



**President's Report to the Academic Senate  
November 13, 2018**

**ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

- The Office of Admissions hosted a successful Open House on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and welcomed over 300 students and their families to campus. Guests had the opportunity to meet with faculty, tour the campus, and attend presentations on the Academies and Paying for College. The Admissions staff is busy recruiting for Spring 2019 and are attending college fairs, private visits and networking with counselors to share the benefits of attending QCC. On Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Admissions admitted the first batch of students through the new full admissions process. Acceptance emails were sent and students were able to accept the College's offer via self-service in CUNYfirst.
- Continuing student registration for Winter/Spring 2019 is well underway and outreach is being conducted through the Academies and the special programs. Technology, such as Starfish, is being leveraged to focus on students who are off track and/or struggling academically. Advisement & registration appointments for new students began on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **New Personnel**

The Division of Student Affairs welcomes Ms. Tikola Russell, our newly appointed Assistant Dean for Student Development/Conduct. Ms. Russell joins Queensborough with over six years of student conduct experience, and succeeds Dr. Brian Kerr, who has been appointed Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. With a passion for promoting positive student conduct, Ms. Russell endorses the power of honest and thoughtful conversations with students, sharing her belief that mistakes do not define an individual, instead serves as a catalyst for positive change and growth. She is excited to join QCC and looks forward to engaging with the college community, working closely with faculty and staff to assist in the development of all our students, and forming productive relationships with our campus partners. Please welcome Ms. Russell to Queensborough!

**Student Honors** - The University Student Senate has announced its recipients of the 2018 University Student Senate Scholarships and five (5) Queensborough students are among the winners. Ms. Asheiska Reid and Ms. Nardia Mohsin have been selected as recipients of the Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship and will receive up to \$1500 each.

Ms. Tobore Edeme and Ms. Zhenyi Wang have been selected as recipients of the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarship for International Students and will receive up to \$1000 each. Lastly, Ms. Vivian Higuita has been selected as the sole recipient of the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarship for Students with Disabilities and will also receive up to \$1000. Congratulations to these exemplary students on this academic achievement!

## STUDENT RESOURCES

- 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 432A. Services provided include (but not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, food bank, housing assistance and more. Additional information can be found online at [QCC Single Stop Services](#).
- Emergency funding is available to students who face a financial crisis that puts at risk their continued enrollment toward their QCC degree. Supported through a grant from The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, the funds 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. 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. Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to Ms. Karen O'Sullivan, Associate Director of Financial Services, via e-mail at [KO Sullivan@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:KO Sullivan@qcc.cuny.edu) or Ms. Amawati Gonesh, Single Stop Administrator, via e-mail at [AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu). Additional information can be found online at [QCC Scholarships](#).
- ***The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship*** is now open and accepting applications from prospective eligible students. This scholarship awards up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees, for the final two to three years necessary to complete their baccalaureate program. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, November 27, 2018**. For additional information, please visit [The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Website](#).
- The Women's Forum of New York is accepting applications from eligible female students for the ***2019 Women's Forum Education Award***. The award, worth \$10,000, goes directly to the recipient for whatever needs loom largest for her, whether tuition, childcare, medical bills, elder care, transportation, housing, or any other priority. The 2018 application deadline **Friday, November 16, 2018**. For additional information, please visit [The Women's Forum Education Award Website](#).

- CUNY continues its partnership with *The Dream. US Scholarship Program* to assist undocumented students in obtaining scholarships. The Dream.US Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to highly motivated undocumented students who entered the United States as minors under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or Temporary Protect Status (TPS), and who, without financial assistance, cannot afford a college education. All funding is provided by private donations to The Dream.US organization. Scholarships are available to currently enrolled high school students and community college students who will be completing their degrees by the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. The annual application period to award scholarships for the Fall 2019 cohort opened on November 1, 2018 and the deadline is **February 28, 2019**. Please refer students to apply at [The Dream US Scholarship Program Website](#).
- The *SMART Scholarship (Science, Math and Research for Transformation)* is still accepting applications from eligible students. This scholarship is an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in STEM disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed by the Department of Defense upon degree completion. The deadline to apply is **Friday, December 1, 2018**. For additional information, please visit [The SMART Scholarship Website](#).
- The *Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund* is now available for eligible students to apply. The award shall consist of the yearly undergraduate tuition for in-state students as set by the university. The deadline to apply is **January 18, 2019**. For additional information, including eligibility requirements and scholarship application, please visit [The City Tech Belle Zelle Scholarship Website](#).

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- **Middle States Self-Study Update**

This is the semester for review and comment on the self-study report draft and preparation for the Middle States evaluation team site visit. The report draft was distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions and may be accessed on the Middle States accreditation [webpage](#). Open forums will be held this semester to review and discuss the report and to place it in the context of Middle States standards and the College's mission and goals. The next open forum is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 14, at 10:00 a.m. in S-111**. The report is due to Middle States in February 2019. The evaluation team members, who arrive on Sunday, March 24, 2019, and leave campus on Wednesday, March 27, are here to find evidence to corroborate what they have read in the report. This is an extremely significant accreditation event for the college, one that will happen only once every eight years, and it requires the efforts and support of everyone.

