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# Coaches & Mentors Newsletter

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION EDITION

This issue of *Coaches & Mentors News* is dedicated to special recognition for several of our students who have worked closely with us during their time at Cape Cod Community College. Whether or not they have achieved honors in their studies, each one has achieved personal fulfillment. Many other students come to mind as worthy of recognition too, but those described here are fine examples of determination, courage, and persistence in the face of obstacles to their success. They have been successful, and we feel their example can inspire others. Therefore, the staff members of *Coaches & Mentors* have nominated them for the special recognition they so richly deserve.

### WE CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS!

"The strongest of all warriors are these two - time and patience."



-Leo Tolstoy

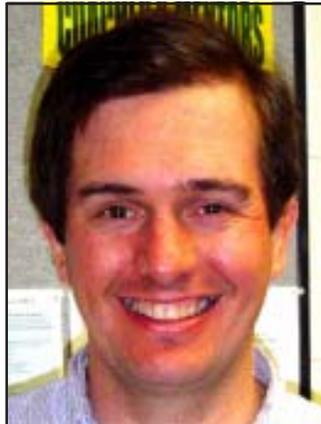
#### Ivan Aguirre

Ivan is from Madrid, Spain, and he now resides in Hyannis. Although his primary residence was in Madrid, from his early years he spent time in the U.S. at summer camps and boarding schools. "I've been learning English since I was just seven years old," he says.

He immigrated to the U.S. in August 2006 and is very enthusiastic about education. His educational background includes Highcroft School in Williamstown, Bradford College, and Lesley University's Threshold Program in Cambridge. He has been pursuing studies at CCCC from January 2007 until the present, and his goal is to be a Landscape Maintenance Technician.

He says, "My biggest challenge at 4Cs has been math. But although it is hard I don't give up!"

Ivan has attended four Outward Bound summer programs in the U.S. Other past activities have been working in a photography studio at a magazine for elderly people, and doing volunteer work in nursing homes.



He enjoys reading, listening to music, and staying in touch with several cousins and other relatives in Spain and elsewhere. He also loves to visit other cultures. Those cultures have included Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Morocco, Kenya, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Zaire, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, India, Singapore, and Papua. In the U.S., he has also travelled widely. "Thanks to my Dad, I've had the privilege of visiting many countries in the world as well as various parts of the U.S."

**His favorite sayings:** "There is always hope."  
"Don't give up."

#### Special Recognition:

Tom O'Connell recommended Ivan for this Special Recognition and says, "Ivan has a friendly, outgoing personality and it has been a pleasure to work with him as a tutor/mentor. He has excellent study habits and he really concentrates on his education here at 4Cs. His favorite saying, 'Don't give up' is more than just words. He lives that philosophy and he is bound to succeed in any enterprise where he applies his gifts of high energy and constant enthusiasm."



## Hayley Robinson

Hayley, a Hyannis resident, attended Barnstable schools (including Sturgis for the 9th grade). In her Senior year, to make the transition to CCCC, she chose the Diploma Plus program following her pregnancy. Her son is now three years old.

A Dean's List student, she was selected for Phi Theta Kappa in 2006, and took classes to prepare her for the Nursing Program. She was recently notified that she has been accepted into the Nursing Program. Congratulations, Hayley!

She is a Certified Nurse Assistant and currently provides care for a bedridden elderly woman in Cotuit as well as another woman. She works 40 hours a week, is a full-time mom and a full-time student. Her biggest challenge at CCCC has been juggling school while raising a child. She is very concerned about her grades, has taken some online courses, and says, "That really takes discipline."

Hayley has received several scholarships. "I was very pleased to get into the nursing program," she says, "and I appreciated the support I received from my advisor, Carol Dubay." Hayley's hard work paid off as she followed the path she developed with her advisor. Along the way, she had health complications that challenged her but, as always she rises to challenges.

She says she always knew she would be going to college, and from a young age she wanted to be a nurse. Her hobbies include reading, cleaning the house, and spending time with her son.

