



Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
February 14, 2017

Enrollment Update

The College has concluded a busy spring enrollment cycle. As of February 2, we have enrolled close to 14,000 students. We exceeded our goal for new students, including 883 freshmen and 845 transfer students. Included in this newest cohort of freshmen are 111 students who successfully completed the CUNY Start and CLIP programs.

For the first time this cycle, incoming students who took the CUNY Assessment Tests at Queensborough and scored just below passing were invited to retest. 195 students were invited to re-test. 27 % or 53 students passed the CATs on the second try. The Office of Admissions is fully engaged on recruiting for Fall 2017, having already received our first group of freshmen applications for the Fall semester.

The Office of New Student Engagement, led by Dr. Carol Alleyne, held a most successful New Student Orientation on Saturday January 28th with over 500 students, parents, and other supporting family members in attendance. Faculty, staff, and Student Ambassadors helped to connect, engage, and inform new students to prepare them for their first semester at Queensborough. Alongside various support services at the College, their orientation activities concluded with “Welcome Week” - - an exciting line-up of events and activities during the first week of classes designed to assist new students with getting acclimated to the campus and college life.

Faculty/Staff Honors and Accomplishments

Queensborough Community College’s A.S. in Public Health program has been selected as a 2017 recipient of the Riegelman Awards for Excellence in Public Health and Health Navigation Education in Community Colleges. Queensborough’s Public Health Program will be recognized at the League for Innovation in the Community College Innovations Conference in San Francisco, CA in March. Dr. Anuradha Srivastava, Biological Sciences and Geology Department and Dr. Andrea Salis, OAA and Health Physical Education and Dance Department will represent the College during the general session and panel presentation.

- Congratulations to Professors Hamid Namdar and Richard Yuster of the Engineering Technology Department on their book published by Pearson in January *Embedded Systems and C++ Programming*.

Student Honors

We congratulate QCC students Mr. Tao Hong and Mr. Myo Thu Ya Aung, who were named Phi Theta Kappa/USA Today All-New York Scholars. Mr. Hong has conducted research on Nanomaterial and received many awards in the math competitions including those given by the CUNY Math League, the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges, and the American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges. Mr. Aung conducted space weather research, completed a NASA Space Weather forecasting internship, and mentored fellow Queensborough students. I am grateful to Drs. Emily Tai, Paris Svoronos, and Regina Sullivan for their tireless work as advisors and mentors to the students in our Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

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.
- 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 application deadline date, can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk.
- Now through April 18, 2017, Single Stop will make Free Tax Preparation available for QCC students in the Student Union, Upper Level. In addition, we will have one Saturday session on March 11, 2017. Please encourage students to take advantage of this free service. Further information about this program and hours of operation are available from the Single Stop Office, located in the Library Building – Room 432A or at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop/>.
- 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 Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and The Finch College Alumni Scholarship are now available for interested students. Both scholarships, worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the conclusion of Spring 2017 and transfer to a four-year university for the fall 2017 semester. For additional information, including eligibility requirements and application deadline dates, please click on the following link:
http://www.finchcollege.org/html/PDFs/Scholarship_Criteria.pdf.
- The Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York Scholarship is now available for interested students. This scholarship, worth \$1000, will be awarded to two (2) community college graduates who successfully transfer to a four-year institution for Fall 2017. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application deadline date, can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/>.
- The University is continuing the initiative in which CUNY has partnered 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 and who, without financial assistance, cannot afford a college education. The next application cycle is currently open, with a deadline of March 8, 2017 for the Fall 2017 semester. Please refer students to apply at www.thedream.us.
- The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation renewed QCC's 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 through December 31, 2016. 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.

General Education Task Force

During January a group of 15 task force and other faculty members scored 566 student artifacts, from 47 courses, submitted during the fall 2016 term. The artifacts were rated according to the rubrics for one or more of the college's first four General Education Outcomes, and the results were shared with Task Force members at the first meeting of the term, February 3. During spring 2017, the task force will be developing a "digital technology" dimension for the Information Management rubric, and will convene groups of disciplinary faculty to begin developing rubrics for the discipline-specific General Education Outcomes. The call for student artifacts for the spring 2017 term has gone out, to be scored in June 2017.

