



President's Report to the Academic Senate

November 14, 2017

Enrollment Management

- Staff from the Office of Admissions are “on the road,” visiting local high schools in order to share the many benefits and opportunities available at QCC. We have already received the first few phases of newly admitted freshmen and transfers from the University.
- Continuing Student Registration for Winter/Spring 2017 began on November 5th. Targeted personal 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 will begin on Tuesday, December 5th.
- The Office of Admissions hosted a successful Open House on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Approximately 450 prospective students, along with their families and guests, met with faculty, toured the campus, and attended presentations on the Academies and Paying for College. A record number (113) of faculty, students, and staff participated in the Open House.
- The Office of New Student Engagement will offer New Student and Family Welcome sessions on November 7th, November 28th, and December 6th. Additional sessions will take place in January 2018 (dates TBA). In collaboration with key offices across campus, such as Admissions, Financial Aid and Testing, each Welcome session provides accepted students and their family members with information on academic programs, wrap around services and student support resources available to our students as well as support for the steps in the enrollment process. Test orientation workshops will be offered to students before they take the CUNY Assessment Test. The test orientation workshop was designed by the University to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the placement exams before taking the exam.

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 are 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 www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop.

- The Lambda Sigma Chapter of the ***Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society*** is still accepting application from eligible students. As a member of this organization, students will have an opportunity to apply for prestigious transfer scholarships and participate in college-sponsored activities as well as regional events that can bring them together with other PTK students, graduates, and faculty. The deadline to join is Wednesday, December 20, 2017. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk/>.
- 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. Amawati Gonesh, Single Stop Administrator, via e-mail at AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu. Additional information can be found online at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.
- The ***New York State Excelsior Tuition-Free Scholarship*** application is now available to eligible students for the upcoming Spring 2018 semester. Students who are currently receiving the scholarship for the Fall 2017 semester do not need to complete the Spring 2018 application. Also, the scholarship is considered a “last dollar award” so, students receiving TAP, Pell and other scholarships and grants which covers tuition will not be eligible. The deadline to apply is Monday, December 4, 2017. For more information, including eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior/>.
- The Women’s Forum of New York is still accepting applications from eligible female students for the ***2018 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, December 1, 2017. For additional information, please visit <http://womensforumny.org/index.cfm/edfund/2018-education-fund-award-application1/>.
- 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, 2017. For additional information, please visit <https://smart.asee.org/>.

- 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 Saturday, December 23, 2017. For additional information, including eligibility requirements and scholarship application, please visit <http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/bzmaterials/docs/Application-Undergraduate.pdf>.
- 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 2017 - 2018 academic year. The annual application period to award scholarships for the Fall 2018 cohort opened on November 1, 2017. Please refer students to apply at <http://www.thedream.us>.
- The application deadline for the ***2017 Global Citizenship Alliance (GCA) Study Abroad Program*** is rapidly approaching. Queensborough Community College (QCC) will be offering a **free** one-week study abroad program during spring recess (April 1-8, 2018) in Salzburg, Austria for sixteen (16) selected students. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 10, 2017. For complete details, including eligibility requirements, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/isa/Salzburg-elig.html>.
- The ***2018 David A. Garfinkel Essay Contest*** for CUNY Community College Students is now open and accepting submissions. This year's theme is "***Stolen Art: From The Holocaust To The Present - Role of The Courts in Restoring Cultural Objects to their Rightful Owners!***" Students are asked to choose from a list of three (3) topics and answer a set of questions in essay format based on the selected topic. The final deadline for submissions is midnight on Monday, April 2, 2018. For full contest details, please visit www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel-rules.html. The College has been fortunate to produce several winners of this contest in the past so, please encourage students to submit their essays in a timely fashion.

Student Honors/Accomplishments

- The women's volleyball team are the 2017 Region XV Champions, earning the automatic qualifying bid for the NJCAA National Championships in Rochester, Minnesota. Ms. Paola Beniquez, Outside Hitter for the women's volleyball team, won CUNYAC athlete of the week for five out of six weeks, and won CUNYAC Tournament Most Valued Player, along with Player of the Year honors. Additional honors go to Ms. Angela Acevedo, CUNYAC Rookie of the Year and two Rookie of the Week honors. Ms. Joelle Desrosiers won Athlete of the

Month for September 2017 and made All-Tournament team. Ms. Gisselle Plasencia and Ms. Maria Veliz Thol were also named Rookie of the Week by CUNYAC during the season.

