



# The QC Voice

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## President Bellotti extends welcome to spring semester

By MICHAEL BELLOTTI

Welcome new and returning students to campus for the start of spring semester. As I begin my second semester as Quincy College's President, I feel inspired by the passion I see in the hallways, the administrative offices and the classrooms on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

As a public servant for over 20 years, serving the community as the Norfolk County Sheriff, a member of the Board of Governors for the college and an instructor here in the Criminal Justice program, I was familiar with Quincy College long before becoming president.

### Nursing program now one step away from fall reopening

By QC VOICE STAFF

Quincy College anxiously awaits to hear from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) about its decision regarding the nursing program.

It would mark the third and final step for the college in its arduous task of rebuilding the once-thriving program that lost its state accreditation last May over subpar test scores in recent years

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What ideas have been reinforced over my four months as Interim President?

Quincy College is among the most innovative two-year community colleges in the Commonwealth. You, our students, are hardworking, curious and determined to make a better future for yourselves, your families and our shared communities.

Our academic programs – mixing the best of hands-on and classroom education – focus on producing skillful graduates who will become leaders and innovators. Our flexible schedules and affordable cost enable students to realize their full potential.

Our outstanding and enthusiastic faculty continue to nurture talent, inspire curiosity and encourage personal and professional growth.

The college's campus locations in Quincy, Plymouth and Online offer



Photo: MARY MCLEOD

*New QC President Michael Bellotti (right) introduces himself to Thiago Carvalho at January's Welcome Back Party.*

unparalleled access to educational opportunities and a wealth of resources and support services.

Our Plymouth campus is a perfect fit for any student interested in achieving academic goals without leaving the South Shore. For over 27 years, Quincy College at Plymouth has led the way as "America's Hometown

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### QC awareness in community key to enrollment turnaround

By AL YOUNG  
*QC Voice*

Some might call it a bounce back year for Quincy College.

After a dismal close to the 2018 spring semester, with the loss of the school's nursing program, its 264 nursing students and a shakeup in the administration after the resignation of former college President Peter Tsaffaras in May, the school rallied the troops over the summer.

When QC celebrated the start of its 60th anniversary last September, it was more like the beginning of a new era.

Literally.

New president. New provost. New dean of nursing . . . and, hopefully, new nursing program any day now.

"The entire college has coalesced around a single mission," said Tagg Boyle, Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing. "To continue to amplify awareness of Quincy College and to inform the surrounding communities of the over 50 academic majors that we offer and highlight the students, faculty and staff that call Quincy College home."

The major objective, of course, was

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# QC all-in with online degree programs in Criminal Justice and Business

By **AL YOUNG**  
QC Voice

Since the mid-1990s, when online college courses first began, the number of students enrolled in at least one online course has grown to over 7 million nationally, according to the

latest Babson Survey Research Group.

Here at Quincy College, there are more than 500 students taking a variety of general education



Daniel Ibarrondo

courses online.

But in the fall of 2018, QC implemented its first fully 100 percent online program in Criminal Justice and Business, with 45 students currently enrolled in both Associate degree programs.

"The fully online programs were well received by Quincy College students and visiting students alike," said Daniel Ibarrondo, Associate Dean for Online Learning. "They are a natural extension of what we

already offer our students."

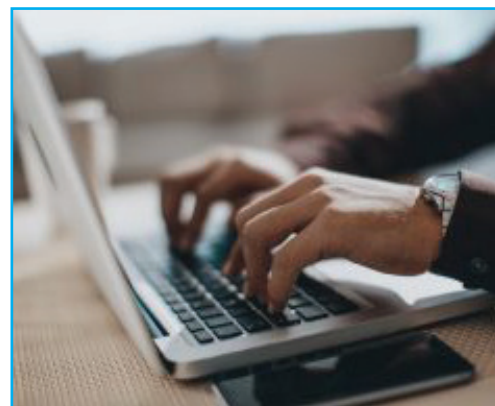
Since then, Ibarrondo said, more than 150 students have applied for the Criminal Justice and Business fully online programs and are currently awaiting approval for enrollment.

The fully online programs are designed to be offered in 7-week courses, available twice every fall and spring semester and once in the summer.

