

# Quincy's Early College High School Pathway

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## Advancing Excellence: Key Milestones in Quincy's Early College High School Pathway

It has been an incredible season for Quincy's Early College High School (ECHS) students, marked by a deep commitment to both academic rigor and professional development. At our 5th Annual Symposium, students inspired their peers with personal success stories and engaged in interactive workshops focused on leadership, goal setting, professional social media use to build essential skills, and their mock interviews for their future careers. This momentum continued as our seniors partnered with Appointed to Lead to build comprehensive professional portfolios—including polished resumes and LinkedIn profiles—while sharpening their communication skills through a series of mock interviews designed to simulate real-world professional scenarios.

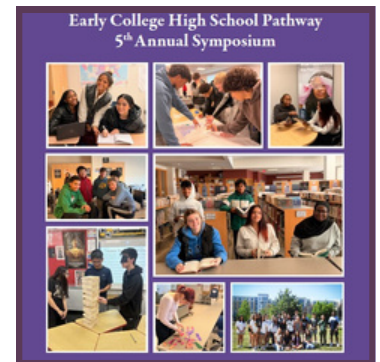
ECHS staff from both North Quincy High and Quincy High participated in Professional Development sessions focused on Student Centered Learning led by RTI. Our scholars are reaching major academic milestones that bridge the gap between high school and higher education. We are thrilled to announce that 24 students have officially enrolled in the Accelerated Associate's Degree program, placing them on a direct path to collegiate success. ECHS Seniors recently spent a day at Quincy College, gaining a firsthand look at campus life and the academic opportunities awaiting them just around the corner. The dedication these students have shown to their future is truly inspiring, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth as they navigate these transformative opportunities.

# ECHS 5th Annual Symposium



On Thursday, February 5th, Quincy celebrated the fifth annual Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway Symposium to celebrate the work of students, educators, city and state officials, and community partners driving academic innovation. This year's event highlighted program growth, student achievements, and the collaborative efforts that make Quincy's ECHS Pathway a model of success for our students. Quincy's ECHS Pathway, a partnership between Quincy Public Schools and Quincy College, allows eligible 9th–12th grade students to earn college credits while still in high school. At the symposium, students shared their experiences and success stories, inspiring the students with their dedication and accomplishments. Students also participated in interactive workshops on leadership, goal setting, and responsible social media use, gaining skills to support their academic and professional futures. QPS staff participated in Professional Development sessions on Student Centered Learning led by RTI.

To view Quincy's ECHS Symposium Brochure, click the image to the right.



*Special guests included Mayor Thomas P. Koch; Superintendent of Schools, Kevin W. Mulvey, J.D.; House Speaker Ronald Mariano; Pedro Martinez, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Midori Morikawa, Head of Corporate Citizenship, State Street Foundation; Bob LePage, Assistant Secretary for Career Education, Executive Office of Education; Phylitia Jamerson, Executive Director of Early College, Office of Early College, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Dr. Rick DeCristofaro, President of Quincy College.*

*We thank our partners whose support makes this program—and this annual symposium—possible: the State Street Foundation, Massachusetts DESE, Massachusetts Executive Office of Education, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, Quincy Public Schools, and Quincy College.*



# ECHS Student Spotlights

## *Lauren Gill*

*QHS, Junior*

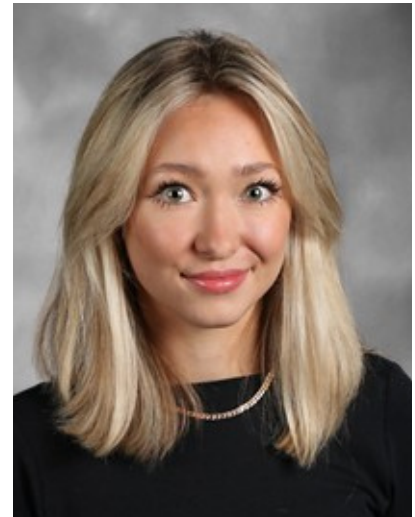


Lauren Gill, a dedicated junior at Quincy High School, is currently a student in the Healthcare Technology pathway. She enrolled in the ECHS program two years ago, and has taken full advantage of the many resources offered through this Early College High School Pathway program. In this time, Lauren has successfully earned several college credits and serves as both a QHS Student Ambassador and an Early College Ambassador. In her free time, she enjoys dancing and traveling. After completing her certificate in Healthcare Technology from QHS, Lauren plans to pursue a career in healthcare or law in the future.