- Dance student Ms. Alicia Raquel was selected by Professor Emily Berry, Dance Coordinator, in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Dance, to choreograph a duet dance piece for the prestigious *Opera & Dance Gala* at the St. Demetrios Cathedral Petros Patrides Cultural Center, in Queens.

Faculty Honors/Awards/Grants

- Nominations and supporting materials for the Faculty Excellence Awards are due Friday, December 8, 2017, to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Timothy Lynch, Principle Investigator, with six major effort directors, Assistant Dean Jeffrey Chen, Professor Kathleen Villani, Professor Georgina Colalillo, Dr. Isabella Lizzul, Professor Ernest Jackson, and Professor Hamid Namdar, received a grant in the amount of \$946,879 from the New York State Education Department Perkins IV.
- Mr. Jeffrey Chen, Assistant Dean, in the Department of Pre-College, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development, received a grant in the amount of \$226,704 from the New York City Small Business Services Administration and will serve as Principle Investigator for the Certified Recovery Peer Advocate Training Program (CRPA).
- Dr. Kathleen Wentrack, Associate Professor in the Department of Art & Design, was awarded a \$300 travel award from the CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences.

Middle States

The self-study process formally launched this semester, led by the three executive co-chairs—Dr. Antonella Ansani, Dean Arthur Corradetti, and Prof. Kelly Ford. There are seven working groups, each assigned one of the seven Middle States standards and charged with developing a chapter of the self-study report. Over one hundred faculty and staff members are participating in this effort. Chapters of the self-study report will be completed by June. The completed self-study report will be distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions in fall 2018; the full self-study report is due to Middle States in February 2019; the evaluation team site visit takes place in March/early April 2019; finally, the Middle States Commission decides on the college's reaccreditation in June 2019.

BTECH

With the semester well underway, BTECH was visited by the NY State P-Tech Representative, Ms. Robin Willner, and by the Carnegie Foundation's Educational Unit eager to hear about our successes and challenges. For the first time, recruiting for the 9th grade, fall 2018 cohort, will take place on the QCC campus on November 4th.

FY 18 Budget Update

Our FY 2018 financial plan was prepared in accordance with the priorities established in the Queensborough 2018 Strategic Plan, as developed and approved by the College Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) process. Under the leadership of our Executive Director of Resource Planning & Analytics, Marc Carpentier, we've completed a budget process that established base, one-time and new recurring budget requests from all Academic and College departments. This process ensures maximum utilization of our resources in support of the QCC and CUNY strategic plans. The 2018 budget for this academic year assumes flat FTE enrollment from last year, and includes a state adopted budget increase of \$50 per FTE. This allows the College to continue to invest in our priorities of increasing the full-time faculty to student ratio, student support services and infrastructure improvements. As has been the case for the past few years, the College has been able to fully fund all FY18 departmental budget requests, with minor exception, while absorbing increases in centralized CUNY administrative charge backs to all the community colleges. The 2018 QCC budget remains stable, and includes a prudent reserve.

Upcoming Events

- ***The KHC/NEH 2017-2018 Colloquium Series, Complicity & Collaboration During the Holocaust***, is led by KHC 2017-2018 Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Azadeh Aalai, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences. The third event in the series, **Remembering the Good: Holocaust Rescue and Resistance in a French Village**, will be held on **Wednesday, November 15th** at 12:10 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Maggie Paxson, a Research Fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Dr. Paxson will discuss her research on how villagers in France hid, protected, and ultimately rescued thousands of Jews from the Nazis at great peril to their own lives. The event is made possible through the support of *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein*.
- The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is proud to sponsor the Faculty Senate Committee on eLearning's upcoming Lunch Session on incorporating Open Educational Resources. This session will be held from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 15th** in the CETL Office (Library Building – Room 313).
- The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is also excited to host an Academic Service-Learning reception for our ASL practitioners and community partners on **Thursday, November 16th** in Oakland. Please visit the CETL website at www.qcc.cuny.edu/CETL/index.html or contact Faculty Coordinator, Dr. Steven Dahlke, for additional information.
- **The Children's Book Club and Performance Series** will open on **Saturday, November 18th** at 2:00 pm with **Pinkalicious The Musical**, the wildly popular, one-hour musical based on the New York Times bestselling picture book. This is the perfect way to open the hearts and minds of children, by encouraging them to seek further, explore more, and engage themselves in the world of literature and live theatre.

