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Class of 2016 prepares to don caps and gowns

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The big day is rapidly approaching. You've spent the past two years, or maybe more, pursuing your Associate's Degree or Program Certificate and now all that hard work and sacrifice is about to pay off with Graduation Day.

That's right, on Friday May 27 at noon, nearly 600 of you will become a part of Quincy College's Graduating Class of 2016.

Congratulations!

Hopefully, those of you involved have long submitted your graduation fee by the March 31 deadline and should have already received your graduation information packet in the mail.

If not, a quick call or visit to Registrar Associate Jenny Chan's office on the second floor of Presidents Place is a must before it's too late.

According to Chan, not all 600 students will attend the commencement at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. But because each graduate is entitled to four guest tickets, Chan expects a full house at the venue, better known for its summer music concerts,



QC's 2015 Commencement Ceremony.

which holds 2,200 people. Parking there is plentiful and free.

This year's featured Commencement speaker will be Kenneth S. Ansin, Community Bank Director at Enterprise Bank and Trust Company.

Last year's keynote, Daniel M. O'Neill, president & CEO of Advanced Data Risk Management, addressed the Class of 2015 with memorable, animated lessons in life.

One of the highlights of last year was the graduation recessional music, "Fanfare of the Triumphs," performed



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A 2015 graduate sends dad a message.

by Skylar van Joolen. Skylar, a Berklee College of Music graduate and composer living in Los Angeles, is the son of Dr. Vincent van Joolen, the QC Dean of Natural and Health Sciences.

A lot to learn in 2 years at QC . . . and she did

By **KREETY KC**

QC Voice Staff

It sounds like a cliché when I say the last two years at Quincy College passed in the blink of an eye, but it *really* did pass in no time. However, the change in my academic and personal life within this short span is incredible.

Two years ago when I first came to QC, still very new to this country from Nepal, I had no idea what I was

doing and where I was going. Even though I was determined to do something in my life, a new place, new people and new culture had me confused.

But I learned a lot during my two years here. The smaller classes helped me stay connected with my professors. They were always very helpful with my assignments, and even beyond the classroom, giving me

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President's Corner

Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.



With May upon us, seemingly everyone on campus is striving toward the end of the academic year and commencement. I'd like to recognize and applaud the commitment that our graduating students have made to master a body of knowledge, which for many culminates in commencement. As this journey concludes, you will embark upon a new beginning filled with unlimited possibilities.

The dictionary defines commencement as both 1) a graduation ceremony at which academic degrees or diplomas are conferred and 2) a beginning or a start. Although the average age of our students is not 18, commencement is, indeed, a new beginning for our graduates.

As you know, at Quincy College, we are focused on teaching and learning, one student at time. As such, we are pleased to have played a part in the success you've achieved to date and are confident you are prepared for the challenges and opportunities that await in the future.

I firmly believe that education is the passport that allows one to travel through and navigate our society. At this year's commencement, on May 27 at the South Shore Music Circus, I will be proud to say that you, our graduates, have earned your passport.

As one group of students prepares to graduate, we are already looking ahead to the next academic year.

At Quincy College, we are driven to improve every day and aggressively strive toward the next level as an institution. We are committed to the continual quality improvement of our facilities, the hiring of new staff and faculty and the addition of unique and dynamic programs and courses.

Thank you to our students who completed their Course Evaluation Surveys during evaluation week in mid-April. The administration at Quincy College is driven by data; your feedback and invaluable insight helps let us know if we are succeeding in our mission to provide an accessible and affordable education.

I'm pleased to announce the creation of a new Web Development certificate program, meeting the demand for web developers. We have also hired new faculty and staff who bring us a wealth of knowledge, experience and personality. Over the summer, we look ahead to rolling out a new Learning Management System, called Canvas, to support classroom engagement and a new Quincy College website.

As Quincy College moves ahead, we remain focused on teaching and learning by updating our academic offerings, developing new programs, increasing student engagement and delivering the best possible education. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus during the Summer Intersessions or the Fall Semester.

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



Question: What do you think of Quincy College students being ranked No. 1 as top salary earners among all Massachusetts and New England two-year public colleges?

By **AL YOUNG**

QC Voice



Jamie Reed

Major: Elementary Education
From: Quincy

"I think it's really great. Quincy College has actually given me a chance to get into the field that I know I am most fit for, and that's working with children. The fact that Quincy College graduates get higher salaries than other schools also makes me feel great that I made the right choice over any of the other two-year schools."



