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Quincy College and Arc of the South Shore to host November 19th forum to explore higher education opportunities for students with disabilities

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Quincy, MA (11/9/16) - Quincy College, with campuses in Plymouth and Quincy, and the Autism Resource Center of the Arc of the South Shore based in Braintree, is pleased to offer an open forum for the South Shore community to learn more about the opportunities for students with disabilities while attending Quincy College. This event is free and open to the public. The open forum will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 10am to 12pm at Thayer Public Library at 798 Washington Street, in Braintree. Please RSVP for the November 19th event by contacting the Autism Resource Center via Ms. Janine Birmingham at 781-974-4602 or email: autismresourcecenter@arcsouthshore.org.

The forum will cover the spectrum of student disabilities from learning disabilities to physical disabilities and accommodations. Families and students with IEPs and 504 plans, as well as special educators, higher education administrators and guidance counselors will have the opportunity to learn how Quincy College supports all students.

Quincy College speakers who plan to attend the forum include: Peter Luizzi, Director of Disability Services, Janet Pearson, Admissions Agent, and Julie Blackburn, Mission Support and Technology Specialist.

Quincy College and Autism Resource Center of the Arc of the South Shore has a natural partnership, serving diverse populations on the South Shore. Quincy College offers assistance that include accommodations, tutoring services, course flexibility and more for students with disabilities. The Arc of the South Shore is a family-oriented, community based agency that believes that all individuals have the right to participate fully in their community by enhancing inclusion in the community, maximizing personal choice and decision making and supporting people to achieve full potential in all areas of life. The Arc of the South Shore serves more than 2,000 individuals and families each year.

Quincy College's focus is to deliver the highest quality education to all students. This is a focus that Peter Luizzi, Director of Disability Services embraces: "We are pleased to work with the Autism Resource Center of the Arc of the South Shore to provide resources that will help all students succeed as they pursue higher education. Quincy College's Disability Services Office works with the campus community including our academic departments, faculty and staff, to provide equal access and opportunity to educational programming and services for students with disabilities. Services are determined individually to support

the individual needs of the students, based on federal guidelines and Quincy College policies. Our goal is to minimize the impact of the disability by providing reasonable academic accommodations for the student to meet course outcomes. "

Katie Hanley, Director of Family Supports and Director of the Autism Resource Center: "We are excited about the launch of the Autism Resource Center and are thrilled to be collaborating with Quincy College to let individuals with disabilities know about the specialized and unique services offered at Quincy College.

For information about the comprehensive services offered by the Autism Resource Center and the Arc of the South Shore, visit: www.arcsouthshore.org. To explore the full range of Quincy College programs and disability services, please visit: <http://quincycollege.edu/student-services/disability-services/>.

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About Quincy College

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu



About Autism Resource Center

The Arc of the South Shore is a family-oriented, community based agency that believes that all individuals have the right to participate fully in their community. Since its inception in 1951, The Arc of the South Shore has been guided by a mission to provide the highest quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities and autism by

enhancing inclusion in the community, maximizing personal choice and decision making and supporting people to achieve full potential in all areas of life. The Arc of the South Shore serves more than 2,000 individuals and families each year. For information, contact The Arc of the South Shore at: autismresourcecenter@arcsouthshore.org or visit: www.arcsouthshore.org.