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**Congressman Neal to Provide Update on  
Access to Higher Education in Blackstone Valley – Milford**

*Local Chambers and County Leaders Invite QCC to Expand in Blackstone – Milford Region*

Worcester, Ma – Together with Congressman Richard Neal, Senator Richard Moore, Representative Jennifer Callahan, Representative John Fernandes, and additional state and local elected officials, President Gail Carberry of Quinsigamond Community College and the Blackstone Valley and Milford Area Chambers of Commerce will host an update on expanding access to higher education in the region on Monday, March 29 at 9 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Milford.

QCC is pleased to begin a process to explore potential locations to expand its presence in the Blackstone Valley and Milford area. The College will follow a similar process and business model that it used in the year leading up to the opening of its new Southbridge location, one based on strategic partnerships in the community and a shared strategy for success.

QCC will provide an update on the planning and strategy sessions that have occurred since October and will also announce potential plans to offer non-credit and workforce training opportunities in the area.

Congressman Neal, who was instrumental in the opening of QCC Southbridge, is leading the charge in the Blackstone Valley – Milford region. Over 50 community and business leaders are supporting the effort as well.

“Despite the economy, we feel we can continue to grow in order to meet our mission of providing affordable, high quality education and workforce development to the region,” stated QCC President Dr. Gail E. Carberry. “Blackstone Valley and Milford residents have long deserved optimal access to affordable educational opportunities and career training that will help stimulate local business growth and job opportunities.”

Currently, just over 1,000 students attend Quinsigamond from the Blackstone Valley - Milford area.

**EVENT LOCATION:** Double Tree Hotel-Boston/Milford. 11 Beaver Street. Milford, MA

**DATE:** Monday, March 29

**TIME:** 9 a.m.

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***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. [www.QCC.edu](http://www.QCC.edu)*

***About the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce***

*The mission of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is to promote the economic vitality of the Blackstone Valley, meet the needs of the Chamber's business members, while providing leadership on issues which impact the economy and quality of life in the Valley. For more information on the Chamber please contact [administrator@blackstonevalley.org](mailto:administrator@blackstonevalley.org) or call 508.234.9090 x 101.*

***About the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce***

*The Milford Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to connect businesses and professionals by bringing them together for the mutually beneficial exchange of ideas, information, products, and services. The MACC will advocate for the business community, promote economic development, and enhance the quality of life throughout our area. To get yourself CONNECTED today, contact the MACC at 508.473.6700 or [chamber@milfordchamber.org](mailto:chamber@milfordchamber.org), [www.milfordchamber.org](http://www.milfordchamber.org).*