



# The QC Voice

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## Trump Win Leaves Students Wondering What's Next?

By **CONNOR DAVIDSON**

*QC Voice Staff*

As Donald Trump prepares to be sworn in Jan. 20, 2017 as the 45th President of the United States, a cloud of uncertainty now hovers over the country as we all await the impact of his Republican administration.

One segment of the population now unsure of its future are college students, who wonder: What does a Trump victory mean for me?



*Bryan Burns*

So we spoke to a small sampling of students here on the Quincy College campus for their thoughts.

While we have no official statistics of how QC students voted overall, those we talked to who voted for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton or third-party candidates, Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party) and Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party),

expressed concerns about the President-elect, a lifelong businessman with no political experience..

"I feel like there will be a lot of fear mongering ... I'm not too cool with him being president," said Bryan Burns, a marketing major from Weymouth.

Before the Nov. 8 election Burns thought the outcome was going to be tough either way — Clinton or Trump — especially for students.

"With Hillary, at least she'd be open to some progressive ideas that most Americans have," Burns said. "She's trying to lower the student debt amount, and with Trump, I'm not entirely sure. I feel that a lot more people will be angry, and there will be a lot of protests around the Quincy and Boston area most likely."

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Photo: DEA MIRASHI

*Protesters demonstrate in front of Massachusetts State House in Boston on Nov. 9, the day after Donald Trump wins the presidential election.*

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## International Students Keep Close Eye on Election, Too

By **DEA MIRASHI**

*QC Voice Staff*

Like many college students in this country, I watched the U.S. presidential election campaign with great interest.

But unlike U.S.-born students, this was my first. I was born in Albania and was one of the many thousands of International Students who followed closely but were not eligible to vote.

In fact, according to the Institute Of International Education, the rate of international students in the United States increased by 10 percent during the 2015 academic year, making this a popular destination for foreign students to seek higher education.

The majority of international student visas are good for about three years, which means the victory by

President-elect Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton will still have an impact on us as much — if not more — as our U.S. counterparts.

With that mind, I set out to talk a few of the nearly 350 international students enrolled here at Quincy College for their thoughts before and after the election.

Ticiana Jaku, a Business major from Albania, had dual feelings about the outcome. "On one hand, I disagree with many of the principles of the elected president, especially those regarding women and immigrants,"

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**School Closed from Noon  
Dec. 30, 2016 through Jan. 2, 2017**

**New Year's  
Holiday Begins**

**Offices close  
at 12PM**





# President's Corner

*Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.*

With Thanksgiving weekend behind us and the holiday season now getting into full swing, this is a signal that the Fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year is also rapidly coming to a close.

Nevertheless, Quincy College remains focused on supporting our students by continuing to embrace our maxim of teaching and learning, one student at a time. We are an open-access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement and lifelong learning.

We're a community that at its very core celebrates diversity, economic opportunity, and inclusivity. Quincy College has been and will always be a safe space for our students to actualize their educational and professional futures.

The last few weeks of any semester can be a stressful time and we do our best to recognize this. In fact, for the first time, therapy dogs will be available at the Plymouth campus.

I also want to remind you of the wealth of free services we offer our students to ensure a successful and productive conclusion to your semester.

And if you need more study or research time, library hours have been extended at the Anselmo (Quincy) and Krovitz (Plymouth) Libraries. Have you taken advantage of our Tablet-Lending Programs available at both sites? You can now borrow a Surface Pro 3 for in-library use.

Are you struggling with work-life balance this holiday season? If so, stop by the Student Success Coach Offices and speak with a student success coach.

Need help managing your workload or mastering a concept? The tutoring center is available on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses, including additional support for our veteran student community.

Each student has a primary, secondary, and tertiary advisor listed on their MyQC portal. If you have questions, you should contact your faculty advisor or go to the office of Academic Advising on either campus.

