

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
of The City University of New York

***Report of the President***  
to the  
**Academic Senate**  
**March 12, 2013**

**Enrollment**

Currently registered students who plan to register for summer 13 or fall 13 using NYS or Federal financial aid, must re-apply for financial aid by April 17, 2013. The 2013-14 Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is currently available on-line for students and families to begin the application process now. The Office of Financial Services will be hosting a series of “hands-on” workshops for those students who need assistance navigating the FAFSA on-line application.

Registration for Summer Session (for continuing and visiting students) will begin within the next couple of weeks. Summer Session is the ideal time for students to keep themselves on track towards a timely graduation. A multi-media advertising campaign is underway to encourage QCC students as well as students home for the summer from private and SUNY colleges to register for our summer classes.

Fall 2013 academic advisement cycle has begun. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to schedule an appointment with an advisor as soon as possible!! It is the Office of Academic Advisement’s goal to advise all continuing students by May 31, 2013. In addition, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Park as QCC’s Director of Academic Advisement. Mr. Park has more than 25 years of student enrollment and academic advisement experience and is joining the College after having served as the Director of Student and Academic Services at the CUNY School of Public Health. He also held similar leadership roles at CUNY LaGuardia Community College and New York University.

The 2013-14 Student Government Elections will be conducted Friday, March 15th through Thursday, March 21st. Please urge our students to become informed about the candidates and exercise their right to vote by choosing QCC’s next Student Government Association Board.

**Student Honors and Awards**

Marjorie Morales and Daniel Novoa have been accepted into the Exceptional Research Opportunities Program (EXROP) of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. This highly selective program provides bright, motivated undergraduate students with outstanding summer research experiences that encourage them to pursue careers in academic science. Marjorie

and Daniel will also attend meetings at HHMI headquarters where they will present their research in a poster session, network with their peers and HHMI scientists, and hear from scientists from various backgrounds and stages in their careers. Their mentor, Dr. Patricia

Schneider (Biological Sciences and Geology), notes this is the first time community college students have been selected. A key component of successful applications is prior research experience. The EXROP Awards reaffirm the authentic research experiences that Marjorie and Daniel acquired through QCC Programs (NSF STEM, NIH Bridges/RIMS and SEA).

### **Faculty and Staff Honors and Awards**

Congratulations to Marisa Berman, Assistant Director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives whose proposal for the “Teaching Social Activism” will be presented at the conference of the Museum of the City of New York. Marisa notes: Social Activism can be successfully taught in the classroom by making it relatable to students in their present lives. At KHRCA social activism is taught through the exploration of hate crimes and other examples of human injustice, past and present. Holocaust and Asian survivors of World War II share their experiences directly with students. With this personal element, students are better able to empathize and connect their learning to the present.. While this provides our diverse student body with insights into the impact of hate crimes on its victims and society, relevance to present day experiences is established by exploring modern day hate crimes through workshops and lessons with entities such as: the New York Police Department Hate Crimes Taskforce, the New York State Division on Human Rights, the Queens Gay Pride Community, the Korean American Voters Council, and other ethnic legal organizations. The presentation will provide examples of how to use speakers and interviews in the classroom, a resource guide, and methods for integrating this information into school curricula as well as pedagogical strategies to promote students’ insight into understanding hate crimes and how to stand up against them.

### **Upcoming Events**

**The Fall 2012 Dean’s List Ceremony and Celebration of milestone students** (those completing 30 credits within their first year) will be held on Tuesday March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre.

The **Spring 2013 Faculty Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 13 from 1:10 to 3:10 p.m. in M 136. Sponsored by the Faculty Executive Committee, the program will include a panel discussion by several academic department chairpersons on *Tenure and Promotion*. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

The annual **Walk to Aspire** will take place on our athletic track Wednesday, March 20th at 1:00 pm. Eighteen teams, representing almost 200 students, faculty and staff will participate in this opportunity to raise funds for QCC student scholarships for new and continuing students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to cheer on the teams—and we offer a special “thank you” to sponsors, and to the many efforts of the teams to raise funds through bake sales and contests.

The **QCC Job Fair** is scheduled to take place on March 20, 2013. Over 50 employers are scheduled to attend the event and speak with our students. Please encourage students to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to meet face-to-face with prospective employers.

The **Newly Tenured Faculty Reception** will take place on March 21 at 4:00 in the Oakland Dining Room. This year's reception will celebrate Carolyn King (Mathematics and Computer Sciences), Andrew Russell (Mathematics and Computer Sciences), John Buoncora (Engineering Technology) and Aaron Deetz (Art and Design)

Also on March 21, at 5:00 p.m. faculty and staff are invited to a reception to celebrate the opening of the annual **Student Exhibit**. This juried showcase of QCC student work art work will be exhibited the Oakland Loggia through May.

The 2013 Salzburg participants and two faculty Advisors, Dr. Federica Goldoni and Dr. Barbara Blake-Campbell, are scheduled to leave on March 23, 2013 returning on March 31, 2013. We wish them a most successful trip. They have already completed their first pre-departure orientation meeting (February 8th) and had their briefing on March 1, 2013.

Faculty, students, staff and the community are invited to the **Spring 2013 Presidential Lecture** on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in M136. This annual event presents outstanding QCC faculty members. This year, Professor Jules Allen, Department of Art and Design, nationally recognized photographer, and 2012 Faculty Excellence award recipient, will speak on *"Conjure, Light, Forward Momentum - A Depth of Feeling."*

All faculty and staff are invited to QCC's annual fundraising gala **"Partners for Progress"** on Thursday, April 25 at Terrace on the Park. The Honorees at this year's Partners Gala include Joseph R. Ficalora, Class of 1967, President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of New York Community Bancorp, Inc., one of the nation's largest thrift depositories, as our Alumni Partner of the Year; the Korean-American Civic Empowerment (KACE) as our Community Partner of the Year, with whom the KHRCA has partnered the Korean Comfort Women exhibit to create public awareness of this WWII atrocity; and John Kuitwaard, President, Metropolitan Food Service Inc. as our Campus Partner of the Year. Metropolitan Foods has provided food services to our campus community since 1986. All funds raised through our Gala support scholarships to Queensborough students, as well as our educational resources and student learning laboratories: the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives (KHRCA), the QCC Art Gallery and the Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC). Early Bird Tickets for faculty and staff are \$125 through March 15<sup>th</sup>. After March 15<sup>th</sup>, tickets for faculty and staff are \$150 (half price of the cost of tickets to external supporters).

**SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY:** Queensborough Community College (QCC) is one of only six community colleges in the country to have been awarded a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). *If you restrict the proceeds of your ticket to the KHRCA/NEH Endowment when supporting QCC's Gala, QCC will be eligible to receive up to a 50% match for your gift!*

Lastly, Queensborough's **52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises** will be held the morning of Friday, May 31, 2013. Faculty members and HEOs are encouraged to participate in this event, which is so very meaningful to our graduates and their families. Faculty and HEOs participating in the academic procession may order their academic attire through the QCC Commencement Webpage at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement), until May 4<sup>th</sup>.