"The courses are scheduled in 'pathways,'" Ibarrondo said, "meaning the student's core, elective and general education requirements are built in for every 7-week session, including summers, toward an 18-month full-time completion."

In fact, QC's first fully online graduation class — one that can boast never setting foot on campus to attend a class — can come as early as May 2020.

In addition, the 7-week online courses utilize educational technologies such as TechSmith Relay and ZOOM. These tech tools bring the power of video as part of the online courses and the opportunity to have live interactions with instructors and fellow classmates.



"Online education requires more time and a certain level of tech savviness compared to on-campus courses," Ibarrondo said. "Students who juggle work and family obligations while pursuing a college degree enjoy the online course flexibility."

QC will continue to offer 15-week long online courses and hybrid courses, a combination of online course work and on-campus course work for Massachusetts students.

Whether you want to study from the comfort of your home or increase your computer skills, why not take advantage of your educational experience at Quincy College by enrolling in an online course or two.

## QC's nursing program

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as well as curriculum and leadership issues.

After rehiring Dr. Roxanne Mihal as Dean of Nursing in July, QC started fresh and submitted its prerequisites to BORN — the first step for re-accreditation. After a site visit in early November, BORN granted the school prerequisite approval on Dec. 12 — the second step in the application process.

Then, on Jan. 11, QC Provost Dr. Gerry Koocher completed the last step, submitting an extensive course curriculum of thousands of pages in

detail for both the registered nursing and practical nursing programs to BORN.

If the state approves of its new curriculum, the college plans to welcome 120 nursing students back, starting this coming fall between the Quincy and Plymouth campuses. The programs would support 40 registered-nursing students and 20 licensed-practical nursing students at each campus, close to half of the total 264 QC nursing students enrolled last year before losing accreditation.



**PATRIOTS  
DAY**

**COLLEGE CLOSED**

**APRIL 15**



# INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

**Question:** "Now that we're in the midst of the Spring 2019 semester, and with so many other area colleges, what were the main reasons you chose to attend Quincy College?"

Compiled by **MANDI FLAHERTY, SARAH POWERS, AL YOUNG**  
QC Voice Staff



**Nicky Johnson**  
Business Major  
Lynn



*"I was motivated by someone who graduated from Quincy College. I waited about 3 years after I graduated high school to start thinking about what I would like to study before I came here so I wouldn't waste any time. He told me how great a school this was and how personable the professors and the administration were and that really got me to take a look and apply and meet new people."*

**Shanna Sorrenti**  
Natural Science Major  
Plymouth



*"For me, it is about location. Cordage Park (in Plymouth) is close. I really like the old building and the history of the rope factory."*

**Colin Gillis**  
Business Major  
Kingston



*"I was at a different school and that school did not work out for me. So instead of going to another big school and paying a lot of money, I decided to go here because it was close to home, and it's working out a lot better."*

**Ann Boudreau**  
Healthcare Administration  
Braintree



*"I wanted to go to another community college because the one I was at — Massasoit (in Brockton) — was not the right fit for me. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, and Quincy College had more opportunities that I was looking for. I like it here because I can get a certificate in what I want to do. I want to be a medical receptionist, and they didn't have that at Massasoit."*

**Nate Getman**  
General Studies  
Quincy



*"I played soccer my first freshman year at Wallace State Community College in Alabama, but I ended up dropping out. Now, six years later, (after moving to Hull), I was working over the summer at a marina, and I wanted to get back into school. So I called QC and spoke to soccer coach Idris Senyonjo and he told me, 'We're having tryouts tomorrow, can you make it?' Next thing you know, I'm back in college playing soccer, and it all sort of worked out. Honestly, without soccer, I wouldn't be here."*

**Trevor Devlin**  
Business Management  
Major  
Plymouth



*"Location! Cordage Park is only a few miles down the road from where I live. The staff is extremely friendly and creates an infectious environment."*

**Justin Shetzline**  
Security Management  
Hingham



*"Two reasons. I wasn't sure if I was ready to go to a four-year college, so I decided to try out a few classes here first. The other reason I chose Quincy over any other ones is because it's very convenient to get here from my house and back."*

**Genesis Correa**  
Criminal Justice Major  
Hyde Park



*"This is a really good school. My advisor told me if you can get into a community college, do the two years first and graduate with your Associate degree. Then you're ahead in the race because now you have the knowledge you need to get a job and that can help you afford a four-year school without problems and also benefit you toward your major."*

