



Dream Big

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Meet The New QPS Superintendent



Dear QHS Alumni & Friends,

As the new superintendent, I would like to introduce myself. I have been a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, and superintendent over my 25 years in Illinois Public Education. I also bring 35 years of experience from the Army. I have been on the ground in Quincy for about thirty days. I have met a lot of great people and I am very impressed with our schools and our community. I have made it a priority to visit each of our 490 classrooms. So far, I have been in about 380 classrooms. Our teachers, administrators, and staff are all working very hard, and they are dedicated to the children of this community.

It is an exciting time to be in Quincy with the high school addition, school transitions, and building the five new elementary schools. We will be very busy for the next five years, but we are up to the task.

Another priority of mine and the Quincy School Board is communication with our stakeholders. As a key part of our team, we want to keep the Alumni informed. If you have any questions, please contact me directly. If you would like to come along on a day when I am visiting classrooms, please let me know. It is always a fun time.

Respectfully, Roy Webb

Education

- Bachelor's degree in education, Western Illinois University.
- Master's degree in education administration, 2001, WIU.
- Master of strategic studies, 2005, U.S. Army War College.
- Education specialist degree, 2006, WIU.

Military Experience

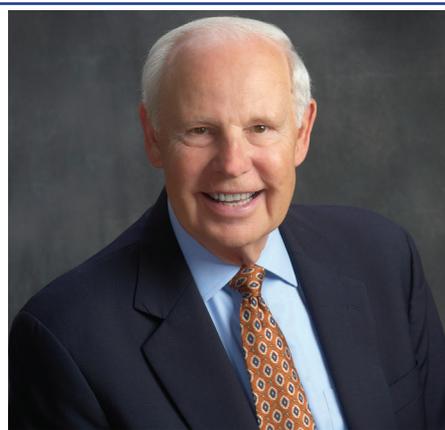
- Brigadier general.
- Deputy commanding general of the Iowa National Guard.
- Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

Family

- Wife, Trisha.
- Children, Dawn, 23, and Case, 21.

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George Meyer Honored

George Meyer, PhD, QPS Foundation Trustee and former superintendent of Quincy Public Schools has been named Humanitarian of the Year by the Cornerstone Foundation for Families.

Meyer, 74, was honored during the agency's Dancing with the Local Stars on February 5th.

The Quincy Public Schools Foundation



Recently, QHS Basketball thanked all the educators who spend so much time and effort for our students. Thank you educators for all you do in the lives of our student athletes!

School Calendar

March 21 – 28	Spring Break – No School
March 29	School resumes
May 30	Memorial Day – No School
June 2	Last Day of School-Students (30 min early dismissal)
June 3	Teacher Institute

Students Tour Blessing Lab



Thank you, Blessing Hospital, for inviting our QHS Anatomy students to see the ins and outs of a hematology lab. Andrew Stock, right, peers through a microscope at a heart worm during a visit to the Blessing Hospital hematology lab. Stock, along with the rest of his Quincy Senior High School anatomy class, visited the Blessing Hospital medical lab for a first hand look at what lab technician jobs entail.

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Hundreds of kids ages three to nine participated in a cheer clinic recently hosted by Quincy Senior High School.

QHS Cheer Coach Penny Little says the clinic gives kids the chance to learn how to cheer and understand the sport.

Coach Little also taught the kids the importance of good sportsmanship. She says the kids had fun learning different cheers, chants, and jumps.

“They are learning everything from motions to voice to stunting,” Little said. “We do some tumbling on the mats. They just learn everything about it.”

The kids had the opportunity to perform at a basketball game.



The QPS Foundation raises and distributes funding to promote student development, to promote excellence through creative teaching, and to encourage school/community partnerships.

The purpose of the QPS Foundation is to build support in our community and raise funds for public education. The Foundation continues the work of our mission in spite of difficult economic times. Due to cuts in all areas of the QPS budget and lack of state funding, many things have been forsaken. The QPS Foundation has raised millions of dollars over the years to promote excellence in curriculum, technology, fine arts, athletics, and to build an endowment for future needs. We include both the Quincy and alumni communities in our efforts because we believe the difference between a good school system and a great school system is private-sector support.



