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Quincy College, MountainOne Bank, and City of Quincy launch New Quincy Collaborative Internship Program

*MountainOne Bank invests \$10,000 in support of paid internship opportunities
to benefit Quincy College students, local small businesses, and economic
workforce development*



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Quincy College President Peter H. Tsaffaras J.D. (right) accepts a check from Robert J. Fraser Mountain One Bank President & Chief Executive Officer (middle) along with City of Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch (Left).
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Social Media Release (140 Characters):

@MountainOneBank @CityofQuincy and @QuincyCollege launch new #internship collaborative to benefit #Quincy small business & #student success

Quincy, MA (4/29/16) - Quincy College in partnership with the City of Quincy, and MountainOne Bank are pleased to announce the creation of the Quincy Collaborative Internship Program, a partnership between Quincy College, the City of Quincy, and MountainOne Bank. This collaboration offers paid internship opportunities to Quincy College students who will be partnered with a pre-approved small business in the community. The expected outcome of the internship program is a skilled and more effective workforce that ultimately benefits the students of Quincy College, small businesses, and the overall community.

Research from the [National Association of Colleges and Employers 2014 Survey](#) consistently confirms the benefits of paid internships as the capstone of a student's academic course of study. Benefits for both the students and employers were notable: 65% of students who completed a paid internship in a for-profit business received job offers before graduation in every sector and 42% of students with paid internships in the for-profit business received full-time employment offers from their internship employer.

Quincy College President Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D. elaborates on the value of the Quincy Collaborative Internship Program: "This is a sensible and logical partnership that is good for students, good for business, and good for the City of Quincy and greater South Shore communities. A small business owner might not have the technical skills to support a social media strategy, or the ability to hire full time employees for business development. A Quincy College student looking to enhance their skills often times cannot sustain an unpaid internship while working toward a degree or certificate. Thanks to the generosity of MountainOne Bank, Quincy College students can graduate with enhanced practical, real-world experience and an Associate's Degree or Certificate. When coupled with the fact that Quincy College students are ranked #1 as top salary earners in Massachusetts and New England across two-year public colleges after graduation, our students are positioned to enter the workforce with the highest possible return on their educational investment."

From a small business perspective, paid internships help relieve the payroll burden for small business, allowing access to a talented student pool locally. Qualified, paid student interns can support a business holistically, leading to increased productivity, allowing the employer more time for higher-level tasks, and rejuvenating the workforce with new skills and talents, particularly offering insight into new and emerging technologies like social media, mobile, and web development.

MountainOne Bank President and CEO Robert J. Fraser summarized MountainOne's commitment to the Collaborative Internship program, "We've transitioned to a knowledge economy and employers are seeking employees who are strategic and possess critical thinking skills.. These adaptable skills ensure businesses scalability and adaptability in a changing world.

The Quincy Collaborative Internship Program is a perfect opportunity to support small businesses struggling to adapt to the rising tide of technological change and helps transition students to the workforce. "

Retention of highly skilled qualified workers for South Shore local business is critical for the development of the local economy and local community. Mayor Thomas P. Koch, City of Quincy said of the newly launched internship collaborative: "The generosity and forward-thinking of MountainOne Bank to sponsor this program is a great testament to what it means to be a corporate citizen in our community, and I'm truly grateful to have them as a partner with the City of Quincy and Quincy College. There is no overstating what can be accomplished when the educational innovation of Quincy College partners with the private sector - for our young people and for our business community."

The Internship Collaborative program, in its infancy has already placed a student on a paid internship. Quincy College student Ilyass Hmamou is working with the local company Intelycare supporting web and mobile development as part of the Quincy Center for Innovation.

Quincy College in partnership with the City of Quincy and MountainOneBank look forward to fostering students and supporting local businesses. For more information about the Quincy Collaborative Internship Program, please contact Tina Cahill, Director of Institutional Advancement at tcahill@quincycollege.edu or visit our website: www.quincycollege.edu/qcip.



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. As the "College of the South Shore", Quincy College draws a diversity of students from the greater metro Boston area, South Shore, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu



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About MountainOne Bank

Founded in 1848, MountainOne Bank has assets of over \$850 million and provides a broad range of banking services supporting the needs of personal and business customers. MountainOne Bank has three full service offices serving the Berkshires, three serving Boston South, and one serving Boston North. MountainOne Bank is a subsidiary of MountainOne Financial, a mutual holding company headquartered in North Adams, MA. The following companies operate as divisions of MountainOne Bank: Coakley, Pierpan, Dolan & Collins Insurance; True North Insurance; and True North Financial (financial professionals offering securities and advisory services through Commonwealth Financial Network®, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Advisor).