one Christmas gift on our beds on Christmas Eve.”
- Tyler Paul Wills

“Every year we go to church and make dessert for the New Year’s called Vasilopid.”
- George Barakliis

“During the Holidays, my family prepares a large dinner at our house. We play video games, watch movies, and share stories with one another.”
- Reneasia Love

“During the holidays we watch the ball drop on TV and celebrate the New Year with our family and friends. Then we shoot off confetti cannons in our backyard and watch the fireworks go off.”
- Amy W.

“Wear Holiday Pajamas, put up a Christmas tree, put presents under the tree and make lots of food.
- Devin Brite

“Do our regular morning routine prepare for family coming, serve dinner, drink rum, open gifts and listen to music.”
- Sheanne Barrettt
I Stand With Immigrants

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 with the student body. To the students at QCC he advises to be frank, honest and don't be afraid to engage in dialogue and conversation. Most importantly he added was to share your hopes and wild dreams to achieve a mutual goal. “It is not what divides us, but what unites us,” he said. To the students at QCC he advised that they should be able to follow along with every class and be challenged. The QCC’s Athletic Center Program Fitness Classes are flexible, fun and free program classes designed for you to listen to the voices of other immigrants as they share their experiences, their journeys and backstory of their success as an immigrant. To begin, we had our President, Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, who gave a beautiful opening speech of his share within the immigrant society and inspire those immigrant students among us.

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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.

**Men’s Basketball**
Tishaun Jenkins
508.854.4211
tjenkins@qcc.mass.edu

**Women’s Basketball**
Gabe Santner
Ext. 4492
gsantner@qcc.mass.edu

**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
The transition from high school into college is always a challenging task at least that is how I remember back in my freshman day. Getting accustomed to a different school schedule, flexibility, due dates, responsibility, and many other things could become stressful for a first-year student, but we learn to ride on with the new wave of education. The Open Door has asked Sarah Almeida, a first-year student, how she is adjusting to her first semester.

Sarah is a Nursing Major who has decided to join her new educational journey at Quinsigamond Community College. A proud Worcester Brazilian, Sarah has many hobbies in her life including volleyball, reading, watching Netflix, gaming, singing at church, and playing the piano.

Music is a hereditary family gift from her father who was a guitarist; her piano and singing skills have always driven her way of life since the age of 8. Music is currently one of her favorite classes at the college which she takes with Professor Jose Castillo, and she is also an active member of the QCC Music Club. Thanks to the constant discipline her mother enforced when learning to play piano, she has been part of many church worship teams.

Still, with this passion and talent, her wish is to pursue the medical field. Currently, she works at an adult day care, taking care of the elderly and enjoys making people smile. Her ultimate goal is to work with patients in need as a traveling nurse.

Some words to her fellow freshmen: “College is different, but it is still school, make sure you are on top of your stuff especially for online classes. As for my first experience, I really like it, networking and meeting new people has made my first semester very successful.”
Food Pantry

Hours of Operation

Monday: 2:00p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 4:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday: 12:00p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Room B63 A-Building
Are you completing your program requirements in December? If so, you are considered a candidate for December graduation. You should have already received an email to your Qmail from the Registrar’s Office confirming your status. If you haven’t received an email but you believe you will be completing your program requirements in December, please complete the Intent to the Graduate form by either stopping by the Registrar’s Office or accessing the form The Q. You can submit the form to qccreg@qcc.mass.edu or fax to 508-854-4456.

Have you registered for Spring 2019 semester? Faculty assignments have been made for more than 85% of Spring 2019 classes, sooner than ever before! If you have a favorite instructor, check The Q to see if they are teaching this Spring semester. The longer you wait to register the harder it is to find seats in the classes you want and arrange a convenient schedule.

Fall semester grades should be available for viewing on The Q on 12/20/18. Make sure you have a user name and password for The Q to access your grades. If you aren’t sure of your username and password, stop in the Registrar’s Office with a photo id and we can print it for you.

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.