In addition, all faculty members have office hours posted outside their office door to meet and talk privately. Oftentimes, a brief discussion can yield great benefits in terms of understanding the material. Remember, your academic success is our goal.

We have been working hard to ensure that both offerings of the Winter Intersession and the Spring semester provide you with a clear pathway to your higher education goals. We encourage you to take advantage of pre-registration for Winter Flex and Spring 2017 courses. Doing so gives you first choice for days and times, as well as for particular faculty members.

If you have questions about how to choose your course schedule, don't forget to use the Ask an Advisor functionality on our website or schedule a one-on-one in-person meeting to get personalized assistance.

All of us are part of a larger Quincy College community, and while we want you to focus on your studies, we also want you to enjoy the holiday season. As you spend time with friends and family during this period, hopefully, you can find a moment to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and for whom we can make a difference in their respective lives, be it large or small.



**Winter Intersession Classes Begin  
Jan. 3, 2017 and End Jan. 17, 2017**



**Spring Semester Classes Begin  
Jan. 23, 2017**



# INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



**Question:** What were you more happy about: The Chicago Cubs ending a 108-year drought and winning the World Series or Donald Trump winning the election for President of the United States?

By **AL YOUNG**

QC Voice Staff



**Kyle Church**

Computer Science Programming Major  
Quincy

*"Let me preface this by saying I am someone who doesn't give a damn about baseball. But I'm much happier that the Cubs won, because good for them, and they are not a psychotic (expletive) who will be running this country."*



**Jessica Sircar**

QC Academic Advising Specialist and  
English Professor  
Bridgewater

*"I'm much happier about the Chicago Cubs winning the Series because they deserved it and played well all year. Having been a lifelong Red Sox fan, it's good to see something turn around like the Curse."*

*(Editor's note: The Red Sox ended the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" in 2004).*



**Ryan A. Barker**

History Major  
Weymouth

*"The Chicago Cubs winning the World Series makes me happier, because the Cubs have been underdogs for over 108 years, and everybody loves an underdog story. While Donald Trump is an underdog as well, unfortunately, it's possible the Supreme Court Justices he may approve might send our country back in policy 108 years itself."*



**Angela Potter**

QC Bookstore Assistant Manager  
Abington

*"The Chicago Cubs, because I can't stand Donald Trump. And a 108-year drought is a whole lot better than Trump as a president."*



**Craig Rondeau**

QC Technician Specialist  
Marshfield

*"I'm very proud of John Lester, David Ross and Theo Epstein for going over and helping out the Cubs end the drought. When it mattered most they came up big — Lester coming out of the bullpen to shut them down and Ross hitting that home run that really put the dagger in. [En route to a an 8-7, 10-inning Game 7 win over the Cleveland Indians.] So, Cubs all the way"*



**Karen Scheele**

QC Admissions Specialist  
Quincy

*"Absolutely, the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series. Because we felt their pain here in Boston. And we have a connection with [Jon] Lester, [David] Ross and Theo Epstein, and he's kinda cute . . . can I say that?"*

# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## HALLOWEEN PARTY FUN

By ALEXANDRIA SAUNDERS

QC Voice Staff

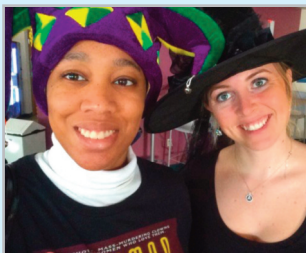
This year's Halloween Party in the new Quincy College campus student lounge was a fun time, with music, food, cool activities and, of course, plenty of candy. Getting into the spirit of the costumed-October holiday, I wore a green, purple and yellow court jester hat and a T-shirt, bearing the image of comic book super villain Harley Quinn.

There was lots to see and do — some scary and some serious. As for the latter, QC's Gamma Beta Phi Chapter set up a fundraising table, selling cookies and cupcakes as well as raffle tickets to win prizes of \$1,000 and \$600 along with a \$200 voucher for one lucky high school student to attend Quincy College.

