

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate

May 10, 2011

Partners for Progress Gala:

- Many thanks to the faculty and staff who supported this year's Partners for Progress fundraising Gala on April 28. Over 400 guests celebrated our honorees and especially our students who were featured in the program. Almost \$280,000 was raised for student scholarships.

Honors:

- Congratulations to our faculty colleagues who were awarded 2011-12 CUNY-PSC research grants! QCC had the highest percentage of applications and the highest number of projects awarded among all the community colleges, in what was a highly competitive year. Twenty seven faculty from eleven departments received grants to support research projects and creative activities. www.qcc.cuny.edu/sponsored
- Our Freshman Academies continue to draw national attention as a model for supporting student retention and success. This year, formal presentations were made at five national conferences, and faculty/staff representing nine community colleges from NY, Texas, New Mexico, Massachusetts and Florida have visited our campus or participated in conference calls, led by our Academic Affairs and Student Affairs staff.
- Queensborough Community College has been chosen to participate in a pilot project for the American Association of Colleges and Universities' Collaborative for Authentic Assessment and Learning. Using the AAC&U VALUE (Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education) Rubrics, developed by faculty members across the United States, this project will create a process for rubric score collection. Queensborough has been selected to score the Integrative Learning rubric, which some faculty have already been implementing in their classrooms this semester.

The Office of Academic Affairs is seeking 3 faculty scorers for 100 samples of student work. Interested scorers would need to be available from May 31-June 3 for up to 3 days of scoring, and have some experience using rubrics. Faculty participants will receive an honorarium of \$100.00 from the AAC&U per day. Please contact Dean Michele Cuomo if you would be interested in participating.

- Congratulations to Dr. Michael Guy on being named as one of four CUNY faculty to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mathematics Education.
- Ms. Kathleen Capogrosso-Brown, a student in the nursing program, was selected to the 2011 All-New York Academic Team for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. This is a highly prestigious recognition by the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT), the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP), the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.
- Mark Kupferberg, a member of our QCC Fund, Inc. was a panelist at the CUNY Forum on Philanthropy. Mark, whose family endowed our Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, spoke on the value of philanthropic support of community colleges. The panel included Sy Steinberg, Emily Tow Jackson and Larry Zicklin, all of whom are significant benefactors of CUNY senior colleges.

Alerts:

- Advisement and registration for summer classes and the fall semester is underway. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to complete this process before the summer break.
- Through revenue from our enterprise activities, a number of *summer scholarships* (tuition and books) will be awarded to Fall 10 first time/full time degree students in good academic standing who need three to six credits to reach the 30 credit mark by this fall term. Dean Michele Cuomo in our office of Academic Affairs will coordinate an outreach to eligible students. Faculty and staff are asked to assist with publicizing this opportunity for students to reach the halfway point in their degree program within one calendar year.