**Derek-Jeremiah Grochal**  
Engineering Technologies  
Weymouth



*"One reason why I came to Quincy College was to save money. It's easily accessible and has good, qualified teachers."*



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## WELCOME BACK PARTY & CLUB FAIR

Quincy College got the Spring 2019 semester rolling with its Welcome Back Party & Club Fair on both the Plymouth and Quincy campuses on Jan. 30 and 31, respectively. It was a festive atmosphere as new students and old mixed and mingled, with music, food and giveaways of personalized baseball caps and caricature drawings highlighting the events. Several QC clubs also set up tables in hopes of recruiting new members. Some snaps:



Photo: AL YOUNG

Airbrush artists Ray McIntyre (left) and Tom McGrath were busy cranking out personalized baseball caps for students.

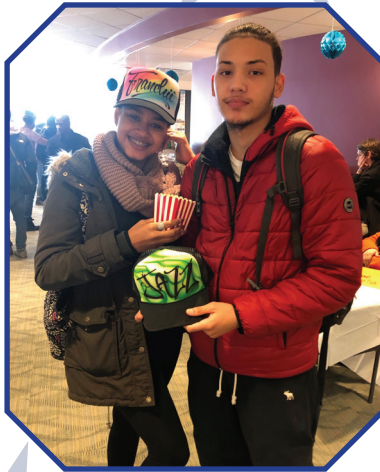


Photo: AMANDA DECK

Franchesca Guzman (left) and Jazmel Rivera take time out to show off their new caps.



Photo: AMANDA DECK

Benji Fedestin patiently poses as he gets his caricature drawn.



Photo: AMANDA DECK

Amanda Tao took a selfie of her new hat to share with friends.



Photo: AL YOUNG

Jess Barrett gets the pizza, popcorn and water ready to pass out for the Quincy campus party in the Student Lounge.



Photo: AL YOUNG

The Computer Club's officers were out in full strength to help recruit new members. Posing behind a 3-D print of a red skull and a rose (from left) Vice President Ken Lee, Secretary Daniel Ibarondo and President Simon Yip (President). Club Advisor Dr. Robert Pitts is seated in the back.



Photo: AL YOUNG

Krister Arnott is all smiles representing the Drama Club at the Welcome Back Party.



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Photo: KAREN SMIZER

*Patrice Cort (left), recruiter for the Judge Rotenberg Center, a special needs residential facility in Canton, chats with Roxie Battle of QC's Career Services office.*



Photo: KAREN SMIZER

*Jennifer Tobin, a recruiter from Linden Ponds, talks to a student about the retirement community in Hingham.*

## INTERNSHIP & CAREER FAIR

*Students looking to connect with recruiters and employers or seeking internships or searching for full and part-time employment in a variety of business sectors had a chance to do all that Feb. 5 at the Quincy College Internship & Career Fair on the Quincy campus Student Lounge. QC's Career Services & Placement sponsored the event, which was an ideal opportunity to explore career options, network and get noticed. Some snaps:*



Photo: AL YOUNG

*The Student Lounge on the Quincy campus was buzzing with recruiters, employers and students for the Career Fair*



Photo: KAREN SMIZER

*Recruiter Maryellen Crosse of the Aspire Health Alliance mental health services in the South Shore greets a student.*



Photo: KAREN SMIZER

*Lori Mott (left) and Donna Pavlin man the table as recruiters for the Maplewood at Weston Senior Living Community.*



Photo: KAREN SMIZER

*QC President Michael Bellotti (left) and Professor Leor Alcalay also stopped by the Career Fair*

# New Student Gov't Association here to meet your needs

By **JT SANDERS**  
& **MATTHEW ALBANESE**

*QC Student Government Association*

Greetings!

We're here to introduce ourselves as the executive leaders of the new Quincy College Student Government Association (SGA).

The SGA is a club that will act as a liaison between the students and the college administration and staff.

Our main objectives will be to:

a) Promote club and student life events; b) Encourage student participation outside of the classroom; and c) Host seminars and events on leadership, social and communications building.