## *Julia Kulakowska*

*NQHS, Junior*

Julia Kulakowska is an 11th-grade student at North Quincy High School, where she is enrolled in the Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway program. She joined ECHS to challenge herself academically and to take advantage of the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. Through the program, Julia has developed essential skills such as time management, responsibility, and the ability to adapt to college-level coursework. This experience has significantly increased her academic confidence and left her feeling well-prepared for the expectations of higher education. After graduation, she plans to attend a four-year college to continue pursuing her educational and career goals.



### *Quincy's ECHS Pathway Prep Program*

We are once again hosting an Early College High School Pathway Prep Program for middle school students. Fifty-six 7th and 8th graders from Broad Meadows Middle School are participating in five Saturdays of enrichment. Our Early College High School staff teach a variety of college and career readiness skills covering topics such as communications, leadership, statistics, STEM, and critical thinking. We are proud of these students for committing to the program and look forward to continuing our work with them in the coming weeks!

# Congratulations!

On January 13, 2026, Quincy College and Quincy Public Schools celebrated the second annual signing ceremony for Quincy's Accelerated Associate Degree Pathway enrolling 24 enthusiastic grade nine students. This program, now supporting a total of 38 grade 9 and grade 10 participants, gives motivated students the chance to graduate high school with an associate degree in liberal arts—saving time and money while gaining real college experience. Quincy's Accelerated Associate Degree Pathway Signing Ceremony has become a momentous tradition that celebrates our dedicated Quincy Public Schools students who are pursuing their post-graduate plans. Quincy Public Schools honors individuals embarking on the fulfilling journey of helping students overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams.



*We are grateful for our continued partnership and the many opportunities Quincy College provides our Quincy Public Schools students, families, and staff."*  
- Kevin W. Mulvey, J.D., Superintendent of Schools

The pathway is a formal partnership between Quincy College and Quincy Public Schools that enables students to complete college coursework while meeting all high school graduation requirements. Students enroll in college-level classes, access campus supports, and work toward an associate degree in liberal arts during their high school years.

Key features:

- Earn an associate degree simultaneously with a high school diploma
- Take Quincy College classes and receive college credit while in high school
- Use college academic support services and resources
- Build a stronger college application profile and reduce future tuition costs

The program creates real opportunities for students and lasting benefits for the community. For participating students, the advantages are clear—reduced college costs, earlier exposure to college expectations, and increased confidence navigating academic challenges. Completing an associate degree while still in high school is more than an academic achievement. It is an investment in future options, affordability, and confidence.

# ECHS Alumni: Where are they now?



## Meet Brianna Mckinney-Roman QHS, Class of 2023

**Current Institution:** UMass Boston (Class of Fall 2026)

**Major:** Bachelor of Arts in Criminology/Criminal Justice

**Minor:** Sociology

**Previous Degree:** Associate in Science in Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement

Quincy College, Class of 2024

Beyond the classroom, Brianna has built a robust professional foundation through specialized certifications. She holds FEMA (Department of Homeland Security) credentials in Active Shooter Response and Homeland Security Planning, alongside being AHA CPR, First Aid, and CareerSafe certified. Upon completing her degree at UMass Boston, Brianna aims to enter the police academy to serve her community as a Quincy Police Officer. Driven by a philosophy of self-reliance, she encourages fellow students to "decide what you want for yourself, trust yourself, and take initiative for your future."

## ECHS PARENT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

Quincy's Early College High School (ECHS) Pathway Parent Advisory Team held its first informational session December 1st, where parents were introduced to various ways to make college more affordable. Topics included completing the FAFSA, scholarships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities. The goal of the ECHS Parent Advisory Team sessions is to discuss a range of topics related to postsecondary education. These meetings provide ECHS staff and parents of ECHS students the opportunity to collaborate, share ideas, and develop strategies to enhance the program and better support our students.

