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*And the Spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.*

~Percy Bysshe Shelley

May 2016

## Baugstock Blitzkrieg

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the third annual Baugstock festival ended the academic year on a high note as more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members experienced amazing music, food, activities, and camaraderie between May 2 and May 6. As Professor **Brian Kaufman** eloquently noted, QVCC students "experienced that certain something – those too rare moments where people know they did something improbably, impossible maybe; those few moments a person carries for a lifetime."



## New Faces in Familiar Places

QVCC extends a warm welcome to new employees **Donna Bayer Carreaux**, clerk/typist, Student Success Center; **Maggie Gibeault**, associate director of alumni relations; and **Valerie Nightingale**, coordinator of continuing and professional education. Donna comes to the College following 15 years as a customer service representative for Superior Plastics Extrusions and Spirol International. Maggie joins the QVCC Foundation team from Girls Incorporated where she was the program outreach coordinator. Valerie brings many years of experience in higher education, most recently at Manchester Community College (Connecticut) where she was the program coordinator for the Viscogliosi Entrepreneurship Center in the Division of Business Engineering and Technology and marketing and program associate in the Division of Continuing Education.

## So Long, Farewell

The College announces with regret the retirements of **Cheryl Brown**, associate director of advising and retention (May 1); **Sharon Moore**, director of the Library (June 1); and **Cathy Kegler**, human resources associate (July 1). QVCC wishes them Godspeed as they begin the next journey in their lives.

## Shining Stars

Representing Quinebaug Valley Community College on Connecticut's All-Academic Team are **Tracey Ferguson** and **Angela Stohlberg**. The Connecticut All-Academic Team recognizes the outstanding scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students



*Tracey Ferguson (left) and  
Angela Stohlberg*

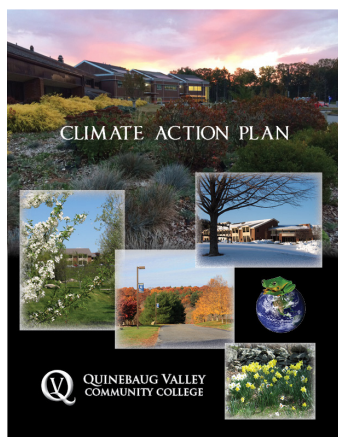
enrolled in a Connecticut community college. Ferguson, who graduated from QVCC in 2015 with a 3.8 GPA, attends Eastern Connecticut State University. Stohlberg will receive her associate's degree in general studies and a phlebotomy certificate during this year's Commencement on May 26. She will pursue a career in nursing. **Jesse Credit**, president of the SGA, will be transferring to the University of Colorado at Denver in the fall. **Deanna Edgar** has been accepted into West Point. **Christopher Harrington** landed an internship with the Northeast Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. **Devon Harris**, the SGA representative to the Board of Regents' Student Affairs Committee, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. as the guest of Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District Representative Elizabeth Esty.

## Veterans' "Stand Down"

QVCC will host a Veterans' "Stand Down" Service Fair for Northeastern Connecticut on Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Organized by **Pam Brown**, director of transition services, the "Stand Down" will showcase representatives from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Connecticut VA, Disabled American Veterans, VA Educational Services, the VA Office of Advocacy and Assistance, Vet Dogs, and numerous social and health organizations in Windham County.

### Climate Action Plan

The President's Climate Commitment Committee, chaired by Professor **John Lewis**, completed the *Climate Action Plan* in mid-April. The report is available on the QVCC and Second Nature websites ([www.qvcc.edu/news/climate\\_plan.asp](http://www.qvcc.edu/news/climate_plan.asp) and <http://reporting.secondnature.org/cap/1289/>). 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. In addition to Professor Lewis, Committee members include **Jennifer Green**, **Mary Kay Knox**, **Paul Martland**, **Robert Therrien**, and **Neil Wippert**.



### NEASC Newsflashes

**Dr. Pauline Clifford**, director of educational technology, and **Dr. Donna Sohan**, associate dean of institutional research and effectiveness, will be serving on NEASC accreditation teams for Clark County Community College (Maine) and Quincy College (Massachusetts) respectively. President **Carlee Drummer** will be chairing an accreditation visit at Massachusetts Bay Community College in fall 2017. In addition, Dr. Sohan and **Dr. Brian Donohue-Lynch**, division director of Liberal Arts and Sciences, are finishing a draft of the Five-Year Report that will be sent to NEASC in early June for feedback. The final report is due on August 15, 2016.

### Envelope, Please



QVCC hosted the second annual Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance film festival showcasing videos produced by students from area high schools. The students, who paired with local manufacturers, created films that capture the

exciting field of manufacturing. The top "EAMIE" went to the Killingly High School team and their partner Web Industries.

### This Just In

Congratulations to **Sara Van Orden**, academic associate for College Career Pathways, on the birth of her second grandchild, Thomas, who arrived on April 25, 2016. **Wendy Bradley**, adjunct instructor of speech, has been named a trustee at Lynchburg College in Virginia, her alma mater. **Lois Kelley** attended the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Tri-State Conference in Newport, Rhode Island, where she earned CEUs for the Professional in Human Resources and SHRM-CP certifications. Best wishes to **Anna Schmidt** and Patrick Hill on their recent marriage.

### Around QMC

The Mobile STEM Lab for grades K-12 will be making its regional debut at Lebanon, Marlborough, and Voluntown Elementary Schools this spring. Teachers will be providing feedback about the curriculum, teaching-training components, equipment, student programming, and logistics. QMC teachers and staff **Meghan Canning**, **Don Curtis**, **Karen Eaves**, **Mary Kay Knox**, and **Laura Vagnini** attended the Magnet Schools of America's national conference in Miami, Florida. Don and Meghan delivered a presentation entitled, "Google Warehouse for Curriculum".

### May Trivia

Christopher Columbus discovers Jamaica (1494). New York Stock Exchange established (1792). Smallpox vaccine developed by Dr. Edward Jenner (1796). Decoration Day first observed in the United States (1865). First running of the Kentucky Derby (1875). Charles Lindbergh makes first solo flight between Long Island and Paris (1927). Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic (1932). Golden Gate Bridge opens (1937). World War II ends (1945). *Brown vs. Board of Education* ends racial segregation in public schools (1954). Alan Shepard becomes first American in space (1961). Four students killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State University (1970). U. S. Special Operations forces kill Osama Bin Laden (2011).

### Nose for News

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