

Quincy College to support Bahamian student in his educational pursuits stateside after Hurricane Dorian Tragedy

Quincy, MA: 1,243 nautical miles separate Quincy, Massachusetts and the Grand Island of the Bahamas.

Thanks to the efforts of the DeSisto and Buffum families and the Cohasset community, Quincy College learned about Dunlop "Loppy" Munnings, 23 and his goals of attending Quincy College after Hurricane Dorian ravaged the Bahamas.

Recognizing the personal and the international tragedy left in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, Quincy College is ready to assist.

Quincy College President Michael G. Bellotti learned of Loppy's circumstances and immediately asked the administration and Quincy College Board of Governors for ways to help him as he pursued his education in the United States.

" Upon learning of Loppy's circumstances, we immediately reached out to Loppy in support of his educational and professional goals. We will be providing a full 2-year scholarship to Loppy, covering tuition and fees, along with educational assistance and guidance to Loppy as he attains his goal of attending Quincy College," Quincy College President Michael G. Bellotti.

Bellotti elaborates: " Loppy's pursuit of education is at the heart of Quincy College's mission. We foster economic opportunity, community, and lifelong learning. We inspire our students to realize their education and professional futures and value the role in which we play facilitating our student goals."

President Bellotti and senior administrators have spoken with Loppy and have extended their support to him as he navigates the visa process of applying for college as an International student.

When Quincy College spoke directly with Dunlop "Loppy" Munnings to award the scholarship, he said: " Since Hurricane Dorian, this has been the best news I've heard. Thank you to everyone at Quincy College. Computer Science is always something I wanted to do. I had nowhere to study in the Bahamas. With this scholarship and the help of so many, I'm able to give Computer Science a go. I'm excited to study at Quincy College and meet all of the individuals who made this possible."

With the financial and educational assistance from Quincy College and the GoFundMe funds raised by the generosity of so many, Loppy is in the process of applying for his student visa, completing his application to Quincy College, and hopes to start classes in January for the Spring 2020 Semester.

Quincy College currently welcomes approximately 200 International students to their Quincy and Plymouth campuses from over 70 countries worldwide. The dedicated International Student Services

Office provides support and services to all international students at Quincy College. This office is solely dedicated to supporting International Students, ensuring the transition to an American college is easy and enjoyable by helping students find a place to live, providing academic advising, and counseling on immigration matters.

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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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