



## **Our Neighborhood**

The Quad-Cities (QCA) is a metropolitan area that includes Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. The four main cities boast a population of more than 250,000, and surrounding communities add an estimated 130,000 making the Quad-Cities the 90<sup>th</sup>-largest Combined Statistical Area in the U.S and the 97<sup>th</sup>-largest TV market.

Interstate 80 provides easy access to Chicago, about 2.5 hours to the east, and Des Moines, Iowa, about 3 hours to the west. The Mississippi River flows east to west through the area, providing amazing recreational opportunities and serving as the waterway that moves goods and raw materials from St. Paul to New Orleans.

In addition to Black Hawk College the QCA is home to St. Ambrose University, Eastern Iowa Community College, Palmer College, Augustana College and Western Illinois University-QC Campus.

John Deere's world headquarters is located just down the street from our Moline Campus and employs more than 6,400 people locally. Other employers of note include the Rock Island Arsenal (6,300), UnityPoint Health-Trinity (6,100), Genesis Health (4,700), Tyson Foods (food manufacturing), Arconic (aerospace and defense aluminum manufacturing), Amazon and HNI Corporation.

There is so much to do in the QCA! Locals and visitors alike enjoy our many museums and cultural offerings. The Putman Museum, Figge Art Museum, Family Museum and Vander Veer Botanical Park are a few of the favorites. Modern Woodman Park is home to the Quad-Cities River Bandits baseball team, and an afternoon at Niabi Zoo is amazing. Cruise the Mississippi on the Celebration Belle riverboat, get dressed up for a night with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, or enjoy a great dining experience with hundreds of great restaurants.

A scenic 55-mile drive east of Moline delivers you to the East Campus. Surrounded by lush fields of corn and soybeans, the East Campus is five miles from Galva in Henry County. East Campus is home to our agriculture and equine programs that have attracted students from as far away as Hawaii and Maryland.

The communities of Galva, Bishop Hill and Kewanee are all within a short drive from the East Campus. While each town has a unique personality, they are all welcoming and warm to visitors. Quaint shops at Bishop Hill and the Dunes Golf Course near Kewanee make great day trips. And if a nice nature experience is more your style, visit the Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation area.

To learn more about all the QCA and the rest of District 503 have to offer, check out these links:

[Western Illinois & Eastern Iowa: QC Community and Economic Development Organization | Quad Cities Chamber](#)

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[Home - Kewanee Chamber of Commerce \(kewanee-il.com\)](#)

[Chamber of Commerce Galva, IL - ChamberofCommerce.com](#)