



**Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
May 9, 2017**

Enrollment Management Update

- The Enrollment Management team is engaged in activities to reach enrollment targets for Fall 2017. Currently, efforts and resources are focused on encouraging continuing students to advise and register. Using CUNYfirst and IR data, advisers are contacting their **continuing** student caseload with targeted messages and assistance to help students overcome any barriers to enrollment. These efforts are being supplemented with text messaging, direct mail, and social and digital media campaigns. Please encourage students that are required to meet with an academic adviser to do so as soon as possible.
- Admissions continues to ramp up recruitment and relationship-building activities in Queens and Nassau County. Admissions is hosting 2 Nassau County *On-the-Spot* Admissions Days at QCC on May 6th and May 18th. In addition, Admissions is conducting a few on the spot admission days at local Nassau High Schools.
- The Office of New Student Engagement continues to offer critical pre-enrollment assistance and opportunities for engagement, in coordination with Admissions and Advisement. This Spring, a total of 16 Strategy and Resource Sessions are available to students to help acclimate and prepare them for the CUNY Placement exams. Twelve (12) New Student and Family Welcome are also being offered to newly admitted students and their families to highlight the benefits of attending QCC, answer questions about enrollment and encourage early financial aid application. A new student orientation is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 19th.

Academic Advisement

- New Student Advisement and Registration began on April 11th across all Academies and in special programs such as ASAP and College Discovery. Registration-ready students are being invited to advisement through Hobsons. Extra appointments were opened during NYC public school spring break and early and personalized outreach to newly admitted students is being conducted in coordination with Admissions, New Student Engagement, and the Office of Testing.

Faculty/Staff Honors and Accomplishments

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to announce the recipients of several recent grant opportunities through CUNY and QCC. These include the following:

Community College Research Grant – Track 3 – Summer Collaborative Research Opportunity

Dr. Naydu Carmona
 Dr. Sharon Lall-Ramnarine
 Dr. Areti Tsimounis

America’s Promise Grant

Jeffrey Chen

QCC Academic Promise Grant

Dr. Wendy Ford
 Professor Leslie Ward
 Dr. Mangala Tawde
 Professor Kebedech Tekleab

PSC CUNY Cycle 48 Awardees

Dr. Leah Anderst	Dr. Raul Armendariz	Dr. Aliza Atik
Dr. Jill Bellovary	Dr. Derek Bruzewicz	Dr. Johannes Burgers
Prof. Javier Cambre	Prof. Alisa Cercone	Prof. Alison Cimino
Prof. Annemarie Coffey	Dr. Sunil Dehipawala	Dr. Wilma Fletcher-Anthony
Dr. Robin Ford	Prof. Aviva Geismar	Prpf. Kenneth Golden
Dr. Urszula Golebiewska	Dr. Larisa Honey	Dr. Sara Danzi-Engoron (Co-PI)
Dr. Chukwudi Ikwueze	Dr. Sasan Karimi	Prof. Mi-Seon Kim
Dr. Carolyn King	Prof. Susan Lago	Dr. Sharon Lall-Ramnarine
Prof. Raymond Lam	Mr. Michael Lawrence (Co-PI)	Dr. Wenjian Liu
Dr. Nicole Lopez-Jantzen	Prof. Manuel Martinez	Dr. Azita Mayeli
Prof. Georgia McGill	Dr. Vartan Messier	Dr. Anthony Monahan
Dr. David Pham	Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa	Dr. Angela Ridinger-Dotterman
Dr. Christopher Roblodowski	Dr. Julia Rothenberg	Dr. David Sarno
Dr. Dugwon Seo	Dr. Jun Shin	Dr. Paul Sideris
Dr. Nathaniel Sullivan	Dr. Rex Taibu	Dr. James Timbilla
Dr. Elizabeth Toohey	Dr. Amy Traver	Dr. Agnieszka Tuszynska
Dr. Jodi Van Der Horn-Gibson	Dr. Gilmar Visoni	Dr. Biao Wang
Prof. Irvin Weathersby	Dr. Sujun Wei	Prof. Susan Wengler
Dr. Fei Ye	Dr. Tanya Zhelezcheva	

Student Honors

- 15 QCC students have returned from their study abroad trip as part of the 2017 Global Citizenship Alliance Program Study Abroad Trip to Salzburg, Austria Global Seminar Study Abroad Program. I wish to thank faculty advisors Dr. Meghmala Tarafdar and Dr. Steven Dalhke for accompanying the students on their excursion.

