



# The QC Voice

*"A newspaper by students for students"*

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## Hey, Where did Everybody Go?

By SYNDIE J. DESROCHES

*QC Voice Staff*

By now, you all have noticed the magic transformation that has occurred on the Quincy College campus. It seems as if a wand was waved and "PRESTO!" an office disappeared and reappeared in a new location. But this was no trick and it took months of planning and strategic organization to pull off.

What are we talking about?

The administrative offices moving, of course! It happened in early October. Now on the second floor of Presidents Place we have a one-stop shop for student services. Once you step off the elevator you will find Advising, Financial Aid, the Registrar and Student Accounts all in one convenient place.

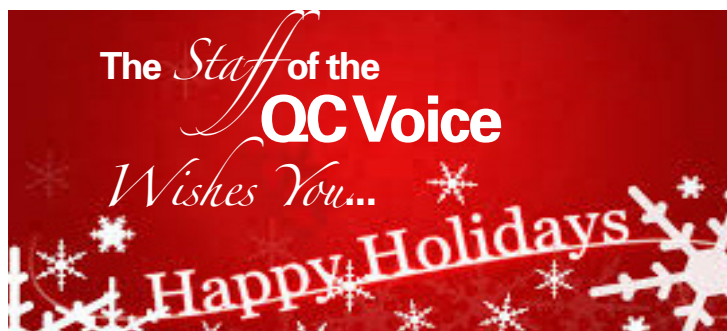


Photo: SYNDIE J. DESROCHES

*The new second floor Student Service Center now provides one-stop-shopping.*

Financial Aid moved down from the third floor and Advising from the fourth floor. But none could be happier than the staff at both the Registrar and Student Accounts who were sharing space on the first floor behind the frosty glass. There is no more confusion as to which line to stand in; each

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## Gamma Beta Phi inducts new members

By KEN HALEY

*QC Voice Staff*

The Quincy College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi, a national coeducational honor and service society, held its Fall 2015 new member induction ceremony Nov. 5 at the Quincy Historic Society.



*Among the guests were (from left) Jimmy McNutt (Gamma National Executive Director); Amanda Deck (QC Chapter Advisor); Jim Orcutt (Co-Founder of My Brother's Keeper); Susan Bossa (QC Associate VP of Student Development); and Peter H. Tsaffaras (President of Quincy college).*

Jim Orcutt, co-founder of My Brother's Keeper Alliance, was the keynote speaker, addressing the attendees that included 42 inductees (of the 76 new members named), their family members, faculty and staff.

Among other guests were Jimmy D. McNutt, Gamma's National Executive Director, and Peter H. Tsaffaras, President of Quincy College.

With chapters all across the country, Gamma Beta Phi regularly inducts thousands of academically excellent students who share its mission of promoting education and providing community service to their colleges and communities.

Eligibility is limited to students who have earned 12 or more credits toward a degree with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.



*Inductees take Gamma Beta Phi pledge.*



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# President's Corner

Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.



Access and Opportunity to Higher Education. The mission of Quincy College is now, and always has been, access to an affordable education that prepares our students to enter the workforce. This mission will not change. In achieving this goal, Quincy College is focused on continuous quality improvement.

This fall, for example, we inaugurated the Physical Therapist Assistant program and opened the program's new Classroom/Laboratory on the Plymouth campus. We are quite proud that our PTA program distinguishes us among our peer institutions in higher education.

It is one of only six programs in Massachusetts and one of only six other institutions in the country that was approved last year to offer a PTA program.

The PTA program is a combination of foundational education courses, technical education courses and clinical experiences. Students complete three clinical affiliations during the program, allowing them to network and create employment prospects after graduation. Average salaries are approximately \$55,000 a year.

PTAs are employed by hospitals, outpatient facilities, and rehabilitation facilities, to name a few, and can work in areas specializing in a wide range of topics, including geriatrics, pediatrics, neurology and orthopedics.

Looking ahead to the spring, we will open another laboratory – the Engineering Technology and Robotics Laboratory. This cross-disciplinary lab will serve a dual purpose as a lecture hall and laboratory for Robotics and will mark the start of our Engineering Technology program.

