



## South County Business Leaders RISE to Campaign Challenge

On December 12, generous donors, Southbridge Savings Bank, United Lens Company, Savers Bank and Southbridge Credit Union convened at QCC Southbridge to pledge a total of \$135,000 to QCC's \$5 million RISE (Regional Investment in Service and Education RISE) Capital Campaign, under the leadership of recently retired President and CEO of Southbridge Savings Bank, Phil Pettinelli, Chair of the South County RISE Campaign Committee.

Mr. Pettinelli said, "...we are proud to support QCC in its efforts to keep pace with emerging technologies and produce advanced training and education for our region's workers."

President Gail E. Carberry said, "QCC is honored to collaborate with such a dedicated group of private partners to provide access to training and education in high-growth industries in our



Left to right (front): **Victor Somma**, QCC Southbridge Campus Director and Director of Community Affairs; Tara L. King, Sales Manager, United Lens; Kim Quinn, Chief Operations Officer, Southbridge Credit Union; Todd M. Tallman, President and CEO, Southbridge Savings Bank; Brian Chandley, Senior Vice President, Southbridge Savings Bank; Director, QCC Foundation; member, South County RISE Campaign Committee;

Left to right (rear): **Liz Borg**, Assistant Vice President of Community Engagement, QCC; **Dr. Gail E. Carberry**, President, QCC; Ed Moore, President and CEO, Harrington HealthCare System; Philip Pettinelli, Chair, South County RISE Campaign Committee; Joseph A. Coderre, President and CEO, Savers Bank; Laurance S. Morrison, President, QCC Foundation

service area. Collaborative, strategic investment will help ensure that people in our community have access to the training they need to get good jobs and that employers have access to an educated workforce."

The first year of the \$5 million RISE Campaign, announced publically at the Grand Opening of the Healthcare and Workforce Development Center in October has reached \$3.2 million.



Dean Kathy Rentsch and Ted Bauer, Manager of Workforce Development Programs at MassMEP.

## MassMEP Recognizes Dean Kathy Rentsch with 2014 Manufacturing Champion Award

Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP), a leading resource for manufacturing companies in Massachusetts, is pleased to recognize Dean **Kathy Rentsch**, Quinsigamond Community College, with the 2014 Manufacturing Champion Award. The award was presented at the December meeting of the MassMEP Board of Directors.

“Kathy Rentsch spent countless hours shepherding the Applied Manufacturing Technology Pathway Certification through the Community College articulation approval process and just as many hours assisting MassMEP as she patiently explained what needed to be done,” said Jack Healy, Director of Operations at MassMEP. “Without Kathy’s guidance, MassMEP would still be exploring ways to give credit for hands-on experience and the Center’s graduates would not have a solid career pathway that includes a higher education option.”

***Congratulations Dean Rentsch!***

## New Business Logistics Class To Be Offered



This spring, QCC students will have the opportunity to take a new course, *Introduction to Business Logistics*, that will focus on company operations management.

The course will provide students with an understanding of the key functional areas of business logistics, including transportation, distribution, warehousing, and inventory management. The course will explain how these functions interact, their importance to the overall organization, and the major cost components within each area. In addition, students will have the opportunity to explore many potential career opportunities available in this field.

In an industry forum on October 29, students, faculty and advisors were welcomed by Dean Kathy Rentsch and got a sneak preview of what a career in business logistics entails from area business professionals representing Lenze Americas, UPS, Google and Staples, all companies that require highly sophisticated operations to move products smoothly and quickly.

Career opportunities include jobs in forecasting, warehouse supervision, management, customer service, and transportation management.

**Marshall Gaye**, a graduate of QCC’s Business Administration program and UPS – Northeast District Area HR Manager spoke about job opportunities in the field of logistics at the forum.

## Honors Program Showcase

QCC Honors Program students shared the results of an intensive semester of work at the Honors Program Showcase on December 1.

