



# The QC Voice

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Photo: AL YOUNG

QC's Alex Lopes (8) watches Peter Okeke go on the attack vs. Roxbury CC in Veterans Stadium home opener Sept. 19.

## Granite booters lack early-season scoring punch

By AL YOUNG  
*QC Voice*

Losing your top three scorers from a team that made the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) playoffs last season is not a promising way to start a new soccer season.

But Quincy College coach Idris Senyonjo remained upbeat as he and the Granite began their third year of intercollegiate play.

"My goal is always to make sure the team takes a step forward every season and build on where we finished last season," said Senyonjo, who did just that last year.

Finishing 2-8 their first season in 2017, the Granite improved to 5-7 in 2018, highlighted by their first playoff appearance, where they lost 2-1 to Mass Bay CC in the semifinals.

But with last year's leading scorer Lorkens Exumat (16 goals) out this year, recovering from off-season knee surgery, and Nos. 2 and 3, Zedrick Moreira and Jeff Monterio no longer on the team, the

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## New VP Luddy hits ground running on QC enrollment

By AL YOUNG  
*QC Voice*

Last April when the Quincy College Board of Governors approved a \$30.8 million budget proposal for fiscal year 2020 — a 3 percent hike over 2019 — it included the addition of a new position: Senior Vice President of Enrollment.

It was a pivotal move to help counter the nearly decade-long national trend of declining community college enrollment. At QC, enrollment was reportedly down 27 percent last year.

Enter Dr. Jennifer Luddy, who took over the new role as Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning on July 1.

According to a recent Boston Globe article there were fewer than 3,900 students enrolled at QC at the end of 2018, down from an all-time high of 5,300 in 2017.

"The enrollment decline was multicausal," Luddy told the QC Voice. "While nursing played a role, area demographics did as well. More institutions are competing for a smaller piece of the pie."

Luddy's arrival follows a tumultuous 2018 in which QC endured a \$3.7M budget cut, the decertification of its nursing program and the abrupt resignation of former college president Peter Tsaffaras.

But the college made a speedy recovery and began the Fall 2019 semester in September with the return of second-year interim President Michael Bellotti, a re-



Jennifer Luddy

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## QC scholarship offer keeps hurricane victim's dream alive

By QC VOICE STAFF

When Hurricane Dorian tore through the Bahamas in early September, the damage was catastrophic, destroying most structures in its path and leaving more than 70,000 people homeless.

Among them was Dunlop "Loppy" Munnings, 23, a Bahamian native who also suffered the tragic loss of his mother, brother and nephew.

His world was turned upside down, including his quest to fulfill his mother's dream that he attend college.

Munnings was planning to come to

Quincy College to study Computer Science but abandoned the idea to stay on the Caribbean island to help his grieving father.

But, as the saying goes: Every cloud has a silver lining.

And Munnings found his in two Co-hasset women who had grown close to him and his family over the years during vacations to the Bahamas.

After the hurricane, the women and their families set up a GoFundMe page to raise money to keep his college education hopes alive.

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# President's Corner

*By Michael G. Bellotti*

As I approach the one-year anniversary as President of Quincy College, I remain inspired by the strength of this community, the compassion and dedication I see in the hallways, the administrative offices, and the classrooms on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

As President, it is my distinct pleasure to share countless stories of those excelling in the classroom and beyond, supporting each other in difficult times, challenging each other in academic discourse, and elevating our shared communities.

In the face of adversity, Quincy College students shine.

That was never more evident than when we suffered the loss of Daniel Ibarrondo Jr., a student who passed away suddenly in September. Daniel was a respected engineering and math student, President of PTK, member of the computer club, and the son of Daniel Ibarrondo Sr., an adjunct faculty member and former Associate Dean

of Online Learning.

It was with profound sadness that we mourned his passing and celebrated his impact on campus at a Celebration of Life Fellowship event on Sept. 20.

Shortly thereafter, I learned of future Quincy College student, Dunlop "Loppy" Munnings, a 23-year-old Bahamian who faced extreme personal tragedy in the wake of Hurricane Dorian. "Loppy" lost his mother, brother, and young nephew. His home was destroyed.

