



QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY



Newsletter

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Quincy's Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway is a cohort-based program that provides students the opportunity to earn up to 25 college credits while still in high school, at no cost to families. ECHS students receive robust academic support during their ECHS experience that will better position them to be successful in college and their future career. ECHS begins in grade 10.

The program is made possible by the partnership between Quincy College, Quincy Public Schools, State Street Foundation, and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

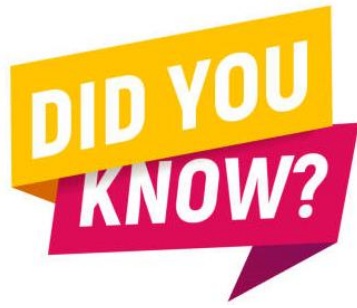
ECHS PATHWAY SUMMER INSTITUTE

This summer, approximately 60 students from Quincy High School and North Quincy High School challenged themselves in college-level academics by participating in Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway Summer Institute. Over the course of five weeks, these students met new friends, strengthened their college application, and built important life skills to make their future college experience a success. Students earned up to six transferable credits towards their college degree and were introduced to the structure and rigor of college coursework by taking either one or two of the following courses: Introduction to Computers, Public Speaking and First Year Seminar.



**Help spread
the word!**

Do you have a friend who would be interested in getting a head start on college? For students in grades 10 and 11, it's not too late to think about enrolling in the ECHS Pathway program for this fall. Please contact the ECHS Pathway guidance counselor or college transition coach at your high school for more information. See last page for their contact information.



The ECHS concept has been around for 20 years. It was established in 2002 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

As of the 2022-2023 school year, there are 31 Early College Designated Programs in Massachusetts which includes Quincy's Early College High School Pathway.

STUDENTS ACCEPT ECHS PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP

Ten students from NQHS and QHS will be taking advantage of the ECHS Pathway Scholarship which is a full tuition scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year at Quincy College.

Below: Graduating NQHS ECHS students with Quincy College President DeCristofaro (left) and ECHS Guidance Counselor Ginny Cushman (fifth from left) at the NQHS Scholarship Ceremony on June 3, 2022.



ECHS PATHWAY STUDENTS GRADUATE

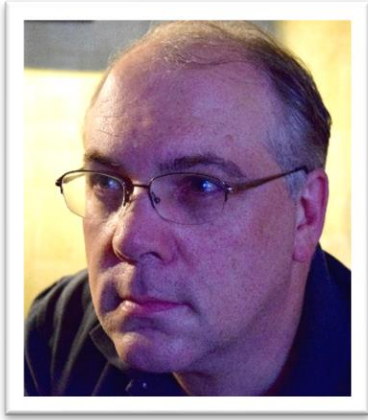
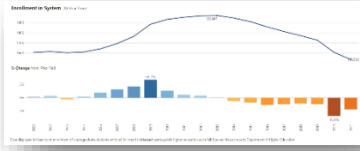


38 Quincy ECHS Pathway students graduated from North Quincy High School and Quincy High School this past June. These graduates enter their post-secondary careers with up to six college credits already under their belts. Below is a breakdown of where students are headed this fall.

Congratulations Class of 2022!

Bridgewater State University	6
Bunker Hill Community College	1
Curry College	1
Lasell University	1
Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	1
Merrimack College	1
Quincy College	10
Regis College	1
Salem State University	1
Suffolk University	1
University of Denver	1
University of Massachusetts Amherst	3
University of Massachusetts Boston	2
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	1
University of Massachusetts Lowell	1
University of New Hampshire	1
University of Rhode Island	1
Vocational Training (electrical/plumbing)	1
Wentworth Institute of Technology	2
Undecided	1

QUINCY COLLEGE CORNER



STEVE DOONER

**Professor
Quincy College**

“My early college classes this summer were a great way for my students in Speech Communications and First Year Seminar to get a jump on their degrees.”

“The summer atmosphere was both fun and intensive. It was great to see students build communities, make connections, and establish friendships, as they studied stimulating and sometimes challenging content. There were rich debates and a steady flow of ideas that came straight from the students. They had a lot to say.”

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS SEEN AS ANTIDOTE TO INCREASE COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Recent state data indicates that the percentage of public high school graduates attending college or university after graduation has declined. Education experts and government officials point to Early College programs to help reverse that trend. These programs provide students the opportunity to experience the rigors of college coursework and earn college credit before they graduate from high school, providing a jumpstart to college admission as well as substantial tuition savings.

