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Quincy College to Offer Discounted Summer Courses for Quincy and Plymouth Rising High School Juniors & Seniors

Building a Bridge to College for Quincy & Plymouth High School Students

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- Quote from Gerald Koocher, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Quote from Dr. Gary E. Maestas, Superintendent of the Plymouth Public Schools
- Quote from Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Superintendent of Quincy Public Schools



Suggested Caption

Quincy & Plymouth High School students can now earn college credit this summer at Quincy College.

Quincy College is pleased to announce a new program for rising juniors and seniors who are residents of Quincy and Plymouth. The newly created Quincy College Summer Bridge program is offered at both Quincy College campuses in Quincy and Plymouth.

The Summer Bridge Program affords local, area high school students access to the college experience. Students are introduced to the structure and rigor of college coursework across a wide spectrum of subjects, and earn transferable credits towards their college degree. From Accounting to Spanish, the Summer Bridge Program paves the way for a college experience.

As Quincy College students taking summer courses, Summer Bridge students will have access to a comprehensive suite of academic support, advising, and tutoring to ensure a successful college experience.

The Summer Bridge Program developed out of a collaborative partnership and close working relationship between Quincy College and the Quincy and Plymouth School Districts.

Dr. Gerry Koocher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Quincy College played a key role in the development of this program:

"College accessibility sits at the core of the Quincy College mission. The *Summer Bridge Program* will not only empower high school students from Quincy and Plymouth to consider college as an option, but also give those who definitely plan to attend college a chance to get a head start. Students will join registered Quincy College students in taking summer course work. *Summer Bridge* students will gain exposure to college level education, outstanding faculty, excellent academic facilities, and our diverse college community. I have enjoyed Working with Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Superintendent of Quincy Public Schools and Dr. Gary E. Maestas, Superintendent of the Plymouth Public Schools in developing and launching this program to benefit our community of learners," Koocher states.

The Summer Bridge Program is open to rising juniors and seniors in high school in Quincy or Plymouth. Current seniors may take summer courses if they register prior to their high school graduation. All students need permissions or signed approval from their guidance counselor.



Suggested Caption: Quincy College President Michael G. Bellotti with Plymouth Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Gary E. Maestas at the Quincy College at Plymouth Campus.

" The Plymouth Public Schools are pleased to announce our partnership with Quincy College to engage our students in the Bridge Program. The program will allow high school students to participate in college programming and gain college credit while they continue to work towards earning their high school diploma. We are grateful to Quincy College for their innovative approach focused on engaging the students of the Plymouth Public Schools to better prepare them for their educational future," Dr. Gary E. Maestas, Superintendent of the Plymouth Public Schools.

Summer Bridge courses at Quincy College are \$100 per credit, an affordable entry point for high school students earning college credit over the summer. Summer Bridge Students will not pay admissions fees or registration fees, however textbooks for the Summer Bridge courses are an additional cost for students.



Suggested Caption: Quincy College President Michael G. Bellotti with Quincy Public School Superintendent, Dr. Richard DeCristofaro.

" Quincy Public Schools is looking forward to expanding our long-standing partnership with Quincy College. For the last few years, our high school students have earned college credits on their campuses through the Dual Enrollment program. The Summer Bridge program is a great next step for our students to earn college credits in a real-world college setting, " Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Superintendent, Quincy Public Schools.

To register for the Summer Bridge Program, students will need to complete a Summer Bridge Application available on the Quincy College Summer Bridge website: quincycollege.edu/bridge.

For any additional questions, Quincy Residents can contact: Janet Pearson Admissions Associate jpearson@quincycollege.edu 617-984-1741. Plymouth Residents can contact Katie Carreau, Academic Services Specialist kcarreau@quincycollege.edu, 617-984-1732.

For more information about the Summer Bridge Program, visit: www.quincycollege.edu/bridge.

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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 34 associate degree programs and 24 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

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