Click [HERE](#) to access the *How to Pay for College* presentation

For questions pertaining to post-secondary initiatives

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# Appointed to Lead: Mock Interviews



The 2026 Symposium debuted a new element: The Mock Interview Day! 95 Seniors were interviewed by 41 Interviewers across industries. This included 19 in-person interviewers and 22 virtual interviewers. Students enjoyed getting to hear from professionals in fields they are interested in from Real Estate to Marketing to Medical Professions and more! Prior to the Mock Interview experience students participated in “Model the Way with your Resume” and “Inspire a Shared Vision with your Personal Brand” sessions facilitated by Appointed to Lead staff KeJuan Weaver and Stuart Gordon.

## Student Testimonials

- “Thank you for the best opportunity ever!” -Jayden Wharton

-“My interviewers allowed me to explain myself and took their time unpacking the information that I would need if I were going to pursue their fields. - Danny Huynh

-“I learned how to talk confidently about myself and how to be ready for all aspects of an interview.” - Isabella Siu

## Interviewer Testimonial

“Seeing the moment when the kids started to tie their personal experiences and passion together and understand how that applies to the interviewing process was incredible. They were letting the nerves loose and replacing it with confidence.” - Sierra Loucks

# Appointed to Lead



A huge thanks is due to our In-Person interview team (left-to-right): KeJuan Weaver, Dahlia Francillon, Kayleigh Flanigan, Olivia Ribeiro, Stephanie Lefebvre, Micayla Rothberg, Renee Poisson, Kristin Hunt, Deb LaFavre, Meg Maher, Kara Bobrov, Greg Stipkovich, Elizabeth LaForest, Amy Clough, Stuart Gordon, Rebecca McInnis, Isabel Valerio. Not pictured: William Brennan, Assir Abushouk, Maureen Purcell, and Sana Sheik



## Meet Appointed to Lead's Founder: Stuart Gordon

Stuart was an Early College teacher for 10 years in Raleigh, NC at the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy. In 2021, he founded Appointed to Lead to help schools build effective leadership programs on a broader scale. He's been helping inspire, equip, and empower student leaders in Quincy's ECHS program since 2023.





## QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY

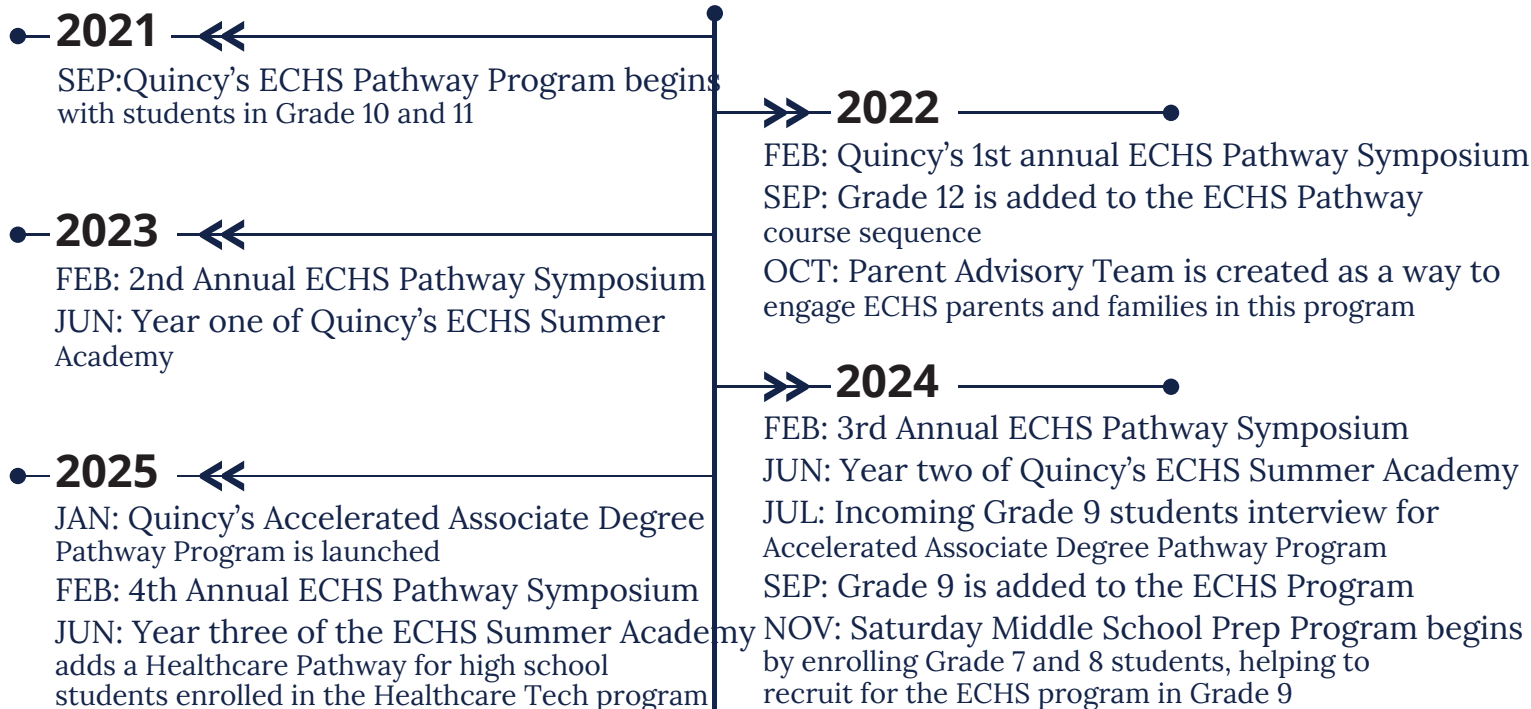
### Quincy's ECHS History

- 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.



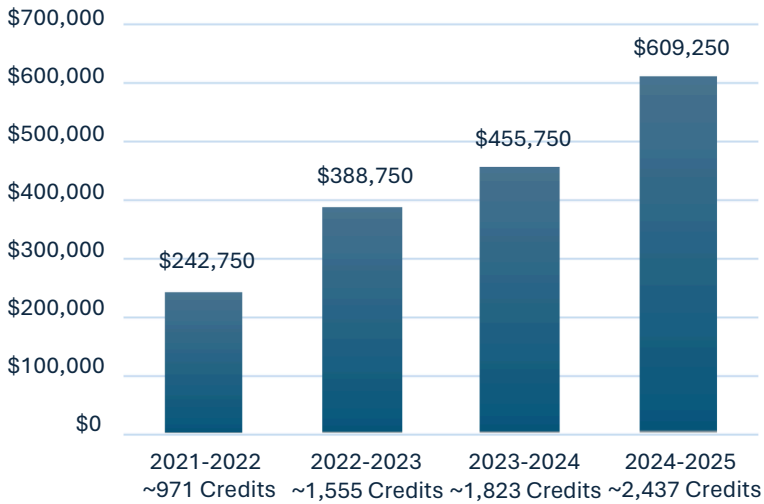
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### ECHS Timeline >> Expansion & Growth



