

## Focused on Veteran Success

*Quincy College Veteran's Luncheon held in Quincy and Plymouth featuring South Shore veteran entrepreneur guest speakers*



*Suggested Caption: Quincy College celebrated the veteran community with a November 6th and November 7th event in Quincy and Plymouth with guest speakers and veteran entrepreneurs Allen Lerner and Mark M. Fallon.*

**Quincy, MA and Plymouth, MA (11/8/2019):** To honor and recognize the veteran community ahead of Veteran's Day, Quincy College's Military and Veteran Services Department hosted an annual Veterans luncheon for veterans students, staff, faculty, and their families. The luncheon, which was free and open to the public, was held on the Quincy and Plymouth campuses, on two consecutive days, and seeks to honor Veterans Day and further develop a sense of veteran camaraderie across Quincy College's campuses and the community at large.

The Quincy Veterans Day luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at the Quincy Campus Student Lounge, 3rd Floor (1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA).

The Plymouth Veterans Day luncheon will be held Thursday, November 7th on the Plymouth Campus in the Krovitz Library (36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA).

Mark M. Fallon, President and CEO of The Berkshire Company of South Yarmouth, MA and US Army veteran was joined by US Navy Veteran Allen Lerner, owner and operator of Chick-fil-A Plymouth as guest speakers at the Quincy and Plymouth events. Each shared how their skills and

training that they received as veterans translated to successful business practices. Emcee for the event was Karen Connick, Academic Services Specialist at Quincy College.



Fallon highlighted four principles that he received from his ROTC commanding officer that helped guide his transition to civilian and entrepreneurial life, principles which he outlined for veteran and non-veteran students during the Quincy College event:

" Our commander, Lt. Colonel Benway, gave me four principles that I should look for (in a career). The first is to look for something that is worth putting my energy into. It's one of the many reasons we signed up. - to be part of something. The second was to be a part of a team. To be part of a team where people gave of themselves selflessly; where the synergy, the sum of the parts is greater than the individual components. The third was to know that I made a difference. Could I make difference in what I was doing? The fourth was the diversity of day-to-day action."

After the guest speakers shared their experiences, the Quincy College community was welcomed to a lunch on campus with veteran staff, students, faculty, and community members at large celebrating the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

This event is one of two major events , the other being a Memorial Day celebration, that Quincy College Veteran Services hosts throughout the academic year on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses. Quincy College offers a wide range of support for its large military and veteran student body. Having been recognized as a Military Friendly School by GI Jobs Magazine, Quincy College prides itself on the personalized assistance it provides to veterans and veteran dependents.

For more information about the Military and Veterans Services available at Quincy College, please visit the department's website: <https://quincycollege.edu/student-services/military-veteran-services/>.

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## ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,000 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 37 associate degree programs and 27 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, and Natural & Health Sciences. 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 as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)

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