Again, in the face of extreme adversity, the QC community rose to the occasion, asking how we can help. We have since reached out to "Loppy" to offer a full scholarship and provide assistance and guidance in navigating the college application process as an international student.

Over the course of the summer, there were several instances, where the community at large, demonstrated support of Quincy College's goal and mission.

The school recently received over \$1 million in grants to advance biotechnology education across the South Shore. These grants ensure the best possible education for students and workforce training for workers throughout the Commonwealth.

With workforce development in mind, we have launched the new Cyber Security Concentration and EMT programs this fall, and a new Paramedic program is set to begin in January.

We continue to build and enhance articulation agreements for both the rising high school students' population and the Quincy College graduates seeking transfer to a baccalaureate program.

We are so very honored as an organization to support and serve our students and our local community. As President, I look forward to lending my expertise and insight during the Fall Semester and wish you the very best during this academic year.

## Scholarship keeps dream alive

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But it was Quincy College and President Michael Bellotti who made it official when he learned of Munnings' situation.

After conferring with the administration and QC Board of Governors, Bellotti awarded Munnings a two-year scholarship for tuition and fees.

"We gauged very quickly that this was a potential student who was going to be very committed and who was very much in need," Bellotti told WBZ-1030 Boston News Radio. "And we wanted to be part of his pursuit of the American dream."

When contacted by QC, Munnings said: "Since Hurricane Dorian, this is the best news I've heard. . . . With the scholarship and the help of so many, I'm able to give Computer Science a go. I'm excited to study at Quincy College."

Later he added: "Everything I'm going

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— DUNLOP "LOPPY" MUNNINGS

to do is going to be for the memory of my mom and then everything I'm doing is going to make my dad more proud of me."



**Nov. 6: Plymouth Student Lounge  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 7: Quincy Student Lounge  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.**



**Nov. 15 for Fall 2019**

# INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



**Question:** In this 24/7 news cycle world we live in, do you follow current events or watch the news every day? If not, why? If so, what issue concerns you the most and why?

Compiled by MANDI FLAHERTY & AL YOUNG | QC Voice Staff

**Matt Albanese**  
History/Government  
Quincy



*"Yes, I watch the news every day. I like to stay informed on as many things as I can. The biggest issue I see is the lack of bi-partisanship and cooperation in both government and seemingly everyday life. People are hung up on their own issues and own sides rather than seeing the big picture and working to try and benefit as many people as possible."*

**Katherine Collins**  
Director of  
Library Services  
Shirley



*"Yes. I consume news in a lot of different formats whether it's watching the news, reading newspapers or through social media. For a single umbrella topic, it would be politics and international affairs. Because in this global economy that we live, everything is very interconnected, and I want to stay on top of what's happening not only in our national political system but internationally as well."*

**Kristen Topaloi**  
General Studies  
Quincy



*"I don't watch the news every day because it tends to be a little overwhelming, so it's really hard to keep up. When I follow it's usually by social media because I'm always near my phone or on a computer device. And the one thing that scares me the most is when I see accidents, whether it's drunk driving or weather-related."*

**Fred Doyle**  
Assisant Professor  
in Liberal Arts &  
Professional Programs  
Quincy



*"I do watch and follow the news every day. I am particularly concerned with the epidemic of opioids in our society because I'm the father of five children, and I see good people make mistakes with this epidemic. And one mistake could be fatal."*

**Charles Au**  
Professor of  
Computer Science and  
Economics  
Cambridge



*"I watch the news, and I also read current events. I need to stay updated because I'm teaching, and I want to make sure I'm well-schooled in current events. Especially since I teach Economics and need to be sure we understand the micro and macro economics of the day."*

**Felix Daily**  
Computer Sciences  
Quincy



*"I try and keep an eye off the news but try to be aware of things that do break through the surface, like national emergencies. I try not to concern myself with the everyday things because there is a lot of misdirection and distraction that comes through the media pipelines these days."*