Kyle Church

Major: Computer Programming
From: Quincy

"Well, money is always a good thing. It's a great opportunity especially saying I came in here looking to improve my life. So having a school that is No. 1 in coming out with the best salaries only seems like the best choice."



Berthny Maurie

Major: Psychology
From: Boston

"I'm currently working two jobs while I've been at Quincy. Now that I'm graduating, I'm hoping to be able find a full-time job. And coming from Quincy, knowing we're ranked No. 1 in salaries, I'm very excited."



Issadorah Dorceley

Major: Human Services
From: Brockton

"It makes me feel good knowing that it is a real possibility (of earning a top salary). It also makes me want to promote the school and let my peers know they should come here because that's one huge benefit. It also makes me want to work harder so that I can graduate and actually make it happen."



Once again, Student Gov't. Association on the horizon

By **KEN HALEY**
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Although you might have seen it listed on the Student Life “Get Connected” club sheet, Quincy College has not had an active Student Government Association in nearly two decades.

“I’ve been here for 15 years, and we’ve never had one,” said Susan Bossa, Associate Vice President for Student Development. “I know they’ve tried a few times over the years but they couldn’t get consistent student participation.”

The latest attempt was in 2012, when it did have participants. But a lack of adequate funding and the failure to get a workable Constitution approved by the QC administration were the major stumbling blocks.

But that may all change in the fall when Amanda Deck, Director of Student Life, tries her hand at establishing a Student Government Association.

Deck’s game plan is to draw up a Constitution and bylaws that will serve both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses. There will be student officers on each campus.

“It will almost be two separate student governments under one unified set of bylaws,” Deck said about addressing the needs of their specific student population.

“Student government has senate meetings, chair meetings, subcommittee meetings that take place with other staff and departments,” said Deck about giving the student a voice in the functioning of the school.

It acts as a liaison between the students and administration, faculty and staff to address issues/concerns at QC.

Despite the absence of a Student Government, students are represented in the College Senate and Committees to connect and communicate with the administration. QC provides other forums as well, including the President Unplugged events, an informal Q&A with President Peter H. Tsaffaras, online polls and focus groups. At various times, QC’s two honor societies, Phi Theta Kappa and Gamma Beta Phi, have also acted as an informal voice on behalf of the student body.

For Bossa, the benefit of the a Student Government goes beyond everyday student and campus activities. She sees it as vital factor in a student’s academic success.

“It’s important to get more students involved more regularly,” Bossa said. “Because students who get involved persist to degree completion more regularly.”

Come November, make your voice heard and vote!

By **KRISTIN DIMITROVA**
QC Voice Staff

With the 2016 Presidential Election rapidly approaching in November, there’s a lot at stake for the youth of this country especially in how the final choice will impact them.

For instance, with an aging Supreme Court, the next President may have the opportunity to appoint two or three new Justices, whose policy-making decisions will lead to critical social change.

Free education is another hot-button topic, with some candidates for and others against. With the continual rise in

the cost of education and the ever-growing student loan debt, whoever becomes President could be pivotal for future college students.

The sky-rocketing cost of health care is also a vital issue for young people to consider, especially if Obamacare is repealed.

Yet, according to the Pew Research Center, only 19 percent of those eligible between the ages 18 to 29 — the bulk of Quincy College’s demographics — actually voted in the 2012 Presidential Election.

Why such a low turnout?



“Part of the problem,” said QC History Professor Robert Jarvis, “is that we didn’t do a good job introducing politics in high school.”

According to Jarvis many young students think of politics as a complicated and boring subject.

In reality, politics are a major key to economic development, social well-being and world peace.

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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



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FUN & GAMES

Club advisor Kyle Church (top left) shows off his collection of Board Games used during the inaugural International Table Top Board Game Day April 11 in the Student Lounge on the Quincy campus. Dozens of students (right) took part in an afternoon of fun and games that included Castle Panic, Scottergories, Battleship and many of the legendary standards such as Clue, Scrabble, Cribbage, Trivial Pursuit, Risk, chess and checkers. Players were also treated to free pizza between moves.



PLACE YOUR BETS!

