



QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY



Newsletter

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GRADE 12 ECHS PATHWAY STUDENTS VISIT QUINCY COLLEGE CAMPUS



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.

On September 30, grade 12 ECHS Pathway students from NQHS and QHS participated in the first of four full-day visitations to the Quincy College campus. This visitation provided students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the college experience, have their English Composition I and Statistics class be taught by a college professor and engage in sessions on post-secondary planning, financial literacy and health and wellness.

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

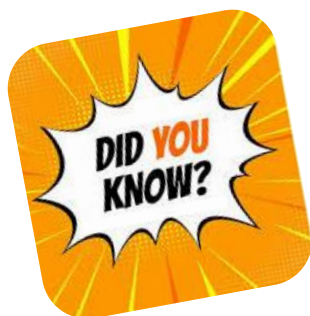
Friday, December 2, 2022

Friday, March 3, 2023

Friday, April 28, 2023

Above: NQHS students after a college planning session.

Right: QHS students during a session with Melissa Lord, Student Program and Wellness Coach at Quincy College.



In School Year 2021-22, Early College students in Massachusetts are estimated to have earned 30,000 credits - a 25% increase from the previous school year - saving their families \$6.4 million in tuition and fees.

(Massachusetts Alliance for Early College)

TEACHER'S TIP

JOANNA COMPITIELLO



B.M.Ed (Bachelor's of Music in Music Education)

M.M.Ed (Master's of Music in Music Education)

8 years teaching in Quincy Public Schools

ECHS Course: Music Across Cultures

I grew up in Smithtown, New York on Long Island but moved to Boston for college. I am an avid Boston Red Sox fan and love going to games in the summer. If I am not at school, you can find me at the beach or taking walks with my 2 year old French Bulldog, Jack!

I absolutely love my job! I get to teach music classes, including Choir, Solo & Ensemble, and my ECHS Music Across Cultures classes. I also lead the QNQ Women's A Cappella Choir and will be leading the All City Middle School Chorus starting in January. I love teaching in the ECHS program because I get to help students develop college readiness skills while also learning about music from a global perspective. I became a music teacher because I believe that music provides a space for creative expression and can give students a sense of accomplishment beyond what they thought was possible.

My advice to ECHS Pathway students is: ***Take the time now to try out different note-taking and study skills. When you find what works for you, you'll be set for college!***

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Harun Chaani

ECHS Pathway Student at QHS

Grade 12



"What I liked most about the ECHS program is the college prep support I received from the ECHS staff and teachers. The topics in the support blocks have provided me insight on what it feels like to be a college student. The most recent topic on accountability has given me a better understanding on how to advocate for myself. Between the staff and teachers, I feel much more comfortable with the college planning process."

Harun would like to pursue a degree in computer science with a minor in business.

SENIORS:

Don't forget to schedule an appointment with your ECHS School Counselor to work on college planning!

Also, college visits are in full swing and seniors can sign up for visits through Naviance. College representatives visit during the school day and want to meet you!

ECHS STAFF VISIT EARLY COLLEGES IN NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of September, ECHS staff from NQHS and QHS participated in a two-day immersive experience where they visited three Early College high schools in North Carolina. ECHS staff explored how the three schools support college and career readiness and then identified ideas for adopting, adapting and implementing aspects into the programs at NHQS and QHS. The three schools visited were Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy, Wake Early College of Health & Sciences and Wake Stem Early College. Special acknowledgement and appreciation goes to RTI International for the planning and support of the visit.



ECHS staff who participated in the visit included the following: Mr. Comer, Mrs. Compitiello & Mr. Edgerly (ECHS Teachers); Mrs. Bobrov & Mr. Stewart (ECHS College Transition Coaches); Mr. Liuzzo, ECHS School Counselor; Meghan Cassidy, Associate VP of Student Success & Partnerships at Quincy College; and Keith Segalla, Executive Director of Career Vocational and Technical Education at Quincy Public Schools.



QUINCY COLLEGE CORNER

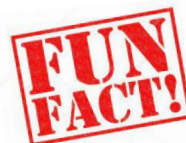


KENNY NGUYEN
Student Accessibility Associate
Quincy College

"I enjoy working with students who need help with accommodations for their classes and also enjoy my interactions with the professors. Quincy College does an incredible job of serving and helping every single one of its students. I am also an assistant coach for the men's basketball team.

Previously, I worked at therapeutic schools for students with learning disabilities and autism. I received my bachelor's in sociology from Bridgewater State University and my masters in Special Education from American International College.

Quincy has a special place in my heart as I grew up in the city. I understand the importance of education and the value of extracurricular activities. I am really happy that I have been able to come back to the city of Quincy and continue my career."



Kenny attended Lincoln Hancock, Sterling and Quincy High School.

A LOOK INSIDE THE ECHS CLASSROOM

TOPICS



Above: Students work on developing their communications skills during an ECHS academic support block at NQHS.



Above: Mrs. Compitello keeps students engaged during her Music Across Cultures class.



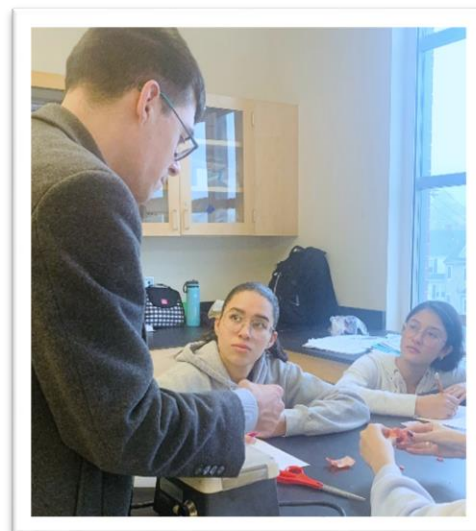
Above: Quincy Police Department's K9 Officer Kent Yee visits with Mr. Edgerly's Criminal Justice class at NQHS.



Left: Students work on an assignment in Mrs. Hajrizaj's English Composition I class at QHS.

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

- **Goal Setting** for the 22-23 academic year.
- **Accountability** – Identifying ways for students to take responsibility for their learning and actions.
- **Strengths Explorer** – Students identified their strengths through an assessment which provides insight into the different type of careers they could pursue.
- **Communication Skills** – Students were provided with opportunities to work on public speaking skills, how to write a professional e-mail and how to communicate during conflict.



Above: Mr. Comer walks QHS students through a lab on rock formation during his Introduction to Environmental Science class.



WHAT'S COMING UP?



November 5	SATs at Quincy High School
November 8	Election Day – No school
November 9	Early Release Day
November 9-10	ELA MCAS Retest
November 10	Term 1 Ends
November 11	Veteran's Day – No School
November 15-16	Math MCAS Retest
November 18	Adams Scholarship Assembly at NQHS
November 22	Report cards posted on Aspen
November 23	Early Release Day
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 14:	Early Release Day
Dec. 24 - Jan 2	Winter Recess – No School



QUINCY'S ECHS PATHWAY IS GROWING! Combined enrollment in the program at both NQHS and QHS has increased 30% this year. For students in grades 10 and 11, we are still accepting applications for the spring. *Please contact the ECHS Pathway school counselor or college transition coach at your school for more information!*

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