**Taura Kuban**  
General Studies  
Pembroke



*"Yes. The gas explosions that are going on all over the place. My house has gas, and I want to make sure it doesn't blow up. We also need to be better about updating bridges and infrastructure."*

**Mary Jane Quinn**  
Human Services  
Plymouth



*"I do keep up with current events. People may not be aware that the child marriage rate in the U.S. is pretty high. I'm also concerned about the veteran suicide rate and the (Veterans Affairs) health care system."*

**Alexa Peters**  
Test Proctor,  
Academic Services  
Plymouth



*"No, I don't. It's too depressing with all the school shootings, children being kidnapped, and just bad news."*



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## Welcome back parties

Quincy College President Michael Bellotti got a jump on the start of the Fall 2019 Semester when he hosted a Welcome Back Cookout for staff, faculty and administrators Aug. 29 at the outside courtyard of Presidents Place on the Quincy campus. Co-hosting the event was QC graduate, Mark Gannon, the Sausage King, who provided one of his carts to feed the gathering. The Quincy & Plymouth campuses followed suit with their Welcome Back Party and Student Life Fair, Sept. 10-11, respectively, in fun-filled afternoons of music, food, and giveaways. The International Student Services Welcome Back Fall Social (Sept. 25) wound up a busy first month of welcome back events. Some snaps:



Shawn Whalen (above) is all smiles as he prepares the sausage, pepper and onion grinders during the Welcome Back Cookout. Whalen dubs himself the "Prince of Pork" in deference to his boss "The Sausage King." At left: Faculty, staff and administrator enjoy their grinders.



Photo: QC MARKETING DEPT.



At left: International students Muhammadjon Rustamov, from Tajikistan, and Andrea Lewis, from Trinidad and Tobago, stop by the International Services Fall Social.

Several QC clubs & organizations took part in the Student Life Fair, including (from left) International Club reps Melody McBride and Kristi Vukaj, Physics Club Vice President Aidan Doust and Secretary Daniel Kiem.



Oksana Asllani passes out slices of pizza to hungry students at the Welcome Back Party.



Artist Jissella Meza (left) of Fun Enterprises works on her caricature portrait of Joanne Smith.



Airbrush artist Brad Turgeon of Fun Enterprises in Stoughton shows off his work as students line up for their custom-designed T-shirts. Photos: AL YOUNG



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



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## QC thanks donors

The Quincy College Trust and President Micheal Bellotti held a Donor Appreciation Reception Sept. 11 at Alba Restaurant in Quincy to recognize individuals, organizations and the community at large for their generous support and commitment to the school. The QC Trust, a non-profit foundation, was established to receive endowment funds, charitable donations and gifts in support of QC and its mission to provide an affordable and accessible post-secondary education to its students.

Pictured from left: Scott Campbell, QC Trust, Melissa Juarez, QC Trust, Susan Bossa, Associate VP for Student Development, Gail Samaha, QC Trust, QC President Michael Bellotti, Marianne Peak, College Course, Inc, Wendy Simmons, College Course, Inc. and Tina Cahill, QC Director of Institutional Advancement.

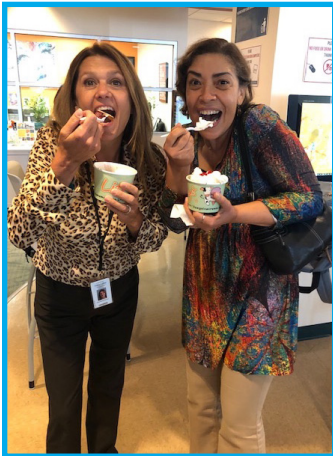


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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** — I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream and that's exactly what students, faculty and staff did during the Ice Cream Social on the Quincy and Plymouth campuses, Sept. 18 and 19, respectively. Quincy's Janet Pearson (left) and Elienai Fasano enjoyed their treats — courtesy of Lizzy's Ice Cream of Waltham.