Among the scary things were a large fake skeleton covered in a ghostlike white cloth, a tombstone with skulls carved into it, a giant black spider, a mechanical skull with glowing red eyes and an evil cackle, and the office window of Student Life Director Amanda Deck decorated as a haunted house.

For those looking to be creative, there was an artist doing henna tattoos and a table of baby pumpkins to decorate.

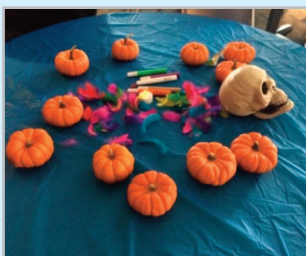
Speaking of decorate, a shout-out goes to the Halloween Party decoration committee, including Chi Ho Lee, Thang Vuong, Deqiang Xu, Wei Ming Long, Jessica Barrett, Alvin Xie and Wensong Tang, for a job well done.



*Court jester Alexandria Sanders and witch Amanda Deck get into Halloween spirit.*



*Photo: ALEXANDRIA SAUNDERS  
A large ghost-like skeleton hangs from the student lounge ceiling.*



*Photo: ALEXANDRIA SAUNDERS  
Baby pumpkins were available to decorate but the skull was not.*



Photo: AMANDA DECK

**VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON** — The Quincy College Veteran and Military Services Office honored members of the QC community who served this country with a Veterans Day Luncheon — topped with a special Thank You cake treat — on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses Nov. 9 and 10, respectively.



Photo: AMANDA DECK

**GAMMA BETA PHI CEREMONY** — The Quincy College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi, a national honor and service society, welcomed 40 new members with white roses along with their certificates at its induction ceremony Nov. 3 at the Quincy Historic Society.



Photo: AMANDA DECK

**'90s KARAOKE LOUNGE PARTY** — The Quincy College campus student lounge was buzzing with music and singing Nov. 15, when students took a break from their schoolwork for a few hours to participate in a fun-filled afternoon at the throwback '90s Karaoke Lounge Party.



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## CULTURAL BAZAAR A GLOBAL TREAT

By **TICIANA JAKU**

QC Voice Staff



Photo: AMANDA DECK

*Myrlie Sermeil models a Caribbean parade outfit in Cultural Bazaar fashion Show.*

In the spirit of International Education Week, Quincy College's International Student Services sponsored a Cultural Bazaar Nov. 16 in the spacious new student lounge of the Quincy campus.

The event brought together indigenous artisans from various global cultures who exhibited and sold traditional and contemporary pieces of artwork, clothing, jewelry and accessories in a friendly, hospitable harmonic setting.

The Bazaar, which was repeated the following day at the Plymouth campus — featured a delightful fashion show walk, with various QC students modeling traditional garb from different cultures.

"I have been participating in Cultural Bazaars for the past 4-5 years," said Bomdon Ngodup, a friendly artisan born in Japan and raised in India. "Some of the products I sell are made by my friends and some by my family. Everything is handmade."

"Money is one of the reasons I do this, but I also enjoy promoting both my cultures — Japan and India."

The vendors and artisans were very amiable, piquing the interest of many students and visitors, and prompting a lot of questions and friendly chatter.

International Student Services organizers, Director Lisa Stack and admissions advisor Bilun Ozbilen, enhanced the festivities by providing different kinds of food served in their office. And many international students — who number around 350 at Quincy College — also chipped in by bringing traditional homemade food from their native countries to share.

Educational events like the Cultural Bazaar help increase global awareness of indigenous people's rights, traditions and concerns and hopefully serve as inspiration and enlightenment to young students — domestic and international alike.



