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Sharing American Voices in Poetry: Quincy College and PCCF Inmates Meet to Share Original and Published Poems about the American Experience

April 10th American Voices Poetry Event held at Plymouth Public Library

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Plymouth, MA 4/5/2019) - Quincy College in coordination with Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth Public Library continues to build upon the success of their unique program to explore the themes and works of poetry with a two-part event for the community. On April 10th, Quincy College students and inmates join at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility to discuss American voices in poetry as well as share their own original work on the theme the American Experience. A live poetry reading of student, inmate, and published poetry will follow at the Plymouth Public Library from 3:30-5:00.

Students enrolled in English Comp II class will have the opportunity to visit the Plymouth County Correction Facility (PCCF), under the supervision of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Quincy College Instructor of English and Humanities Dr. Laurel Kornhiser's to discuss select poems by American poets that represent the varied visions and voices that make up America. They will also share with each other their own original poems.

"The intersection of education and experience in the justice system reduces recidivism among inmates. Students and inmates can learn more from each other's experiences, connect with each other, and find points of intersectionality, while providing an outlet for creativity and voice. This is a wonderful program that Quincy College is proud to partner with the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, and the Plymouth Public Library which culminates in a great event that the shared community can enjoy," Quincy College President, Michael G. Bellotti.

As part of the program, Quincy College students will to spend two hours reading a select group of poems and discussing them on April 10, 2019.

Dr. Laurel Kornhiser, Quincy College Faculty will lead students and inmates in a discussion of American Voices/American Vision in poetic works by Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, Alan Ginsberg, & more.

Students and PCCF inmates have the option to write a poem based on their experience as an American.

" The American Voices/American Vision Poetry event is a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between Quincy College Plymouth, the Plymouth Public Library, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department to explore the facets of the American experience and the diversity of voices that make of the mythos of America. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and the inmates to share and discuss their visions of the American experience through their own poetry and through that of some of the country's most famous poets. This collaboration energizes the students, the PCCF participants, and me as a professor. We are thankful to the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department for this opportunity and to the Plymouth Library for their expert organization and promotion of the event. The students are always eager to share their experience, works, and those of the inmates with Plymouth Library's receptive audience, " states Quincy College's Professor of English and Humanities, Dr. Laurel Kornhiser.

During the April 10th meeting between the students and the inmates, volunteers will read select poems and then the group will discuss them. The day will culminate in an event held at the Plymouth Public Library. Original works from inmates and students will be read as part of an Open Mic event on April 10, 2019 starting at 3:30pm in the Otto Fehlow Room at Plymouth Public Library.

Reflecting on the value of the Day of Myth Program for inmates at Plymouth County Correctional Facility, Sheriff Joseph McDonald states: "I am very appreciative of our partnership with Quincy College and Plymouth Public Library. Their willingness to work with the men at the Correctional Facility enriches the opportunity for insightful discussions which is very helpful."

"This annual event in April is featuring poetry as a celebration of National Poetry Month. The Library has also invited two local poets, Miriam O'Neal and Lisa Sullivan to read their own poetry that is inspired by the selected works. We are excited to host this wonderful program, " states Jennifer Harris, Library Director, Plymouth Public Library.

For more information on this event, please visit:

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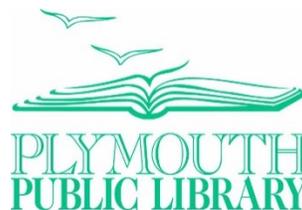
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Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,000 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic 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 35 associate degree programs and 25 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



About Plymouth County Sheriff's Office

The Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) is one of the largest correctional facilities under one roof in New England. The jail holds a diverse male inmate population, including county, state and federal prisoners. Some have been sentenced; others are awaiting trial. Opened in 1994, PCCF's design and operation reflects contemporary corrections management practices. PCCF is accredited by the American Correctional Association and in its most recent compliance audit the facility received a 100% score through county public safety efforts. The department also supports its K-9, Warrant Apprehension and Honor Guard. The Communications Department coordinates all fire mutual aid in the county, serves as the communications link between paramedics and hospitals, and provides communications services at the scene of major events. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation assists local police in collecting and analyzing evidence from crime scenes, and in photographing major traffic accident scenes. All public safety support services are provided at the request of local police and fire departments. The Civil Process Department, headquartered in Brockton, dispatches deputies to serve legal documents in civil cases. Fees paid by attorneys and plaintiffs for delivery of these documents fund the division's operation. Today, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department employs more than 500 professional people, making it one of the largest employers in Plymouth County.



About Plymouth Public Library

Serving the community since 1857, the mission of the Plymouth Public Library is to select, acquire, organize, preserve and make conveniently accessible services and a collection of materials, in various formats, held in common by the people of Plymouth for their education, cultural, recreational and informational needs and interests. The library is among the 29 member libraries belonging to the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN), which circulated almost 6 million titles last year alone. Intralibrary delivery brings these items to your local library. An integral part of municipal government, the library supports lifelong learning and the reading enjoyment of the community. For more information, visit: <http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org/about-us/>.