



## **President's Report to the Academic Senate March 12, 2019**

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

#### **Enrollment Management Update**

- The first two recommendation files of freshmen students have been received by the Office of Admissions. With these two files, nearly 6,000 freshmen will receive notification of acceptance. The College also received the recommendation file for transfer students, which included 102 admitted transfers. The Office of New Student Engagement will host the first New Student Enrollment Day for the Fall 2018 enrollment cycle on Monday, March 25th. During the session, newly admitted students and their families will learn more about the College, including the Academies and special programs such as ASAP, College Discovery, and CUNYStart. They will also meet with staff from Admissions, Financial Aid, and Testing to assist them with steps in the enrollment process.  
Academic advisement within the Queensborough Academies began on Monday, February 25th. Hobson Retain communications have been sent out to all Academy students.

#### **Personnel Appointments**

- The Division of Student Affairs is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Chanpreet Singh as the Director of Counseling, effective Monday, March 4, 2019. Dr. Singh joins the college after having served almost ten (10) years as a Counseling Psychologist/Senior Rehabilitation Counselor for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, providing counseling services to 150+ disabled veterans of the armed forces. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, having served as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor for seven (7) years at the New York State Education Department (ACCES-VR). In addition to clinical work, Dr. Singh has taught at as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at New York University, MA Counseling Program 2003-2005; Fordham University, MA Counseling Program 2011-2012; and Capella University, BA Health Administration Program 2009-2012. Also, she is a permanent Adjunct Assistant Professor at Queens College, MA School and Mental Health Counseling Program and has taught for the program since 2009. Furthermore, she is a contributing editor to the Journal of Military and Government Counseling. Her current research interests include independent living needs of veterans with traumatic brain injury and exploring the role of resilience in the treatment of trauma among women and South East Asian minority groups. Her educational credentials include a B.A. in Psychology from

Queens College, M.A. in Neuropsychology from the CUNY Graduate Center, a second M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from New York University, and a Ph.D. in Human Services from Capella University. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Singh to the Queensborough community!

### **Student Honors/Achievements**

- Queensborough students Mr. Ronald Chan and Ms. Andrea-Maria Black have been named to the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team, in recognition of their scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments. Mr. Chan has been named to the second team and Ms. Black has been named to the first team, respectively. Both students are active members of the Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, under the tutelage of Dr. Emily Tai, Dr. Paris Svoronos, Dr. Regina Sullivan, and Dr. Joel Kuszai. Congratulations to both of these students on this academic milestone and thank you to the Phi Theta Kappa Advisory Committee for their tireless work with this student group.
- Four (4) Queensborough students have been nominated to participate in the 2019 Model New York State Senate Session Project. Ms. Carol Almonte, Ms. Kenia Bravo, Mr. Matthew DiBono, and Ms. Annalisa Gobind will participate in an intensive training program consisting of evening/weekend sessions with faculty mentors. They will learn about New York State government, representation and the legislative process. The program culminates with a trip to the State Capitol in Albany, where students debate public policy in the Senate Chamber. An added feature of the Model Senate Project is the opportunity to compete for scholarships awarded by the NYS Assembly and Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, as well as summer internships with members of the state legislature. The Model Senate Session, now in its 23rd year, is designed to provide SOMOS student participants from CUNY with a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills in a legislative/policy-making setting, emphasizing critical thinking and communication.

### **Student Resources**

- All currently enrolled students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2019 and/or Spring 2020 semesters are advised to complete the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the Priority Filing Deadline Date of April 5, 2019. Students who miss this date are encouraged to complete the FAFSA immediately. For more information, visit our [QCC Financial Aid Website](#).
- 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 440. 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 Website](#).
- The Single Stop program in collaboration with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will provide an **Assisted Self-Preparation Tax Program** this tax season. Students and their family members will complete their income tax returns with the assistance from a tax department employee. There will be three sessions held on every Wednesday,

starting on February 6<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. The sessions are slated for 10am – 12pm, 12pm – 2pm, and 3pm – 5pm and will be held in the Library Building - Room 117.

- 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](mailto:AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu). Additional information can be found online at [QCC Scholarship Website](#).
- The ***New York State Transfer and Articulation Association (NYSTAA) Scholarship*** is available for students who anticipate they will complete their degree by August 2019 and enroll in a select four-year university for Fall 2019. The deadline to apply is March 19<sup>th</sup>. For full details, visit [NYSTAA website](#).
- The ***2019 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholarship Program*** is now accepting applications. The program provides financial support to students pursuing careers in the brownfield industry in New York City. The deadline to apply is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [NYC Brownfield Partnership Website](#) for full program details.
- The ***Freya Moskowitz Stern, Laura Rollins Hockaday, and The Finch College Alumni Scholarships*** are now available for eligible students. The scholarships, worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the conclusion of spring 2019 and transfer to a four-year university for fall 2019. The deadline to apply is May 15<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, visit the [Finch College Website](#).

