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QC Soccer Rocks in Home Debut

By AL YOUNG
QC Voice

The Quincy College men's soccer team picked the perfect time to live up to its new nickname.

In its historic Sept. 27 home opener, competing in its inaugural National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) season, the newly named Granite rocked Massachusetts Bay Community College 10-1 before a sparse crowd at Creedon Field in North Quincy.

"It meant everything to me, the team and the QC community," said an elated first year coach Idris Senyonjo about the milestone victory.

"This was a great opportunity to showcase our talent, hard work and dedication to the game and to be able to deliver a 10-1 win was exceptional and a memory that will be cherished throughout the history of this athletic program."

And showcase they did, with no fewer than six players scoring in the rout. Forwards Sayfoulaye Ba and

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Photo: AL YOUNG

The Quincy College men's soccer team (white) takes on Massachusetts Bay Community College en route to a 10-1 rout in its first home game ever in the NJCAA Sept. 27 at Creedon Field

New \$1.2M Library Provides Improved Learning Pathway

By SARAH POWERS
QC Voice Staff

As Quincy College continues to experience record growth in programs, classes, student enrollment and academic stature — with the approval this year of awarding baccalaureate degrees — the focus remains on teaching and learning one student at a time.

Over the summer the college took another giant step in that direction with the major renovation and renaming of the Anselmo Library on the Quincy campus to the Anselmo Learning Commons and Library, which opened at the start of the Fall 2017 semester.

The \$1.2 million facility now provides students with a full-range of



Photo: AL YOUNG

The spacious new \$1.2 million Anselmo Learning Commons and Library offers students a full-range of up-to-date resources and services.

expanded up-to-date resources and services in support of their educational goals.

A year ago, students were greeted by a spacious, new modern-designed student lounge on the third floor of Presidents Place.

This year they returned to find a beautiful new 8,515-square-foot library, more than double the size

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QC Kicks Off Inaugural NJCAA Season

By AL YOUNG
QC Voice

This fall Quincy College took another giant step in raising its visibility by beginning play in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), fielding men's teams in both soccer and basketball. They will compete under the school's new nickname of the Granite in the 16-team Massachusetts Community

College Athletic Conference (MCCAC) Region 21.

In earlier years, QC played in the Boston Small College Conference in basketball, hockey, tennis and golf.

While students have participated in intramural sports the past few years, the move into national intercollegiate sports coincides with QC's continuing



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President's Corner

By Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.



I would like to welcome everyone back to what promises to be an exciting 2017-2018 academic year. As we embark on a new academic year, I find myself looking to the future of Quincy College while embracing our past.

Starting a new semester, I am reminded of the very tenets that Quincy College was founded upon nearly 60 years ago. As an open-access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, we are strengthened and empowered by the diversity of our community members, the diversity of ideas discussed in and outside the classroom, and the diversity of our beliefs.

Together, as global citizens and members of a shared community, across our two campuses in Quincy and Plymouth, we have the choice to foster respectful discussion of ideas and opinions, grounded in civility, understanding and tolerance.

Quincy College is in a state of transformation. We continue to expand and innovate our campuses, program offerings — including those leading to 4-year degrees — and student activities. We will introduce baccalaureate degrees selectively over time in occupations where the entry-level credential is changing.

On the Quincy campus, we have made many improvements, chief among them the new Anselmo Learning Commons and Library on the third floor of Presidents Place. It will serve not only as a critical space for our students to learn, explore, and understand the world around them but as a community space as well.

The name of the library has changed to encompass “learning commons.” This new facility was explicitly designed to maximize the sharing of ideas, discourse, and facilitate learning for every member of our community, with space to accommodate dynamic use.

We’ve also expanded our footprint in the lower level of Presidents Place, now providing nine new classrooms and a computer lab in the South Tower. They are complimented by a Quiet Study Lounge in the basement and our stunning year-old, third-floor student lounge. These spaces were built in direct response to your feedback on what you need to be a successful student on campus.

In Plymouth, the investment in a SynDaver, a synthetic cadaver used as an interdisciplinary teaching tool, comes on the heels of last year’s major 45,000 square-foot renovation and campus expansion, including a state-of-the-art Nursing wing and a 950 square-foot simulation laboratory, where the SynDaver is housed.

This fall, we started a new Athletics Program, joining the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), to offer competitive intercollegiate sports to students. We have initially launched men’s soccer and basketball teams — playing under the new nickname of the Quincy College Granite — and plan to expand to women’s soccer and basketball in 2018.

