Presidents' Community Partner Award



QSC Remodeling
Manchester Community College

In the fall of 2014, with the support of the Carl Perkins Federal grant for Technical programs the Early Childhood Development Center at Manchester Community College was able to remodel their Pre-K outdoor classroom. In addition to the traditional students, the Center co-locates with a Pre-K Headstart classroom which provides services to a number of children throughout the Manchester area in lower socio-economic communities, places where nature-based playgrounds are scarce.

Thanks to the voluntary efforts of QSC Remodeling the young students will now be able to learn in a space that exposes them to nature and the benefits of outdoor play, an experience that some of the students would not have had otherwise. QSC endured less- than-ideal weather conditions in order to finish the project on time, and on budget. Their efforts have helped create a safe, green space for students to develop one of the greatest attributes and yet hardest to teach, an imagination.

In addition to supporting the development of a skill set in the child care youth, the work of QSC has fostered the growth of the students in the MCC's Early Childhood Education program. Within the state of NH, there are no other certified Outdoor Classroom play spaces for budding educators to acquire the skills to facilitate in such a nature-enriched learning space.

As a community partner, QSC Remodeling went above and beyond the expected level of work. MCC applauds QSC for going above and beyond, keeping the focal point of their work the children of the Manchester Community as well as the aspiring Early Childhood student teachers.