- **QCC Athletics**

The women's volleyball team are the 2018 CUNYAC Champions, Region XV Champions, and District G Champions, earning the automatic qualifying bid for the NJCAA National Championships in Rochester, Minnesota. Sophomore Paola Beniquez, Outside Hitter for the women's volleyball team, won CUNYAC athlete of the week for six out of six weeks, and won CUNYAC Player of the Year, Region XV Player of the Year and Region XV Tournament MVP honors. Additional honors go to Freshman Ashly Saladin, CUNYAC Rookie of the Year and three Rookie of the Week honors. Sophomore Maria Veliz Thol was also named Region XV Setter of the Year, while Sophomore Angie Nicholes was named CUNYAC Tournament MVP.

The men's soccer team are the 2018 CUNYAC Champions after upsetting the #1 seeded and the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the country for the title (BMCC). Freshman Luis Flores was the MVP of the CUNYAC Men's Soccer Championship game that we won.

- **Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)**

CETL and the Office of Educational Technology (OET) continue to offer a full menu of professional development opportunities and are available for individual consultations regarding your instructional practice, scholarship, and use of educational technology. In the coming month, please look for announcements and information on HIP-specific CETL sessions to discuss best practices. Please see the CETL and OET pages of our college web site for their full calendar of events and contact information.

## **PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Continuing Education is offering the following classes to the Hempstead School District: HSE Prep (in two separate formats, aimed at the ESL and native English speaking student population at risk of not graduating) and in conversational Spanish (for the Hempstead community at large, to improve their employability)
- Continuing Education is participating in the Skills to Succeed Academy partnership between CUNY and Accenture, with a goal to support 120 students during the academic year through the use of web-based tools, designed to enhance their readiness for employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- BTECH – September through November 2018

Work Based Learning:

- Information Technology Career Pathway students were selected to the NYC Media Lab hosted by NYU.
- Two BTECH students were selected out of eleven 9-14 year students in NYC to earn an Apprenticeship with Bloomberg Philanthropies.
- WBL team hosted an NYC EMT Career Exploration Recruitment Event for the Senior class during College week.
- BTECH hosted its first "2044 Website Challenge Event" alongside QCC Coding President Mr. Ivan Martinez.
- WBL team hosted its first Leaders who Lunch with a small group of students.
- First SAP Site Visit for 30 freshmen in November
- Innovation Challenge Ceremony (2 BTECH Juniors participated; the only females in the challenge)

### **Grants Awarded September 27, 2018 through November 2, 2018**

- New York City Health and Hospitals: \$42,700, Jeff Chen, H+H Workforce Training: Managed Long -Term Care (MLTC)
- New York City Health and Hospitals: \$97,154, Jeff Chen, H+H Workforce Training: CREP Peer Support
- Conrad Hilton Foundation: \$17,000, Alexandra Pyak, Hilton Foundation Fellowship Queensborough Community College

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The *SGA Multicultural Festival* will take place on *Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>* at 12:10 pm in the Student Union Lounge. The event will showcase the broad culture and diversity of the college by way of music, dance performances and international food. All QCC students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.’
- The Office of Health Services will host the annual *World AIDS Day Health Fair* on *Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>* at 11:00 am in the Student Union Lounge. This health fair will provide free health screening, tabling, counseling, health insurance, meditation, dental, eye care, massage therapy for stress reduction and much more.
- Queensborough is participating in **#CUNYTUESDAY** on **November 27<sup>th</sup>**, a 24-hour giving challenge to raise \$1 million for CUNY’s students and programs. Last year Queensborough placed second on the CUNY Leaderboard for the total number of gifts. 290 Queensborough donors raised \$9,346 to support student success. This year we have doubled our goal to \$20,000! Please visit [The CUNY Tuesdays Website](#). You may restrict your gift on CUNY Tuesday to any existing account within the QCC Fund, Inc. If you pay by check to **QCC Fund, Inc.**, write the name of the account in the memo line, e.g. QCC Food Pantry. You can also pay by credit card or go online at [The QCC giving Website](#) and select the name of the account from the dropdown menu.
- **Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) workshops**

The next RCR workshops is scheduled on **December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 3 pm to 4 pm**, at CETL lab (L313). QCC students and faculty who are involved in a research project on campus are required to (1) complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) CITI online training and (2) participate in an in-person RCR workshop within six weeks of starting the project.