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Tues., 12/18  11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  MWF (1:00 p.m.)
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Wednesday, January 2 Intersession Classes begin. Intersession is a great opportunity to catch up or get ahead on the number of credits you need to graduate.

Intersession ends Monday, January 14.

Monday, January 21  Martin Luther King Day Holiday – The College is closed

Wednesday January 23 Spring semester classes begin

Wednesday, January 30  Last day of Add/Drop for the Spring semester

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 Student Services and then Registrar. You’ll see Registrar Documents on the lower right of the page which includes copies of the following forms: Change of Personal Information, Course Withdrawal, Immunization, Intent to Graduate, Student Petition and many more! Just print, complete the form, scan and email or fax to the Registrar’s Office. All our contact information is listed on our page.

The next edition of The open Door will be on stands and The Q on:

**February 4th 2019**
QCC TRANSFER SERVICES
December 2018 Transfer Visits

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

DECEMBER 3
William James: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nichols: 4-7 p.m. Surprenant Lobby

DECEMBER 4

DECEMBER 10

DECEMBER 17 4-7 p.m. Surprenant Lobby

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

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.

December
12: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. & 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

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.

December
6: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. & 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
10: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. & 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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.

December
7: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. & 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
11: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. & 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

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SAVE THE DATE:
2019
SPRING Transfer Fair!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
TRANSFER SERVICES ADVISING
AT SOUTHBRIDGE
DECEMBER 19 (W)
8 A.M.-4 P.M.

To make an appointment, please call 508.854.4404 or e-mail us at transfer@qcc.mass.edu

Are you a current QCC student aspiring to transfer to Bridgewater State University? Are you interested in learning more about the application and credit review process?

If so, please schedule a time to meet with a BSU Transfer Advisor to discuss your future, please register at the link below:
calendly.com/bsutransfercentral/qcc

Conference Room 109B
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information, please email Jaclyn Cowell at jcowell@bridgew.edu or call (508) 531-2157
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 support throughout the program.

QCC Mentoring:
- 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.
The Final Week of Fall Classes is almost near: 12/12—12/18
Good luck with your exams, papers, and other final projects!

AS THE SEMESTER COMES TO AN END...

Study Smart
Manage your time, break material down, ask professors or tutors for help, study in groups. Use the resources available! Tutoring Centers are located on the 2nd floor of the Harrington Learning Center or online via Smarthinking.

Take care of yourself
Study hard but take breaks, get plenty of sleep and nutrition. Try some relaxation techniques like meditation or yoga.

Register for Spring classes or adjust your schedule, as needed!
Spring semester classes are quickly are filling up! If you haven’t already registered, or need to adjust your original schedule based on your Final Grades, contact your Advisor as soon as possible!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 12—18: Final week of classes and exams. Your normal class meeting time may be revised for final exams; check with your instructors.

December 20: Final grades available on The Q. Log into The Q, and click on “My Academics” to view your FINAL GRADES.

December 25—January 1: COLLEGE CLOSED. Happy Holidays!
Movie Review

Isle of Dogs

By Reneasia Love

Wes Anderson has created another visually unique stop-motion animated feature called the *Isle of Dogs* and it is a well written and whimsical story that the family can enjoy. *Isle of Dogs* takes place in Megasaki City, a prefecture in Japan. When an influenza virus plagues the dogs of Megasaki City, the corrupt Mayor Kobayashi exiles all the dogs to a garbage dump called Trash Island. When 12-year-old Atari Kobayashi flies over to trash island in search for his body-guard dog, Spots, five dogs embarks on an epic journey across Trash Island with Atari in search for his lost canine companion. Like Wes Anderson's first animated stop motion movie, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Isle of Dogs* features witty and memorable characters that compliments the story. In this heartfelt movie, Anderson showcases the bond of friendship between human and dogs alike. I highly recommend *Isle of Dogs* to anyone who loves classic stop-motion animation, Wes Anderson films, and dogs!
The Open Door is sponsoring a student photo contest
Here’s your chance to showcase your talent!
Submission accepted January 23 - February 22, 2019

Submission for Photo Contest

- Submit your photos by email to the photo contest email at: qccphotocontest@gmail.com
- Files must be 400kb-1.3mb, up to 800x1200 pixels.
- Limit two photos per student, whether it's landscape, portrait, still life, etc.
- Students can also submit the above information on a CD saved as a JPEG or PDF file(s) format to the Student Life Office in The Fuller Center.
- Please note that while artistic expression is welcome, works expressing anything uncivilized or lewd will be disqualified.