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**CITY OF PRESIDENTS 5K RUN** — Quincy College was among the sponsors and competitors for the sixth annual 2019 City of Presidents 5k Run/Walk Sept. 29, a 3.1-mile course beginning and ending in Merrymount Park in Quincy. Among Team QC members were (from left) Meghan Cassidy, Fred Doyle, Meghan McDonald, Trevor Johnson, Katy Spencer Johnson, Jack Raymer, Evangeline Earl, Vincent Mojica, Tom Pham, and Andrienne Vigilante. Above right: QC President Michael G. Bellotti was on hand to present awards, including one to QC's Alex Di Iorio, who finished first in his age group.



## CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

— On Sept. 17, the Quincy and Plymouth campuses commemorated the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by the Founding Fathers on Sept. 17, 1787. Morgan Ward (right) works the table at Quincy, set up to pass out miniature U.S. Flags and copies of the U.S. Constitution as well as Vote Registration Sign-up sheets.



Photo: AMANDA DECK



Photo: MATT ALBANESE

**B.O.L.D. LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS** — Amanda Deck, Director of Student Life, kicked off a monthly series of Building Opportunities through Leadership Development (B.O.L.D.) workshops Sept. 17. In this first meeting, Deck, who oversees more than 20 different clubs and organizations, highlighted the pro and cons of various leadership styles, with advice to new leaders discussed. Among the goals she set for each club this academic year were to create: a) an annual club event; b) a community project; and c) a logo that can be used to advertise and market their clubs.



# If there's a beehive of student activity, Queen B-ossa's probably in the middle

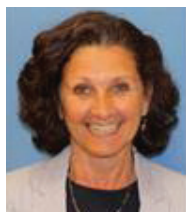
By **ROBERT A. CERASOLI**

*QC Voice Staff*

As you exit the elevator and look to the right on the third floor of Presidents Place, you immediately notice a beehive of activity in the Student Center.

If you look closely, you notice that

Susan Bossa, the Associate Vice President of Student Development, is in the middle of the hive, working with students in a space which has become an extension of her busy office, located a few steps down the hall.



*Susan Bossa*

In her 20 years at Quincy College, Bossa has thrived in pursuing the social, emotional, and cognitive development of her students. She advocates a whole mind, body and soul approach to student development.

She oversees the departments which get this job done. Student accessibility, veterans' services, tutoring services, success coaching, student life, and athletics; all come under her purview.

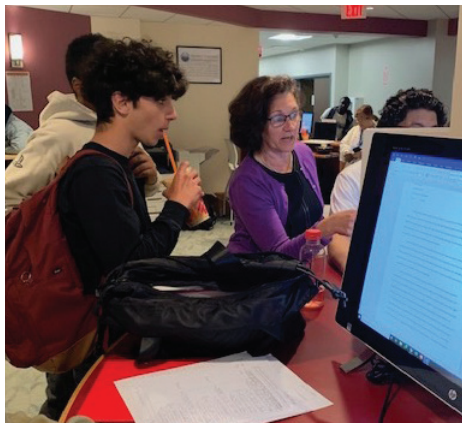


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*Susan Bossa (center) always looks at the positive side of student development and encourages new ideas.*

You might guess that this sun sign Leo, who comes from a family of seven children in Albany, N.Y. thoroughly enjoys her job. Bossa's career began in early childhood education and at one time she even taught kindergarten. She loves the challenges at QC and is excited by all the recent positive changes at the school.

One might not guess from Bossa's youthful appearance that she is a mother

of three adult children, each of whom attended Quincy College, and is a grandmother of four.

In her spare time, Bossa renovates houses and pursues her artistic passion of ballroom dancing. She opines that everyone in her family is talented, and she often performed with her seven siblings at shows and events in the local community where she grew up.

When asked about the most frustrating part of her job, Bossa paused, and said she "loves it all" — the challenges and frustrations. However, she did admit that it saddens her to see lack of student follow through with some of the comprehensive services the college offers.

Bossa always looks at the positive side of student development and encourages new ideas and approaches in her work. She considers herself a change agent in an environment which is constantly changing.

With the current changing conditions in higher education and the challenge of maintaining enrollment, she looks at the departments she oversees as an essential lifeline in maintaining student enrollment at the college.