Quincy College remains steadfast in continuing to provide exemplary student experiences in and out of the classroom, forging opportunities for athletic and academic success.

In our new campus space and throughout your studies, I encourage you to explore and celebrate our diversity of ideas, opinions, and life experiences and utilize them to drive respectful discourse and dialogue throughout the semester.


We remain committed to providing valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures and seek to empower every diverse voice of the Quincy College community. As we move forward this academic year, I look forward to further fostering a learning environment that thrives on our tolerance and civility for all.

New Quincy Campus Faculty and Administrators

The Quincy College campus welcomed two new full-time faculty members in September for the 2017-18 academic year.

Jeffrey Wetter, Assistant Professor of Physics, joined the Academic Division of Natural & Health Sciences while the Academic Division of Professional Programs added **Karmle Conrad**, Instructor of Health Care Administration/Medical Billing & Coding.


Over the summer, QC also made several administrative changes, including: the appointment of **Joseph Arangio** as Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance; the naming of **Stephanie King** as Interim Director of Academic Advising; and the selection of **Dr. Dennis F. Burke** as the Interim Dean for the Academic Division of Natural & Health Sciences.



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Question: What do you think of the new QC Library?
How will you take advantage of this
new facility or won't you?

By **ONUR BICAK** and **CONNOR DAVIDSON**
QC Voice Staff



Abbas Kahn
Biotechnology
Quincy campus

"The new Quincy College library is a nice quiet place for study. I like the staff who are quite friendly, and they try to help you anytime with question about books, scanning or printing."



Jess Barrett
Business Management Major
Quincy

"I think the new library is great. There is much more room for everyone, and I find myself using their resources more now that is it has expanded."



David Terry
History/Government
Stoughton

"They have study rooms now, and you can book those. It's a lot more comfortable. It looks good, too."



Autumn Nutile
Psychology Major
Boston

"I love the new library because of how spacious it is. There are more resources in it now that I plan on using in the future."



Kara Downs
QC International Student Services
Quincy campus

"I think, the new library is beautiful. It's bright and has so many work stations, perfect for our hardworking students."



Nadia Kollcinoku
Business Management
Brighton

"I think that the new library is way better than it was before. It's bigger and has more space to study. What I like the most is the fact that is quiet and has all the equipment needed to finish a homework assignment or study for a test."



Cristian Soto
Early Education Major
Quincy

"It's my first time being in the library. I like it a lot. I can concentrate and do all my homework. The library is a good place to do your work, and it's a place you can study and study with friends."



Khuyen Tran
Business Management
Weymouth

"I go to the library every day, and I spend a lot of time there. I've seen more people come into the library lately. When you see people studying, it makes you want to study more."



Zakuria Abouyoussef
Medical Laboratory Technician
Quincy campus

"I think Quincy College did a great job renovating the library. I hoped we could have a bigger quiet room. In all things, a great upgrade."

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



WELCOME BACK PARTY

THE STUDENT LOUNGE (top left) was happening in a fun-filled afternoon at the **Welcome Back Party & Student Life Fair** Sept. 7 on the Quincy campus. New and returning students were greeted by music, snacks and free giveaways as they mingled with old friends and made new ones while checking out what the various Student Life Clubs had to offer. Kara Downs (top right), president of Gamma Beta Phi, was doing double duty, representing both the service organization for honor students and the International Student Club, where she is an office staffer. Sketch and spray paint artists from Fun Entertainment also put their talents to work, offering students free caricature portraits (right) and personalized baseball caps (below). The Boston Red Sox (below) took part in the fun, with team reps Jackie Giammatteo and Colin McCarthy conducting a special home game promotion where QC students could go online and buy tickets to a game at Fenway Park for only \$9.



Photos: AL YOUNG

Planning to Transfer? Here Are Some Tips

By **SHENAIYA EMMANUEL**
QC Voice Staff

By now most of you are starting to feel comfortable with the Fall 2017 semester here at Quincy College. Those September new school-year jitters for freshmen, returnees and other newcomers have started to wear off. You know what your classes and teachers are like, how much studying is required, where you can go for a bite to eat or relax between classes and you're accustomed to seeing familiar faces around campus.

But for those graduating in December or next May and continuing their education that comfort zone will

soon give way to a new set of anxieties as you think about your future and transferring to another school.

Transferring schools can be overwhelming. But fear not. The advising office here at QC is here to help. Start by visiting the office on the 5th floor of Presidents Place to answer any questions or concerns.