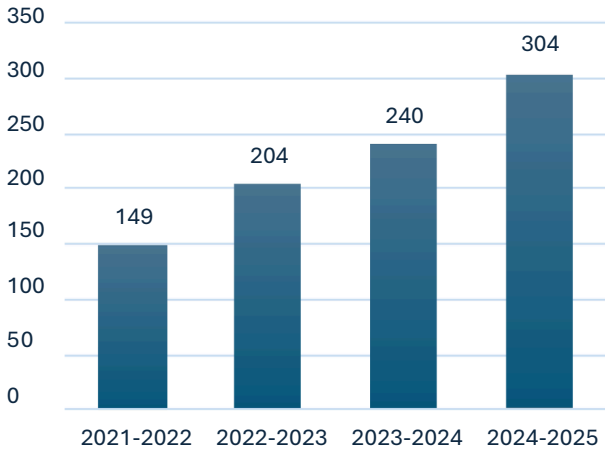
**FAST FACTS**

**Credits Offered & Tuition Savings**



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

**Student Enrollment Increases**

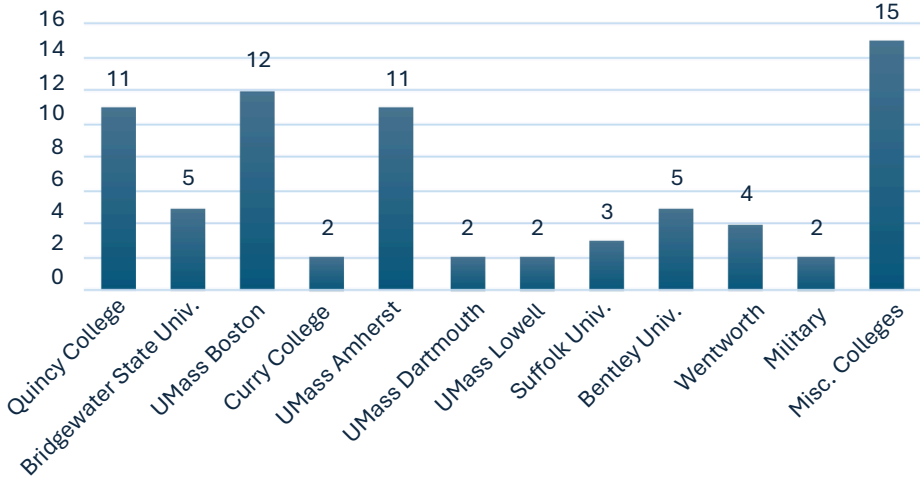


Student enrollment has more than doubled since 2021!

**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**





# EARN COLLEGE CREDITS AHEAD OF THE CURVE



**Quincy College** and **Quincy Public Schools** have teamed up to give high school students a head start on higher education. Now, students can earn college credits toward a future degree while still in high school.

**Pick the pathway that best fits your life, your pace, your purpose.**

## Early College High School Pathway

**Earn 25 College Credits**

Classes held during the school day

Honors-level classes

Access to Early College Transition Coach

Access to Quincy College resources

College and career-readiness lessons

Academic support built into student's schedule

Completed application

Final grade of 73% or better to receive college credits

**FREE**

## Accelerated Associate's Degree Pathway

**Earn 62 College Credits**

Classes held during the school day

Honors-level classes

Access to Early College Transition Coach

Access to Quincy College resources

Completed application

Interview

Quincy College Summer courses

Final grade of 73% or better to receive college credits

**FREE**

## Dual Enrollment Pathway Program

**Earn College Credits**

Classes held during the school day

Honors-level classes

Access to Quincy College resources

Access to Quincy College Dual Enrollment Liaison

No Pathway Program requirement

Registration

Final grade of 73% or better to receive college credits

**Discounted tuition  
\$350/\$450**

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# QUINCY'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY SUMMER ACADEMY 2026



Quincy Public Schools' students (*incoming 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and graduating seniors*) can take advantage of **free** summer classes at Quincy College towards their academic pathway.

Quincy's ECHS Pathway Summer Academy at a glance:

- Students are required to attend an orientation date of either **Tuesday, June 30, or Wednesday, July 1**. Further details to follow.
- Students have the opportunity to take 1-2 courses, which will be **held on the Quincy College campus**.
- Students can earn up to seven (7) college credits. **Please note, high school credits not available for these summer courses.**
- 3-credit liberal arts and business classes will run for five (5) weeks from **Monday, July 6 to Thursday, August 6**.
- 4-credit lab science classes will run for seven (7) weeks from **Monday, July 6 to Thursday, August 20**
- Tuition, fees, and textbooks will be provided **at nocost** to the students.

## Summer 2026 Course Offerings 3 CREDIT LIBERAL ARTS & BUSINESS CLASSES

- BUS 101: Fundamentals of Business (3 Credits)**
- BUS 220 Business Ethics (3 Credits)**
- CSA 227: Web Site Design (3 Credits)**
- CSI 116: Introduction to Programming (3 Credits)**
- ENG 111: Public Speaking (3 Credits)**
- ENG 224 Writing for Professionals (3 Credits)**
- HSV 103 Introduction to Social Work (3 Credits)**
- MAT 103: College Algebra (3 credits)**
- MAT 113: Pre-Calculus (3 Credits)**
- MKT 330: Social Media Marketing (3 credits)**
- PSY216: Growth and Development (3 credits)**
- SOC 101: General Sociology (3 Credits)**
- SOC203: Sociology of the Family (3 credits)**

*The classes above are five weeks long and meet 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

## 4 CREDIT LAB SCIENCE CLASSES

- BIO 131: Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Credits)**
- BTC 101: Introduction to Biotechnology (4 Credits)**
- CHE 103: Introduction to Forensic Science (4 Credits)**

*The science classes above are seven weeks long and meet 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM and include lab time.*

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Summer Academy Registration  
begins  
**Monday, April 6, 2026**