The SGA executive board will work with other club leaders, students and the QC staff and faculty to ensure that everyone's interests and concerns are addressed and their voices heard to make student life meaningful to all.

We realized as an open campus and commuter school, many of our

students are facing a balancing act of classroom studies, outside jobs, families and other daily routines that demand our time and attention.

With that in mind, the SGA was formed in October to help combine our educational goals and student life activities to make the Quincy College experience more meaningful.

But participation will be the key to our success.

While we have our core of executives, we are seeking new members and participants to help the SGA grow and expand.

The SGA meets bi-weekly at various times and locations around campus, and all students are welcome.

We have some great plans in the works, and we want you to join us in making these plans come to fruition.

This year's slate of SGA officers include: President John Thomas "JT" Sanders, Vice President Matthew J. Albanese, Secretary of Public Relations Suan Bat Nguyen and Treasurer Mohamed Benmaiza.



*JT Sanders*



*Matthew Albanese*



*Suan Bat Nguyen*



*Mohamed Benmaiza*

If you're interested in joining the SGA and for more information, e-mail us directly at: [sga@qc.quincycollege.edu](mailto:sga@qc.quincycollege.edu) and attend our next scheduled meeting.

## Getting ready to graduate?

The application deadline for the May Spring Graduation is **March 22, 2019**. All students are required to submit the Intent to Graduate Application and the \$150 fee per program regardless of whether you attend the Commencement ceremony **May 24, 2019**. Late applications may still be submitted to the Registrar's Office, but will be subject to a \$75 late application fee and may result in additional penalties. For any questions or concerns, contact **Jenny Chan** in Student Records and Registrar at [jchan@quincycollege.edu](mailto:jchan@quincycollege.edu) or (617) 984-1638.



**Graduation  
Application  
Deadline  
March 22**

## National Biomechanics Day April 9

Quincy College Exercise Science students, currently involved in Bioenergetics and Biomechanics lessons of Human Movement, from gait analysis to acrobatic yoga, will be hosting a number of presentations to celebrate National Biomechanics Day April 9 at 9 a.m. in Presidents Place Room 019N.





# When trouble hits the QC campus, who you going to call? Bill Hall, of course

By **ROBERT A. CERASOLI**  
QC Voice Contributor

**B**ill Hall is truly the man for all seasons at Quincy College.

As Director of Administrative Services since 2001, he is the glue that holds all the physical plant together.

Literally.

If there is a problem with the weather and it affects the students or the school, Hall must act. The decision to cancel school rests largely in his hands.

If there is a security problem, Hall is informed and interacts with the police and fire departments. If there is a maintenance or custodial problem, Hall is involved.

If a pipe leaks or there is not enough heat or air conditioning, Hall is called. If there are no office or school supplies or the mail is not delivered, Hall is asked to solve the problem.

Any kind of physical emergency that involves Quincy College falls within his domain. He reviews all serious incidents at the college and all



Photo: ROBERT A. CERASOLI

*Bill Hall loads a bag of rock salt on his shoulders to take care of a sidewalk icing problem outside Saville Hall*

work orders before they are executed.

You get the picture.

Hall is on call 24 hours a day and directs 16 employees on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

Hall was born and raised in Quincy Point. He graduated from the old Pollard School, Quincy Point Junior High, Quincy High and Quincy College. He comes from a family committed to public service.

Hall has served at QC for 24 years and through eight school presidents. He started in the business office as an

assistant bursar, then moved to assistant director of financial aid, and landed his current role back in 2001.

Hall's present position requires him to sit in on all student disciplinary hearings. Part of his job is to see that all of the rules are followed.

"My main goal is to make sure students, staff and faculty have a clean and safe work environment," Hall said.

Asked when he is most happiest at his job, Hall replied: "When everything is running smoothly, and I have an incident-free day."

"My best reward of public service is a job well done, and when the time comes for me to retire, I expect to do so with an excellent reputation for dedication and hard work."

With no plans to retire anytime soon, Hall is particularly excited and encouraged by the new leadership of Interim President Michael Bellotti and hopes to serve faithfully for many more years.

"I love my job and everyone at Quincy College," Hall said.

## QC's Comings & Goings . . .

By **QC VOICE STAFF**

**Q**uincy College welcomed two new members to full-time positions on the teaching staff for the Spring 2019 semester in **Dr. Hui-Ling (Kelly) Wu** and **Dr. Andrieta Pritchett**.

