

AMCOA TEAM KICKOFF MEETING

Friday, September 24

10am - 1pm

CALL FOR THE MEETING

G'Day! This is the final call for the kickoff Amcoa Team meeting for AY2022. We are meeting on Friday, Sept. 24 from 10am to 1pm in HLC (Harrington Learning Center) 109L - A+B Conference Rooms at Quinsigamond Community College, 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester This will be a hybrid meeting. However, we strongly encourage you to attend in-person because: a) it has been over 18 months since we have seen each other live, b) this will better facilitate your ability to greet one another, especially new people, and c) we won't have another live meeting until the end of the academic year because Zooming - with its downfalls - is very efficient.

MEETING DETAILS

To be specific, the actual meeting will be 10am-12 Noon as usual. Thus, those who are calling via Zoom should join us at 10am and sign off at 12Noon. The Zoom information is below. Noon is when lunch will be served. We are serving a hot lunch as our way of saying thanks to each of you for all that you have been doing and will continue to do to advance the assessment agenda.

THE AGENDA

The meeting's theme is "Delivering Assessment During Challenging Times." We have three of our own panelists who will share their stories about their successes and challenges of trying to continue to keep the focus on assessment during a pandemic, quarantine, decline in enrollments and revenue, contract negotiations, online teaching fatigue, etc.

Our panelists include:

- *Paula Haines, UMass Lowell*
- *Mark Nicholas, Framingham State University*
- *Amy Beaudry, Quinsigamond Community College*

I do not want anybody to not come to this meeting because they think the panelists have it like that, they have lots of resources, they have lots of expertise, they will be doing everything right, etc. I have asked this cross-segmental team to share their experiences - all of it; the good, bad and ugly. That sharing is how we will all learn. In addition, it will also provide each of you opportunity to share some of your own experiences. So come and engage in what we hope will be a lively, authentic and engaging conversation!

COVID PROTOCOLS

Finally, as to Covid protocols, we have taken those into consideration in our planning. The two conference rooms together hold 120 people. We expect no more than 35. There will be ten tables with only four chairs per table so that everyone can be spread out. Everyone must wear masks while on QCC's campus except when you are eating. Once you finish eating, you should put your mask back on and continue to talk. I will have extra masks for anyone who forgets their mask. Finally, you must RSVP if you are coming because I must provide QCC a list of who is attending in the event they must do contact tracing after the event. As you can see, we are being very careful and planful.