- As a result of a most successful student election, it gives me great pleasure to announce the following students have been elected as members on the Executive Board for the Student Government Association for the 2017-2018 academic year:
 - **SGA President** - Ms. Mabely Salvador
 - **Executive Vice President** – Ms. Sarah Aguirre
 - **Administrative Vice President** – Ms. Jennice Chance
 - **Programming Vice President** – Mr. Michael Fischbach
 - **Treasurer** – Ms. Gui Wen “Sibyl” Xie
 - **Vice President for Part-Time Students** – Ms. Kareshma Khamraj
 - **Vice President for Evening Students** – Mr. Jhostyn Gallardo
 - **Judicial Committee** – Ms. Haifa Alshamam
 - **Student Senator** – Ms. Haifa Alshamam
 - **Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee** – Mr. Joseph Johnson, Mr. Mohammad Hanif, & Ms. Haifa Alshamam

- QCC student Mr. Tao Hong has been selected as one of just 55 outstanding community college students from around the nation to receive the prestigious 2017 Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship, worth up to \$40,000 per year, is intended to cover a significant share of a student’s educational expenses including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor’s degree. Mr. Hong was also named as a recipient of the 2017 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the most prestigious undergraduate award in the sciences. The two-year Goldwater scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Congratulations to Mr. Hong on these tremendous academic honor.

- Queensborough student Ms. Nathania Fields won the third place prize in the poetry category in the CUNY Labor Arts Contest - Making Work Visible. For her work, Ms. Fields was awarded \$250 at the reception on Wednesday, April 19th at Brooklyn College’s Graduate Center for Worker Education. The CUNY Labor Arts Contest aims to expand student engagement with the under-appreciated history of work and workers in this country, and to re-vitalize the study of labor history at CUNY. Congratulations to Ms. Fields on her winning entry.

- Mr. Farbod Hadizadeh Moghadam, SGA President, and Mr. Haris Khan, SGA Programming Vice President have been selected as honorees for CUNY Vice Chancellor’s Excellence in Leadership Award. Both students have displayed outstanding leadership in service to the College, community, and the University through scholastic and services-related activities during the academic year and as such, will be acknowledged by Mr. Christopher Rosa, Interim CUNY Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, during the award ceremony which will be held at the Great Hall of The City College of New York on Friday, May 12th.

Opportunities/Resources for Student

- The QCC Counseling Center now provides 24/7 emergency services through our after-hours service provider, ProtoCall. If you have an emergency outside of the Counseling Center hours, please call ProtoCall at 855-582-6069 to speak with a licensed mental health professional.
- The **CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship** is currently available for interested students to apply. The scholarship awards \$1,000 to an individual qualified undergraduate student that is currently enrolled at any CUNY college, Asian or non-Asian, who has demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in areas such as health, education, culture, media and advocacy. Additional information on this scholarship can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/>. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2017.
- QCC's Lambda Sigma Chapter of the **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** is accepting new membership for the Spring 2017 semester. Membership in the honor society provides opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders by way of networking, scholarships, job skills, leadership, community-building, and mentorship. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and the application deadline date, can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk.
- Faculty and staff are asked to encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**, located in the Library Building, Room 432-A. Services provided include (but are not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, and more. Additional information can be found on their website at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.
- The **Finch Foundation Scholarship** is still available for eligible students to apply. The \$5000 scholarship is available to female community college students over the age of 22 attending college in the state of New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut. Additional information can be found at <http://finchcollege.org/newscholarships.html>. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2017.
- The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation awarded QCC a three-year grant, of up to \$100,000 per year, for three years, to provide one-time, emergency grants to students in good standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to remain in school, rather than being forced to leave or drop out. The college successfully awarded \$300,000 to Queensborough students in need as of December 31, 2016, and the college's grant has been renewed effective January 1, 2017 for \$100,000 per year, for three years. Ms. Veronica Lukas, Executive Director of Student Financial Services, will be sending periodic e-mail reminders to the college community outlining the grant eligibility and encouraging faculty and staff to refer students to apply. Ms. Karen O'Sullivan, Associate Director of Student Financial Services, will serve as the Grants Manager for this campus initiative. Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to Ms. O'Sullivan