Dr. Wu was hired as the Online Instructional Design Project Manager and has focused her career on exploring innovative ways to integrate technology into instruction.

Originally from Taiwan, she earned her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University, where she served as an instructional designer of Instructional Technology Services, assisting faculty in developing online courses and creating online training

workshops for faculty.

Dr. Pritchett joins QC's Online Business faculty full time after coming to the school last year as an adjunct, teaching Accounting I, II, III and Introduction to Business.

She received her Doctor of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Pritchett also has more than 18 years experience in financial services, including investment management, corporate finance, accounting, regulatory reporting and governance.



Meanwhile, QC bid farewell to **Lisa McBirney**, its interim chief operating officer who left in January to become Executive Director of the Quincy

Retirement Board.

McBirney, the former chief of staff for **Quincy Mayor Tom Koch**, was

appointed COO by Koch last May to reorganize and lead Quincy College, following the loss of the nursing program and the resignation of former college president **Peter H. Tsaffaras**.

During McBirney's brief tenure, **Dr. Roxanne E. Mihal** was hired as the new dean of nursing, **Dr. Gerry Koocher** selected the school's first provost and Michael Bellotti named interim president.



Lisa McBirney

## Michael Bellotti welcome

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College,” and we look forward to future innovations on campus and strengthening our community connections.

We hope to soon open a new Nursing Program aimed at preparing the Nurse of the Future. Redesigned, refocused and reflective of the changing landscape facing today’s professional nurses, this new program was crafted under the leadership of Dean Roxanne Mihal, and the dedicated nursing faculty and staff who aim to inspire confident and competent fresh practitioners. We hope to have some exciting news on this program soon.

As an open-access institution, we continually seek ways to provide further paths to our excellent academic programs and faculty. This past fall we unveiled our new fully online

associate degree programs in business and criminal justice, and we are diversifying and broadening our online courses this spring with the aim of reaching a national audience.

Online and on-campus we continue to reach out to our surrounding communities, building and enhancing articulation agreements for both the high school students seeking college credit through dual enrollment, and college bridge programs that make it easier for QC graduates to transfer to baccalaureate programs.

These new initiatives enhance our strategic planning which will set the college’s course for the next five years and beyond. The strategic plan will evolve with a keen eye on assessment, financial stability, community partnerships, smart growth and

academic program development that serve as a pathway – to a certificate, a degree, or employment opportunities.

We feel honored as an organization to continue to support and serve you, our students, and our community. I look forward to learning even more about Quincy College in the coming months, celebrating our graduating students as we head into Commencement

in May and enhancing our amazing institution, lending my expertise and insight as your president.



Michael Bellotti

## QC’s enrollment turnaround focus

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to mitigate the anticipated decline in the fall 2018 enrollment over the nursing program fallout.

QC’s Enrollment Management Committee — comprised of senior administrators and representatives from Admissions, Information Technology, Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Development and Marketing — has met more frequently this academic year to focus on recruitment and retention of QC students and their success.

The college has also utilized a multi-channel marketing platform of traditional (newspaper, radio, magazine, direct mail, billboards) and new media (online, social, streaming) to build awareness and drive web traffic and visits to campus.

In addition to several welcoming prospective students events, such as VIP Days, Meet the Chair and Open

Houses, the school has also launched its new “Meet Me at QC” and “My QC Story” marketing campaigns, highlighting people and programs that make up the foundation and future of the college.

While the latest enrollment figures for this current spring semester were unavailable as this issue of The QC Voice went to print, Craig Rondeau, Director of Enrollment Management, Administration and Finance, confirmed there were 3,875 students enrolled at the end of the fall 2018 semester — down from the 5,343 total enrollment a year earlier, reported by The Patriot Ledger.

“Though the spring numbers are fluctuating, we’re already noticing a higher number of returning students from fall to spring this year versus this time last year,” Rondeau said.

“Basically our retention rate is trending higher this academic year.”

**Spring 2019**

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**Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for Quincy & Plymouth campuses**



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**MAY 24, 2019**

**POP UP OPEN MIC NIGHT**



**April 18**

**QUINCY CAMPUS**





## SPORTS

## Granite's hopes of playoff berth falls short with 13-16 finish

By **AL YOUNG**  
QC Voice



Doug Scott

At the start of this 2018-19 basketball season, Quincy College knew it had a tough act to follow . . . its own.

