



**President's Report to the Academic Senate
December 11, 2018**

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- Direct Admissions for spring 2019 began in late November. The Office of Admissions continues to work with the new CUNY First application which includes attending trainings, implementing new business processes and supporting prospective students effectively.
- Advisement and registration activities are well underway for Winter/Spring 2019. Advisement began in October and registration began in early November. Academic advisers throughout the campus have been strategically working with their student caseloads to encourage academic momentum by prescribing 15-credit schedules and encouraging early completion of remedial coursework.

- **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 KOsullivan@qcc.cuny.edu or Ms. Amawati Gonesh, Single Stop Administrator, via e-

mail at AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu. Additional information can be found online at [QCC Scholarship 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 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 [New York City College of Technology Belle Zeller 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 were 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 report is due to Middle States in February 2019.

- **Academic Momentum Plan**

STEM Waiver

Approximately \$205,000 will be awarded in STEM Waiver Program funds for the winter 2019 session, allowing approximately 325 students to take a tuition-free STEM course. More than \$600,000, which represents the balance of the FY 19 funding, will be available to students for summer session 1 courses.

Milestone Scholarship

Over 30 Milestone Scholarships have been awarded for the winter 2019 session. We will continue the Milestone Scholarship for the summer 2019 sessions to help students reach their “30-credit milestone.”

- **Annual Convocation of the College**

The annual Convocation of the College will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2019 in M-136 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**, with a continental **breakfast at 8:30 am**. Hosted by the Office of Academic Affairs, this event launches our Spring Semester that features new direction and innovations occurring at the College, as well as the work of faculty in important initiatives across campus.

- **Adjunct and Substitute Faculty Orientation**

The Adjunct and Substitute Faculty Orientation sponsored by the Office of Academic will be held on *Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am* in the Oakland Dining Room

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

CETL will host the *New Faculty Institute*, a three-day experience intended to familiarize new faculty with essential faculty support resources and pedagogical innovations offered at the College. The institute will be held on **January 15-17, 2019, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm** in the Oakland Dining Room. Information on promotion and tenure, opportunities for service to the college, professional development programs and information on research and publishing will be available to faculty.

- **2019 Faculty Workshops**

Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs in conjunction with the Faculty Executive Committee, Academic Senate Steering Committee and CETL, several faculty workshops are planned for the following dates in spring 2019:

- ❖ **Friday, February 8, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm** in the KHRC, Classroom A-202 -- *What you need to know when applying to the rank of Full Professor*
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 13, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in the Oakland Dining Room - *Promotion and Tenure for mid-career faculty*
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in room TBA - *General Information on reappointment and tenure processes for Assistant Professors*
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 27, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** in the Oakland Dining Room - *Opportunities for service to the College and opportunities and programs at QCC and*

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PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Grants Update**

The QCC Office of Grants/Sponsored Programs is offering a second **mini Grant Development and Compliance Boot Camp** on January 22nd and 23rd 2019, sponsored by the CUNY Office of Research. Dr. Miguel Roig, a scholar who studies research integrity issues, will present on predatory publishing and other areas of research integrity. Dr. Marjorie Piechowski, Emerita Director of Research Support at the University of Wisconsin, will present on grant proposal development. Faculty who attended the first boot camp were highly complementary of both presenters. Both will present for full days offering lots of opportunity for questions and discussion.

- **BTECH**

Interviews have begun for spring internship opportunities at local tech companies. Twenty-five freshman attended a workplace site visit at SAPs Hudson Yards office. Two BTECH juniors participated in the QCC Innovation Challenge Finale, held at Macaulay Honors School. They were the only females participating. In early December, BTECH Administrative team will host the newly founded Bay Area Tech School. (SAP is the corporate partner)