at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.

- The **2017-2018 Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is currently available on-line for students and families to begin the application process. Although the priority filing deadline was March 15th, please encourage students who haven't already completed it to do so as soon as possible to ensure timely processing and disbursement of their financial aid award packages for the upcoming 2017-2018 academic year.
- **STEM Waiver-Summer Session I & II:** To date, 1,762 applications have been submitted. Currently 753 applications have been approved (186 denied) representing 2,410 credits. Of this amount 602 were STEM courses representing 1,998 STEM credits. The remaining applications are being reviewed. To date, the dollar amount spent for the above approved applications total \$ 506,100. Applications began being accepted on March 31st, but no submissions were accepted after April 7th due to limited funding. Due to the Mayor's office extending the program the STEM waiver program will be available in winter session 2018 and summer session 2018.
- **Milestone Scholarship –summer 2017:** A total of 371 students were identified as candidates who qualify for the Milestone Scholarship. Students were contacted by letters sent to their home as well as Tigermail. Lists of student names were sent to all Academies for advisers to contact the students to inform them of this opportunity. To date we received 18 applications. All applications must be submitted by May 12, 2017.

General Education Task Force

Both the Fall 2016 General Education Assessment Report and the revised Information Management rubric are posted on the General Education Task Force webpage, at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/assessment/geatf.html>. The Task Force is writing a cumulative report on its work from June 2014 through May 2017, which will be presented to the Academic Senate, for the September 2017 meeting. The revised General Education Outcomes, approved by the Senate in December 2016, are incorporated in the Academic Program Outcomes for all degree and certificate programs, currently being reviewed and revised for posting on the College website. The Task Force is preparing rubrics to assist pilot assessment of the three disciplinary outcomes during 2017-18 (5. A. history or the social sciences, 5.B natural and physical sciences, and 5.C. humanities and the arts). Artifact collection for the Spring 2017 assessment of the first four General Education Outcomes is underway, with forty-three faculty members, from fourteen academic departments, participating. Faculty will score the student artifacts during the first two weeks in June.

Middle States

The self-study process has begun at Queensborough. The college's Middle States liaison and a vice president of the Middle States Commission, Dr. Heather Perfetti, visited the campus on May 4 and spoke at a campus-wide forum in LB14 about the new Middle States standards

and processes in the self-study that the college will undergo over the next two years. Dr. Perfetti also met with the president, department chairs, students, and the self-study steering committee. The committee is working on the self-study design, the blueprint that will guide the self-study process. Dr. Perfetti's visit provided an opportunity for her to offer guidance and feedback for the design. Work on the self-study chapters will begin formally in fall 2017. The working groups that will develop the self-study chapters have been formed. The response from the campus community to the call for volunteers to serve on a working group was very strong—over 90 of the faculty and staff signed up to participate. The self-study steering committee, consisting of the three executive co-chairs, the working group co-chairs, the dean for academic affairs, the vice president for marketing and communication, and the director of institutional research, met for the first time on April 19, and there will be a general meeting of all steering committee and working group members before the end of the semester.

