

QUINCY COLLEGE



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Quincy College continues to deliver for Students of all Ages; Ranked #1 for those who Never Say Never

For second year in a row, Washington Monthly Ranks Quincy College as Best 2-Year Public College in MA for Adult Learners and Top 20 nationally

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September 25, 2017 (Quincy and Plymouth, MA) - Quincy College is the #1 ranked, two-year public college in Massachusetts for Adult Learners (students over the age of twenty-five) for a second year in a row according to [Washington Monthly Magazine's 2017 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 #18 across two-year public colleges. Other Massachusetts two-year public colleges highlighted in the Washington Monthly ranking were North Shore Community College (ranked #23 nationally), Massachusetts Bay Community College (ranked #26 nationally), Mount Wachusett Community College (ranked #31 nationally), Middlesex Community College (ranked #43 nationally), Cape Cod Community College (ranked 48th nationally), and Bunker Hill Community College (ranked #49 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 adult students. 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.

"With over a third of Quincy College Fall 2016 student body over the age of 30, new and current students will find a community of adult learners across the Quincy and Plymouth campuses benefiting from the support of personalized assistance. Quincy College is uniquely positioned to offer the best higher education experience for adult learners ensuring that the transition to the classroom is seamless. The

recent expansion of the Quincy College Adult Advantage program and our free first class scholarship for adult learners is just one way in which Quincy College remains committed to delivering a superior educational experience to adult learners," Mary Burke, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Quincy College.

The Washington Monthly release of the favorable rankings is on the heels of Quincy College announcing an expansion of its successful [Adult Advantage Program](#) and the "Free First Class Treatment" Scholarship. The scholarship was first offered for the Spring 2017 semester and provides qualified adult learners with free tuition and no fees for their first eligible Quincy College class. Supporting the growing need for further educational opportunities for Massachusetts residents aged 30 and older, and celebrating the growing enrollment of Adult Learners at Quincy College, the program expansion for adult learners will include more eligible courses for the "Free First Class Treatment" Scholarship. The program is offered on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses and includes on-campus and online classes.

All-inclusive student services such as free tutoring and financial aid assist students every step of the way. Adult Learner Liaisons are in every student facing office including Academic Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, and Student Accounts. Dedicated Adult Learner Liaisons (ALL) address the needs of the adult learner and assist them in their return to the classroom.

For more information, visit: quincycollege.edu/bestinclass.

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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 37 associate degree programs and 25 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