



## President's Report to the Academic Senate October 10, 2018

### ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- The Office of Admissions has begun recruitment for the Spring and Fall cycles by visiting local High Schools and attending college fairs. CUNY launched a new student friendly application for spring 2019 with an intuitive design that makes information easier to enter. The Admissions staff has attended trainings and is preparing for the implementation. Also, QCC hosted the first CUNY conference on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, which provided an opportunity to network with CUNY colleagues and over 100 college counselors. **Our annual Fall Open House is Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.** Prospective students and their families are invited to campus to hear from faculty, staff and QCC students about the many benefits and opportunities available at QCC.
- The Office of Academy Advisement officially began advisement for continuing students on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. All continuing students have been invited to participate in this early advisement outreach. Students enrolled in special programs (ASAP, College Discovery, CSTEP, COPE, International Students, Veterans, etc.) will be able to register for Winter/Spring 2019 courses beginning **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be able to register for Winter/Spring 2019 courses on **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** and all new students (freshman, transfer & readmits) will be advised and registered starting the week of **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- Student Honors -- QCC students Ms. Alicia Christian, Ms. Andrea Black, Ms. Shayna Lee, Ms. Amy Zhang, and Ms. Zhenyi Wang have been selected as recipients of the **2018 Student Government Association Merit Scholarship**. Each student will receive up to \$1,000 to be applied directly towards their tuition expenses for the Fall 2018 semester, with funding supported by the Queensborough Student Government Association. Congratulations to these students on this academic achievement!
- Yet another QCC student, Mr. Dexter Green, was selected as a recipient of the **2018 Jacqueline Schiller Scholarship**. The Jacqueline Schiller Scholarship Fund was established by The New York Community Trust to provide scholarships to CUNY students studying in the fields of literature and/or history, who are among the best and brightest and who demonstrate financial need. Mr. Green will receive up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds for the Fall 2018 semester.

## 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 [www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop).
- 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 the Office of Financial Aid Services located in the Library Building, Room 409. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships)
- *The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship* is now open and accepting applications from prospective eligible students. This scholarship awards up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate school. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees, for the final two to three years necessary to complete their baccalaureate program. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, November 27, 2018**. For additional information, please visit <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship/how-to-apply/>.
- QCC will once again be participating in the Global Citizenship Alliance Study Abroad Program by sending sixteen (16) students to Salzburg, Austria during Spring Break 2019. Applications are available in the Center for International Affairs, located in the Library Building – Room 431, as well as through their website. All applications must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018** For additional information, including eligibility requirements, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/isa/salzburg-global-seminar.html>.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Middle States Self-Study Update

- Our campus is preparing for the Middle States evaluation team site visit, scheduled for **March 2019**. A draft self-study report will be distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions, shortly. Open forums will be held throughout the Fall 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**. The evaluation team will arrive on **Sunday, March 24, 2019**, and leave campus on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**. On the Sunday afternoon of the evaluation team's arrival, the college will host a reception for the team. Beginning on Monday morning, the team will spend two full days on campus, meeting with constituencies across campus. The purpose of the site visit is to provide the team members an opportunity to corroborate what they have read in the report. They will ask questions that will help them better to understand the self-study report and to clarify and confirm their findings. On Wednesday morning, the team chair will present preliminary findings at a campus forum. These are the findings that will be submitted to the Middle States Commission for their consideration when the commission meets in **June 2019** to render an accreditation decision. This is an extremely significant accreditation event for the college, one that will happen once every eight years, which requires the efforts and support of everyone. Please make note of these important dates on your respective calendars.

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

- CETL and the Office of Educational Technology (OET) continue to offer a full menu of professional development opportunities and are available for individual consultations regarding your instructional practice, scholarship, and use of educational technology. Please see the CETL and OET pages of our college web site ([www.qcc.cuny.edu/cetl](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/cetl)) for a full calendar of events and contact information.

### **PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- QCC's workforce development program to train Medical Office Assistants at St. John's Episcopal Hospital came to a successful conclusion in September, 2018. The 1199 SEIU healthcare union-funded program, consisting of 340 didactic hours and 120 internship hours, ran over an 8-month period culminating in all of the 14 students passing a nationally-recognized certification exam as MOAs.
- QCC has won two contracts to train 300 Health & Hospitals Corporation (HHC) healthcare workers through 2019. We will develop the curriculum and deliver training to HHC's front-line workers in Behavioral Health (BH) and Managed Long-Term-Care (MLTC) units. This project is at the forefront of an industry-wide trend in transitioning its workforce into community and home-based settings.