Submissions must include the title of each photo along with your name, phone number, email, and student ID number. Photos should be taken within the past 2 years and not been previously published or part of a contest. Submissions will be available for viewing on The Q.

Judging

- Begins in March. Winners will be notified and announced in mid-March.

Prizes -

1st Prize - 2 tickets to School of Rock March 1st
2nd Prize - QCC Sweatshirt
3rd Prize - 2 Movie Tickets

As a bonus, the winning photographs will be displayed on the front page of The Open Door in the April Edition.

Other Information

- If you do not have Photoshop, go to irfanview.com or gimp.org for a free download to compress photos.

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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:
Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

T ★ 508-854-2721
F ★ 508-854-4260

Email:
veteranaffairs@qcc.mass.edu

Paula Ogden
Director of Veteran Affairs-258A Enrollment and Student Services
pogden@qcc.mass.edu
508-854-4290

Veteran Affairs supported all our Vets by Marching in the Worcester Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, Nov. 11.
Show Your Support and Gratitude for Our Vets

The Veteran Affairs office will be sending holiday care packages/cards/letters to service folks currently deployed in Afghanistan and local Vet hospitals.

Items/cards will be accepted by the Veteran Affairs Office **until Dec. 10th**

Drop off your items in Room 258A
Or
Downtown campus security desk
Deputy Chief Reynaldo Rodriguez  
“Who has ID”

In the last few years over 100 million Americans had their personal information accessed in a security breach of one of the three major credit bureaus. Not alone, there were millions more as a result of hacking into Target, JP Morgan Chase and Uber. The hacking of information by itself does not mean an identity is stolen. However the potential is there. The personal information can be used to steal money that exists in accounts, get money from lenders, or simply impersonating someone.

If you are a victim you do have to take some action. Especially be keeping in mind that the ID thief is working as fast as he/she can to exploit your information before you realize it’s been taken.

This you can do to prevent and or deal with the problem:

1. **Lockdown the problem account.** Dispute the charges and lock or close account.

2. **Scan credit card/bank statements of unauthorized charges.** This is for proof.

3. **Review credit reports for mysterious accounts.** Close those accounts.


5. **Contact your local police department.** The police may not be able to do anything about your identity that was stolen online or overseas, the report could help track down if the information was stolen locally.

Feel free to send an anonymous tip to Campus Police at 508-854-4221 or use the new anonymous tip line.

Two easy ways to send a tip: 
#1 Download the FREE App on your phone-Keyword “QCC Tip” 
#2 Text “QCC” + (space) + your tip to 847411
Student Leadership Academy

Leadership Workshop
Presented by: Kristen Proctor

December 7th
12- 1p.m
HLC 109A
Free Lunch
Meet your QCC Student Senate

STEPHANIE TEIXEIRA - PRESIDENT
Stephanie has been a student at Quinsigamond Community College since the spring of 2016. Deciding this was the time in her life to attend school was a family decision, as she is a non-traditional student, single mother with three school age children. This has motivated her to become fully invested in her education, with being an example to her children of following your dreams and achieving success. During the 2017-2018 she served as the Student Trustee, advocating for students needs at both the Massachusetts State house and Washington D.C. This year, Stephanie is working to complete her second and third degrees from QCC while holding many leadership roles on campus, including the 2018-2019 Student Senate President. Along with being active on campus, she is this year’s Chair of the Student Advisory Council, and the Segmental Advisor for Community Colleges to the Board of Higher Education. Her goal is to work in higher education after graduation. Stephanie is also the recipient of the 2018 Dean Sullivan Award.

