

QUINCY COLLEGE



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Therapy (Dogs) on Campus *Quincy College partners with local South Shore Therapy Dog Organization, Dog B.O.N.E.S for pet visits during Finals Week*



Quincy College at Plymouth Students enjoyed the company of 6 therapy dogs during Finals Week (Image: Quincy College Marketing)

Social Release (140 Characters): #QuincyCollege at #plymouth welcomes therapy dogs for #stress reduction during #Finals working with local #SouthShore #therapydog org



Elise, a 4-year old Black Lab therapy dog visited the Quincy College at Plymouth Campus during Finals week

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Quincy College at Plymouth welcomed therapy dogs Aoife, Elise, Capella, Clyde, Tess, Beane and their owners to the Krovitz Library at 36 Cordage Park Campus Monday December 19th, Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday December 21st as a therapeutic stress relief to combat end of semester stress and holiday anxiety.

Elizabeth Do, Librarian at the Krovitz Library was inspired by other academic libraries bringing therapy dogs on campus and reached out to the Scituate based Dog B.O.N.E.S organization to organize an on-campus visit during one of the more stressful times of year on campus.

"Inspired by organizations like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and their [Puppy Lab](#), I reached out to Dog B.O.N.E.S, a local South Shore organization to bring therapy dogs to campus for several days during Finals week. It seemed like a natural fit for our campus and our students. Some of our students have therapy dogs on campus

to support them during the academic semester. Extending the benefits of a visiting therapy dog to our entire campus," Do elaborates.

"As a commuter school where the average age of our students is 28, our students often juggle multiple priorities during the holiday season, including pursuing higher education, raising families, and other challenges. The therapeutic benefit of pets is well documented and I'm excited to welcome Aoife, Elise, Capella, Clyde, Tess, Beane, and their owners to campus," Do clarifies the value of therapy dogs on campus.



Beane, a golden retriever says hi to a Quincy College at Plymouth Student. (Image Source: Quincy College Marketing)

[Dog B.O.N.E.S](#) is an acronym for Dogs Building Opportunities for Nurturing and Emotional Support. Established in June 2002, the Scituate based non-profit provides well trained, affectionate, obedient, registered and insured therapy dog teams for visitation to nursing facilities, hospitals, rehab centers, schools, libraries, and any other Massachusetts location where they may provide therapeutic contact with the elderly, the disabled, or the young.

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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 21 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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