



QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY

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.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

New grade 10 and 11 ECHS students and parents attended an ECHS orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at their high schools. Students sat in on a panel where they listened to current students' perspectives on the program and had the opportunity to ask them questions. At the same time, parents attended a panel which involved program staff and current ECHS parents who provided an overall picture of the program from various perspectives. Students also met with their ECHS teachers and participated in a backpack design challenge that involved communication, problem solving and adaptability, all of which are important skills to develop that will help them succeed in college and future careers.

We would like to especially thank our orientation leaders who spoke on the panel and helped with the event!

To view photos from orientation, please click [HERE](#).

Calling all JUNIORS & SENIORS!

Grade 11 & 12 ECHS students have the opportunity to earn additional college credits through the dual enrollment program at no cost for the 2023–2024 academic year. Students will earn both high school and college credits at the same time. Click [HERE](#) for a list of the eligible classes. Juniors can sign up for the initiative [HERE](#) and seniors can sign up for the initiative by completing [THIS FORM](#).

Program Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in an honors level course
- Students must earn a final grade of "C" or better to earn college credit
- Students may take ONE 3 or 4 credit course

If you have any questions, please contact your ECHS School Counselor.

MEET THE ECHS ACADEMIC COACHES

MACKENZIE MASON (QHS)

EDUCATION

Bridgewater State

University: B.A. in Communication Studies with a Concentration in Film & Media, and minor in Public Relations

Salem State University:

M.A. in Higher Education, Student Affairs

FAVORITE FOODS

Buffalo Chicken Dip and Kimchi Jjigae

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN HIGH SCHOOL

History

BEST ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED

“A narrow focus brings big results.” When I think too big, I notice that I tend to give up faster because things wouldn't go the way I envisioned them to. If I narrow my focus on smaller, more attainable goals; that series of small wins will give and lead me to the most significant success.

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AMALIA TORRES (NQHS)



EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Boston:

B.A. in Psychology

FAVORITE FOODS

I am a big pasta lover and my favorite dish is Chicken Alfredo.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN HIGH SCHOOL

Psychology

BEST ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED

“Give yourself grace.” This quote has taught me to be patient with myself. We can put a lot of pressure on ourselves but it's important that we leave room to make mistakes and put ourselves first without feeling guilty about it.

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ECHS SENIORS GO TO COLLEGE

On Oct. 6, grade 12 ECHS Pathway students from NQHS and QHS participated in the first of four full-day visitations to the Quincy College campus. This visit provided students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the college experience, take their English Composition I and Statistics class on campus, and engage in sessions on leadership, research writing, and health and wellness.

The schedule for the grade 12 Quincy College visitations is as follows:

- Friday, December 1, 2023
- Friday, March 1, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024



ECHS STUDENTS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Quincy's ECHS Pathway has partnered with Appointed to Lead to incorporate lessons on leadership into the ECHS classrooms. Appointed to Lead is an organization that works to inspire individuals to believe they can lead and equips them with skills to lead effectively. The lessons are engaging and aim to develop the skills and traits that make strong leaders.



PORTFOLIOS HELP STUDENTS PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE

QHS has introduced a new portfolio initiative that will follow students throughout their duration in the ECHS Pathway. The portfolio, which includes resumes, cover letters, grades and transcripts, gives staff a better idea on how to help students identify colleges and career paths. The portfolio will also include a section on hobbies and interests, goal setting, college planning and career exploration.

EARLY COLLEGE in the NEWS

"Purposeful Blending of High School and College Can Boost Economic Mobility"

www.forbes.com

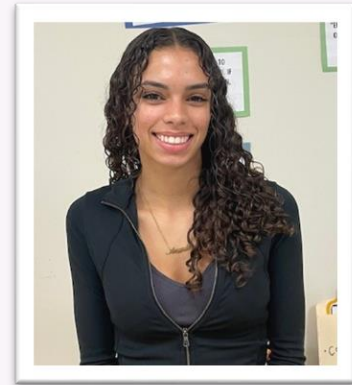
September 27, 2023

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Amanda De Melo

ECHS PATHWAY STUDENT at QHS

Grade 12



"The support that I receive from the ECHS staff is helping prepare me for my future. I don't feel alone since I know that I have support in and outside of the classroom. I also appreciate the opportunity to experience what a college class feels like.