Here are some other tips to follow:

— Keep an eye out for various events here at QC throughout the school year, like the Transfer Fair in October or occasional pop-up college recruiting visits, where you can meet various representatives from area schools about transfer admissions.

— Do your homework and research transfer friendly schools and make a list of where you'd like to apply. If possible, try and visit those campuses to get a firsthand feel because some schools might not be as appealing as they appear online.

— Familiarize yourself well in advance of transfer requirements. Some schools may accept most of a student's credits, others may take fewer. Some may require a certain GPA or SAT/ACT score. And make sure if you're applying to a specialized program — ie. Engineering or Nursing — you've taken the required pre-requisite courses.

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Students with Special Needs Can Find Help at SAS

By **LISSA KING**
QC Voice Staff

Over the summer, Quincy College may have renamed its Disability Services department to Student Accessibility Services (SAS) but it still wants everyone to know: We're here for you.

The SAS provides services of all kinds to students with a wide variety of disabilities and needs, ranging from accessibility, vision and hearing problems to extra test time, a distraction-free environment and anything else in between.

Since the start of the Fall 2017 semester, SAS, located in Room 325 of Presidents Place, has currently been

working with about 130 students.

"Usually, by the end of the semester, I end up working with 300," says second-year SAS Coordinator Pete Luizzi, accounting for a little more than 15 percent of the student enrollment.

Luizzi, with more than 10 years experience in special education, and Cynthia Chapman, his counterpart on the Plymouth campus, work with each student individually to ensure that each is accommodated to the best of his/her and the college's ability.

"Come see us often and early on in the semester," says Luizzi, adding that the biggest mistake students make is

waiting too long into the semester before reaching out and seeking accommodations.

"[Students who wait] get really stressed out, and they aren't sure where to go from there," he says.

"But if they came to see me in August or the beginning of September, it would be a different story."

Anyone is welcome to seek help at any point in the semester but being diligent and maintaining a relationship with Luizzi or Chapman makes the road a lot easier.

After all, the goal of SAS, is help students on their educational journey and they are there for you.



Pete Luizzi

Winter 2018 Graduation Deadline Oct. 27

The Registrar's Office is now accepting the Winter 2018 Intent to Graduate Applications. Students may submit the application in person at the Registrar's Office in both Quincy & Plymouth or online through the Quincy College Portal. A \$150 fee per program is required at the time of the application submission. The deadline for the application submission is Oct. 27, 2017. Students may submit the application after Oct 27, but will be subject to a \$75 late fee and additional consequences. For more information, contact Jenny Chen, Associate Director of Student Records, at 617-984-1638 or at jchan@quincycollege.edu.

Apply for GRADUATION
for Winter Grads



Tips for Transferring

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— Also be aware of various application deadlines, especially if you're eligible for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You don't want to miss out.

While academic achievement and good grades are important, 4-year schools also take other factors into consideration. For those with less than stellar grades, being a well-rounded student may help make up for those deficits.

So think about taking diverse courses, joining extracurricular clubs or submitting a unique application essay to stand out from other transferring applicants.

And don't be afraid to take chances. If you've always thought about an Ivy League school, and think you may have a shot...apply. Don't forget to look into scholarship opportunities, especially those for transfer students. What do you have to lose?

Remember, doing your research, staying organized and planning ahead are the keys for a successful transfer.

So stay calm and don't stress.

Good luck.

Former QC Voice Staffer Lands Weekly Newspaper Job

By QC VOICE STAFF

A QC Voice tip of the hat goes out to former staffer Alexandria Saunders, who took a giant step closer to her career dream of becoming a professional journalist. After graduating in May 2017, with an Associates Degree, Saunders, an English major, landed a summer job with the Canton (Mass.) Journal weekly newspaper that continues today as a freelance reporter, covering various news events around town.

"Working for the QC Voice has allowed me to find out what my purpose is in life," says Saunders, a resident of Randolph (Mass.). "For a very long time, I knew that I loved to write, but I didn't know how to do what I love and make a living at the same time. So when I joined The QC Voice last fall, I found just that in the world of journalism and in a career that will take me places."

Saunders, who plans to return to school next year and pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism, wrote



Photo: AL YOUNG

Alexandria Saunders proudly displays the Canton Journal and The QC Voice, two newspapers that have helped launch her career into journalism.


a variety of stories for The QC Voice, including on the 2016 presidential election and last May's QC Commencement.

"But my ultimate goal is to work at a really big newspaper, like USA Today," Saunders said.


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(4,230 square feet) of the old one that was often difficult to find in a corridor of classrooms that were torn down and relocated in the South Tower of Presidents Place.