Photo: TICIANA JAKU

*A potpourri of handmade soaps, teas, incense and flower vases from different countries.*



Photo: AMANDA DECK

*Ashley Kay displays her artwork for sale at the Cultural Bazaar.*



Photo: TICIANA JAKU

*Artisan Bomdon Ngodup (left) sells various items reflecting her Japanese and Indian culture.*



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



## ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION TALK

Matt Boger, Director of State Relations for New England Organ Bank, and heart recipient Ali Barton, gave a presentation to Quincy College Nursing program students (left) about organ and tissue donations Nov. 10. The students learned that about 121,000 people across the country are waiting for life-saving organ transplants, including more than 5,000 in the New England Region. Many who register as donors across the country do so via their state's Registry of Motor Vehicle Departments or at New England Organ Bank, one of 58 federally designated Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) in the United States. For more information, please visit the website: [www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org](http://www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org).



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## AUTHOR TALKS

Author Steven Hatch (third from left), was the headliner for Quincy College's Author Talks series Nov. 2 at the Crane Public Library. Hatch discussed and signed copies of his book "Snowball in a Blizzard," which explores the theory and practice of modern medicine to help patients and doctors alike make better health decisions. Joining Hatch (from left) are Peter H. Tsaffaras, President of Quincy College; Michele Wilbur, QC administrative assistant; Mary Scott, Vice President of Human Resources; Cathie Maloney, Director of Student Records & Registrar; and Susan Whitehead, Director of Library Services



Photo: QUINCY COLLEGE MARKETING

**BLUE HILLS HIKE** — More than 30 people from the Quincy College community turned out for the sixth annual Blue Hills Hike in Milton, Mass. Oct. 22. The fitness-oriented trek, spearheaded by the QC Exercise Science faculty and staff, covered close to 6 miles on a beautiful fall day.



# Circus-like Frenzy Continues After Election



*Hillary Clinton*

By **ALEXANDRIA SAUNDERS**

*QC Voice Staff*

**N**ow that's it over and Donald Trump shocked the world by defeating Hillary Clinton in the most contentious U.S. presidential race in modern history, we are still being inundated 24/7 by the media — broadcast, print and online — with a new tidal wave of controversy about the 45th president-elect. Questions on voter fraud, cabinet appointees, conflicts of interests, back-pedaling of campaign promises, and more dominate the news every day.



*Donald Trump*

We haven't had a minute to catch our breath since Clinton and Trump first announced they were running in 2015 as candidates for the Democratic and GOP Parties, respectively.

For months, we were subjected to the most negative, ugly, nasty campaign anyone can remember, with two of the most unfavorable candidates, attacking each other as criminals, racists, sexists and liars.

While two fellow QC Voice staffers — Connor Davidson and Dea Mirashi — have also written stories for this issue about the election results, I sought out a few QC students *before* Election Day to talk about this circus-like frenzy of a presidential race.

Charlotte Asberry, an Elementary Education major from Stoughton, was a Trump supporter and said he would make “an excellent president” because of his finance and business management experience. “He’s one of those people who has struggled to get to where he’s at,” she said.



*Charlotte Asberry*

Esther Auguste, a Criminal Justice major from Boston, thought the opposite. “I wouldn’t like Trump as president; he doesn’t have the right temperament and you don’t know when he’s going to go off,” she said.

“I honestly wish Bernie [Sanders, who lost to Clinton in the primary] was still a candidate, but I’m hoping with Hillary

as president, we’ll see an abundance of change and not be deceived by politics.”

Ahmed Ibrahim took a more philosophical view. “I think when two buffoons run for the presidency, it shows how American politics is utterly theatrical,” said the Sociology major from Boston. “I’m a firm believer that there’s always an agenda in the government. I don’t believe this will affect me because the agenda would have been carried out regardless of who won. These presidents are only puppets, the face of the show.”

Joel Ramirez, a Psychology major from Dorchester, said despite Trump’s real estate and business success, he doesn’t fit the image of being a president. Ramirez said America a melting pot, not just Whites and Republicans.