Students in the Honors Colloquium course "Through Asian Lenses," led by Professor of English **Amy Beaudry** and Professor of Sociology **Gaelan Lee Benway**, spent the fall semester exploring a wide variety of topics using Asian content and materials in a unique educational experiment guided by the two professors' work on a three-year National Endowment for the Humanities grant project, "Thinking through Cultural Diversity: Bridging Cultural Differences in Asian Traditions."

Students developed individual research projects on topics as diverse as the social impact of China's One-Child Policy, how China's economic transformation is changing its medical system, and girlhood in Cambodia since the Khmer Rouge genocide. Each student worked with his or her professors and a mentor from the Alden Library Reference staff to write in-depth research papers and design informative posters that were professionally reproduced and mounted for display at the Showcase.



Honors program students, clockwise from bottom right: **Rachel Cardogno**, **Noelia Martinez**, **Joseph Asante**, **Kayla Souza**, **Nick Chalmers**, **Joy Rhinehart** and **Elyse LaBounty** with their posters after the Honors Showcase event.

The Showcase, open to the entire QCC community, gave students the opportunity to present their work in a typical academic conference format and answer questions about their work. Many students reported that questions from QCC students, faculty and staff members helped them to hone their final paper and inspired them to submit their work to the 21st Annual Undergraduate Research Conference coming up in April 2015.



Lovely holiday decorations at the annual luncheon.

## Annual Holiday Luncheon a Festive Affair

On December 11, the Annual Holiday Luncheon for Faculty and Staff sponsored by the Staff Development Committee was held in the HLC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Wyvern, faculty, staff and student entertainers paid a surprise visit to attendees singing Wyvern altered lyrics to a pop tune by Mariah Carey.

Carving stations, a lavish desert table, lovely decorations and a collegial atmosphere were the highlights of the afternoon.



Holiday Spirit in the Print Shop with Luis Fontanez, Sr.

## Greenhouse Project Starts to Grow

QCC's PTK International Honor Society and the Engineering Program have started discussions on a joint greenhouse project.

The objective is to turn one of the defunct smoking huts at 670 West Boylston Street into a working greenhouse that will produce fresh vegetables and will be tended by PTK and Engineering students.

The cross-functional team has had several initial meetings and has come away with ideas for reconstructing the smoking hut with minimal structural work.



Artist rendering of new greenhouse

## Brothers & Keepers Program Holds End of Semester Social Event



On December 10, in the Fuller Student Center Conference Room, the Brothers and Keepers Program celebrated the completion of their first active semester.

Brothers and Keepers is an innovative, male mentoring

initiative designed to increase the retention and educational success of the male students at QCC. Participants in Brothers and Keepers work with peers, faculty, and staff to learn how to successfully navigate the college experience and prepare for life, work, and education after QCC. Currently the Brothers and Keepers Program has over 20 mentors (faculty/staff) and over 20 mentees (students) connected. The



Student Senator and Brothers and Keepers participant, William Pittman enjoying the Brothers and Keepers Event

mentors and mentees are actively engaged, working toward goals set forth by each student.

During the fall semester, Tom Schiff (UMASS Amherst) facilitated a male and masculinity conversation and Craig Boykin (Montgomery, AL) addressed his own personal struggles from obtaining a GED to earning a PhD.



## Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society News

- **Socks for Seniors: Holiday Sock Drive**  
PTK is collecting sock donations for local senior organizations. Donation bins are located outside the PTK Office, Room 154A and in the Hebert Lobby.
- PTK is once again selling Ernie's Touch Free Auto Wash Gift Cards in Super Wash (\$18) or Ernies Special (\$12.50)
- **Make-A Wish Annual Fundraiser:** Write a letter to Santa with Christmas wishes and Macy's will donate \$1 dollar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



### Join us for a Flapjack Fund-raiser!

**February 22, 2015**  
**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Applebee's, 632 Park Avenue**  
**Worcester MA, 01603**

Price: \$10

Thank you for supporting Phi Theta Kappa! All proceeds go to Lilly!

**For more information on PTK activities and programs, visit the PTK Office in the Administrative building, room 154 or call: 508.854.4411**



## Happy Holidays to the QCC Family!

Warm wishes for the very best this holiday season and happiness throughout the New Year.