MUSTAfA BOWEDEN—VICE PRESIDENT
Mustafa Boweden is a student of QCC since November of 2017. He was elected earlier in October 2018 as the Vice President of QCC Student Senate. In order to be an international lawyer, Mustafa finds QCC to be a great first step to start his higher education journey. He is an active student within the campus and puts the students concerns as the highest priority of his duty. His long term goal is to have a very active campus and to arrange student events more often. From there he aims to have QCC be one of the finest community colleges among the state, and perhaps among the nation. His message for the students of QCC is “as long as we stay positive and productive, our hard work for education will pay off.”

JORGo GUSHI—SECRETARY
This is the first semester for Jorgo as a student of Quinsigamond Community College. He was born and raised in Albania, Europe and lived there until two months ago, when he moved to Worcester to pursue his dream in becoming an Electrical Engineer. He is part of the Greek minority in Albania; he speaks fluently four languages: Albanian, Greek, English and French. His motto is: “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door”. He tries to make the most of his college experience, while along with academic success, he tries to acquire great leadership skills and learn from people’s experiences. A great part of his background includes active leading and organizational roles, such as Student Senate President in his senior year of high school, and three consecutive years as a Senator. Describing his artistic side of character, Jorgo enumerates an 8-year-old professional career in Greek traditional dancing, creation of different writings and poems, and amateur roles in theater plays.

ZACHaRY CARLSON—SEnAtoR
My name is Zachary Carlson and I am a cancer survivor. I have a brain tumor that has left me disabled, but not beaten. School comes hard to me; more effort than most, but I work really hard and never give up. I am so proud to be on the Leadership Academy and the Student Senate because I want to make a difference and support the underdog at QCC.
Meet your QCC Student Senate

AMANDA GABRIELLA- SENATOR
I’m Amanda Gabriella. This is my second year at Quinsigamond Community College. I transferred to Quinsig from Framingham State University. I am a liberal arts major working towards my Associate’s Degree. Once done with my Associate’s Degree, I would like to get a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. I’m excited to be on the Student Senate and want to help improve the lives of the students.

MOHAMED BOWEDEN – PUBLIC RELATIONS
Mohamed Boweden is a second year student in QCC and a member of the Student Senate. He chairs the Public Relations position. He is a friendly and open minded person. He is also an ambitious person with many goals that benefit students and the school. He is engaged in diverse student organizations in order to learn and develop friendships within the campus. Being involved is an amazing opportunity for the students to get connected with the school and help build a positive community. He is inspired to seek change. Some of the goals he wants to implement are creating events where students can participate and get involved, and providing a friendly atmosphere for them to do so. He believes that being positive and open minded is how to gain people’s trust.

DEVON ARTHUR– PARLIAMENTARIAN
Devon is in his first semester at Quinsigamond Community College. Before coming here, he went through the Worcester Public Schools’ system and graduated from Doherty Memorial High School in 2018. After struggling all throughout high school, he hopes the fresh start at QCC will lead him to success.

MAHMOUD BOWEDEN – SENATOR
Mahmoud Boweden is a freshman student at QCC. He has graduated from high school at the age of 17 years old. He is a very outgoing and a great friend to all. Mahmoud is studying General Studies in order to pursue to higher degrees after. He joined the Senate so he can get the freshman student voice to be heard clearly. Mahmoud aims to improve the quality of the athletic sector of QCC, as well as the academic level.
Do you like writing? Is photography your passion?

Join The Open Door!

• 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
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
Release some stress before finals with this free event for ALL students.

- Donuts
- DIY Sugar Scrubs
- Massage Therapists
- PAWS for people, Cats & Dogs

December 5th
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fuller Student Center

Hosted by, Quinsigamond Activities Committee
December 1st-14th
Have your photo taken in the Fuller Student Center & be entered to win prizes!