



**QUINCY COLLEGE**  
PLYMOUTH, QUINCY & ONLINE  
FOCUSED ON TEACHING & LEARNING, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

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## **Quincy College Delivers for Students of all Ages; Ranked #1 for those who Never Say Never**

*Washington Monthly Ranks Quincy College as Best 2-Year Public College in MA for Adult Learners and 16th nationally*

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**Quincy, MA (8/30/16)** - Quincy College is the #1 Ranked, two-year public college in Massachusetts for Adult Learners (students over the age of twenty-five) according to [Washington Monthly](#) rankings whose annual rankings were released on Monday, August 29th. The bi-monthly magazine is known for its annual ranking of American colleges and universities. *Washington Monthly* provides prospective students with a tool and resource with which to critically compare higher education institutions to support the college decision making process.

Quincy College also ranked well nationally, coming in at #16 across two-year public colleges. Other Massachusetts two-year public colleges highlighted in the *Washington Monthly* ranking were Massachusetts Bay Community College (ranked #20 nationally), Bunker Hill Community College (ranked #31 nationally), and Cape Cod Community College (ranked 45th nationally).

*Washington Monthly* combined data points from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, and the IPEDS. These data sources compile national data on all higher educational institutions in the United States. For the Adult Learner ranking, *Washington Monthly* reviewed and qualitatively ranked national higher educational institutions into seven general measures of colleges' openness and responsiveness to adult students and rated higher education institutions across three metrics: ease of transfer, flexibility of programs and services offered for adults.

Quincy College received the highest rankings of four (out of four) for ease of transfer, eight (out of nine) for flexibility of programs, and four (out of six) for services offered to adults. Of the Massachusetts ranked two-year public colleges, Quincy College serves the largest adult learner population with 48% of registered students over the age of 25.

The *Washington Monthly* ranking- when coupled with the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard ranking of Quincy College students as top salary earners in Massachusetts and New England across two-year public colleges -highlights the successful outcomes of Quincy College students and reflects the outstanding value [beyond the classroom](#) for all learners, regardless of age, of a Quincy College education.

"We appreciate the importance of post-secondary education to our students - many of whom juggle significant parenting and work responsibilities along with their studies so that they can secure even more promising futures for themselves and their families. To that end Quincy College provides a range of support services, including free tutoring, success coaches, and one-on-one advising, as well as small class sizes which foster close interaction with faculty," said Quincy College Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Aundrea Kelley.

Quincy College also offers courses in both traditional 15-week and intensive abbreviated FLEX semester formats as well as during days, evenings, and weekends. These options help expand access and opportunity for all students, from recent high school graduates to out-of-work or career-changing adults seeking a new skill set or the foundation needed for baccalaureate degrees.

Quincy College's [programs](#), [partnerships](#), and curriculum address a critical skills gap for the Commonwealth and the New England region. Ongoing collaboration with the College's multiple industry advisory boards keeps course offerings relevant to industry needs, establishes workforce pipelines, and helps students of all ages maximize their return on investment in their studies. In direct response to industry need and student demand, during the 2016 academic year, Quincy College developed six [new program offerings](#) including certificate programs in aquaculture, web and mobile development, customer service, and entrepreneurship as well as a non-credit certificate in event planning.

In addition to curriculum updates to support students of all ages, Quincy College has also hired new staff and developed the [Office of Workforce Development](#) to support the unique needs of the adult learning community. The Office of Workforce Development fosters collaboration between Quincy College and individual businesses, the non-profit sector, local agencies, industry associations, and government agencies with the purpose of using the combined resources of all partners to create alternative educational opportunities for non-traditional students.

Quincy College President Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D. reflected on the recent *Washington Monthly* ranking: "Our goal is to provide people with an education that allows them to become socially and economically productive members of society regardless of their age. This information, which was developed by the *Washington Monthly* and is available to the public, indicates that we are making progress on behalf of our students in achieving our goal."

For more information about Quincy College's Washington Monthly Ranking and previous accolades, please visit: [www.quincycollege.edu/bestinclass](http://www.quincycollege.edu/bestinclass).

To review Washington Monthly methodology and the full list of higher education institutions ranked, please visit: [http://washingtonmonthly.com/college\\_guide?ranking=best-colleges-for-adult-learners-2-year-colleges](http://washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide?ranking=best-colleges-for-adult-learners-2-year-colleges).

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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. As the "College of the South Shore", Quincy College draws a diversity of students from the greater metro Boston area, South Shore, Cape and the Islands, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)*