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Middle States Visit

- The Middle States site visit is now imminent. The evaluation team will arrive on Sunday, March 24, and leave campus by noon on Wednesday, March 27. Beginning with the chair, the evaluation team consists of:
  - Dr. Joann La Perla, Past President, Middlesex County College
  - Dr. Ira Albert, Professor of Psychology, Community College of Baltimore County
  - Ms. Karen Marie Egypt, Senior Research Analyst, Anne Arundel Community College
  - Dr. Doreen Fisher-Bammer, Associate Provost, Virtual Learning, Harrisburg Area Community College
  - Ms. Mary S. Flagg, Dean of Assessment, Research, and Planning, Reading Area Community College
  - Dr. Samuel Hirsch, Vice President for Academic and Student Success, Community College of Philadelphia
  - Mr. Brian McCloskey, Executive Director, Finance and Accounting Services, Mercer County Community College
  - Dr. Justin Andrew Tatar, Assistant Dean, Community College of Allegheny County South

### Campus

- To prepare for the site visit, FAQs that have been developed will be shared with senators. These are intended to provide some background and context to accreditation and insight into the kinds of questions that the team might ask in their meetings during the visit. It should also be noted that, during the visit, there will be both a faculty and a student forum; faculty members and students will have an opportunity to ask questions of the evaluation team chair and to provide feedback about the campus. Details about the day and time of the forums will be announced shortly before the site visit.

### **OER Initiative**

- Faculty participants in this year's CUNY-funded *Open Educational Resources Initiative* completed the Blackboard OER course this past month and are in the process of developing zero-cost OERs for implementation in the fall 2019 semester.

## PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### BTECH

- Three graduating seniors have been placed into technology related internships for the Spring semester. QCC and BTECH will begin partnering this month on a 4 part series of Soft Skills workshops to prepare additional students for their internship opportunity interviews. Twenty juniors attended a Black Ivy League panel discussion at SAP Hudson Yards where panelists discussed their journey in the technology field. In February the WeThrive in and after school Entrepreneurship program began with 2 cohorts of 30 students. A second SAP site visit to Hudson Yards is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th. The campus lead administration of the high school is transferring from Vice President Denise Ward to Dr. Michael Pullin, Assistant Dean of Academics effective March 4th.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Office of Financial Services will be hosting a “*FAFSA FEST*” event on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am in the Library Building – Room 117. At the event, students will receive assistance completing their 2019-2020 FAFSA & TAP applications and talk one-on-one with a member of the Financial Services staff. For more information, visit our [QCC Calendar of events Website](#).
- The Office of Health Services will host the **Annual Spring Blood Drive** on **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am in the Student Union Lounge. There is an ongoing blood supply shortage that strains the ability of our community to meet the critical health needs of its people. As a member of the Queensborough community, you can make a difference. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. For more information, visit [QCC Blood Drive Website](#).
- **2019 Student Government Elections** will tentatively be taking place on Wednesday, **April 10<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please encourage students to consider running for the 2019-2020 Student Government Elections. For more information, interested students can contact the Office of Student Activities at 718-631-6233 or visit their office located in the Student Union Building - Lower Level.
- The Office of Career Services will host the **QCC Job Fair** on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge. The fair which will serve as a conduit for students to meet with potential employers from a wide variety of sectors including business, non-profits, healthcare, and government. For additional information, visit [QCC Career Services Website](#).
- The Office of Career Services will host **Etiquette In Action** on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4:15 pm in the Oakland Dining Room/Loggia. This is a very popular event and as such, seating is limited to the first 50 registrants. For more information, please visit [QCC Career Service Etiquette Website](#).

