

Quincy's Early College High School Pathway

Newsletter, November 2025



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.

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.

Welcome Back!

What a busy and successful fall season it has been for Quincy's Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway! Our students and staff have accomplished so much, and we're excited to share some of the highlights.

This semester was full of enriching activities designed to prepare our students for success. ECHS seniors visited Quincy College to get a taste of the campus experience, while high school classrooms welcomed a variety of guest speakers. To welcome our newest members, we also held a successful new student orientation. On November 4, our dedicated ECHS teachers participated in the QPS Professional Day of Learning. The sessions were focused on enhancing our instructional methods, with staff exploring inquiry-based learning using the 5E model and engaging in new leadership development activities to foster stronger classroom communities.

This fall, we were proud to host Quincy's ECHS Pathway Prep Program for 98 seventh and eighth graders from Central Middle School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, this middle school program focuses on college and career readiness. Students rotated through sessions on communication, leadership, critical thinking, problem-solving, statistics, and STEM, all centered around a community service learning theme.

Save the Date!

Quincy's 5th Annual
ECHS Pathway Symposium
Thursday, February 5, 2025
Marriott Boston Quincy



Collaboration Corner

Quincy College prepares Early College students for academic success with research workshop



Quincy College recently hosted a research session for its Early College Grade 12 students from Quincy High School. 47 students from Ryan Pratt's English Composition class participated in this informative session, where they learned APA and MLA formatting styles, how to access scholarly research, and properly cite sources in their academic essays. The session was led by Quincy College librarian Sarah Dolan. Additionally, students received valuable tips to improve their writing skills and prepare for the expectations of college-level work. This initiative highlights Quincy College's dedication to supporting high school students as they transition to higher education.

Criminal Justice Students Gain Insights from the Quincy Police Department

Quincy's Early College High School Program at North Quincy High School kicked off its Introduction to Criminal Justice course for sophomores with an engaging and hands-on experience, thanks to the incredible support of School Resource Officer Bob Sweetland and Quincy Police K-9 Officers Dave Cooper and Scott Doherty. Students were introduced to real-world aspects of policing, public safety, and criminal justice careers as part of their first unit. Officer Sweetland's insight into daily law enforcement responsibilities, paired with a demonstration from the K-9 unit, helped bring classroom concepts to life and set an exciting tone for the semester ahead."



Collaboration Corner

Professor Roberts Delivers Guest Lecture on the American Frontier for ECHS Juniors.

Jason Roberts, a professor of U.S. History II at Quincy College, visited QHS to deliver a guest lecture to the Early College U.S. History II junior class. His presentation centered on the American frontier, highlighting the differences between the depiction of the American West in literature and film versus the actual experiences of those who inhabited the region. He explored various topics, including the conflicts between the U.S. government and Native American populations, the construction of the transcontinental railroad, the rise of cattle and mining towns, and the emergence of outlaws in the American West.



NQHS Early College Students Learn to Spot Propaganda and Fallacies from QC Professor



Steve Dooner, an English Composition professor at Quincy College, recently visited NQHS to present a guest lecture to senior students enrolled in Early College English Composition. His talk centered on the development and dissemination of propaganda, coinciding with the students' discussions of *Animal Farm* in class. He explored how contemporary advertisements employ similar strategies and highlighted how logical fallacies can inadvertently undermine arguments as well as propaganda and advertisements.



ECHS Student Spotlights

Ryan Inthisone NQHS, Senior



“For three years I have taken advantage of so many opportunities provided through ECHS. Access to a more affordable college education has been invaluable. ECHS has equipped me with essential skills like research, time management, and the independence I need in self-paced academic classes. Additionally, I have gained valuable lab experience and look forward to using those skills in internships. With the stress of my future eased, I have dedicated more time to my extracurricular activities at school, including founding clubs, joining extracurriculars such as sports and Drama Club, and contributing to community service. All of these experiences will help me gain admission to a strong college, instilling confidence that I will thrive academically, socially, financially, and mentally.”