Now conveniently located around the corner from the third floor PP elevators, the new library's open concept design and large windows provide for a well-lit, spacious area that you can feel comfortable working in.

In the Spring of 2015, long before construction began, focus groups of students and faculty were asked for their feedback on the needs and wants for the new library.

Throughout those meetings, most agreed the one pressing issue the older, smaller library could not provide was a calm and quiet place to study.

That problem was solved with the construction of four new study rooms and one conference room that have been an immediate success.



Susan Whitehead

"Just in the first few weeks," said Susan Whitehead, Director of Library Services, "the conference and study rooms have been reserved for over 200 hours."

In addition, the library tripled the amount of individual study seats, with space available at one of the study tables that line the right side of the facility, along with nine "soft seats" and the new laptop bar.

With the college's improved technology, there are now multiple computers throughout the library's new common area, separated by dividers, ensuring that you can concentrate on your work without distraction.

The renovated computer lab now holds more than 30 computers, all equipped with new touch-screen monitors.

All of this is a clear sign of QC's continuing quest to create a "hub of learning" that all students can and will benefit from.

And, as Whitehead added, the new library's goal is to become a place that fosters "all types of learning, not just books."



Photo: MARY MCLEOD

The smaller, old library offered much less study space.



Photo: MARY MCLEOD

The new Quincy campus library was a summer-long construction project.

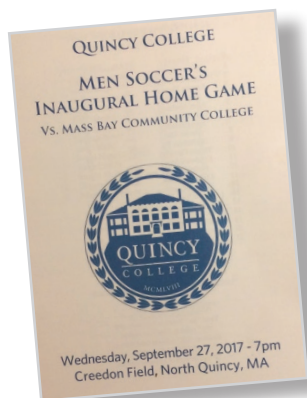


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Among the new features are multiple computers throughout the library's common area.



SPORTS



Choice of Granite Rock-Solid Nickname

By QC VOICE STAFF

Let's Go Granite! That's the new nickname Quincy College chose over the summer for its men's soccer and basketball teams in their first year of competition in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

More than 200 names were submitted by students, faculty and staff last spring, and the winning entry to be used by all future teams was voted upon by the college's Board of Governors.

Quincy, known as the "City of Presidents," is the birthplace of two U.S. presidents — John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams — as well as John Hancock, a President of the Continental Congress and the first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

So, why Granite?

Historically, Quincy also was home to a thriving granite industry, with more than 50 granite quarries exporting the massive hard and tough stone throughout the nation and made stonecutting the city's principal economic activity.

QC will retain its Jaguar mascot — one used in earlier years when teams competed in the Boston Small College Conference — and the school's colors are blue and white, with gold accents.

QC Soccer Team Rolls in Home Debut

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Joao Carvalho led the way each with a hat trick while Derek Andrade, Chike Okonkwo, Herby Milien and Dave Dumersier added solo goals.

In one game, the Granite doubled their scoring output in their first four outings to improve to 2-3 on the 10-game season, which ends Oct. 21 at Holyoke CC.

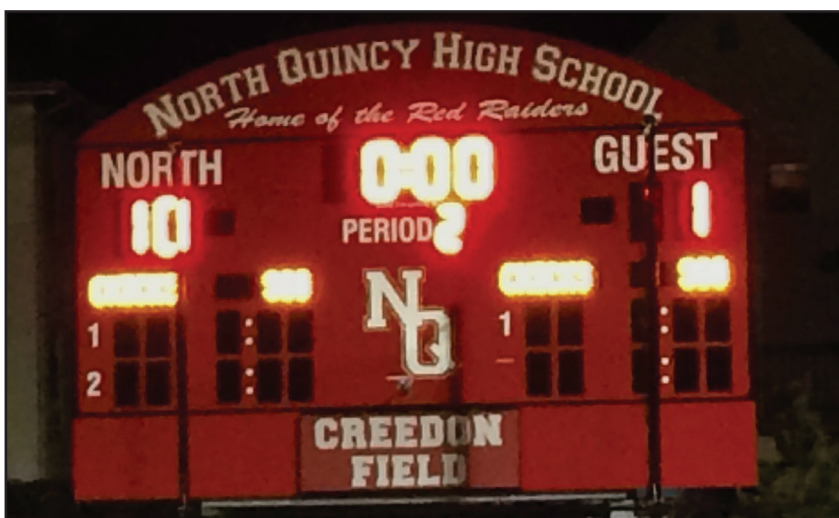
"When you are putting together a new team it is challenging to get all the players on the same page, getting along and building camaraderie," Senyonjo said. "That said, these young men have surpassed my expectations with how quickly they have embraced my philosophy and coaching model and grown as a team and individuals."