The Engineering Technology Associate Degree provides students with the knowledge and experience required to become Engineering Technicians in the areas of electrical and electronic systems. Additional courses in electro-mechanical principles and robotics will aid in pursuing job opportunities in the emerging 3D printing and robotics engineering fields.

Our focus on teaching and learning extends beyond the classroom and blends itself into every facet of the student experience. With this in mind, we have created the new Student Service Center on the second floor of Presidents Place. In this newly constructed space, students will find all of their resources they need to navigate the bureaucracies for a successful college experience. The offices of the Advising, Financial Aid, Registrar, and Student

# INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



**Question:** Did you know that the Administrative Offices have moved to the second floor of Presidents Place? How does this affect you?

By **SYNDIE J. DESROCHES**

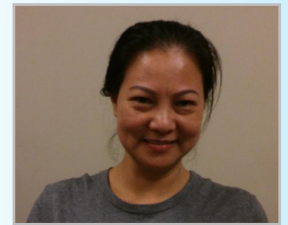
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**Margaret Boros**

Major: Early Childhood Education  
From: Quincy

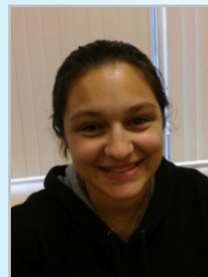
*"Yes, I did. It's jamming up the elevator. I don't think people know that they can take the stairs to the second floor now. That door used to be locked."*



**Natalys Ngo Vu**

Major: Early Childhood Education  
From: Saigon, Vietnam

*"Yes. I like it. No more upstairs, downstairs, back and forth. So easy to find everyone."*



**Jessica Fonseca**

Major: Early Childhood Education  
From: Quincy

*"No, actually I didn't know that. That sounds so much easier."*



**Catherine Way**

Major: Early Childhood Education  
From: Quincy

*"Yeah, I saw the (posted) signs. I think there should have been a bigger announcement or mass e-mail sent out about it. It's great. I'm always checking on my academic progress, so I use all those offices frequently."*

Accounts now are all conveniently located within the Student Service Center in Suite 203N.

At Quincy College we provide pathways to certificates, degrees, and professions, and we are here to assist you every step of the way.

I promise you, our students, that we will remain focused on continuous quality improvement. We are all here for one reason – Your Success.



STUDENT  
SPOTLIGHT

# Int'l Students have a lot more to learn at QC

By **KREETY KC**  
QC Voice Staff

Located less than 10 miles from Boston—home of some of the top four-year academic institutions in the nation—Quincy College has always held its own as one of the more affordable community colleges in the country.

According to the College Board, the average tuition and fees at public two-year schools totaled about \$3,350 in 2014-15 compared to public four-year colleges and universities of \$9,140 for in-state students and nearly \$23,000 for out-of-state attendees.

Besides costs, smaller class sizes and flexible schedules, outstanding academic programs, opportunities to transfer to four-year schools, and a

convenient location in the Boston area, have been a big draw for the school's nearly 4,800 students enrolled each year on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

The same holds true for the nearly 400 international students attending this fall. But for many of those students, QC also presents a steeper learning curve.



*QC helps ease the transition for international students by holding events such as the Cultural Bazaar in November.*

Take Ujjwal Poudel of Nepal, studying computer programming, for example. Coming from a small country, Poudel has always had a big dream of becoming successful in his field. Quincy College gave him a place to start without putting much of a financial strain on his family back home.

But it hasn't always been an easy transition for Poudel since his arrival nearly a year ago during his first semester at QC. He struggled at first with adapting to the English language and adjusting to America's independent lifestyle, coming from a culture centered around family, where everything is often done as a group.

But he does like the advance technologies he's experienced in this country, which is important in his field.

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# For some, it's a balancing act to stay on course

By **JANE LEE**  
QC Voice Staff

For most Quincy College students, handling three or four courses a semester can be hard enough.

But for some students trying to juggle their schoolwork with a job and a family life is an even tougher assignment.

One such student is Said Nejmi, who came to the United States with his family from Morocco a few years ago.

Nejmi is taking three courses — two science and one Algebra — this fall as he pursues a Biotechnology and Compliance Certificate, which he hopes to complete in the spring.