But Act II was a far cry from the Granite's explosive performance a year ago in their inaugural National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Region 21 season.

You could call it the "sophomore jinx."

But not Doug Scott.

"No excuses," said Scott, the Granite's second-year coach after his team's dismal 13-16 record dashed any hopes of its first NJCAA playoff berth. "We worked extremely hard to get better every day but sometimes things don't go the way you want or expect."

No question, expectations were high after QC came out of nowhere their freshmen season and finished ranked No. 5 in the country with a 21-3 record. The Granite were led by first-team All-America Deven Palmer, the nation's top scorer (31.9 points per game) who fueled a high-octane offense that averaged an eye-popping 100.7 points a game — third in the country.

"We had a target on our back, and we got every team's best shot," Scott

said. "Everyone had us circled on the schedule, and we didn't match our opponents' energy."

Losing Palmer, who transferred, and two other key starters were devastating blows. As a result, the Granite's scoring dipped this season to 86.2 points a game.

"Last year, we had great chemistry," said sophomore guard John Daveiga, QC's lone returnee and starter and this year's team captain. "Most of us played with or against each other before, and that's something that can't be taught,

"This year we had kids from different cities and neighborhoods, and we were trying to find the right chemistry to make things work."

But the 5-10 Daveiga of Dorchester found instant chemistry with 6-1 freshman guard Darrius Hyppolite of Bridgewater, forming a deadly 1-2 backcourt scoring punch.

In fact, QC was the No. 1 team in the nation in 3-point accuracy, shooting 49.2 percent, led by this dynamic duo ranked 1-2 in the country. Hyppolite shot 56.4 percent from 3-point range (124 of 220), with Daveiga at 53.7 percent (102 of 190).

Hyppolite led the team and Region 21 in scoring, averaging 21.4 points while Daveiga was second on QC and 10th in the Region at 16.6 ppg.

But the highlight of the season came when Hyppolite earned NJCAA



Photo: QC MARKETING DEPT.

Two bright spots in a dismal season were QC's dynamic 1-2 scoring punch of freshman Darrius Hyppolite (left) and sophomore team captain John Daveiga.

Division III Player of the Week honors after scoring a school-record 50 points, including another record 12, 3-pointers, in a 111-94 victory over Holyoke CC in December.

The addition of Dorchester's 6-7 sophomore center Fred Smith gave the Granite a needed second-half lift.

In only 11 games, Smith was a defensive demon, averaging 12.3 rebounds, with 40 blocked shots, while chipping in 11.4 ppg.

"Hopefully, our overall fight and passion at the end of the season is going to carry us over to next year," said Scott, expecting the return of seven or eight players, with Hyppolite at the head of the class.



Fred Smith

# YOGA

March 18 & 25  
12:30 pm  
Presidents Place Rm 410



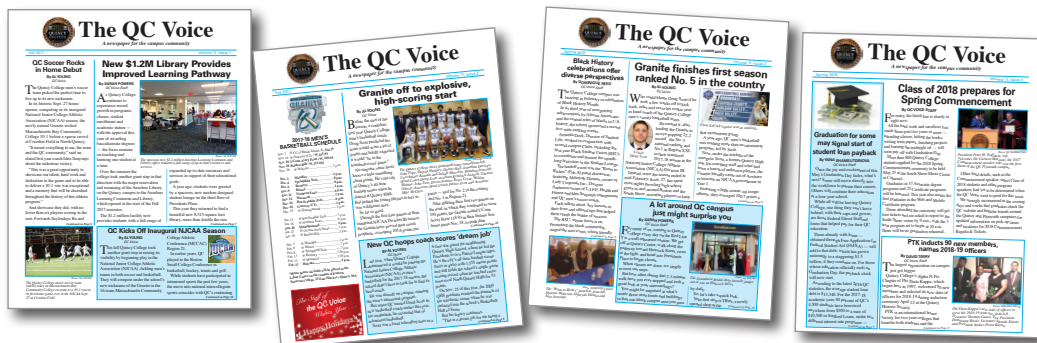


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