“State lawmakers are taking note of this success. The budget Governor Charlie Baker signed last week included \$19 million for expanding the state’s 39 early college programs at 50 high schools and 24 colleges.

Erika Giampietro, executive director of the Massachusetts Alliance for Early College, said it’s critical the state continues to invest in what policymakers know works.

“Massachusetts Education Officials Sound Alarm Over College Enrollment Plunge”
GBH News, August 3, 2022

Click [here](#) to view an article on this issue and [here](#) to see the report from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Skyline Cardoso-Mendes

ECHS Pathway Student at NQHS

Grade 11

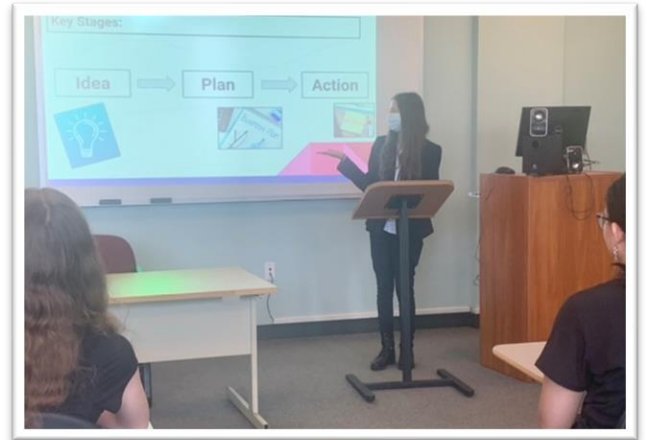


“Due to this program I’ve learned different ways to manage time and be more organized. This opportunity, and everyone involved, has showed me that once you set your mind to anything, with hard work and focus it will get done.”

A LOOK INSIDE ECHS PATHWAY'S SUMMER INSTITUTE

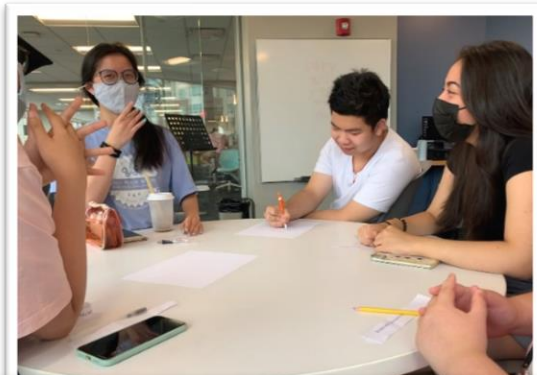
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Students taking ECHS Pathway Summer Institute's public speaking course deliver extemporaneous speeches on various topics. An extemporaneous speech is a speech that relies on research, organization and practiced delivery, but is neither read nor memorized.



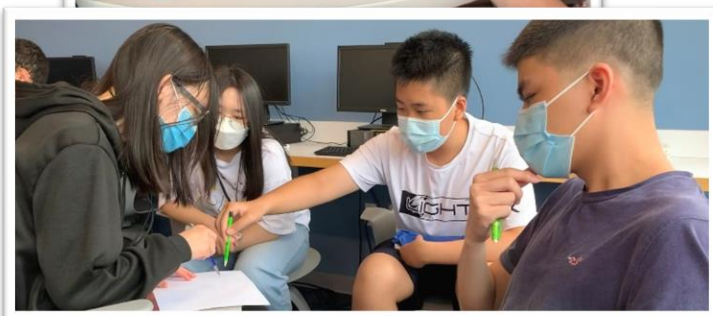
Right:

QHS ECHS College Transition Coach Mr. Stewart (center) with students in Quincy College's student lounge.



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Students engage in activities to further develop their communications skills. Discussions focused on the various factors involved to be an effective communicator: listening, non-verbal communication, clarity, confidence, tone and respect.





WHAT'S COMING UP?



August 27	SAT at QHS
August 30	Common App Bootcamp for Grade 11 (NQHS)
August 31	Orientation for new grade 10 and 11 ECHS students (NQHS & QHS)
September 1	Orientation for all grade 12 ECHS students (Quincy College)
September 8	First day of school – Grades 10-12
September 8	Course Add/Drop Begins
September 16	Course Add/Drop Ends
September 22	College & Career Planning Night for Students and Families (NQHS)
September 14	Early Release Day
October 1	SAT at NQHS and QHS
October 10	Columbus Day – No School
October 12	Early Release Day
October 13	College Fair at QHS
October 15	PSAT at NQHS

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