Assessment Update

- **Assessment Institute**

As in past semesters, the Assessment Institute for QCC faculty is being held this spring semester over four successive Fridays—February 10, 17, and 24 and March 3—from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the CETL computer lab. Conducted by Deans Arthur Corradetti and Kathleen Landy and Dr. Ian Beckford, the institute covers various kinds of assessment efforts on campus, with particular attention to course assessment. Since its inception in spring 2013, nearly one hundred thirty faculty members have participated in the institute.

- **Middle States**

Over the next two and a half years, Queensborough Community College will undergo a self-study process in preparation for reaccreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). A call for volunteers to the entire campus community will be sent out in the coming weeks to serve on one of seven self-study working groups, each working group assigned to one of the seven MSCHE standards. Once formed in spring 2017, the self-study working groups will begin formal work in fall 2017, with a completion date at the end of the spring 2018 semester. Each working group will produce a chapter of the self-study report. After campus-wide review and discussion of the self-study report drafts in fall 2018, the full self-study report will be submitted to MSCHE in January 2019. The MSCHE site visit will take place later in spring 2019, with a final decision by the commission in June 2019. Participating in a self-study working group will be an opportunity to provide significant service to the college in a process that is central to the reaccreditation of the institution.

- **Mission and Goals**

The Mission Review Committee has developed college goals in support of the new mission statement that was approved in spring 2016. The new college goals now come before the Senate for review and approval. If approved, the new college goals will provide the framework for the strategic plan that is being developed for next year and for the plans of subsequent years. Both “mission” and “goals” form the basis for standard 1 of MSCHE’s “characteristics of excellence,” one of seven standards with which colleges need to comply to be accredited.

BTECH Update

Effective February 6th BTECH will have a new Principal. Hoa Tu will be leaving to become an assistant superintendent for the NYC DOE. Patrice Henry will join BTTECH as acting interim principal. Over 70 students are enrolled in several college courses this semester and 10 students along with QCC technology students and faculty are attending a SAP Women in Data Science conference at SAPs new NY headquarters at Hudson Yards this February.

Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Henry Davis, who has joined CETL as an Academic Program Specialist to support the High-Impact Practices. Prior to his appointment at QCC, Henry served in an administrative capacity with Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service and as an Adjunct Professor with Fordham's Graduate School of Education. Hiring Dr. Davis is an important step toward institutionalizing the support of academic service-learning through regular tax levy funding and ensuring the organized and effective advancement of this valuable high-impact practice.

Facilities Update

During the Spring semester there will be a number of facility upgrade projects underway, including the following capital and college projects:

- The Medical Arts and Science Building roofs will be replaced under the long awaited Roof Replacement Project funded by New Year State and City Capital allocations. In the weeks to come, protective fencing will be installed around these buildings to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. The Project is expected to last until June when work will begin on the Administration Building.
- The Science Atrium and Cafeteria Phase II planning is in final stages with work expected to begin in early 2018. During the planned second Phase, the Atrium will be enclosed with climate control for year round use. A new servery, with several food stations and other amenities, will be located in the same space as the current Science Cafe and will be supported by a new kitchen constructed in the Science basement.
- The Campus Electrical upgrade is progressing on schedule with most of the underground conduit completed. The work will continue throughout 2017 as the contractors focus on completing the new electrical sub-station on 56th Avenue.
- The parking lot #1 entrance on Cloverdale was widened to allow faculty and employees to enter in the mornings and evenings. The improved entrance was opened for the start of the Spring semester and has relieved congestion at the main gate typical at the start of classes.

Upcoming Events

- The Office of Academic Affairs will host a series of workshops this semester to support faculty in the efforts for reappointment, tenure and promotion. The workshops are:

