

QUIDNUNC

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March is a month without mercy for rabid basketball fans.
~ Hunter S. Thompson

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Stork Scoop

Since the last issue of *Quidnunc*, the College welcomed two new members to the QVCC family. Congratulations to Dean Alfred Williams and his wife Christel and to Anna Schmidt and Patrick Hill on the births of their daughters Anna Shaw Williams (January 4, 2016) and Ellie Grace Schmidt-Hill (February 24, 2016).

On Cue

Inspired by the stimulating dialogue fostered by the James Baldwin Project during the fall, QVCC launched a new speaker series, *On Cue: Conversations at QV*, an initiative featuring a provocative topic of interest every semester. Focusing on Race and Identity during spring 2016, the College opened the series on February 29, 2016, with "Race, Class, Gender, and the American Justice System: A Personal Journey with Bonnie Foreshaw and Andy Thibault". Future presenters include Dr. Jane Fried, Nancy Morejón, and the Stonewall Speakers.



Bonnie Foreshaw and Andy Thibault

Community Talent

Professor of Fine Arts Mark Szantyr organized the first QVCC Community Art Project – *This Is Who We Are. This Is What We Do.* – that opened in the Spirol Gallery on February 24, 2016. An overwhelming success, the exhibition featured creative work by employees and their family members and will become the annual winter show.

Baldwin Blog

Earlier this year, assistant professor of English Jane Carey started a James Baldwin Project blog at [QV blog: https://baldwinprojectatqv.wordpress.com/](https://baldwinprojectatqv.wordpress.com/). Check out the compelling comments, reflections, quotes, and images. Later in the semester, students will be encouraged to participate in a James Baldwin Project poster session that will highlight the themes, quotes, and messages found within Baldwin readings.

Visions in Leadership

Casey Sherman, the best-selling author of *Boston Strong: A City's Triumph Over Terror*, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Visions in Leadership hosted by the QVCC Foundation. The evening begins with a dinner provided by The Inn at Woodstock Hill and concludes with a book signing. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact Monique Wolanin if you would like to attend.



Casey Sherman

Climate Commitment

Professor of Chemistry John Lewis is leading the charge to complete QVCC's *Climate Action Plan*, a report that will be submitted in May 2016 to Second Nature, an organization that "builds a sustainable and positive global future through initiating bold commitments, scaling successful actions, and accelerating innovative solutions among leadership networks in higher education". QVCC is one of 218 colleges and universities in the nation – and one of six higher education institutions in Connecticut – to sign the Presidents' Climate Commitment. A draft copy will be circulated at the All-College meeting on March 15, 2016.

Construction Cam

Thanks to the wizardry of Systems Librarian Michael Lynch, faculty and staff can monitor the construction progress for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center via a webcam installed in Room W202. To view the activity, open Internet Explorer and go to <http://qv-webcam-2> and use qvmedia as your username and password.



Willimantic Transformation

The Willimantic Center's renovation will be complete as soon as the new furniture arrives for the Library. Some 30 business and civic leaders toured the Center and saw the transformation first hand following a breakfast meeting on March 1, 2016.



Sarah Hendrick "lounging" on the new furniture at the Willimantic Center.

High School Happenings

Quinebaug Middle College's Mobile Science Van should be rolling soon, making scheduled visits to area elementary and middle schools to promote interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The vehicle – the only one of its kind in Northeast Connecticut – boasts robotic technology and an electron microscope. QVCC will be a sponsor for Windham High School's "Lock-In for Literacy and Culture" on April 29 and 30, 2016. The overnight event will feature David Lubar, author of *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* and *Hidden Talents*.

Jammin'

The Tuesday Lunchtime Jams in the Fireside Lounge from noon to 1 p.m. continue to rock. Come join the fun!

May Daze

The academic year will end on a high note as the Student Government Association rolls out a week-long extravaganza of fun-filled activities that will culminate with Baugstock on May 6, 2016. Five cover bands will perform in the Amphitheater from 5 - 10 p.m. Watch for more details!



State Senator and QVCC graduate Mae Flexer (left) attended the March 1 Open House in Willimantic.

March Trivia

Girl Scouts of America founded (1912). The first issue of *Time* appears on the newsstand (1923). A kidnapper seizes the 20-month-old son of aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh from his home in Hopewell, New Jersey (1932). The first FM radio station broadcasts from Nashville, Tennessee (1941). The Barbie doll debuts at the American Toy Fair (1959). President John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps (1961). Seven Nixon White House high-ranking officials receive indictments for obstructing the investigation of the Watergate scandal (1974). John Hinckley, Jr. attempts to assassinate President Ronald Reagan (1981). *Titanic* surpasses *Star Wars* to become the highest grossing film in North America (1998). Vladimir Putin elected President of Russia (2000).

Nose for News

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