Visit [www.QCC.edu/happy-holidays](http://www.QCC.edu/happy-holidays) for a special message and to see some exciting footage from our Advanced Manufacturing Programs.



### Annual Hat and Mitten Drive is a Success!

From December 1 through December 11, QCC Family donated generously to the Hat and Mitten Drive to benefit underprivileged children in the Worcester area.



Once again, hats, gloves, and mittens of all types and colors were donated to Planting the Seed Foundation, Inc., who distributed to Worcester -area children with the help of an "army of elves" on December 12!

Many thanks to all who donated.

### Veteran Affairs News

QCC has been named a Military Advanced Education (MAE) Top School in MAE's 2015 Guide to Colleges & Universities.

The Guide will be published in the December 2014 issue of Military Advanced Education and will also be available online at: [www.mae-kmi.com](http://www.mae-kmi.com).

Congratulations to the Veterans Affairs Office for this most recent accolade!



## IRaP Contest

In total, 58 brave souls played the Office of Institutional Research and Planning's contest. Some played every week, others just once or twice. The IRaP Office would like to thank everyone for taking the time to look through the IRaP SharePoint site in the quest for answers and hope everyone had fun doing so!

### Questions/Answers

**Q. What proportion of 2013 QCC graduates were female?**

A. 58.7%

**Q. In Fall 2013 what percentage of first time freshman taking any math class were enrolled in a Developmental Math?**

A. 77%

**Q. Based on the Spring 2014 BOT report, please list the top ten feeder towns for the Southbridge campus... in order.**

A. Southbridge, Charlton, Sturbridge, Dudley, Webster, Fiskdale, Spencer, Worcester, Brimfield, Brookfield

**Q. In FA 2014 which cities ranked in the top 3 as the 'City of Residence'? List the city and the percentage of the total enrollment from each city?**

A. Worcester - 43.3%; Shrewsbury - 4.3%; Southbridge - 3.5%

**Q. The following question requires you look in the 2013 "Mass Community Colleges Linear Trends" document. What was QCC's "annual credit course completion rate" for fiscal year 2012?**

A. 76.9%, found on page 12 of the Linear Trends document.

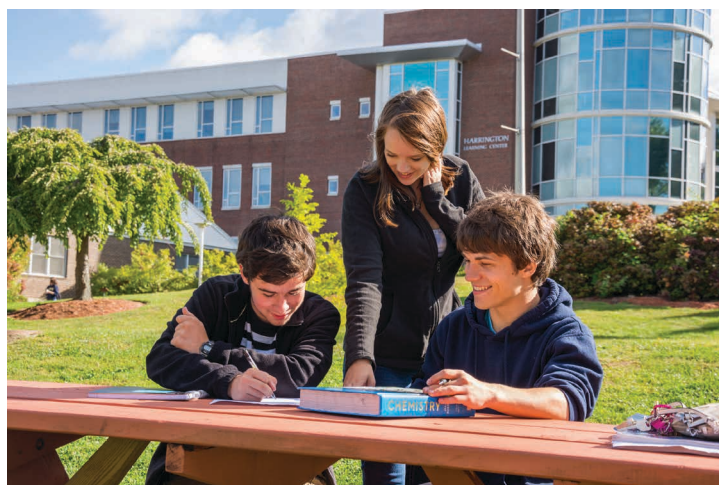
**Q. What is the total number of students (headcount) that attended Summer session 1 and 2 in 2013**

A. 4,334

**Q. This question requires the 2013 "Mass Community College Linear Trends Report" to be opened. Based on the "First Year Retention Rate (Fall to Fall) New First-Time, Full-Time Degree Seeking Students" chart; which community college has the highest "% Retained Anywhere" and what is that percentage?**

A. Middlesex C.C. 73% pp. 14-15

**Bonus Points:** Name at least one location where an IRaP Research Request form can be found.



Left hand column; IRaP SharePoint site, QCC Intranet; under frequently used forms.

