

QUINCY COLLEGE



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Quincy College to confer degrees and certificates to the largest graduating class in Quincy College history

Marianne Peak to receive Distinguished Speaker Award at the 2018 Quincy College Commencement held at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Friday, May 25th



Who: Quincy College

What: Quincy College 2018 Commencement Ceremony

When & Where:

Friday, May 25th | 10am

South Shore Music Circus

Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA

Details:

Over 850 students will accomplish their goals and be celebrated by friends, family, and the Quincy College community on Friday May 25th. At the 2018 Commencement event, Quincy College will confer the largest number of degrees and certificates in the 60 year history of the college.

Marianne Peak, Superintendent of the Adams National Historical Park and dedicated community advocate will receive the Distinguished Speaker Award at the Quincy College 2018 Commencement Ceremony held on Friday, May 25th, 2018 at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset where she will be delivering

the Commencement Address.

Peak has served as National Park Service (NPS) Superintendent of the Adams National Historical Park for decades, directing museum management, public programming, and preservation and conservation of a presidential site representing two Adams Presidents and four generations of the Adams family.

Peak's leadership initiatives at the Adams Park include establishing an "Urban Agenda" with an NPS presence in downtown Quincy, Massachusetts, a trolley transportation system serving thousands of visitors to the park, and initiation of expanded visitor services including cultural and informational programs. In addition to local park oversight, Peak championed broad outreach for education programs, forging collaborative efforts among local, regional, and national organizations aimed at enhancing the

arts and developing partnership opportunities.

Peak's multi-decade career experience and success has given her the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally as a consultant to other National Parks and as a representative of the Park Service at global trade conferences. She presently serves as an NPS representative nationally bringing together senior staff from presidential sites and libraries, to expand programs, collaborations, explore new technologies in museum management and enhance visitor service and academic access.

A graduate of Quincy College, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and Psychology from Emmanuel College and an M.A. in Psychology from Eastern Nazarene College. She has been a member of Quincy College adjunct faculty teaching social sciences and has taught continuing education programs in local communities. Peak is a state-licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Marriage and Family Therapist, supporting local social service agencies.

Peak is an active member of many organizations and boards, including College Courses, Inc., Quincy College's founding organization which supports the College through student scholarships. She also served as past President of Rotary International.

On behalf of cultural, historical, and artistic venues, and management leadership, Peak has consulted on major projects of national interest and serves as a keynote speaker relating to the Adams legacy, tourism, partnerships, and social services.

Most important to Peak is her commitment to youth engagement, mentoring and coaching others to succeed in life, to enhance their careers, building personal awareness of their untapped resources, and capabilities to recognize and reach their potential.

She resides in Marshfield with her husband Gerry and family.

The Student Commencement speaker is Steven O Broin, a native of Ireland, will be receiving his Associate Degree in Exercise Science. O Broin is addressing the largest graduating class in the history of Quincy College with over 850 students receiving associate degrees or certificates.

The 2018 Quincy College Commencement Ceremony will be broadcast live via Quincy College's Facebook Page, website, and Youtube Channels. For more information about Quincy College Commencement 2018, visit: quincycollege.edu/graduation.

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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 24 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.