## McCarthy's mission: Raise awareness and Plymouth campus enrollment

By **MANDI FLAHERTY**

*QC Voice Staff*

Ron McCarthy joined Quincy College this summer as the new Director of the Plymouth Campus at a time when enrollment was dropping and tensions were high.

He chose to take the leap from Principal at Bourne High School to higher education.

Risky move? McCarthy doesn't think so.

Despite the lingering effects from the 2018 loss of QC's Nursing program — which has been reinstated this year — causing a slowdown in enrollment to start the Fall 2019 semester, McCarthy is

optimistic about turning things around.

Since July, his focus has been on small sensible changes and outreach to the multiple connections he built in his 35 years of academic experience as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal at Dedham and Duxbury High in addition to Bourne.

"It's all about building relationships and support," said McCarthy, who along with his team, began calling high schools to set up meetings with advisors and counselors and contacting potential students who began but did not follow through on the college enrollment process.

His ambitious first-year plan calls for



Photo: MANDI FLAHERTY

*Plymouth Director Ron McCarthy poses next to the new sign installed to give the Plymouth campus more visibility.*

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## SPORTS

### Booters looking for scoring boost

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Granite face an uphill climb.

“Lorkens will be a big miss,” Senyonjo said of the Haitian-born winger from Dorchester who’ll be on the sideline this year helping out as team manager. “But new recruit Caio DeCastilho should score us some goals.”

Through the Granite’s first six games of the 2019 season, they’ve managed just eight goals in struggling to a 1-5 won-loss record.

QC returned a nucleus of sophomores, including midfielders Alex Lopes, an All-Region 21 player, and Derek Andrade, and defenders Gareth McAlinden, Rafael Pina-Garcia and Annos Nour, hoping to carry the load.

Senyonjo was also looking for their leadership to help bolster a talented core of freshmen that included experienced Nigerian midfielder Peter Okeke, multi-positional player Carlos Cuilty, from Medford High, and defender Jake Champagne, former team captain at Weymouth High.

With last year’s All-Region sophomore goalie Nate Getman gone, Senyonjo has turned to freshman Andre Mardley to open the season in goal.



Photo: AL YOUNG

*QC Soccer Coach Idris Senyonjo (center) goes over pre-game strategy with team before first-ever Veterans Stadium home game.*

The Granite got another boost this year by playing their home games and practicing at nearby Veterans Stadium, which underwent a \$1.5 million renovation, thanks to the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse. The Cannons moved from Harvard Stadium to the Quincy field last December and added several new features, including a new PA system, a 40-by-40-foot digital scoreboard and 1,000 new seats.

The past two seasons QC played its home games at North Quincy High’s Creedon Field.

#### 2019 SOCCER SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 @ Springfield Tech . . . L, 3-0  
**Sept. 19 Roxbury CC . . . . . L, 5-1**  
 Sept. 26 @ Mass Bay . . . . . W, 3-1  
**Sept. 28\* Holyoke CC . . . . . L, 2-1**  
 Oct. 2 @ Bristol CC . . . . . L, 3-2  
 Oct. 5 @ Quinsigamond CC. . L, 2-1  
**Oct. 8 Northern Essex CC. . 7 p.m.**  
**Oct. 15 Bunker Hill CC . . . TBA**  
 Oct. 17 @ Roxbury CC . . . . . 6 p.m.  
**Oct. 19 Springfield Tech . . 11 a.m.**  
**Oct. 26\*\* Bristol CC . . . . . 11 a.m.**

— Home games in bold will be played at Veterans Stadium unless otherwise indicated. (\*— At Weymouth High School; \*\*— At Creedon Field)

## Cross Country harriers join Granite Sports family

By AL YOUNG

*QC Voice*

Quincy College took another step — literally — this summer to expand its athletic program by adding men and women’s cross country to the mix.

The Granite harriers now join men’s soccer and basketball as the school’s third sports team and the first to include women athletes.

But unlike the soccer and basketball teams, which begin their third season as members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), the coed cross country team will start as a club sport.