### **Kupferberg Holocaust Center**

- The current originally research exhibit on view at the **Kupferberg Holocaust Center (KHC)** is ***Conspiracy of Goodness: How French Protestants Rescued Thousands of Jews during WWII***. This display presents the story of how an isolated Huguenot community in the Haute-Loire region saved approximately 3,500 Jews from Nazi Germany and the soldiers of Vichy France. Villagers of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and the surrounding villages joined together to conceal, rescue, and provide false documentation for Jews and French Resistance fighters at great risk to their own lives. This exhibit has special meaning as one of the longtime volunteers in the Kupferberg Holocaust Center lived in this town.
- As part of the **KHC 2018-2019 Cinema Series**, the Center will be showing the film ***My Knees Were Jumping: Remembering the Kindertransports*** on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** Filmmaker Melissa Hacker's mother, Ruth Morley, was one of the over 10,000 children saved in the Kindertransport movement during the Holocaust. On the eve of World War II as millions of Jews were seeking refuge from Nazi persecution, country after country turned its back with the exception of Great Britain who opened its doors to a number of Jewish children in danger. Narrated by Joanne Woodward, ***My Knees Were Jumping*** weaves personal first-hand accounts with extraordinary archival footage to reveal the incredible impact of the Kindertransports. A discussion with the director and producer of the film, Melissa Hacker, will follow.
- The **KHC/NEH Colloquium Series for 2018-2019** is entitled - ***Survivance on Turtle Island: Engaging with Native American Cultural Survival, Resistance and Allyship***, is led by the **KHC 2018-2019 Curator-in-Residence, Kat Griefen, who is from the Department of Art & Design**. The fifth event in the series, ***The Politics of Language: Revival of Hebrew in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Modern Revitalization Efforts of Indigenous Languages***, will be held on **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** Former KHC Curatorial Fellow, Sofia Lago will discuss the politics of language and identity in the context of the Hebrew language's successful revival and the efforts to revive indigenous languages in the Americas.
- The KHC will remember the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kindertransports with the event entitled, ***The Kindertransport: 80 Years Later***. Following the violent demonstrations during Kristallnacht, many organizations worked to bring Jewish child refugees into Great Britain through the movement known as the Kindertransport. **On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.**, the KHC will host a panel of survivors who will speak

about their experiences as children of the Kindertransports, including Anita Weisbord, Manfred Korman, Ellen Zilka, and Hannah Deutch. As part of the commemoration, **The Astoria Music Project** will perform musical interludes based on the theme of “Refugees,” exploring the music of composers who have made America their home, with emphasis on what it means to leave your homeland behind and start anew. **This event is part of the Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series.**

### **Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)**

- **Sunday, November 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.**

***Mystic India: A Bollywood Dance Spectacular!***

This internationally-acclaimed Bollywood dance spectacular tells the story of ancient India’s transition into modern India, through a series of dance performances. The extravagant showcase features a mix of traditional dance, as well as modern song-dance “Bollywood” routines, a term derived from the blending of the names of two cities: Bombay (now Mumbai), and Hollywood, the center of the American film industry. The dances represent the experiences of Indian-Americans who have found a delicate balance in fusing Indian classical and folk dance with Western disciplines. Having received international acclaim worldwide, ***Mystic India*** is an explosion of colors and energy and a stunning visual display that fuses dance, theater, and spectacular special effects. This production has sold out venues throughout four continents, and has been seen by over 300,000 audience members in the past year alone. ***Mystic India: The World Tour*** was voted “The Must-See Show of the Season” by City and Shore magazine. \$48, \$42, \$35

- **Friday, November 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.**

***A Christmas Carol – A QPAC Tradition!***

Back by popular demand, all the splendor, magic and joy of the holiday season is here! It’s the North Country Center for the Arts’ National Touring Company production of Charles Dicken’s classic tale ***A Christmas Carol***. Bursting on stage in spectacular fashion, this fabulous Christmas gift of a show is overflowing with music, laughter, a couple of really scary ghosts and one extremely grumpy old man. Celebrate the true spirit of Christmas with this brand new, original production filled with haunting special effects and heartfelt sentiments. \$40, \$35 (50% of the purchase price will be donated to the QCC Fund, Inc. to benefit QPAC).

- **THE SHOWROOM at QPAC**  
**Saturday, December 8, 2018, 8:00 p.m.**

***Saturday Night Stand-Up with Mike Marino, Richie Byrne and Gary DeLena***

This is an exciting mix of today’s funniest comedians! **Mike Marino**, known as New Jersey’s bad boy, has appeared in over 200 national television commercials. His stand-up material ranges from cutting edge observations to his Italian family roots. His credits include appearances on *The Tonight Show* and on Byron Allen’s *Comics Unleashed*, which earned him over 7 million views (and counting). **Richie Byrne** is the warm-up

comic for *The Dr. Oz Show*. He is an accomplished actor & singer with TV credits that include *Sex & the City*, *The Sopranos* and *Law & Order*. He stars in his own musical variety series, *The Richie Byrne Show*, which can be seen at the *Gotham Comedy Club* in N.Y. **Gary DeLena** is a singing impressionist, an accomplished musician and one of the funniest comedians to play *Catch a Rising Star*, *The Comic Strip*, *The Comedy Cellar*, *Carolines*, *The Laugh Factory*, and others. A regular at *The Borgota* in Atlantic City, DeLena will have you cheering his parodies of rock songs and pop singers. Non-stop laughter with limited seating. \$50 All Seats