- The Queensborough Performing Arts Center presents **Debby Boone: Swing This** along with thrilling swing-style arrangements played by **The Diva Jazz Orchestra** on **Sunday, November 19th** at 3:00 pm. The show features an intoxicating selection of favorite songs, influenced by Debby's childhood with her famous father – listening to Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. and sitting poolside in Vegas with Barbra Streisand.
- The **SGA Multicultural Festival** will take place on **Wednesday, November 22nd** at 12:00 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.
- Back by popular demand, **A Christmas Carol** will be presented on **Sunday, November 26th** at 3:00 pm. 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. Gather the whole family together for an amazing theatre experience you will never forget.
- **#CUNYTUESDAY** is on **Tuesday, November 28th**, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This is a national day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. To demonstrate pride in their College's giving day, the Student Government Association at Queensborough is coordinating a campus-wide blood drive in collaboration with the Health Center. In addition, students and alumni will be sharing their Queensborough stories and photos on social media on #CUNYTUESDAY. We are asking faculty and staff to please join together to support student success by making a gift on November 28th to the QCC Fund, Inc. on #CUNYTUESDAY. The link to donate is: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/cunytuesday>
- **Campus Conversation II**, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, will be held on **Wednesday, November 29th** at 4:30 pm in the Oakland Dining Room. The topic of the Campus Conversation will be focused on Title IX.
- The Office of Health Services will host the **World AIDS Day Health Fair** on **Wednesday, November 29th** at 11:00 am in the Student Union Lounge. This event, open to all students, faculty, and staff, will provide free health screening, tabling, counseling, health insurance, meditation, dental, eye care, massage therapy for stress reduction and much more.
- **The KHC Cinema Series** includes screenings of various films pertaining to the Holocaust, Genocide, and human rights. Join us this month as we screen **Incident at Vichy (2016)** on **Wednesday, November 29th** at 12:10 pm. In honor of our new exhibit, **Conspiracy of Goodness**, this adaptation of Arthur Miller's play focuses on a group of men detained in Vichy, France who were held to wait unknowingly for what turns out to be their "racial" inspection by German military officers and Vichy French police during World War II.

- **Traditional African Art: Selections from the Liren Wei Collection** will continue to be on exhibit through **Thursday, November 30th** in the QCC Art Gallery. This exhibit depicts a broad and exciting vision of traditional art in Africa. Presented in this exhibition are objects from areas as geographically diverse as the West African savanna and the forests of the Congo Basin.
- Students who anticipate they will graduate at the conclusion of the Fall 2017, Spring 2018, or Summer 2018 are invited to take their **Yearbook Pictures**. Photos will be taken beginning **Monday, December 4th through Tuesday, December 12th** in the Student Union Lower Level. Appointments can be made by calling the Office of Student Activities at 718-631-6233. Please note, there is a \$5 sitting fee for students.
- The fourth event in **The KHC/NEH 2017-2018 Colloquium Series, Incident at Vichy: A Discussion with the Actors**, will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th** at 12:10 pm. facilitated by Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Azadeh Aalai. A follow-up event to our November 29th film screening, this event will be a discussion of the impetus for revitalizing this Arthur Miller work with a panel of participants from the Signature Theatre.
- On **Friday, December 8th** at 10:00 am in the Kupferberg Holocaust Center, the Spring KHC fellows will present their experiences at Queensborough Community College's Undergraduate Research Day. Students will reflect on the work they have done over the course of the spring semester, how it impacted them, and their plans to use this knowledge in the future.
- The first **Gotta Dance, QPAC's Broadway Dance-Along Winter Workout Challenge** will be held on **Saturday, December 9th** from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Join dance professional Carmen LaRosa as she re-creates the most popular dance numbers from some of the most popular movie musicals of all time. This workshop provides a great outlet for individuals looking to have fun, while spending quality time together with exhilarating music and calorie-burning activity.
- The QCC Art Gallery's latest exhibit entitled **The Lavender Line: Coming Out in Queens** will run through **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. This exhibit illuminates the grassroots activism and ethnic diversity that are hallmarks of the Queens LGBTQ movement. Composed of photographs, flyers, video footage, and audio recollections, the exhibition illustrates the pride and protests of a community unknown to many New Yorkers. The title of the exhibit celebrates lavender not only as a symbol of the original gay liberation movement but also as the color of the line painted on the inaugural Queens Pride Parade route along 37th Avenue, from 89th Street to 75th Street.
- Also on display in the **QCC Art Gallery, Carving Life: Walrus Ivory Carvings from the Bering Sea**, will continue to run through **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. This exhibit provides an intimate perspective of Alaskan sculpture in the context of both artist and audience. The

sculpture selected focuses on the walrus ivory carvings and carvers of western Alaska from the coast and island of the Bering Sea.