A taste of Las Vegas hit Quincy College April 12 & 13 when the Office of Student Life sponsored its inaugural Casino Royal event. More than a hundred students on both the Plymouth and Quincy campuses — including Kayla Coleman and Robert Cooper-Cox, sporting winning smiles — took part in the games of chance that included roulette (at Plymouth above left), Texas hold'em, black jack (at Quincy right) and poker. Fake money was used for the betting, but real prizes were awarded. Those cashing in \$10,000 won merchandise from the bookstore such as lanyards and key chains while those coming up with \$50,000 won T-shirts.



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AUTHOR TALKS

Stephen Kurkjian (top right), former editor and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter at the Boston Globe, was the headliner for Quincy College's Meet the Author Night at the Crane Public Library on April 11. As part of the Author Talks series, Kurkjian discussed and signed copies of his book "Master Thieves" (left) about the largest art heist in history at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. He was the principal reporter covering the still unsolved mystery of 13 stolen works, including those by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Degas, worth an estimated \$550 million.

PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTIONS

The Quincy College Alpha Pi Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held induction ceremonies for 150 of its new members on March 31 at the Quincy Historical Society. Alpha Pi Psi, an honor society that requires an overall 3.5 grade point average, recognizes and encourages scholarships among two-year college students. Among the evening's speakers was senior Felicia Femino (pictured), secretary of the society.



Photo: AMANDA DECK

QC names new Disability Officer

Quincy College has announced the hiring of Pete Luizzi as the new Student Development Associate - Disability Service Officer. Luizzi has been a Special Education Teacher in both the public school system and in a residential program, working with a variety of students with mild to severe special needs and disorders. He has a master's in Special Education from Salem State University. Luizzi's office is located in Room 511 Presidents Place, and he can be reached at pluizzi@quincycollege.edu or 617-984-5915.

Learned a lot in two years

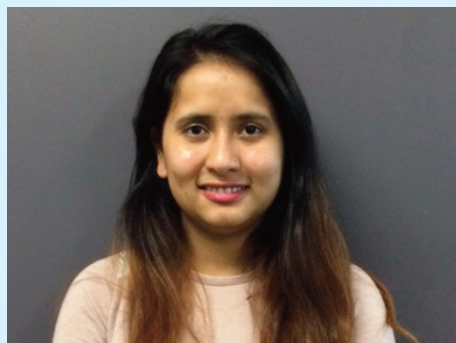
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honest feedback. It made my transition into a foreign education system much easier.

The college also offered other entertaining and educational programs, such as Halloween parties and a cultural bazaar, that made my experience here enjoyable. Having a number of other Nepalese students at the college also made me feel closer to home.

I not only learned in the classroom but outside as well. Joining the QC Voice student newspaper, I was able to work on my hobby of writing. With other Nepalese students, I also helped organize a relief fund for the Victims of Earthquake in Nepal.

Coming from a very conservative traditional culture, everything seemed



Kreeti KC

a little strange at first. I found that people here were so talkative and outspoken and that those from different parts of the world can live here comfortably and can be accepting of things like the LGBT community.

Over time, I learned to respect the diversity within Quincy College that includes about 500 international students among the nearly 4,800 total

students. I made friends with people from different parts of the world, and I have learned to respect people of any country, religion or gender. For me, Quincy College has been that medium that introduced me to this wonderful country.

Looking back at the last two years, my confidence has increased tremendously. Now, I am ready to continue my journey by transferring to a four year university.

But I look forward with excitement to one last big day here when I will be joined by my family and close friends at my Graduation Commencement May 27.

I thank Quincy College for the opportunities and experience it has given me during these amazing two years.

Make your voice heard and vote!

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“If you don’t vote, you have no voice,” Jarvis said about an individual’s opportunity and right to choose our nation’s leaders.

Jarvis said part of his job is to awaken students and make them believe that their vote and participation in the electoral process matters.

Not an easy task.

Many of us have opinions and are critical, particularly about politics but action speaks louder than words and voting is the perfect way to express your wants and needs.

“Students come to me saying ‘Hey, Professor Jarvis, I registered to vote!’

and this makes me feel good and acknowledges that I am doing my job right.” Jarvis said.

So, come Nov. 8, 2016 — Presidential Election Day — don’t forget to vote and make your voice heard.

