

QUINCY COLLEGE



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**Quincy College leads forum for Southeastern
Massachusetts communities to tackle Substance Abuse
Prevention and Opioid Crisis with April 20th Substance Abuse
Symposium**

*April 20th panelists to include City of Quincy Mayor Koch,
Representatives of Governor Charlie Baker, Representatives of City of
Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, and Community Advocates*

SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE (140 Characters): @QuincyCollege to lead Substance Abuse Symposium & Discussion for substance abuse prevention w/ @mayortomkoch & more on 4/20

Quincy, MA (April 13, 2017): Quincy College is once again taking a leadership role in regional conversations surrounding substance abuse and the opioid crisis by hosting the Substance Abuse Symposium on their Quincy Center campuses. On April 20th at Noon, Quincy College will host the Substance Abuse Symposium in the Lower Level Conference Room at the Quincy Campus (1250 Hancock Street, Quincy). This event is free and open to the public; media is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Many issues surrounding drug and alcohol abuse will be discussed. A diverse panel of speakers touching upon all aspects of addiction will lead the discussion.

The panel will be moderated by MaryJane Knox, Addiction Awareness Club Advisor and Financial Aid Assistant for the Quincy College Office of Financial Aid and will feature the following panelists:

Mayor Thomas Koch
Mayor, City of Quincy

Allison Bauer
Director of Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's Office

Jen Tracey
Directory of City of Boston Recovery Services
City of Boston Mayor Martin Walsh's Office

Father James Hawker
Board of Governors at Quincy College

Lt. Patrick Glynn
Drug Task Force
Quincy Police Department

Laura Martin
Substance Use Prevention Coordinator
City of Quincy

The event will also include two Quincy College student speakers: Naomi Motz and Alexandria Chowdhury.

Massachusetts community groups will be on hand to provide information on support services including The Sun Will Rise, A New Way Recovery Center, Gavin Foundation, New England Addiction Outreach, Phoenix House, MOAR, ADCARE, The Safe Project, Northeast Addiction Treatment Center, Impact Quincy, Brady's House, and Banyan Treatment Center.

"We are both simultaneously saddened and relieved to be leading the Substance Abuse Symposium at Quincy College. We are honored to be joined by City of Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, Representatives from Governor Charlie Baker's Office and City of Boston Mayor Martin Walsh's Office, Quincy College Board of Governors, and Quincy Police Department along with community advocacy groups and our own students. Together, we hope to change the conversation around substance abuse and realize actionable solutions that can be implemented on the South Shore to combat the opioid epidemic," Susan Bossa, Associate Vice President of Student Development at Quincy College.

For more information about Quincy College Student Services, please visit: <http://www.quincycollege.edu/departments/student-development>.

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ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 25 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area, South Shore, Cape and the Islands, as well as 121 countries around the world.

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