Second at State

As the Quincy High School boys soccer players walked off the field Saturday, still slightly teary-eyed from the disappointment of losing the Class 3A state championship game 2-1 to Libertyville, they found a reason to smile.

Walking into an adoring crowd of family and friends helped with that, but so did knowing no QHS team has ever accomplished more.

“We’re the second best team in the state, and the best team to come out of QHS,” senior forward Riley Roth said. “I’m going to take that as a win.”

The Blue Devils trumped the 1995 team, which took fourth place

in the Class AA state tournament and was the only QHS team to earn a state trophy prior to this season. They became the fifth team in school history to finish with at least 20 victories in a season, ending with a 20-5-2 record. And they played in the final game on the final day of the season for the first time ever.

“We love the game,” senior defender Bradyn Nokes said. “Nobody thought we were supposed to be here, but then we finally got here. And we did it playing a game we love to play. You’ve got to smile knowing you did that.”

QHS coach Matt Longo has been smiling for days, and the loss didn’t change that.

“Third or fourth place would have been sweet because you’re here,” Longo said.

And when this one ended, the Blue Devils understood their place in history was secure.

“At the beginning of the season, no one ever would have thought this would happen,” Roth said. “It’s really an honor to be out here and playing on that field. It’s disappointing not to get the ‘W,’ but look at everything we accomplished.

At that moment, he looked down at the medal dangling from his neck.

“I’m going to go to bed smiling,” Roth said.

By Herald-Whig



The Dream Big in Color 5K Fun Run has included over 1,000 people each year. Participants run 3.2 miles in the heart of Quincy's historic district and run through clouds of colored cornstarch along the route. Afterward, runners are treated to snacks and an afterparty like no other to celebrate the event. Dream Big in Color has brought in more than \$45,000 to support technology and projects outside the regular QPS budget over the past two years. The 2016 event will be held Saturday, April 23rd and will begin in the QHS parking lot at 3322 Maine with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.qpsfoundation.org.



Maureen Crickard received the The Dream Big Award in honor of her volunteerism and dedication to our schools and the Quincy Public Schools Foundation. Maureen is pictured with husband George and family members Lois Crickard and Mike and Sharon Troup.



Under the direction of Mrs. Jean Murray, the Monroe choir gave an outstanding performance!



QPS Faculty members Sara Cramer, Kim Dinkheller, Marty Rubottom, Michaela Fray, and Kim Gill enjoy A Night to Dream Big.

A Night to Remember

The Quincy community came together to support the QPS Foundation at our third annual Night to Dream Big at The Ambiance. Over the years, A Night to Dream Big has raised more than \$134,000 to support technology, curriculum, fine arts, and athletics in the Quincy Public Schools.

Featured entertainment has included the Adams 3rd Grade Choir, Madison Elementary Choir, Ben Brumby & The Messengers, Andrew Cliatt, Wired String Ensemble, the QHS Drumline, Avenue Beat, QPS Trivia, Blacktop South, and both Silent and Live Auctions.



Save the Date for this year's NTDB: Saturday, November 19th at The Ambiance.



We have incredible students in EACH of our Quincy Public Schools. Check out the special way students from our ABC Academy spent time with our Madison kindergartners!

Jarett Cookson, a student from the ABC Academy, (Academic Behavior Community) was one of several students that visited Madison Elementary School kindergarten classes. This was a unique opportunity for students to interact and learn from each other. Cookson visited Stacey Mettemeyer's class to read *Bear Feels Scared*.