In addition to his studies, Nejmi works a 40-hour job at Logan Airport, fueling planes, while also providing financial support for his wife, three young children and his mother and father.

Nejmi and his wife, also a student who works part time stocking supplies at a local hospital, take turns caring for the children. But when both are gone, Nejmi's parents take over.

But with his parents now back in Morocco for a visit, it's back to the drawing board.

Yet, Nejmi still manages to find some down time and unwinds by going to the gym twice a week and mentoring at his mosque. He also manages to squeeze in more family time with visits to local museums and parks.



Photos: JANE LEE

*Said Nejmi, left, and Luz Javier.*

Despite this hectic, stressful schedule, Nejmi still feels he's achieved a sense of balance in his life.

Another student trying to maintain an even keel with her studies, a full-time job and a family life is Luz Javier, a Behavioral Science major, hoping to work with children as a school psychologist when she graduates.

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYMPOSIUM

The Quincy College Addiction Awareness Club held Substance Abuse Symposia in October on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses, touching on aspects of drug and alcohol abuse. Top left, among those taking part in the Quincy panel discussion at Presidents Place were (from left) John Fortes III, the Southeast and Metro West Regional coordinator for the Mass. Organization for Addiction Recovery; the Rev. James Hawker; Quincy Mayor Tom Koch; Kevin Rosario, regional outreach representative for Gosnold on the Cape; QC student Kristen McLaughlin; and Mary Jane Knox, QC Financial Aid associate. Top right, Doctor Kenneth Texeira, a QC instructor of Psychology, addresses the audience at the Plymouth Campus Library.

Photos: MARISSA CARSON

## Plymouth Campus



## TRICK OR TREAT!

Ghosts, zombies and witches were among a cast of characters who invaded the Quincy and Plymouth campuses in October to take part in separate Halloween parties, sponsored by the Student Life office. By the look of things a scary but fun time was had by all. Clockwise from top left: In Plymouth, Derek MacDougal shows off his pumpkin-hurling form while Cathalina Macdonald sits patiently to get her face painted before their party. In Quincy, Dan Meehan takes a zombie coffee break while Shayna Palmer walks off with the award for best costume as Little Red Riding Hood.

Photos: AMANDA DECK

## Quincy Campus





# HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS



## PLYMOUTH CAMPUS FOOD DRIVE

Members of the Women's Leadership Collaborative at the Plymouth Campus took part in a Food Drive, hosted by QC's Gamma Beta Phi service organization, at the end of October to benefit The South Shore Women's Resource Center in Plymouth. Taking part in the event are WLC student members (from left) Katie Carreau, Colleen O'Brien, Melissa Dowd, Lindsey Goodwin, Stacey Brussow and Patricia Deeneen.

Photo: THOMAS FULLER

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Quincy College's Military and Veteran Services Department hosted Veteran's luncheons (and cake) for veterans, their families, and the military service community, Nov. 9th and 10th on its Quincy and Plymouth (right) campuses, respectively. The goals of the luncheons were two fold; to honor Veterans Day (Nov. 11) and to develop a sense of veteran camaraderie and awareness. The event was organized by the school's Military and Veterans Specialist Chris Breton. QC has also been recognized as a Military Friendly School by GI Jobs Magazine.

Photos: AMANDA DECK



## QC Club Hopping

*A look at what's happening at some of the QC Clubs on the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.*

### Drama Society—Quincy

This semester the Drama Society performed William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in its original language but in the form of a romantic and exciting night of fairy magic and comedy. Club president, **Evjo Gjura**, who played Helena, called it "the most ambitious Quincy College play yet." **Dennis Campbell**, in the role

of Demetrius, said, "We have a person who changes into a donkey, lots of fairies, and a very wacky play within the play." Other cast members in the Dec. 5 production at Presidents Place Convention Center included: **A.J. Beers, Kerstin Francis, Victor Alvesr, Stanleen Michaud, Gulistan Malikate, Brenda Lee, Ashley Field, Bryan Burns, Bianca Almeida, Amber Lee Whitney, TyNera**

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## Club Hopping Around QC *Continued from page 5*