The support block topic, HOW ARE YOU SMART?, has encouraged me to stay on top of my work and has helped me identify a career path.

I plan to attend college and pursue a degree in business. I would also like to become a real estate agent."

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

JOIN THE PARENT ADVISORY TEAM!

If you would like to become involved with the ECHS Parent Advisory Team, please contact Eli Stewart, ECHS College Transition Coach at QHS, at elyjahstewart@quincypublicschools.com. This initiative aims to connect 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.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 13 at 4:00 PM.



HEATHER KEEN (left)

Manhattanville College: B.S. in Communications

Bay Path University: M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration

A TIP FOR STUDENTS: Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it! There are so many supportive faculty and staff at Quincy College. We really are here for whatever help you need.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU WISHED YOU'D KNOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL? That my parents weren't going to help me pay for all four years of college! I graduated with quite a bit of student loan debt (\$90k) and I would have started at a community college to save some money and still get a great quality education before transferring to a 4-year college.

JILLIAN BENN (right)

Franklin Pierce University: B.S. in Sports and Recreation Management

Southern New Hampshire University: M.S. in Sport Management

WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU WISHED YOU'D KNOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL? I wish I had known that there are more affordable options for college as well as the great opportunities there are for transferring.

Academic Advising



- Get help on your degree plan
- Choose a major and career
- Find support for your academic career
- Register for your courses
- Prepare for graduation
- Get engaged on campus
- Explore campus resources
- Learn how to transfer out of QC after you've completed your degree

TIM SHAW (middle)

Dean College: A.A. in Communications

Bridgewater State University: B.S. in Communication Studies & M.Ed. in School Counseling

A TIP FOR STUDENTS: The best thing you can do for yourself and your academic career is to utilize your resources. While you may not have someone keeping you accountable like you did in high school, you have people who want to help you. You just need to take the first step and reach out to them, whether it is going to your professor's office hours or consulting with your advisor or receiving assistance from a tutor.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU WISHED YOU'D KNOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL? I wish I knew that it was okay to take some time to consider my options before jumping into college. This might have led to me going to a community college rather than a private school to save money. It might have also helped me pursue a major that I could get a job in right out of school. Either way, my path got me to where I am now and I love it, so it all works out.

A TIP FOR STUDENTS: Build relationships with your professors! They have direct experience in the field that they teach as well as are a great resource/support in your years of college and beyond.



EARN A FREE PROM TICKET OR YEARBOOK!

Grade 12 Early College High School students have the option of choosing a free yearbook or prom ticket by meeting the requirements below:

- No more than 5 unexcused absences and 5 tardies for the 2023–2024 Academic Year
- Minimum grade of 80 or above in Grade 12 ECHS courses
- Must attend all 4 Quincy College visitations

Sign up [HERE](#) to participate. If you have any questions, please contact your ECHS School Counselor or Transition Coach.



ECHS STAFF TRAVEL TO FT. WORTH

At the end of September, ECHS staff from NQHS and QHS visited three Early College high schools in Ft. Worth, Texas. They explored how the three schools support college and career readiness and then identified ideas for adapting and implementing aspects into the programs at NHQS and QHS. The three schools visited were North Side High School, O. D. Wyatt High School and southwest High School. Special acknowledgement and appreciation goes to RTI International for the planning and support of the visit.

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ECHS staff also had the chance to take a tour of the AT&T Stadium. Those participating in the visit included: Ms. Byrne, Mrs. Compitiello & Mr. Edgerly (ECHS Teachers); Mrs. Bobrov & Mr. Stewart (ECHS College Transition Coaches); Ms. Hart & Mr. Liuzzo (ECHS School Counselors); Ms. Mason & Ms. Torres (ECHS Academic Coaches); Mr. Smith (QHS Assistant Principal); and Mr. Segalla (Executive Director of Career Vocational and Technical Education at Quincy Public Schools).