Patrick Clifford QHS, Senior

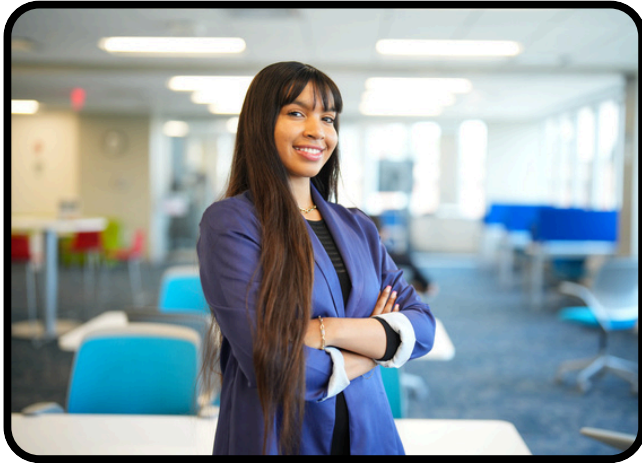
Patrick Clifford, a 12th-grade student who has participated in ECHS for three years, has gained valuable insights into college expectations. Throughout his time there, he learned about essential skills such as time management, handling college-level coursework, and the atmosphere of a college classroom. His biggest takeaway from the experience was learning how to write at the college level, including conducting research and composing essays. Looking ahead, Patrick plans to pursue a major in criminal justice in his post-secondary education.



Scholarship Opportunity for Grade 12 ECHS Students!

We're excited to offer current Grade 12 ECHS Pathway students a renewable scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year at Quincy College. We have a support team to help you navigate the campus, academic programs, and answer any other questions you may have about beginning at Quincy College. Students planning to attend Quincy College in Fall 2026 are advised to contact their ECHS College Transition Coach at their respective high school to discuss this opportunity.

ECHS Alumni: Where are they now?



Meet Alexandria Monteiro QHS, Class of 2022

Degree Earned: Associate of Science in Health Sciences, 2024

Institution: Quincy College

Current Plans: Plan to serve in the United States Army beginning in December 2025

Future Plans: Boston Firefighter - Post Military

Three pieces of advice for current ECHS Students:

1. Manage your time well by balancing your academics and social life but remember, education first!
2. Get to know your teachers and professors; it helps build connections and can lead to helpful future opportunities
3. Be involved and explore different courses and activities to find out what you're really passionate about, everything's out there for you!

ECHS Ambassador Program

As an ECHS ambassador, students will represent the Early College Program at a variety of events including orientations, symposiums, guest panels, and other key events. This role offers students the chance to share their experiences with peers, staff, and community partners while helping to promote the program's mission and values.

In addition to gaining valuable leadership and communication skills, ambassadors will participate in team-building activities designed to foster collaboration and strengthen connections within the Early College community.



Appointed to Lead

Early College Orientation

Leadership Sessions with Stuart Gordon, founder of **Appointed to Lead**, were included as part of Quincy's ECHS Orientation Day at both QHS and NQHS. These sessions helped students build rapport with one another and consider the "pieces of the puzzle" they each bring to the program with their unique background and skillsets.



9th Grade ECHS Leadership Week



Through their Intro to Early College class, students at QHS and NQHS participated in *Leadership Week* with Mr. Gordon from **Appointed to Lead**. We dove into the *Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership*® by first reflecting on student's values and how they can *Model the Way* by living in alignment with those values. Students flew paper airplanes with an expert peer guide to see how important positive role models can be. The *Inspire a Shared Vision* activity paired students up to practice strategic communication by guiding their partner to build a Lego set without seeing the instructions. Our *Challenge the Process* activity made students choose between building the tallest tower, strongest tower, or best design. As they built they practiced adapting their plans for the sake of continuous improvement. Finally we *Enabled Others to Act* by taking on the cup maze challenge in teams.