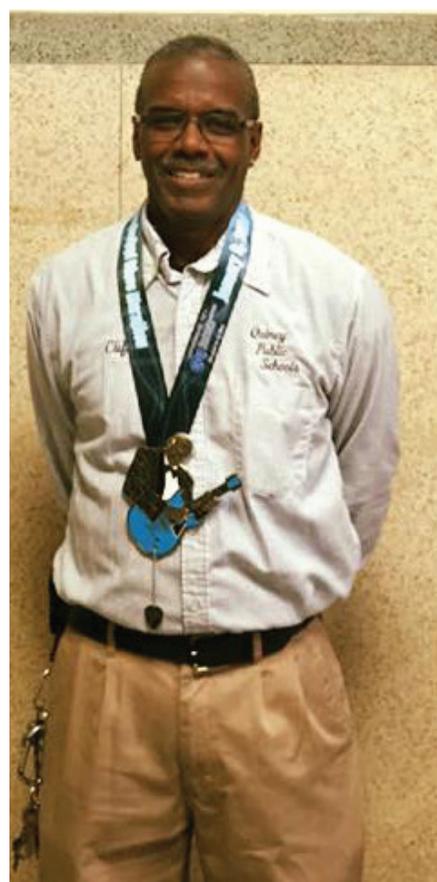
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Dan Nichols

In 2010, Dan Nichols, QHS '00, launched Aphorism Studios, a multimedia production company geared towards hi-fidelity, unified audio and video multimedia documentarian services. Aphorism Studios is staffed exclusively by musicians and artists that have technological aptitudes and serves the larger theatre, dance and music communities onsite or in the studio.

An avid audiophile, Mr. Nichols dabbles in microphone modification and repair as well as audio electronics design. He has also designed and deployed a number of custom computing solutions for webcasting, video editing, musical telepresence and the NIU School of Music Recording Studio. Mr. Nichols actively trains and manages a workforce of graduate and undergraduate student audio engineers to provide audio/visual support to the faculty and guest artists. His recordings can be found on Albany Records, AppleJazz Records, New Amsterdam Records and Mode Records, among others.



This is Quincy Public School's very own Clifton Anders! Not only is he an awesome custodian at Quincy Junior High, but he also travels the country with his Heartland Road Runners friends! Clifton, QHS '75, just returned from the Mississippi Blues Marathon on January 9th, where he got this super cool medal! Plus... he's a pretty amazing baker in his spare time. If you see him "running" around QJHS make sure to say hello.



QHS students named Illinois all-state musicians



Sixteen Quincy Senior High students have been named Illinois all-state musicians for 2016. These all-state musicians performed as members of the All-State Band, All-State Orchestra, All-State Honors Orchestra, All-State Chorus and All-State Honors Chorus in

Peoria during the Illinois Music Educators Association state meeting held from Jan. 27 to 30. Students were selected through state-wide auditions held in October and performances in the All-District Festival in November at WIU. More than 290 Illinois schools participated in the auditions. Quincy Senior High has one of the highest number of students selected in the state of Illinois. Students were accompanied to Peoria by Quincy Senior High music teachers Kathi Dooley, Paul Shelor and Debbie Johnson.



JA Presentations

"I had a fun day joining 40 area professionals in the Junior Achievement's Career Fair at QJHS. The students had excellent questions and I know they will make excellent leaders in our community." - Mayor Kyle Moore

ADM Donates 20 Acres For New K-5 School

The Quincy School District's \$89 million construction program received a major boost when ADM Alliance Nutrition announced it was donating 20 acres of land for one of the district's five new K-5 elementary schools.

The donation of the parcel northeast of 30th and Locust was one of the year's biggest highlights for the district's construction program, which was authorized by voters in November 2014.

"The gift was phenomenal," said Mike Troup, a Quincy School Board member involved in planning the district's five new K-5 elementary schools and several additions at Quincy High School.

Getting the ADM site at no cost was a key achievement because now the School Board only has to secure two more sites for elementary schools on the city's west side.

"We're still looking" for available parcels at least 15 acres in size, Troup said.

He noted that no properties are being marketed that meet the district's requirements, but the board continues to explore possible options.