**Bonus Plus Points:** Name 3 of the external links listed on the IRaP SharePoint site (any of the 3 below would be acceptable).

MA Department of Workforce Development, US Census Bureau, Internet Resources for Higher Education Outcomes Assessment, MA Board of Higher Education, 2000 CIP Codes, IPEDS (Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System), U.S. Department of Labor, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Massachusetts Vision Project, Community College Research Center, National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

It seems there were a few problems with Q-6... because of that, we took any of the answers below.

We were looking for...

**Q. Which age group represents the highest percentage of veterans? 23 to 29 year old**

**What percentage of veterans was degree seeking? 91%**

**The percentage of disabled veterans is: 10%**

Acceptable Answer:

**Q. Which age group represents the highest percentage of veterans? 23 to 39 year old**

**What percentage of veterans was degree seeking? 88-93%**

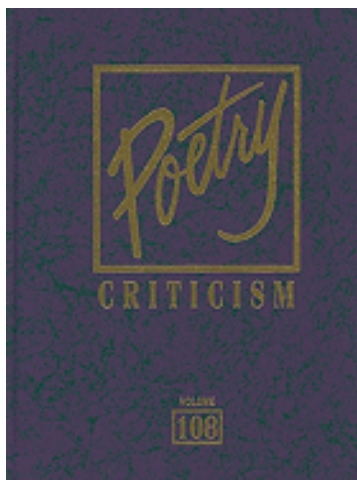
**The percentage of disabled veterans is: 10%**

**The winner is Karen Rucks!**



## Professor Steve Meshon Publishes Article

Professor **Steve Meshon** has recently published an article titled "Spain: The Stylistics of Damaso Alonso"; reprinted in *Poetry Criticism: Excerpts from Criticism of the Works of the Most Significant and Widely Studied Poets of World Literature, Vol. 158*, Gale-Cengage Publisher, pp. 11-22



## Gateway Achievers Night

Gateway to College students have been working hard this semester, earning both high school and college credit.

On January 14, 2015, the program will celebrate students with a final GPA of 2.0 or higher at an awards recognition ceremony called The Gateway Achievers. The program was developed by the Gateway to College National Network and is recognized at Gateway to College programs across the country.

Students will receive their awards in front of their families, friends, and QCC staff and faculty. The event will be held in the Hebert Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. with a brief reception following the event.

Please RSVP to **Vanessa Colon** at [vcolon@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:vcolon@qcc.mass.edu) if you would like to attend.

## QCC Welcomes New Staff

On November 24, 2014, Administrative Services welcomed **Stephen DiGiovanni** into a new role as Assistant Chief/Deputy Chief of Operations. Assistant Chief DiGiovanni has been a member of the QCC Campus Police Department for over six years, progressing from Campus Police Officer, to Detective and then to Detective Sergeant charged with investigating crimes and strengthening relationships with external public and private sector agencies. Additionally, he brings two years' experience to the College as a Public Safety Officer for Anna Maria College, law enforcement experience from both the Paxton and Nantucket Police Departments, and private sector management experience. Assistant Chief DiGiovanni earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College, and is a graduate of both the Massachusetts Special State Police Academy and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Reserve Academy.

On December 15, 2014, Strategic Enrollment Development and Student Engagement welcomed **Kirstie Leonard** as Financial Aid Counselor. Ms. Leonard brings over four years of experience to

the College as a Financial Aid Counselor at both Becker College and Anna Maria College, including an additional two years experience in the Financial Aid Office at Keene State College. Ms. Leonard earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Keene State College, New Hampshire.

On December 15, 2014, Administrative Services welcomed **Cassandra Krackovic** as Accountant I. Ms. Krackovic brings over two years of accounting experience in the Athletic Department Business Office, UMASS Amherst to the College, and most recently as a staff accountant in the private sector. She earned both a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

*Please join us in welcoming our new employees into their new roles at QCC!*

*Have an interesting story to tell?*

[www.QCC.edu/submit-news](http://www.QCC.edu/submit-news)

Deadline for the January 2015 *Guardian* is January 16.