**Hayley's Philosophy of Life:** "Live life to the fullest because you only have one shot at it."

### Special Recognition:

She was recommended for Special Recognition by Coaches & Mentors Director Lois André. Her advisor, Carol Dubay, who is Director of Advising and Counseling Services and has known Hayley for quite some time, recently said, "From the first day I met Hayley, I knew this young person was going to be a success. She was a determined, no-excuses hard worker who managed to effectively juggle three full-time jobs at the age of 18, as student, mother and worker. When I heard that she had been accepted into the Fall 2009 nursing class, I was thrilled. She is going to be a fine nurse some day, and I never doubted for a moment that Hayley would achieve her dream."

**"Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still."**

Chinese proverb



## Andrea Thompson

Andrea was born and raised in Plymouth, went to Plymouth South High School, and says that when she graduated she immediately applied at CCCC to start her prerequisites for Nursing. Right now she is studying the Health Sciences and Liberal Arts as she prepares to participate in the Nursing Program.

At the young age of 14, she started working at McDonald's and by 16 she stepped up to Dunkin' Donuts. Then, to choose something closer to her desired field, she began working at Jordan Hospital in the Dietary area. After that, she got her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credentials and worked at a nursing home in the Alzheimer's Unit. Now she is serving at Erickson Retirement Communities in Hingham as a Home Support Aide.

"Trying to balance studying with working, social life, and family is a big challenge," she reports. Her family includes one brother who is graduating from Northeastern University this year. Even though she's very busy, she says she finds time to paint and describes it as a great stress reliever. "I find myself getting better and better."

She was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in September 2008 and has made the Dean's List for all three semesters at CCCC. She is very enthusiastic about CCCC: "How wonderful all the professors are! I haven't met one that I haven't liked. They do everything possible to help you get through the class."

**Andrea's Favorite Quote:** "Everything happens for a reason." Andrea says she lives by this quote every day. "If something doesn't go my way, or something influences me in some way, I always say, 'It must have happened for a reason.'"

**Special Recognition:**

She was recommended for Special Recognition by her advisor Kyle Durborow, who says, "It's been a pleasure working with Andrea. She's a hard worker and never loses sight of her goals. Also, she is kind, enthusiastic and compassionate with a great deal of empathy and 'life savvy.' She will make a wonderful nurse and any of us would be lucky to have her caring for our family members. Hey Andrea, congratulations on your admission into the Nursing Program. Wow! What a great job you've done!"

**"Everything comes to those who hustle while they wait."**

**Thomas Edison**



**Jim Perry**

Jim was born and raised in Plymouth and went to Plymouth South High School. At CCCC, he is enrolled in the Liberal Arts Program and says his biggest challenge has been "getting through my math classes."

At CCCC he didn't expect to get the amount of help he's been receiving. "I've had professors who care about the students and want their students to succeed." Jim has recently applied and been accepted to Bridgewater State College. Nice work Jim!

Jim's family includes a brother and a sister. He thoroughly enjoys being involved in Duxbury Youth Hockey which is his hobby and his talent. He also has been employed at both the Armstrong Ice and The Bog Ice Arena.

**Jim's favorite quotes:** "The shots you don't take don't go in." "Hard work beats talent when talent does not work hard."

**Special Recognition:**

His tutor/advisor Judith Andersen recommended Jim for Special Recognition and says, "After working with Jim for three semesters I can honestly say that he is the type of student that any teacher would like to work with. He is a hard worker, is conscientious, and has a very positive attitude. This attitude was demonstrated when, after making a strong effort in Intermediate Algebra, he did not quite meet the required standards and had to repeat the course. Instead of being upset, he accepted the results, worked even harder, and passed the course. He even told me how much he had gained by taking the course a second time. Jim was truly a joy to work with and I wish him the best as he goes on to Bridgewater State."



## Bing Harty

One of our star students, Bing Harty, was born and raised in a large family of twelve children in the Philippines. She came to Boston in 1987 where she arrived to find what she described as "a very cold Logan Airport in mid-November".