- Planning, Conducting, and Reporting Evaluations of the Outcomes of Educational Innovations, 4/5/19. Choose either the morning or afternoon session: 9:30am to 12:30pm OR 1:30pm to 4:30pm). Location: Oakland Dining Room. This workshop, hosted by Professor Emeritus Thomas C. Reeves, The University of Georgia, touches on the question “Why is evaluation so important?” Higher education faculty across all disciplines are under pressure to seek funding for the development of teaching and learning innovations that will improve the learning of their students. Funding sources demand a robust evaluation plan to be part of any proposal, and if an instructional innovation proposal is funded, they expect the outcomes of the project to be rigorously evaluated. This workshop is specifically designed to establish evaluation as a key strategy throughout the design, development, and implementation of educational innovations in higher education. To RSVP, please send an email to [cvialva@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:cvialva@qcc.cuny.edu).
- Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop: 3/4/19, 3 pm to 4 pm, L313. QCC students and faculty who are involved in a research project on campus are required to complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) CITI online training and participate in an in-person RCR workshop within six weeks of starting the project.
- Human Research Protection and Introduction to the IDEATE system: 4/29/19, 3 pm to 4:30 pm, L313. The Human Research protection and Introduction to the IDEATE system workshop covers a range of topics related to the IRB review process, human subjects research, the policies and CUNY/federal regulations that guide QCC human subjects research projects, and how to use the IDEATE system to submit the IRB application. We invite all QCC researchers, faculty, and students involved with or considering conducting human subjects research to attend the workshop.
- This month, CETL will be hosting the annual CETL Pedagogical Research Challenge Awards luncheon on March 15. Later on this same day, CETL will be welcoming Dr. Cathy Davidson of the CUNY Graduate Center to discuss her book, *The New Education*, with 40+ faculty and staff. The Office of Educational Technology is pleased to announce that the summer 2019 eLearning Institute will take place over the first two weeks in June. All Faculty are encouraged to visit the CETL and OET homepages to see a complete listing of all upcoming events and professional development opportunities.
- Newly Tenured Faculty will be celebrated at a reception sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs on Wednesday, March 20, at 4:30 pm in the Oakland Dining Room. Twenty-three colleagues from 11 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure/CCE. They are Dr. Kathleen Alves, Dr. Leah Anderst, Dr. Raul Armendariz, Ms. Alisa Cercone, Mr. Eugene Desepoli, Mr. Michael Dolan, Dr. George Fragopoulos, Dr. Daniel Garbin, Professor Shenaz Georgilis, Mr. Enrique Haro, Mr. Dominic Hull, Mr. Ali Kazmee, Dr. Matthew Lau, Dr. Adam Luedtke, Dr. Trevor Milton, Mr. Sebastian Murolo, Dr. James Nichols, Mr. Josh Rothenberg, Dr. Nina Sarkar, Dr. Mark Schiebe, Dr. Paul Sideris, Mr. John Yi, Dr. Tanya Zhelezcheva.

**2019 Gala Tickets – early bird special ends 3/14/19**

**The 2019 Partners for Progress Gala will be on Thursday, April 11th at Terrace on the Park. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. We are delighted to share that we have four (4) Partners Honorees this year!!**

Because the QCC Fund, Inc. values the support of the College's campus community, faculty and staff are eligible for a discounted rate of \$125 if they purchase Gala tickets **before Thursday, March 14, 2019** - tickets purchased after that date will be \$150. The general ticket price to the public is \$300. **The deadline to submit journal ads is also Thursday, March 14, 2019.**

**Tickets may be purchased online** at our [QCC Gala Website](#).

**Checks** must be made payable to the **QCC Fund, Inc.** and may be dropped off in the Advancement Office, Room A-508.

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**Art Gallery**

**Juried Student Exhibition: The Department of Art & Design**

The Juried Student Exhibition displays a broad range of talent from the students currently pursuing their artistic aspirations here at Queensborough Community College. This is the eleventh annual student exhibition held in the QCC Art Gallery. The exhibition will be on view from March 7, 2019 through April 19, 2019.

### **QCC Art Gallery Film Series**

#### **Art Gallery Theatre – Wednesdays – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Club Hours)**

The QCC Art Gallery presents an *ART/New York* film series throughout the spring semester featuring artist documentaries produced by founder Paul Tschinkel. *ART/New York* is a video series on contemporary art established in 1979 by former QCC studio art professor Paul Tschinkel. This unique and extensive series focuses on the visual arts and brings art, artists and exhibitions to a broad public interested in the latest developments on the New York art scene. Over the last 35 years, *ART/New York* has covered major exhibitions and artists who have defined and shaped the fascinating and diverse directions in contemporary art. Each program features visits to galleries, museums, artist's studios and includes revealing interviews with artists, as well as the perspective views of critics, curators, and dealers. The schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 – Alice Neel: 1900-1984 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Encore at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – Jean-Michel Basquiat: An Interview – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Encore at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – Women in Art – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Encore at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Video as Art – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Encore at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – Public Sculpture – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Encore at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Kupferberg Holocaust Center**

The current exhibit, on view through May, 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.

**The KHC/NEH Colloquium Series for 2018-2019, *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, from the Department of Art & Design.** The eighth event in the series, *Standing with Standing Rock: Allyship and the Environment*, will be held on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 12:10 p.m.** This program will address the ongoing resistance movements led by indigenous people and allies of different cultures and faiths. Speakers include: Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, the Director of the Social Justice Organizing Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and Rachel Waters, a graduate student at the New School's Milano School of International Affairs.