*Joel Ramirez*

“Being president is not a competition; it’s a duty to protect the American people,” Ramirez said. “To understand the history of America, you have to watch documentaries, involving the first immigrants that came into the country. I don’t pay attention to who’s in office; I pay attention to society and how they react to it. They get this energy from their president, and the media jumps on this. Anything can be manipulated. . .”

## *QC grads can join Leslie University as juniors*

Quincy College juniors who graduate with an associate degree will now be able to start as juniors at Lesley University, a private four-year school in Cambridge. Under an agreement signed in November, credits earned on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses will be eligible toward a bachelor’s degree for those admitted to Lesley. QC has similar agreements with Northeastern University and the University of Massachusetts Boston.

## Trump Victory Leaves Students Wondering

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Burns's comments proved prophetic, with public protests and demonstrations breaking out across the country, including Boston, after Trump's victory.

Dennis Campbell felt Trump failed to address two issues — climate change and the cost of a college education — to his satisfaction.



"Donald Trump straight up denies it," Campbell, a Liberal Arts major from Weymouth said about his refusal to accept the existence of global warming.

"I care first and foremost about the environment, and I feel like that's been so overlooked. That and college education. I mean these are issues

people talk about but there hasn't been any real plans or designs made to fix any of these things."

During the campaign, Campbell also felt Trump tricked and manipulated people, especially his own voters. "I don't even think he believes in the things he says, he just says them to gain a following," Campbell said.

Waquia Ramsey, a psychology major from Boston, voiced concern about Trump's character and temperament.

"He's just so closed minded . . . It's all about him," Ramsey said. "He did his research, he did his business, he did the politics behind everything. But when it comes to honest emotions and feeling, he doesn't really provide that at all."

As for the topic of making college more affordable, Ramsey was

ambivalent, saying that neither Trump or Clinton "tried to address loans and debt and those issues in the way that [President] Obama did."



*Waquia Ramsey*

[Obama proposed a free two-year college tuition plan in January 2015]. So I don't feel like either of them will add a pro or a con to it. It might be a con, if the cost goes up."

That's a sentiment most students would probably agree. "I think a free college education should be a thing," added Campbell.

Now only time and a new administration will tell.

## International Students Keep a Close Eye on the Election

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Jaku said. "On the other hand, I hope that his policies are going to improve the economic condition of the U.S."

Ana Herrera, a Business Management major from Colombia, was not happy about the winner. "In order to be President," she said. "You have to be a decent, honest, and respectful person."



*Ana Herrera*

"I guess America is going to change now that Donald Trump is elected. People will think that it is OK to be racist," said Philippine Leleu, a native of France.

If eligible, Leleu said before the election she would vote for Clinton

because of her legislative support for free college education.

"I'm not saying that she is the one," Lelu said, "but maybe she will give us a little bit more hope as international students . . . I would never vote for Trump. Hillary, I guess, is less dangerous,"



*Philippine Leleu*

Mexican-born Ernesto Moreno Casas was also rooting against Trump. "If he wins," Moreno Casas said, "it is going to be worse for the National Bank of Mexico and the border between Mexico and the U.S."

Another big concern for these international students was whether Trump would follow through on one

of his campaign promises to deport illegal immigrants.

"As long as we are here legally," said Jaku, "there is no possibility that he violates the Constitution by deporting international students."



*Ticiana Jaku*

Leleu agreed. "I do not think there is a chance that we might get deported as long as we are getting an education here," she said. "I guess the target is the Muslim population, unfortunately. But in my opinion, he won't be able to do half of the things that he said."

Well, for some QC international students, we'll have the next three years to find out.



# NEWS & NOTES

By **CATHY DONNELLY**

*QC Voice Staff*

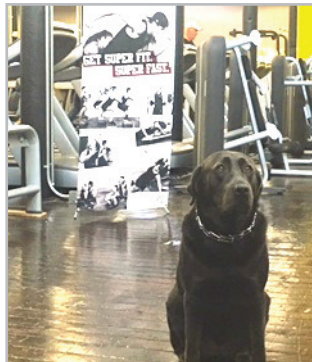
We may be located about a 32-minute ride away down Route 3 South from Quincy College's main campus but for the 1,200 students on the school's Plymouth campus there's plenty of things going on to keep them busy before, during and after class.