In 1994, she married her husband Patrick after the two met in a local Cape Cod club and dated for about a year. Bing attributes much of her success to the inspiration and support of her husband Patrick. She believes that his unwavering encouragement led her to her current career path at CCCC. Together they have two children, ages 11 and 14.

While still in the Philippines, Bing earned her Bachelor's degree in Fishery Education, but since she was a young girl she had always dreamed of becoming a registered nurse. In 1996, she became a Certified Fitness Instructor and taught many fitness classes. In 1999, Bing went a step further in the physical fitness field by becoming a Certified Personal Trainer which allowed her to create her own schedule and work around her families' needs.

In the Fall of 2006, Bing enrolled at CCCC and began working diligently on the prerequisites required for entrance into the Nursing program. She also became a CNA in 2007 and currently works on a per diem basis at RHCI in Sandwich. At first, Bing found that coming back to school was a bit challenging and overwhelming as she was learning in a different country and English was not her first language. However, she was pleasantly surprised by all of the learning support services that she received here at the college. She is especially grateful to the one-on-one professional tutoring services she received in Math and English that helped her greatly throughout her academic challenges.

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce her recent acceptance into the Fall 2009 Nursing Program. Congratulations Bing!

### **Bing's Philosophy of life:**

"Education is your own personal treasure that no one can ever take away from you. Hard work really does pay off."

### **Special Recognition:**

Theresa Bowse, Bing's Career Counselor, recommended her for Special Recognition and has this to say: "Bing has wonderful energy and is very driven to reach both her short term and long term goals. She is focused, pleasantly persistent and hardworking. She possesses all the positive characteristics needed to succeed in any field. Congratulations, Bing, you are well on your way to realizing your dream of becoming an R.N.!"



"Adapt the path of nature:  
her secret is patience."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do."

- Sir James M. Barrie

## Colleen McCarthy

Colleen is one of our model students. She was born in Boston and raised in South Boston. The first born of seven children, Colleen now lives on the Cape with her partner of twenty years who is a Human Services professional. Together they have four grown daughters.

Initially, she came to 4Cs to explore classes in the sciences and health care areas. At first, she seriously considered nursing as a possible career choice, but after taking a variety of classes offered from different departments, Colleen found her true passion to be in the Business field.

Her current plans include pursuing an Associate in Science in Business Management. Along with her course work at CCCC, Colleen already has a strong foundation in business; prior to attending classes here, she received certificates in both Real Estate and Paralegal Studies and also did some course work at Bristol Community College.

In addition to her education, she has worked for law firms specializing in real estate. As an employee in those firms, she has gained quite extensive experience in performing a variety of duties associated with real estate closings. Recently, Colleen has been offered a position in the real estate field and has an excellent opportunity for additional training in mortgage lending within that position. Congratulations Colleen!

While at 4Cs, Colleen found her biggest challenge to be her Chemistry for the Health Sciences class. She had to put in many hours of study in order to be successful in that class. However, Colleen very much enjoyed her Economics class and her instructor Prof. Paul Jacobson. She found him to be an excellent instructor, very well organized and very enthusiastic about his subject.

Colleen's talents and hobbies include proudly raising her daughters and witnessing their numerous accomplishments. Her travels include trips to Europe and Disney World, but she much prefers local travel in and around the New England area. She also enjoys closely following the constantly fluctuating real estate market.



### Colleen's Philosophy of Life:

"Be true to yourself. Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

### Special Recognition:

Theresa Bowse, her Academic Advisor and Career Counselor, recommended her for Special Recognition and describes her as "a very focused, insightful and caring person." Theresa also says, "Colleen has a wonderful personality and an excellent perspective on the direction of her career. It has truly been a pleasure to be her Advisor/Counselor and witness her journey in her career discovery process. Cape Cod Community College is very fortunate to have her as a part of our student body."

"Think you can, think you can't;  
either way you're right."  
- Henry Ford



"Energy and persistence conquer  
all things"  
- Benjamine Franklin





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