- **Continuing Education and Workforce Development**

Continuing Education has partnered with Northwell Health in launching a workforce safety program during the spring 2019 semester. In addition to offering 3 classes designed to promote a safe workplace environment (EMS/Safe Patient Handling Pre-Hire Overview, Environmental Hazards, Wellness Techniques), the program will also make use of Northwell's innovative Mobile Training Bus which is equipped with a simulated hospital room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fight Campus Hunger**

The grassroots student fundraiser in support of the **QCC Food Pantry** kicked off on Tuesday, November 27th and will run through **March 6, 2019**. Using the social media platform, GiveGab, student clubs are entered as Fundraising Champions, each with a \$500 minimum fundraising goal. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate by supporting individual clubs. To see our Fundraising Champions go to: [the CUNY Tuesday website](#). With the help of the club advisors, we aim to sign up 20 clubs by the end of this year. We are already half way there!

GiveGab charges a small processing fee which the donor may choose to have either deducted or added to their gift amount. To avoid these charges you can pay by:

1. Check - make checks payable to the QCC Fund, Inc. On the memo line of the check, enter QCC Food Pantry/name of club.
2. Online – go to [QCC giving website](#) and select the QCC Food Pantry from the dropdown menu. In the comment box, enter the name of the student club you wish to support.
3. Employee payroll deduction - designate Queensborough Community College Fund, Inc. (QCC Fund, Inc.) as the CUNY organization on the employee payroll deduction form. If staff and faculty would like the deduction to begin in January 2019, forms must be returned to Room A-508 by **Friday, December 14, 2018**. If faculty/staff wish to restrict their gift, including gifts to the QCC Fund Pantry, you must send an email to rzins@qcc.cuny.edu indicating your wishes. The QCC Fund, Inc. cannot restrict any gifts unless the donor makes his/her wishes known in writing. To download the form, go to [Our CUNY Tuesday's website](#).

Art Gallery

- **October 12, 2018 – January 11, 2019**

Deformity Masks and Their Role in African Culture: The Ann Goerdts Collection -

This exhibition features Ann Goerdts's collection of masks that depict deformities originating from a variety of regions across the continent of Africa.

- **October 25, 2018 – January 11, 2019**

Daqi as a Medium: Wenzhi Zhang

Chinese artist Wenzhi Zhang presents a series of floral works using the ancient Chinese technique "daqi". Zhang's lacquer painting series explore the delicate beauty of organic floral forms.

In **December**, a collaboration between the Gallery and Dr. Jose Osorio in the Foreign Languages Department will be presenting four (4) Spanish films for his students during their class time on Wednesdays. On Thursdays, an encore of the same film will be presented at 6:00 p.m. for the general public. Films in multiple languages will be presented in the forthcoming months.

Kupferberg Holocaust Center

- The current exhibit on view at the 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.
- **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 sixth event in the series, **Filming Survivance: A Conversation with Diane Fraher** will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** This program will include a screening of select clips from two (2) films by acclaimed Osagee/Cherokee filmmaker Diane Fraher. A discussion about her own work, depictions of Native American people in film, and the work of indigenous people within the American film industry will follow.
- As part of the KHC 2018-2019 Cinema Series, the Center will be showing the film **Worse than War: Genocide, Eliminationism and the Ongoing Assault on Humanity on Wednesday, February 20 2019 at 12:10 p.m.** With his first book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*, Daniel Jonah Goldhagen forced the world to re-think some of its most deeply-held beliefs about the Holocaust. A decade later, Goldhagen is convinced that the overall phenomenon of genocide is as poorly understood as the Holocaust had once been. How and why do genocides start? Why do the perpetrators kill? Why has intervention rarely occurred in a timely manner? These and other thought-provoking questions are explored in this documentary film. A group discussion will follow.

Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)

- **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 through December 14, 2018**
Children's weekday performances from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 16, 2018**
The Oratorio Society of Queens, a community based choral group, will be holding their annual holiday concert. Hear your favorite Christmas and Chanukah songs!
- **Monday, December 17, 2018 and Tuesday, December 18, 2018**
The award-winning *The Paperbag Players* will be performing from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.