1. **What you Need to Know When Applying for the Rank of Professor** – Presented by Dr. Sharon Lall-Ramnarine, Dr. Julia Carroll, Professor Anne Marie Menendez, Dr. Barbara Blake-Campbell – **Monday, February 6, 2017, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**, Oakland Dining Room.
 2. **Promotion and Tenure for Mid-Career Faculty** – Presented by Dr. Gil Visoni, Professor Bob Rogers, Professor Georgia McGill – **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**, Oakland Dining Room.
 3. **General Information Session on Reappointment and Tenure Processes for Assistant Professors** – Presented by Dr. Nidhi Gadura, Professor Kathy Villani, Dr. Aranzazu Borrachero, Dr. Andrea Salis – **Monday, February 27, 2017, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**, Oakland Dining Room
 4. **Practice Sessions on Presenting Before Faculty Personnel and Budget Committee for Full Professor** - Facilitated by Dr. Julia Carroll, Dr. Jilani Warsi – **Thursday, March 2, 2017 and Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, President’s Conference Room, A-502D.
 5. **Opportunities for Service to the College and Opportunities and Programs at QCC and CUNY for Professional Development** – Presented by Dr. David Humphries, Dr. Peter Bales – **Monday, March 6, 2017, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**, Oakland Dining Room On **Wednesday, February 15th at 10:30 a.m.**, QPAC presents the Children’s Book Club and Performance Series with the Paper Bag Players in their new show, *Trip to the Moon*, for children ages 3 to 8.
- The Student Government Association will host an SGA Valentines’ Day Party on **Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 pm** in the Student Union Lounge. Free tickets to all currently enrolled matriculated students (must show QCC TigerCard) can be picked up in the Office of Student Activities starting the week of February 6th between the hours of 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday – Thursday and 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on Friday.
 - In the *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series*, the KHC presents *Reparations and the Holocaust* with Mary Maudsley, J.D. on **Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** This lecture will discuss the legal history of the process for reparations during and after the Holocaust.
 - **The KHC** continues the **2016-17 Colloquia** awarded to QCC Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Aliza Atik (English), Dr. Kathleen Alves (English), and Dr. Mirna Lekic (**Music**). This year’s theme is *Fleeing Genocide: Displacement, Exile and the Refugee*. The fourth event, **A Common Thread of Uncommon Courage: From Genocide Orphan to Human Rights Activist** will take place on **Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017 at 12:20 p.m.** Speakers: Jacqueline Murekatete, Esq., Founder of the Genocide Survivors Foundation and our own Dr. Trevor Milton, Assistant Professor of Social Science, Queensborough Community College.
 - On **Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m.**, QPAC presents one of the most-popular operas, *La Traviata*, performed in Italian, with English subtitles. Ravishing melodies, beautiful costumes, colorful sets, a powerhouse cast, and evocative orchestration abound in Verdi’s romantic opera.

- In the *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series*, the KHC presents *Through My Parents' Eyes: Second Generation Memories of WWII* with Dr. Alisse Waterson and Dr. Barbara Rylko-Bauer on **Sunday, March 5th, 2017 at 1:00pm**. In this conversation, the two authors discuss their recent memoirs about the wartime experiences of their respective mothers.
- The **KHC Cinema Series this spring** includes screenings of various films pertaining to the Holocaust, Genocide, and human rights. You are invited to attend the screening of **Granito (2011) on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** which reviews the struggle of the past thirty years to find justice for the genocide committed against Guatemala's Mayan population in the eighties.
- Newly Tenured Faculty will be celebrated at a reception sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs on **Tuesday, March 14, at 4:30 pm** in the Oakland Dining Room. Twenty-three colleagues from 9 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure/CCE. They are Dr. Rose-Marie Aikas, Dr. Bjorn Berkhout, Dr. Naydu Carmona, Mr. Steven Cheng, Ms. Danielle Cifone, Dr. Steven Dahlke, Dr. Sunil Dehipawala, Professor Leslie Francis, Dr. Eva Goldhammer, Professor Stephen Hammel, Ms. Ruchel Hammer, Ms. Li Xu Li, Dr. Anissa Moody, Mr. Marlon Moreno, Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa, Mr. Terence Rohan, Dr. Julia Rothenberg, Dr. Andrea Salis, Mr. Kenneth Schmidt, Dr. Jed Shahar, Dr. Howard Sporn, Dr. Kostas Stroumbakis, Dr. James Timbilla.
- The Office of Career Services will hosts its annual Job Fair on **Wednesday, March 29th at 12:00 pm** in the Student Union Lounge. The fair 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, please click on the following link: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices/job-fair.html>.
- 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 is 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.
- **2017 Partners for Progress Gala**
Early bird tickets to attend our Partners Gala on **Thursday, April 27** are now available at the discounted rate for faculty and staff. This year our Honorees include Thomas Chen, Founder and CEO of Crystal Window & Door Systems, Ltd., Professor Emeritus Jackson Lum and his wife, Muriel Lum, and Benjamin L. Schwartz, President of Metropolitan Property Services, Inc. Please contact the Advancement Office for additional information.