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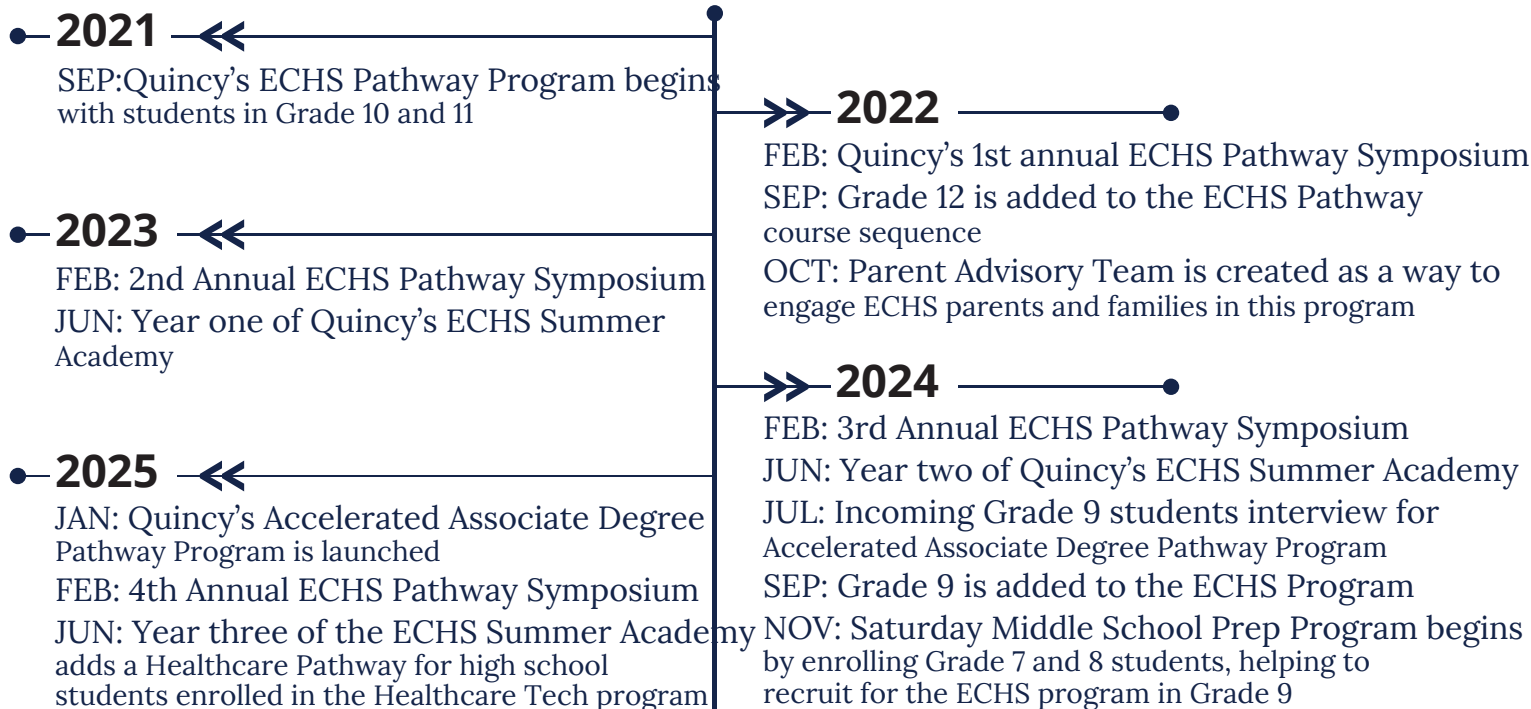
Quincy's ECHS History

- Quincy College began working with the State Street Foundation in Summer 2020.
- Built on an already strong partnership with Quincy Public Schools, Quincy College applied for ECHS state designation with Quincy High and North Quincy High Schools and received designation in Summer 2021.
- The first ECHS cohorts at Quincy High School and North Quincy High School started in Fall 2021. In this short period of time, we have seen significant growth and additional ECHS initiatives as a result of the program's success.



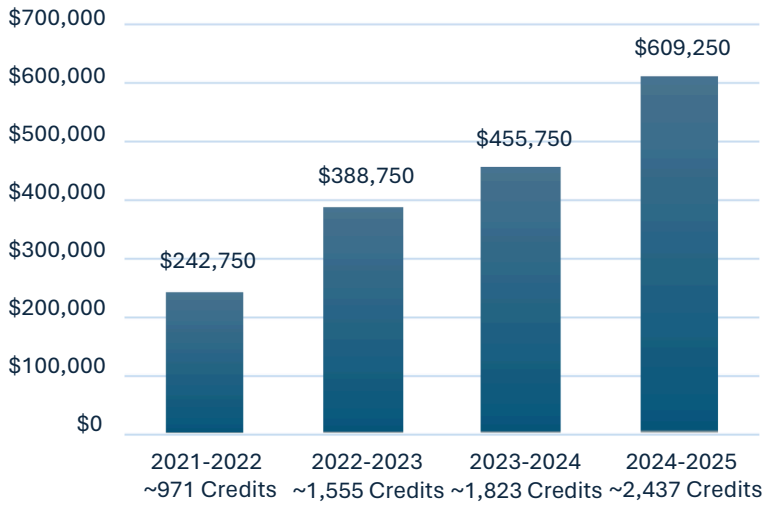
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ECHS Timeline >> Expansion & Growth