FY 18 Budget Update

QCC's annual Resource Planning & Allocation Process for FY 18 is well underway. Each academic department and administrative division was provided with historical information and templates to assist in preparing budget requests for the coming academic year. This process is designed to ensure our resources support our highest priorities, as reflected in the Strategic Plan developed by the College Advisory Planning Committee. Through the respective Vice President, each department has submitted budget request proposals for new funding related to strategic priorities and operational needs. These proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by the Cabinet. The Budget Subcommittee of the Faculty P&B Committee and the Academic Senate Committee on Budget Advisement will be consulted for their funding recommendations prior to our final expenditure plan for FY 18.

BTECH Update

Ninth and tenth grade BTECH students are continuing their preparation for college courses with the application of the Indicators of Student Readiness (ISRs) developmental model. Several faculty members from the English, Chemistry, Math, Speech, Engineering Technology and Business departments met with BTECH high school teachers to define the indicators in each of their disciplines. Present was the NYSED P-Tech (six year/industry partner model) who came to observe the process in action and to discuss the implementation with our faculty lead, Wendy Ford, the high school teachers, and the Principal. BTECH students will also attend a collection of exciting events at SAP's NYC location at Hudson Yards. ET Lecturer, Michael Lawrence, will speak at the SAP NextGen celebration of the opening of the office on April 27th.

Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)

- In April, a committee of faculty and staff reviewed proposals submitted for the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning's Pedagogical Research Challenge Awards. The following faculty members received funding for their pedagogical projects: Tina Bayer & Shenaz Georgilis; Susan Wengler; Jodi Van Der Horn-Gibson & Ashlie Klepper; and Anuradha Srivastava, Alisa Cercone, Urszula Golebiewska, & Susan Lago.

- Over the course of the last month, CETL also conducted a successful series of Faculty Focus groups to corroborate our local definition of ASL as well other key elements of our evolving Academic Service-Learning program. Thanks to Dr. Henry Davis for his thoughtful coordination and facilitation of these groups.

Notable College Events Held

- Overall, the **2017 Partners Gala** was a huge fundraising success. It is Queensborough's major fundraising event of the year and all funds raised benefit our students and our programs. We broke our record of ticket sales this year with 490 tickets sold as of April 21, 2017, including a record sale of 141 tickets to our internal campus community.
- The *Asian Cultural Festival* took place on **Wednesday, May 3rd in the Student Union Lounge**. At the event, attendees were immersed into the art Asian culture which will include performances featuring Chinese Instrumental Music, Chinese Folk Dances, Indian Dances, Korean Folk Dance and a Martial Arts Demonstration. In addition, there was Chinese and Korean cuisine for all at the event to experience.
- In conjunction with the Asian Arts Festival, "**Harry Lum Day**" was held on **Wednesday, May 3rd between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Thanks to the generosity of Professor Emeritus Jackson Lum and his wife, Muriel Lum, Queensborough Community College has established the tradition of declaring one day each semester as "**Harry Lum Day**", in honor of Jackson's father. On this day, students receive complimentary desserts in tribute to Harry's culinary skills and in recognition of Jackson and Muriel's support of higher education. Harry worked in the kitchen at Queensborough and took a great deal of pride in preparing food, particularly desserts.
- The Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its *PTK Induction Ceremony* on **Monday, May 8th at 6:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge**. At the ceremony, over 100 QCC students who joined the honor society during the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters were officially "inducted" into a collective of bright thinkers and academic scholars who are committed to academic excellence.

Upcoming Events

- The *CSTEP Awards Ceremony* will take place on **Wednesday, May 10th at 12:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge**. At the ceremony, the CSTEP Program recognize their students for their academic achievements as well as research, internship, and community service participation during the academic year.
- The College Discovery Program will hold its Award Ceremony on **Wednesday, May 10th at 11:45 am in the Oakland Dining Room**. The ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the students enrolled in the program. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception will take place.
- **KHC Cinema Series this Spring** has included screenings of various films pertaining to the Holocaust, Genocide, and human rights. You are invited to attend the final screening

of the Spring 2017 semester for **Woman in Gold (2015)** on **Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** This film chronicles the famous lawsuit to recover renowned artist Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer," which was seized by the Nazis during World War II.