"I'm hoping to build momentum off this historic home win to finish out our season strong, and I believe I have the right group of boys to achieve that."

Senyonjo, a native of Uganda, brings a solid soccer pedigree to QC. He played semi-pro soccer for Express FC and, after moving to the United States in 2009 to study Biology at UMass Boston, he shifted from playing to coaching in 2012. He has coached several youth levels, including the U19 Mass Youth District 2 team, the U18 Girls and U12 Boys teams for America FC United based in Quincy.



Coach Senyonjo



QC's historic 10-1 home soccer victory is recorded on Quincy High's Creedon Field scoreboard. Below, soccer coach Idris Senyonjo gathers players together for a halftime talk.



Photos: AL YOUNG



By **LAURA BUCKLEY** and **GRAHAM ALLEN**
QC Voice Contributors

The Plymouth campus welcomed two new full-time faculty members for the start of the Fall 2017 semester. They are **Dr. Benjamin Cronin**, Professor of History/Government, and **Dr. Kristin Noone**, Instructor of Business.

In addition to new faculty, **Graham Allen** was hired as the Student Life Assistant. He will be working all Plymouth campus events and leading the Plymouth clubs and organizations.

A Place to Work & Play

With a growing student population and need for space, plans were unveiled and work begun on a new student lounge. The 4,000-square-foot lounge will be a new hub for Plymouth students to relax, study, and enjoy events and activities. If you are a student interested in Plymouth activities, events or organizations outside the classroom, please contact Student Life's Graham Allen at gallen@quincycollege.edu for more information.

Attention To Prevention

On Sept 25, in recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, 10 students were certified in QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer. Students learned skills focused on identifying and referring people who are at risk. The training was presented by **Jennie Babcock** from the Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition and was coordinated by Professor **Sabrina Mohan** and the Student Success Coaching office.

Getting More Social

Many of the offices on the Plymouth campus are making the jump to social media to promote their services for students. New additions include:

- Quincy College Libraries:
www.facebook.com/QCLibraries/
- Quincy College Student Accessibility Services:
www.facebook.com/QCSAS



Photo: GRAHAM ALLEN

Plymouth Campus students take a break from classes to enjoy a cup of coffee and hang out with fellow students and friends during QC Coffee Stop day Sept. 20 in the campus lobby. The Student Life Department provided the free coffee and doughnuts. Keep an eye out for the next QC Coffee Stop Nov. 20.

QC Granite Launches Inaugural NJCAA Season

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growth in academics, student enrollment and physical expansion.

“As the intramural program grew, many of our students requested that we participate in competitive sports,” said Susan Bossa, the Associate Vice President of Student Development. “We listened to our students and with the support from the administration, Quincy College joined the NJCAA.”

In June, Josh Motroni, a Weymouth native with 16 years of high school and college coaching experience was hired as the new Athletic Director to lead this inaugural sports program. But in late September, Motroni had to step down because of family health issues.

“We want to thank Josh for all his work in the short time he was here to

help get our new athletic program launched,” said Bossa, taking over as Interim Athletic Director. “We’re sorry to see him leave and wish him and his family well.”

Prior to Motroni, QC hired basketball coach Doug Scott, a former Quincy High hoops standout and assistant coach and soccer coach Idris Senyonjo, a Uganda native who played semi-professional soccer for Express FC.

Until a new AD is named, Bossa will also be working with Director of Student Life Amanda Deck, a three-time All-America women’s soccer player at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

“While our goal for this first season is to be competitive, we want our team to embody sportsmanship and a love of the game,” Bossa said.

Besides their athletic skills, Bossa hopes QC’s student athletes will

develop the skills that will carry over after college into the workforce, such as teamwork, time management and a respect for others on and off the field.

In its 10-game season opener Sept. 9, the QC men’s soccer team lost 4-0 at Springfield Tech. The team, which practices at nearby Veterans Stadium and plays its home games at Creedon Field in North Quincy, ends its season Oct. 21 at Holyoke CC.

Meanwhile, the basketball team opens its 2017-18 season Nov. 7, at Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) in Warwick, R.I. The team will play its home games at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy and practice next door at Quincy High School.

QC expects to add teams for women’s soccer and basketball next year in the NJCAA, with volleyball, cross country and golf to follow.

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