**Lewis, Ryleigh Sinclair** and **Ash Singh**. Costumes were designed by **Sandra Kalayjian**. For more information, contact Adviser **Steve Donner** at [sdooner@quincycollege.edu](mailto:sdooner@quincycollege.edu)  
*KEN HALEY*

### French Club

*Parlez-vous français?* If you do, then this is the club for you. Anyone is welcome, says club advisor **Jim Fox**, a QC history professor, as long as you can converse in French on any level. Meetings are mostly conducted in French, but occasionally some English sneaks in for the purposes of questions or clarifications. The small group, which meets on Mondays (3:30 p.m. Rm 309 PP) this semester, is made of many students from around the globe, including Peru, Mexico, Haiti and France. Besides offering the opportunity to socialize in French, club meetings focus on music, French video clips of comedians, culture and student presentations on various topics. For more information, contact Adviser Jim Fox at [jfox@quincycollege.edu](mailto:jfox@quincycollege.edu).

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### Wellness Club

The goal of this first-year club is to create a safe environment for students to meet and receive support from fellow students. According to club President **Rebecca West**, there are discussions and activities on how students can remain healthy—mentally, emotionally and physically—in their everyday lives and also include a peer group support session. The club's first project will be to create educational videos for students and faculty to raise mental/physical health awareness on campus. Anyone can join the club but

must adhere to a confidentiality agreement to maintain privacy of the support sessions. This semester the club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month (3-5 p.m. in Rm 019 in PP). For more information, contact club Advisers **Tina Falconi** at [tfalconi@quincycollege.edu](mailto:tfalconi@quincycollege.edu) or **Tricia Hall** at [thall@quincycollege.edu](mailto:thall@quincycollege.edu).

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### Education Club

Are you interested in the field of Education? Are you passionate about learning and development? Then the Education Club is for you! Join us for family friendly events, education conferences, networking opportunities and days of community service. Perfect for students with young children in their lives. For more information, contact Advisers **Vanessa Reiss-Vaughn** at [vanessa.reissvaughn@fac.quincycollege.edu](mailto:vanessa.reissvaughn@fac.quincycollege.edu) or **Karla Parise** at [kparise@quincycollege.edu](mailto:kparise@quincycollege.edu).

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### Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa engages in volunteer work similar to fellow honor society—Gamma Beta Phi—such as raising funds for earthquake victims in Nepal, donating toiletries to local shelters, and helping in the community. Eligibility for membership includes completing a minimum 12 hours of coursework with an overall 3.5 grade-point-average and maintaining a 3.5 GPA throughout enrollment at QC. PTK's annual induction ceremony takes place in April. For more information, contact Advisers **Amanda Deck** at [adeck@quincycollege.edu](mailto:adeck@quincycollege.edu) or **Susan Bossa** at [sbossa@quincycollege.edu](mailto:sbossa@quincycollege.edu).

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### Drama Society—Plymouth

The Plymouth Drama Society is an informal theatrical group where students create sketches, monologues and comedic pieces which incorporate contemporary social issues. The group has been working on a December performance, under the name the Plymouth Players and directed by **Stacey Adamski**, on a date TBA. This semester the Club has been meeting on Mondays (12:30-2:30 p.m.) on the Plymouth campus. For more information, contact Adviser Stacy Adamski at [madamski@fac.quincycollege.edu](mailto:madamski@fac.quincycollege.edu).

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### Women's Leadership Collaborative—Plymouth

The Women's Leadership Collaborative goal is for members to gain leadership knowledge and experience through club meetings and activities while developing positive relationships in a supportive environment to encourage academic achievement, optimize economic opportunities and increase community involvement. The club is currently working on Resume and Interview skills and scheduled a Dec. workshop with **Georgia Clancy** (Plymouth Campus' Career Counselor). It is also hosting a Winter Fair, with proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Club in Plymouth. The club meets every Tuesday (12:30 p.m. in the library's conference room). For more information, contact Adviser **Roger White** at [rwhite@quincycollege.edu](mailto:rwhite@quincycollege.edu)

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## Pardon Our Appearance

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has its own space now. The vacant space will eventually go to the Admissions office in 2016, along with the Barnes & Noble Quincy College bookstore, to form a “Welcome to Quincy College!” presence in the lobby.