And speaking of class, we'd like to give a shout-out to the recent graduates of the Certified Nursing Assistants Program, who completed their 7-week non-degree program in October and now qualify to take the State Competency Exam. CNAs will then join the ranks of those providing basic care for patients in hospitals and residents of long-term care facilities. Good luck!

Our Career and Placement Services Department has kept us busy this Fall semester with periodic on-campus Employer Spotlights, a new initiative designed to connect students to internships and job opportunities at area businesses and organizations. The next one scheduled here at Plymouth is with representatives from the Arbour Health System on Dec. 7, 2016, between 10 a.m. and noon in Room 201D. For more information or questions, contact **Georgia Clancy**, career counselor, at [gclancy@quincycollege.edu](mailto:gclancy@quincycollege.edu).

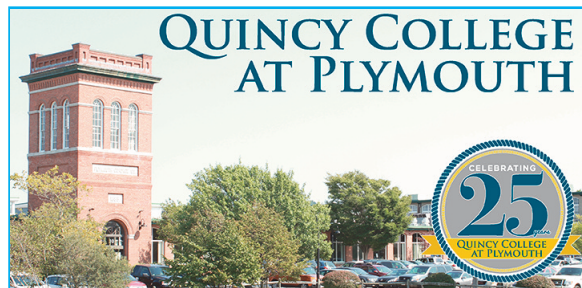
Kudos to **Elizabeth Do** at the Krovitz Library for bringing us the Author Talks series to meet local authors who discuss and sign their books. The library, with expanded hours, also provides free documentaries as well as a Tablet Lending Program to help to research and write papers and even give PowerPoint lessons. For more information, contact Do at [edo@quincycollege.edu](mailto:edo@quincycollege.edu).

For those students looking to take a break from the stress of their studies and grab a workout, check out Live Life Believe, a fully equipped gym, with locker room and shower facilities, right here at Cordage Park that offers a student



Photos: CATHY DONNELLY

*Live Life Believe gym offers QC student discount membership. Duke, the black lab mascot, is ready to welcome you to the gym.*



discount membership of \$25 a month. When you're there be sure to say hi to **Duke**, the black lab mascot who gets up everyday to run a mile or more with gym owner **Mike**

**Cavanaugh**. For more info, go to the website [www.lifelifebelieve.com](http://www.lifelifebelieve.com).

And after your workout, reward yourself at Latte Da Cafe, a campus coffee shop that offers a nice variety of homemade food and baked goodies. Show your student ID and get an additional 10 percent off its already low prices.



Photo: CATHY DONNELLY

*The Latte Da Cafe offers a 10 percent student discount.*

By now, you're all aware of the major renovation and expansion the Plymouth campus went through over the summer in celebration of our 25th anniversary. But hang on, there's more to come. Our humble campus by the sea is part of a major \$2 million MassWorks waterfront renovation known as the Seaport at Cordage. The project includes the residential development of some 200 townhouses on the site of the old Walmart along with 20,000 square feet of commercial and office space.

That's it for now. But if you have any news or interesting items about our ever-growing Plymouth campus for the *QC Voice*, feel free to contact me at [catherine.donnelly@qc.quincycollege.edu](mailto:catherine.donnelly@qc.quincycollege.edu).



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**GIVING THANKS** — Once again Quincy College participated in this year's America's Hometown Thanksgiving Day Parade — ranked No. 1 in the country by AOL — on Nov. 19 in Plymouth. Ready to carry the QC banner from the Plymouth campus were (left to right) Julie Mitchell, library clerk; Dean Mary Burke, Vice President of Academic and Administrative Affairs; and Anthony Bennett, Registrar agent.



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