



QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY

QUINCY'S ECHS PATHWAY SENIORS CELEBRATE GRADUATION

Quincy's Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway is a cohort-based program that provides students the opportunity to earn up to 22 college credits while still in high school, at no cost to families. ECHS students receive robust academic support during their ECHS experience that will better position them to be successful in college and their future career. ECHS begins in grade 10.

The program is made possible by the partnership between Quincy College, Quincy Public Schools, State Street Foundation, and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



68 Quincy ECHS Pathway students graduated from North Quincy High School and Quincy High School earlier this month. To symbolize their participation in Quincy's ECHS Pathway, these students wore purple graduation cords over their gown. These graduates enter their post-secondary careers with up to 16 college credits already under their belts.

Below is a breakdown of where students are headed this fall.

Congratulations and best of luck to the class of 2023!

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| American Musical and Dramatic Academy - 1 | Franklin Cummings Tech - 1 | University of Massachusetts – Amherst - 5 |
| Assumption University - 1 | Georgia State - 1 | University of Massachusetts – Boston - 14 |
| Bentley University - 1 | Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - 6 | University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth - 1 |
| Brandeis University - 2 | Merrimack College - 1 | University of Massachusetts – Lowell - 3 |
| Bridgewater State University - 3 | Pennsylvania State University - 1 | Wentworth Institute of Technology - 1 |
| Bryant University - 1 | Quincy College - 15 | West Virginia University – 1 |
| Bunker Hill Community College - 1 | Simmons University - 1 | Workforce - 2 |
| Clark University - 1 | Suffolk University - 1 | |
| Eastern Nazarene College – 1 | U.S. Marine Corps – 1 | |
| Emmanuel College - 1 | University of Connecticut - 1 | |

EARLY COLLEGE IN THE NEWS

“Last year, former governor Charlie Baker’s budget dedicated \$19 million to help scale up early college programs for schools throughout Massachusetts. Governor Maura Healey is looking to increase that investment by committing nearly \$47 million to early college pathways in her fiscal year 2024 spending plan.”

– *The Boston Globe*, 3/16/23

Click [here](#) to read the full article.



ECHS PARENT ADVISORY TEAM

Eli Stewart, the College Transition Coach for Quincy's ECHS Pathway at Quincy High School, is spearheading the ECHS Parent Advisory Team which has met twice this year. **Through** this initiative, parents have the opportunity to connect with parents of current and prospective ECHS Pathway students, make program recommendations and coordinate events with ECHS Pathway staff members. The Parent Advisory Team meets four times per year at Quincy College and via Zoom. **If you would like to become involved, please contact ECHS College Transition Coach (QHS) at elyjahstewart@quincypublicschools.com.**

GUEST SPEAKER INSPIRES ECHS SENIORS AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS



On April 28, grade 12 ECHS Pathway students participated in the last of their four full-day visitations to the Quincy College campus during their senior year. After attending their English Composition II and Statistics classes in the morning, students enjoyed a BBQ lunch and participated in a writing workshop with guest speaker Caroline Kautsire, a Quincy College alumna and author. Kautsire spoke about how choosing a college education helped her find her purpose in life and encouraged students to think critically about the type of educational experience they want to have and the steps they need to take to get there. Each student received a copy of Kautsire’s book “What Kind of Girl” and had the opportunity for the author to sign it after the workshop. Kautsire was born and raised in Malawi and after high school she ventured to America where she attended Quincy College where she found her passion for writing. She then went on to UMass Boston to earn a bachelor’s degree in English and subsequently a master’s degree from Brown University in English literature. She currently teaches at Thayer Academy in Braintree.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Oscar Castro-Feliz

ECBS PATHWAY STUDENT at
QHS

Grade 11



ECBS STUDENTS INTERVIEWED ON LIVE TV

Along with Eli Stewart, ECBS Transition Coach at QHS, graduating ECBS students Jennifer Chen (NQHS) and Corey Chaparro (QHS) were interviewed on the Quincy Access Television (QATV) show *Currently in Quincy* at the end of May. Mr. Stewart and the students discussed the program, its benefits and provided first-hand testimonials. Please click the image below to watch the interview. (The show begins at the 10:15 mark.)



ORIENTATION for new ECBS students will take place on **Wednesday, August 30** at your high school.

Stay tuned for more details!

SPREAD THE WORD

QUINCY'S ECBS PATHWAY IS GROWING! For students entering grades 9, 10 and 11, we are accepting applications for the fall. *Please contact the ECBS Pathway school counselor or college transition coach at your school for more information!*

“What I appreciate most about Quincy’s Early College High School Pathway is that it gives me and my classmates an opportunity to get a feel of what college is like while still in high school.

The topic that has helped me the most is time management. Being that I am a student athlete, I had a hard time juggling sports and school, and this session provided me with tips on how I can be better at managing my time.”

*Oscar plans to pursue a degree
in Sports Management.*



ECHS STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP TO QUINCY COLLEGE



14 students from NQHS and QHS will be taking advantage of the ECHS Pathway Scholarship which is a full tuition scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year at Quincy College. Pictured above are graduating NQHS ECHS students with Quincy College President DeCristofaro (center) and Meghan Giovannoni (second from right) and ECHS School Counselor Ginny Cushman (right) at the NQHS Scholarship Ceremony on June 1.

TOPICS

Over the past few months, the ECHS school counselors and college transition coaches have worked with students on the following topics during ECHS support blocks:

- **Understanding individual strengths** – Students identified how they are smart. In order to be motivated in school and life, it is important for them to recognize their intelligences and believe in their abilities.
- **Career exploration** – Students identified careers that drew on their strengths, personality and goals, and researched career path options.
- **Post-graduate planning** – Grade 11 ECHS students began post-graduate planning with their counselor and advisor.

QUINCY COLLEGE CORNER



Bridget Fong Graphic & Web Design Specialist | Quincy College

“The best part about working at Quincy College are the people. At every event I attend, I love seeing students shine and capturing these special moments with the camera. I get to wear a lot of fun hats in my position as a graphic designer, photographer, and social media manager.

I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Communications at Simmons University and worked as a freelance designer and photographer previously. I thoroughly enjoy being able to bring my artistic skills to the table and create meaningful work.

Everyone at Quincy has been so welcoming and although I am not technically from Quincy, I hope to call this place my home someday.”

Fun fact: *I grew up in North Quincy the first two years of my life before moving to Framingham!*





ECHS PATHWAY STUDENTS VISIT QUINCY COLLEGE

ECHS Pathway juniors at both NQHS and QHS visited Quincy College in April. They took a tour of the campus and learned about the various resources available to them, including tutoring, student support services and library resources. They also sat in on classes, visited the surgical technology lab and enjoyed a pizza lunch. Pictured above are the grade 11 ECHS students from NQHS.

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TEACHER'S TIP

MATT EDGERLY



Bachelor's in History, Minor in Secondary Education from Bridgewater State University
Master's in Educational Administration from Bridgewater State University
11 Years Teaching in QPS (7 at Point Webster Middle School, 4 at NQHS)

ECHS Courses: **Introduction to Criminal Justice** (10th Grade) and **U.S. History II** (11th Grade)

I knew I wanted to be a history teacher when I was a sophomore at NQHS thanks to the positive impact the history department staff had on me. I have loved every minute over the past 11 years working with students and helping them build on their self-confidence, self-esteem, improve their writing and reading skills, think critically, and support their goals and dreams.

My interests range from baseball, fantasy football, hanging at the beach with my family, and being with friends.

My advice to my current and future students:

"This Too Shall Pass." Don't dwell on the past.

Don't stress about the future. Enjoy the present.