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Anna Maria College and Quinsigamond Community College Partner on Transfer Opportunities for Students

Partnership Includes a \$1,000 Grant

Worcester, MA (DATE) – Anna Maria College of Paxton, MA and Quinsigamond Community College of Worcester, MA, announce that they have entered into a partnership agreement to facilitate transfer for QCC students who would like to continue their education at Anna Maria College.

Beginning with the spring 2010 semester, Anna Maria College will offer QCC graduates a \$1,000 AMC/QCC Partnership Grant to continue their education at Anna Maria College. In addition to the \$1,000 Partnership Grant, QCC students will be eligible to receive AMC's merit award and other needs-based financial aid. To receive the \$1,000 Partnership Grant, students must have earned their associates degree from Quinsigamond Community College and must meet the admissions requirements for Anna Maria College.

AMC and QCC have also signed two new articulation agreements. The first will allow students who receive an associate's degree in business from QCC and who meet AMC's admissions standards to transfer directly into AMC's bachelor in business administration program. Transfer students must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 and can transfer 60 credits towards their bachelor's degree at Anna Maria College. Students must have a grade of C or better in the specific course for the course to transfer. The second agreement allows a similar transfer for students in QCC's criminal justice program who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at AMC.

"We are excited about being able to expand our relationship with Quinsigamond Community College," states Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., President of Anna Maria College. "The AMC/QCC

grant is in keeping with our commitment to help students afford quality higher education in these challenging times. We are pleased to be able to offer this grant and other opportunities for QCC students to continue their education. We look forward to welcoming them to our campus community.”

“We are thrilled that Anna Maria is providing new channels for our students to continue their studies,” added Quinsigamond Community College President Dr. Gail Carberry. “Our students now have a seamless route to a highly regarded Anna Maria degree with important financial aid incentives as well.”

Current QCC students interested in learning more may contact the QCC Transfer Office at 508-854-4404. New students may contact QCC Admissions at 508-854-4262.

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About Anna Maria College

Anna Maria College is a four-year, private, co-ed, Catholic, liberal arts institution accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Founded by the Sisters of Saint Anne in 1946, the College is located on a 190-acre campus in Paxton, MA, minutes from the vibrant college-town of Worcester, MA. AMC provides quality programs that integrate liberal education and professional preparation that is committed to the fundamental value of liberal arts and sciences education rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Saint Anne.

Anna Maria College offers 35+ undergraduate degree programs and over 22 graduate and continuing education programs. AMC distinguishes itself through its career-oriented liberal arts education, prominent and responsive faculty, small class sizes, and a variety of co-curricular activities including 17 varsity sports teams.

About Quinsigamond Community College

Quinsigamond Community College is the most affordable higher education in Worcester County. As a regional leader in education and workforce development, QCC serves the diverse educational needs of Central Massachusetts by providing affordable, accessible, and high quality programming leading to transfer, career, and lifelong learning.

QCC offers over 70 degree and certificate programs in Business, Human Services, Health Care, Technology, and Liberal Arts at its three Worcester locations – Front Street downtown, the Worcester Senior Center, and the main West Boylston Street campus – and newly opened South County site in Southbridge, MA.