COMMENCEMENT 2016 REGALIA & TICKETS



PICK UP YOUR REGALIA & TICKETS* AT THE
QUINCY COLLEGE BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE

AVAILABLE BETWEEN MONDAY, APRIL 25 AND FRIDAY, MAY 6

QUINCY CAMPUS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:30AM - 6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

SATURDAY: 10AM - 3PM

PLYMOUTH CAMPUS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:30AM - 4:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM - 2:00PM

*GRADUATES MUST BRING HIS/HER OWN STUDENT ID TO PICK UP HIS/HER CAP AND GOWN AT THE BOOKSTORE. EACH GRADUATE MAY RETRIEVE UP TO 4 GUEST TICKETS FOR COMMENCEMENT.

IF YOU CANNOT PICK UP REGALIA DURING THESE DATES, REGALIA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY, MAY 27 AT COMMENCEMENT. YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT COMMENCEMENT.

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25 years later, Plymouth campus still growing strong

By KARA HARPER
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Over the years, students have described Quincy College in Plymouth as “comfortable” . . . “close knit” . . . and “community.”

And now, with the Plymouth campus preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary this fall, you can add the word “growing” as well.

Quincy College moved into its current facility at Cordage Park in Plymouth in 2007. Since then, while other community colleges are experiencing a drop in enrollment, QC has expanded both physically and academically.

From a core of 400 students in 2007, the Plymouth campus has steadily grown to nearly 1,000, with last fall’s enrollment increasing by 15 percent

from a year ago only to be topped this spring at 19.9 percent.

As far as the physical facility, the Plymouth campus opened with approximately 8,000 square feet, and with the addition of 15,000 more this fall, will grow to over 50,000 square feet.

But the expansion doesn’t end there.

This fall several new academic certificate program options will be offered, including Certified Nursing Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Aquaculture Certificate, Website Design and an Insurance Certificate.

So as the Plymouth campus continues to move forward in catering to the needs of its ever-growing student body and community, add yet another word to describe its future: “bright.”

As the QC Plymouth campus slogan says, “Our name may say Quincy, but we are the Plymouth hometown college.”



TAKING THE PLUNGE:

Quincy College President Peter H. Tsaffaras (second from left) led an intrepid Team QC quartet that took part in the Jordan Polar Plunge, a bone-chilling March charity event at Nelson Park beach in Plymouth. Joining Tsaffaras in diving and swimming into the ocean to raise funds for the Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center were Vincent van Joolen, dean of the Division of Natural and Health Sciences, Ray Guillette, professor of Business, and Karla Parise, professor of Early Childhood Education.

Photo: MARY BURKE

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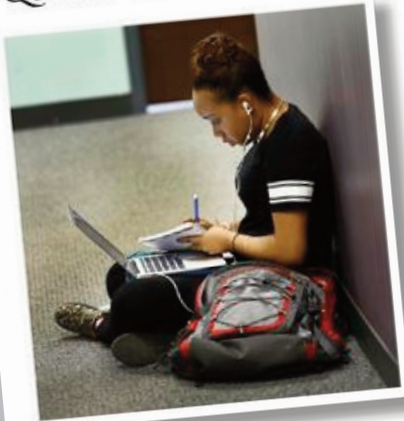
ONE GOOD DEED DESERVES ANOTHER



Photo: MARY BURKE

Plymouth campus student Angela DiZoglia displays her “Good Deed” award presented by Quincy College Peter H. Tsaffaras during a President Unplugged session April 14. DiZoglia was recognized for finding an envelope with \$500 in cash and returning it to lost and found. As a reward, the president waived her Commencement fee (\$150) when she graduates May 27 from the Practical Nurse program.

QUINCY COLLEGE CAMPUSES MAKE MAJOR STRIDES



"Quincy College is moving forward in each and every area. We're assuming our rightful place in higher education, and we're evolving into a REGIONAL PLAYER."

-President Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.

The Patriot Ledger

It's time to apply for financial aid for the
Fall 2016 semester!

Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete the
2016-2017 FAFSA.

Get help filling out your FAFSA on
**Tuesdays from 1 - 3 pm in
President's Place, Room 503.**

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The QC Voice Wants You!

Come join the Staff of *The QC Voice* and have your Voice heard.

We're looking for reporters/writers and photographers for the Fall 2016 Semester.

Here's an opportunity to enhance your communication, writing, interviewing and photography skills while reporting on news events, feature stories and the buzz around 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

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5 WEEKS
JUNE & JULY

10 WEEKS
JUNE

10 DAYS
AUGUST