As part of the **KHC 2018-2019 Cinema Series**, the Center will be showing the film *A Film Unfinished* on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 12:10 p.m.** Discovered after the war, this work is an unfinished propaganda film shot by the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto in May, 1942. Group discussion will follow.

Looking ahead, on **Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.**, the KHC will hold its annual **Holocaust Freedom Seder** in the QCC Student Union. Join us as we honor local Holocaust survivors by recreating the same Passover Seder that was held in 1946, the first to be held after the end of World War II. You can reserve a seat with a \$14 donation to the KHC, but students can attend for free. Pre-registration is required for this special event.

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**

**The Rat Pack of Opera: From Venice to Vegas**

The number one selling UK trio, **Tenors Unlimited**, returns to the U.S. with their show *From Venice to Vegas*, an exciting program of classical and popular music. Also known as *The Rat Pack of Opera*, the tenors will take you on a fantastic musical journey that will move you and make you laugh, in equal measure! Celebrating 15 years together, Scott Ciscon, Jem Sharples and Paul Martin have assembled an eclectic selection of songs, including some of the best-loved melodies from the worlds of opera, musical theatre, and popular music. Using talents honed in their previous solo careers, the tenors set out to bring their own unique blend of wit, charm and vocal arrangements to the classical crossover genre.

**Sunday, March 24, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Rock and Roll Royalty!**

Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, the identical twin sons of Ricky Nelson and Bobby Brooks Wilson, son of Jackie Wilson, come together to pay tribute to their legendary fathers. This unique multi-media entertainment event features all of the billboard hits recorded by both Ricky Nelson and Jackie Wilson that kept a generation of rock and roll fans on the dance floor! Each tribute is unique in its own right. The Nelson brothers share rare video footage of the Nelson family and perform the hits *Hello Mary Lou*, *Travelin Man*, *Garden Party*, among others. Bobby Brooks Wilson brings the crowd to its feet in an unprecedented tribute to his father. Exhibiting the moves and singing style identical to that of Jackie Wilson himself, Bobby performs the classics *Lonely Teardrops*, *That's Why, I'll Be Satisfied*, *Baby Workout*, and *Higher and Higher*. The legacy continues!

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**

**The Platters with Special Guest Bradd Marquis**

One of the most successful vocal groups of all time, The Platters are as popular today as they were when they first burst onto the world stage 50 years ago. With 40 singles making an appearance on the Billboard Hot 100, they were the most successful vocal group in the world between 1955 and 1967. At present, their songs continue to be featured in today's motion picture and television soundtracks: *My Prayer* in the film *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Twilight Time* on Fox's *The X Files*, *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes* to market Honda's *Odyssey*, and, most

recently, *The Great*

*Pretender* on Fox's Emmy Award winning series *Empire*. Along with these songs, you'll hear *You've Got The Magic Touch*, *Only You*, and a myriad of popular songs from both then and now. Special guest Bradd Marquis presents a special tribute performance to the great Sam Cooke. Backed by a live band, Bradd performs a selection of Cooke's songs including *You Send Me*, *Twistin' The Night Away*, *Another Saturday Night*, *Bring It On Home to Me*, *Having a Party* and others. These artists made great records. That was the secret to their success.

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Hollywood Confidential: Lainie Kazan, Renée Taylor, Connie Stevens**

They did what? The most scandalous details and intimate truths about film and television icons, Lainie Kazan, Renée Taylor and Connie Stevens told in their own words! Fans will delight in hearing the details of these celebrities behaving badly. From inspirational to tragic, and elegant to trashy, the one thing that connects these showbiz legends is their superstar, super-entertaining memoirs. This very special event brings long-time friends together for a peek behind the scenes (and behind closed doors), as true life confessions and intimate details are revealed about lovers, friends and co-stars. You'll hear stories about Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Bob Dylan, Marilyn Monroe and Dean Martin, just to name a few. Film clips, private photos, and a Q&A with the audience. Hear all the juicy details, surprising scandals, and Hollywood controversies. An entertaining glimpse into the lifestyles of the rich and famous. Warning: For Adults Only!

**Gotta Dance Kids!**

**March 16, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**March 23, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**March 30, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**April 6, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**April 13, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

QPAC invites children, ages 8-14, to participate in a new dance workout offered on Saturdays. Much like the popular adult version of this program, choreography as seen on Broadway and in the movies, is re-created to provide a fun way of working out. The workshop, which runs for five (5) weeks in the fall and five (5) weeks in the spring, will be taught by professional dance choreographers that reflect New York City's multi-ethnic communities. Each workshop is shaped to the level of each group and participants receive feedback from the instructor.