- The Department of Art and Design's ninth annual **Juried Student Exhibition** will be featured at the **QCC Art Gallery** from **Thursday, May 11th through Friday, June 30th**. This exhibit features select works from Queensborough Community College's students who are majoring in various art and design mediums.
- The KHC's final event of the semester will be **the Spring 2017 Fellowship Showcase**, which will take place on **Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** Join us as we celebrate the work of students in KHC Fellowships. This semester, the Center offered: *Asian Social Justice - World War II in Asia*, and a new dialogue fellowship in collaboration with The Center for Ethnic for Racial & Religious Understanding (CERRU) at Queens College. Fellows will present their experiences on learning each respective topic and interviewing survivors and representatives of local social organizations.
- **The Children's Book Club and Performance Series** was created as a way to enhance in-school literary and curriculum programs while providing cultural and artistic opportunities to elementary and middle school students. **On Monday, May 15th**, live on our QCC stage at **10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.** will be **Lizard of Oz – Bugs & Balloons**. **Bubble Magic** will be performed on **Friday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.** QPAC is committed to providing the community with the services and resources they deserve while continuing to make sure that more individuals, families and children discover the benefits from making the arts a central part of their lives.
- **On Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m.**, QPAC and the Astoria Symphony Orchestra team up to celebrate the music composed for the big screen with live stage performances in **Lights, Camera, Music!** At this QPAC fundraiser, you will enjoy great American cinema like never before with the scores from some of the most notorious feature films of our time performed live. Video clips of some of the biggest movies in Hollywood history will be projected overhead. People of all ages can enjoy these beloved films in a whole new way – with thrilling scores that fill the concert hall!
- The **56th Annual Recognition Dinner** is planned for **Wednesday, May 31st from 6:00 – 11:00 pm at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck, NY**. This by invitation only formal event honors the outstanding student leaders of the 2016-17 academic year. Students and organizations will be recognized for the activities during the awards ceremony, which will be followed by dinner and dancing.
- Queensborough's 56th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday morning, **June 2, 2017**. This year, our grand marshal is Professor Georgia McGill. The academic procession will be led by Dr. Regina Rochford (Faculty Marshal) and Mr. Joseph Labozzetta (HEO marshal). Professor James Nichols will lead the AA candidates, Dr. James Timbilla will lead the AS candidates, and Professor Carol Soto will lead the AAS

candidates. Faculty members and HEOs are encouraged to participate in this event, which is so very meaningful to our graduates and their families.

- At the **QCC Art Gallery, Rewoven: Innovative Fiber Art** will continue to be on exhibit until Sunday, June 17, 2017. This exhibit is an international collaboration between the QCC Art Gallery, the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts in Taiwan, and the Godwin Ternbach Museum at Queens College. This exhibit presents twenty-four Taiwanese artists whose extraordinary creativity and commitment to nature and environmental issues are addressed in a convergence of painted, woven, assembled and site specific installation works. This exhibition is curated by Tseng Fangling, Luchia Meihua Lee, Amy Winter and Faustino Quintanilla.
- George Rini's **Dance with Me** exhibit will run through **Friday, June 30th**. From an early age, art has been one of George Rini's passions in life. Throughout the years, Rini developed and honed his artistic creativity through personal life experiences. He will continue to nurture his art which gives him joy and fulfillment.
- At the **Kupferberg Holocaust Center, The Jacket from Dachau: One Survivor's Search for Justice, Identity, and Home** will continue to be on view **through June 2017**. This original exhibition tells the story of Holocaust survival, chance encounters, and how a single artifact can weave a narrative of justice, identity, and a search for home. The exhibit was co-curated by Cary Lane, Ph.D., the KHRCA 2016-2017 Curator-in-Residence and assistant professor of English at Queensborough Community College. Please contact the Center to arrange a tour of the exhibit for your classes.