“We would eventually compete as a varsity club (in NJCAA),” said new coach John Furey, a native of Quincy whose team was scheduled to run in three invitational meets, including the



Photo: QC MARKETING DEPT.

*QC first-year Cross Country Coach John Furey.*

season-finale Suffolk Invitational Oct. 19. “But first we would like to build up our number of runners in year one, so club status made more sense.”

Hired in June, Furey, a fitness specialist and avid runner, brings over 30 years of experience coaching runners of all levels, including Emerson College, Eastern Nazarene and North Quincy High.

Furey, who has logged more than 70,000 miles and competed in more than 600 combined marathon and road races, loves the idea of starting another new cross country program. He did it in 1997 at Emerson, a program still going strong and which has since expanded to track and field.

But Furey realizes he faces an even bigger challenges here at QC.

“Starting a program with no history is tough,” he

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## Luddy hits the ground running

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vamped and reaccredited nursing program as well as an expanded budget.

Which leaves Luddy, who will oversee QC's day-to-day administration and its strategic direction, with the challenge of improving the school's enrollment.

The Brockton, Mass. native, earned her Doctorate of Management (DM) focused in Community College Policy and Administration from the University of Maryland.

Most recently, she worked at UMass Amherst as a Research Fellow, Manager of Program Evaluation and was a Dean of Middlesex Community College, involved in institutional research and enrollment management.

Among her immediate strategic goals: developing stronger links with area high schools; synchronizing enrollment activities and marketing efforts; strengthening the college's data infrastructure; and expanding staff development opportunities.

"We are developing stronger high school

recruitment efforts as we speak," Luddy said. "While we often talk about adult students (the average age at QC is between 26 and 28), we must remember that 53 percent of our students are under 25.

"The sooner we can bring them to QC, the better."

This summer, QC introduced a program allowing high school students to take courses with college students for a significantly reduced rate per credit.

National studies attribute the enrollment decline to a stronger economy, which lures millennials from the classroom into the workforce, and lower birthrates that stagnate the number of high school graduates.

In another bid to reverse that trend and attract a broader range of students, QC expanded its course offerings this year, adding Biotechnology, Cyber Security and EMT and Paramedic programs and now boasts more than 60 Associate Degree and Certificate programs.

## McCarthy's mission

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offering potential students the kind of support not found at other institutions.

"Underserved students can really benefit from Quincy College" said McCarthy, who has scheduled a Guidance Counselor breakfast Oct. 25, with 30 schools invited,

McCarthy is also incorporating an initiative by Dr. Jennifer Luddy, QC's new Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning. The program will allow high school seniors who need credits to enroll at QC to earn those credits they need to graduate.

As a high school principal, McCarthy's goal was to get kids to continue their education. His objective here at QC remains the same: prepare students to transfer to four-year institutions.

Of course, raising awareness of QC's presence in Plymouth is another step toward increased enrollment. Which brings us to his outreach approach by strengthening ties to the community.

In mid-September, McCarthy staged an art exhibit called "Saving Planet Earth," which drew community participation while raising proceeds for the college with a reception afterward.

McCarthy also helped bring more visibility to the Plymouth campus by installing a new QC sign near the entrance of the tucked away Cordage Park campus — previously obscured by restaurants and parking lots.

In addition, McCarthy has also involved himself in several Plymouth organizations such as the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth 400 Committee.

## Cross country team joins Granite sports

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said. "And being a commuter college with many students that work full-time makes it more difficult."

With no formal tryouts, Furey began recruiting via e-mail blasts and reaching out to high school coaches up and down the South Shore and the Cape.

"Runners of all abilities are welcome to join," Furey said of weekend warriors

or those running for health and fitness., "We're looking to foster a community of student athletes who love to run."

The team practices at the Quincy High track and does its road and hill work near Pageant Field.

As the QC Voice was going to print, Furey's roster included: Lana Dunn, Elizia Padre, Yemi Okufuwa, Ayana Dahl, Emerald Anderson, Patrick Joseph and Lorkens Exumat.

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