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**Boston University and Quinsigamond Community
College Establish New Community Scholarship Program**

WORCESTER, Ma.— Quinsigamond Community College President, Dr. Gail Carberry, and Dr. Jay Halfond, Dean of Boston University Metropolitan College, today announced the establishment of a new merit-based scholarship that will benefit students and both institutions.

The new Community Scholar Academic Scholarship program will recognize five students from Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) each year who have demonstrated academic excellence in their pursuit of an Associate's degree and who are continuing on for their Bachelor's degree at Boston University Metropolitan College (MET) in Biomedical and Laboratory Clinical Sciences, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Liberal Studies, or Management Studies. QCC graduates who have earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher can apply to receive one of the five scholarships. Selected students will receive a partial scholarship for tuition for up to 12 credits per semester while they complete their Bachelor's degree part-time through MET's evening degree programs.

Former QCC student and current MET transfer, Lisa Granquist Dorward, suggested to faculty the possibility of partnership efforts, as she saw a connection between QCC's Fast Track Business Administration Associate Degree Program for working adults and MET's Executive Bachelor's Degree Program in Management Studies. Her ideas became the foundation of

scholarship opportunities for academically accomplished graduates of QCC. Lisa is the first QCC student to make the transition from QCC's Fast Track program to MET.

“It's great to be involved with educators who are on the cutting edge of educational programming for motivated community college students,” stated Dorward. “I've benefited from QCC's FastTrack and am now in the Executive Bachelor's Degree Completion program at MET. I'm thrilled that more QCC students will be able to take advantage of these outstanding programs through this new partnership.”

In addition, QCC holds the distinction of being the first Massachusetts community college to invite MET faculty to a forum to share best practices in online course development and the use of instructional technologies. Students completing QCC's traditional General Studies degree program via online courses, can apply to seamlessly transition to MET's new online Degree Completion program, which has a liberal studies focus.

“We look forward to further cultivating the relationship between QCC and BU's Metropolitan College through this scholarship offering,” added Gail Carberry, President of Quinsigamond.

“At Boston University's Metropolitan College we value academic excellence, innovation and access. Offering scholarships to QCC graduates furthers our outreach efforts and attracts dynamic students,” said Dean Halfond.

The establishment of this generous scholarship by Boston University Metropolitan College will be formally announced with Quinsigamond Community College at the online faculty best practices event on February 8th at 10:30am, to be held at Quinsigamond Community College in the Administration Building, room 107A. It will be attended by senior staff and faculty of both colleges.

Boston University, Metropolitan College: As one of the 17 degree-granting bodies that comprise Boston University, Metropolitan College (MET) offers part-time, full-time and international students a remarkable range of choices for study to enrich their lives and advance their careers. MET offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, diploma and certificate programs, and individual courses for the student who needs a more creative setting, whether that means part-time study, evening classes, or convenient locations. For more information on Metropolitan College visit www.bu.edu/met/.

Quinsigamond Community College: As a regional leader in education and workforce development, Quinsigamond Community College serves the diverse educational needs of Central Massachusetts by providing affordable, accessible, and high quality programming leading to transfer, career, or personal/professional enrichment. For more information visit: www.qcc.edu

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