Meanwhile, ground was broken in early December for the first new K-5 school. It will be built just north of the existing Monroe School, 3211 Payson Road, and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017. Foundation work is underway, and a series of precast panel walls will go up next spring. The new school is expected to be under roof and enclosed by the end of next year and substantially completed by the spring of 2017. Demolition of the existing school and landscaping will take place in the summer of 2017. Work also has started on the building additions at QHS, including a large "freshman addition" that will clear the way for ninth-graders to attend QHS in August 2016.

Ninth-graders currently attend Quincy Junior High School. But because of the passage of the bond issue, QHS next year will serve grades 9-12 while QJHS will serve grades 6-8. Sixth graders now attend Baldwin Intermediate School, which is destined to become a new elementary school site for grades K-5.

"We're thrilled that the first two projects (QHS and Monroe) are not only under budget but on schedule at this point," Troup said.

By Herald-Whig

Circles of Investment

Circles of Investment are a unique way to honor an individual, group, or company while adding support to students and education in Quincy. This investment will touch the lives of children in our community for generations to come.

To create a new circle, the minimum investment is \$10,000 and to create a new Bench, the minimum investment is \$50,000. Gifts of any amount may be added to a circle at any time.

If you would like more information on initiating a circle, please contact Julie Ross, Executive Director at rossju@qps.org.

- Houston Kirk Memorial Scholarship – Mathematics
- A Friend for Education – English
- Bill and Margaret Keller Memorial – QJHS & QHS
- Dooley-Sherman-Fonza-Basnett – Music
- Janet Neiswender – Special Education
- Dena Gooch Eakle Memorial Fund - Elementary Education
- Carolyn Eakle Kirk Scholarship - Language Arts & History
- Martha McCrory Foundation, Inc. – Music
- Deelite Cashman Ernst Literacy Fund – Adams Elementary School
- G. Keith Cashman - QHS Golf Teams Fund
- Patricia & David Donald Memorial – Special Education
- Excellence in Education – English & History
- Naomi Meyer - Elementary Education
- Foreign Language & Music Education
- Beulah Gooch Memorial – Business & Career Education
- Gardner-Denver Bench - Science & Technology
- Herman Schneidman - Athletics
- Norma Seckman Tushaus – Child/Family Mentor Program
- Stella Lilly Memorial – English Literature
- Wm Carson Eakle Memorial – Raising Standards & Character
- Annabelle Cashman – Art Education
- Madison Elementary PTA Fund
- Ellington Elementary School – Where Children Soar
- *Genevieve C. Lehner Irvine Education Fund-Economically Disadvantaged Children
- Charlotte & George Spear Family Fund - Health & Physical Education
- *QHS Class of 1960
- Dr. George E. Crickard Jr. – Special Education
- Anne & Bob Mays Family Fund – Leadership & Entrepreneurial Skills
- Sherrill Hanks – QHS Basketball
- Bartley Family – Music
- Becker Family – Music & Education
- Robert E. Meyer – Journalism & Education
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- *D. Paul Saunders – Baldwin Intermediate School
- Oakley Family Fund – Journalism & Communications
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- Moore Family Fund – QPS Foundation
- Dale & Donna Koontz – Quincy Area Vo-Tech
- Dr. Stan L. Bartley – Tennis
- Marjorie O. Wolfe – Kindergarten
- Carson W. Kirk – QHS Philanthropy
- *These Circles are growing and not yet to the point of celebration.

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Career and Technical Education Business Person of the Year



Lauren Kiest, QHS Class of 1950, was recently honored as the Illinois Association of Career and Technical Education Business Person of the Year. Lauren was nominated for this award by Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center Director Mark Pfeifer, for his ongoing support of SolidWorks at QAVTC and a Computer Information career pathway in the Quincy Public Schools. Lauren attended Yale University, but says he received the best part of his education in a Drafting class at Quincy High School. Lauren is an entrepreneur and the CEO of aNH3, one of the most advanced nitrogen delivery systems in the world.

Pictured are QAVTC Instructor Kaleb Smith, Lauren Kiest, and QAVTC Director Mark Pfeifer.

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