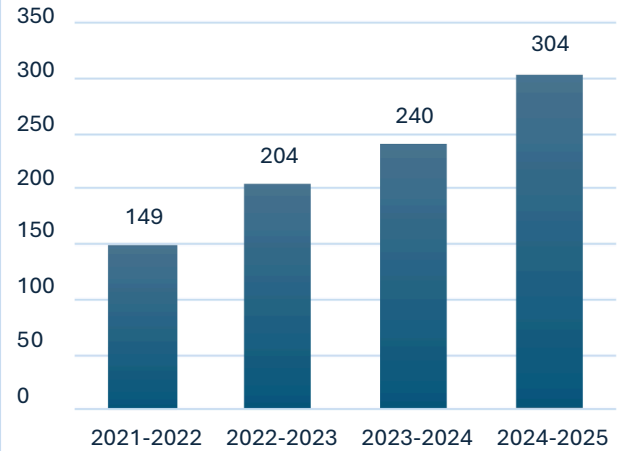
FAST FACTS

Credits Offered & Tuition Savings



Credits offered and tuition savings for families have continuously increased since 2021 (at \$250/credit).

Student Enrollment Increases

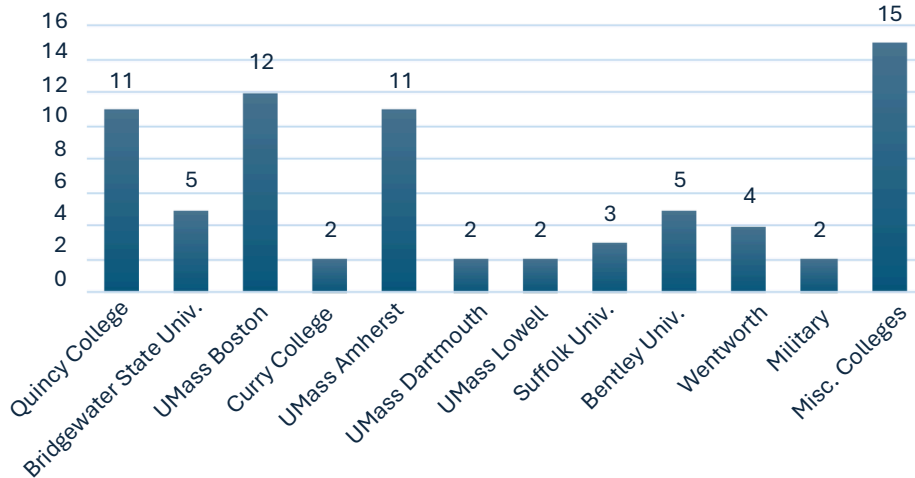


Student enrollment has more than doubled since 2021!

Class of 2025 Postsecondary Plans

Each year, the Early College Transition Coaches and ECHS Guidance Counselors work with graduating ECHS students to identify their plans after high school. In Spring 2025, all graduating ECHS seniors have plans to attend a college, with the exception of two students who plan to join the military. See below for a more detailed breakdown of college plans:

ECHS Student Postsecondary Plans, Fall 2025





QUINCY'S POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INITIATIVES



Quincy College and Quincy Public Schools is pleased to offer a variety of post-secondary initiatives to high school students, to help them earn college credits while in high school.

Early College High School Pathway

Earn 25 College Credits

All Classes held during school day
Honors level classes

Must earn a final grade of 73 or better to receive college credit

Access to Early College Transition Coach
Access to Quincy College resources
College and Career Readiness Lessons

Application required

Early College Support Block

FREE

Accelerated Associate Degree Pathway

Earn 62 College Credits

Classes held during school day
Honors level classes

Must earn a final grade of 73 or better to receive college credit

Classes held at Quincy College after school
Summer Classes at Quincy College required

Access to Early College Transition Coach

Access to Quincy College resources
Application and interview required

FREE

Dual Enrollment Program

Earn College Credits

Classes held during school day

Honors level classes

Must Earn a final grade of 73 or better to receive college credit

Registration required

No Pathway Program required

Access to Quincy College resources

Access to Quincy College Dual Enrollment Liaison
Discounted tuition

\$350/\$450

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