Students now have open access to the people needed to conduct official academic business. No more are the days of going up and down the stairs or waiting . . . and waiting . . . and waiting for the elevator. Clearly, someone was thinking about the students and the benefit of easy access to these offices and why once the space was available, the college jumped on the opportunity to expand.

Thank you, IHS Dialysis! If it did not consolidate its offices on the first floor of Presidents Place, students and staff, may not have had this luxury.

Registrar Cathie Maloney beams with pride as she speaks about the progress Quincy College has made in the past 20 years. “Quincy College is on the Move!” she says from her new office overlooking the Atrium and feeling more connected to her staff.

Sandy Dorval describes the new Registrar space as “bright and cheerful” while Tricia Hall says it not only makes conducting business more efficient but also more welcoming to students.

Adviser David Cichocki agrees. Now that he and his colleagues have their own space, it makes their job easier and offers more comfortable sessions with students.

Carpe Diem! As Quincy College continues to work its magic, expanding academically (How about that Nursing Program?) it only makes sense the school grows structurally as well.

So, what’s next?

Expansions at Saville Hall, focusing on Biotech, Robotics, and Engineering, including a spanking new laboratory.

Stay tuned as Quincy’s College’s continues to work its magic.



Photo: SYNDIE J. DESROCHES

Sign alerts students that work is in progress.

## Staying on Course

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On top of her four classes — Algebra, Nutrition, English Literature and Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition — where she carries a 3.88 GPA, Javier works 40 hours as an administrative assistant.

Living with her fiancé, recently out of work because of an injury, Javier, 23, also finds herself as the family’s lone breadwinner.

While cooking, baking, taking walks and watching TV help her relax, Javier admits the hardest thing is keeping it together emotionally. “The stress of knowing that things need to be done with little time and flexibility can make you flip at times,” she says.

Through it all, she still aspires to transfer to a four-year school and then pursue a master’s degree, with an eye on possibly a PhD. “I want to see how far I can push myself,” she says.

## A Lot to Learn

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He also enjoys the interaction he’s had working with people from different cultures that is vital in today’s global society.

Jitima Tienpotong, another international student from Japan, has been at QC for two years. Growing up in a more reserved culture, her biggest adjustment was learning to be more outgoing. In America, she discovered people had no problem talking with someone on a bus or train, whereas in Japan, people often refrain from talking to strangers.

But Tienpotong, says the best thing about living and studying in the U.S. is the overall diversity and the freedom people have.

Over the years, Lisa Stack, Director of International Student Services, has dealt with students from more than 120 countries. In addition to the

adjustments Poudel and Tienpotong had to make, Stack says international students often have problems getting accustomed to the New England weather, the American educational system and cultural differences.

Some also have a difficult time being away from family and friends.

But QC helps ease the transition by holding such events as The Welcome Back Party, Coffee & Tea Hour, Holiday Parties and the Cultural Bazaar, offering students the opportunity to interact and socialize with other students from around the globe.

“Working with the international population has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life,” says Stack. “I enjoy meeting and developing relationships with students that last a lifetime.”

## New Director Named

Quincy College has announced the hiring of **Karen Salhaney** as its new Director of Career Services and Placement. Most recently, Salhaney served as the Senior Director of Development for Triangle, a nonprofit organization that empowers youth and adults with disabilities to achieve their career, education and transition goals. Her credentials also include developing an Event Planning Certificate Program at Massasoit Community College, where she continues to teach. Salhaney, who earned her master's degree from Eastern University with a focus on Nonprofit Management, will focus on creating a strong identity and expanding the career resources for all QC students. The Career Services and Placement office is located in Presidents Place, Room 513.



### The QC Voice Wants You!

With the 2016 Spring Semester just ahead, come join the staff of The QC Voice and have your Voice heard.

We're looking for writers, editors and photographers to help us produce a newspaper for students by students.

Here's an opportunity to enhance your communication, interviewing, writing, and photography skills to report on news events, feature stories and the buzz affecting Quincy College and its students on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

All levels of experience are welcome.

If you're interested and want more information, contact QC Voice Advisor, Al Young at [qcvoicenews@gmail.com](mailto:qcvoicenews@gmail.com)



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