### **Grants Awarded September 15, 2018 through September 27, 2018**

- New York State Assembly: \$25,000, Jeff Chen, Discretionary Funds from Assemblyman Ron Kim for Workforce Programming

## OFFICE OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

### Faculty: Awards and Honors:

- An impressive \$1,594,202 award from **The National Institutes of Health** will provide an additional five years of funding for the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program that started at Queensborough in 2002. The program is a partnership between Queensborough, Queens College and The City College of New York to achieve the long-term goals of training and graduating under-represented science students, and to facilitate their transfer to baccalaureate programs in biomedicine or behavioral science. Congratulations to Dr. Pat Schneider on securing another round of this important grant.
- Congratulations to Dr. Cheryl Spencer, Professor in the department of Nursing, who has been named the Northeastern Regional Director of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, recognized nationally for promoting academic progression of graduates in furthering education to reach their maximum professional potential. The organization also serves as a platform for faculty to develop and present scholarly works.

### Students: Awards and Honors:

- Congratulations to Biotechnology student Mateo D. Sàenz, who is a recipient of a **National Science Foundation Research Award**. Mateo, who is the current entrepreneurial lead for the CUNY I-Corps, has worked with Drs. Naydu Carmona and Monica Trujillo of the department of Biological Sciences and Geology in presenting scientific research and in publishing a paper in the Columbia Undergraduate Research Journal. Mateo has also worked with Professor Michael Lawrence of the department of Engineering Technology and Dr. Christine Mooney of the department of Business, both of whom guided him through his participation in the CUNY I-Corps Program. Mateo spoke on behalf of CUNY at the NSF Inclusion Summit in Washington, D.C., on October 4th.
- The inaugural **Sallie Bingham Grant** to fund student-directed productions and readings of historic women's plays was awarded to Queensborough student Ksenia Volynkina and her faculty mentor, Dr. Jodi Van Der Horn-Gibson. Together they collaborated on a recent production of *The Owl Answers*, a one-act play by renowned African American writer Adrienne Kennedy. Queensborough is the only community college in the country to win the grant. Congratulations to Ksenia, Dr. Van Der Horn-Gibson, Dr. Georgia McGill and the production team which was made up entirely of students.

## FACILITIES UPDATE

### Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Update

- Our FY 2019 financial plan was prepared in accordance with the priorities established in the Queensborough 2019 Strategic Plan, as developed and approved by the College

Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) process. Under the leadership of our Executive Director of Budget & Resource Planning Director, Marc Carpentier, we've completed a three year zero-based budget review of the requests from all Academic and College departments. This process ensures maximum utilization of our resources in support of the QCC and CUNY strategic plans and yielded an average of 8% in savings. The savings, achieved in collaboration with all departments during the budget process, have helped reduce the impact of reductions in FTE support from New York State, as well as increases in centralized CUNY administrative charge-backs to all the community colleges in FY 18 and continuing into FY19. 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. The 2018 QCC budget remains stable, and includes a prudent reserve.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Campus Conversation** - This year's Campus Conversation, informal discussion among faculty and staff sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, will be held **Monday, October 15, 3:00-5:00pm**, in the Oakland Dining Room. The topic of the Campus Conversation will be on *Middle States Update*.
- **Dean's List and 30-Credit Milestone Ceremony** - The Ceremony recognizing students who have achieved Dean's List and/or 30-Credit Milestone status for the Spring 2018 semester will be sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and held on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in the Humanities Theatre.
- The College will be honoring employees with continuous service who have worked twenty (20), thirty (30) and forty (40) years at the **Celebration of Service** to be held on **Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Student Union. This year we are inducting 27 faculty, staff and adjuncts into the 20 year association. Seven (7) faculty and staff members will be recognized for their 30 years of service and one (1) faculty member will be recognized for his 40 years of service to Queensborough.
- **Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) workshops** - The next two upcoming RCR workshops for the Fall 2018 semester are: **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 3 pm, and Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 3 pm, at CETL Lab (L313)**. QCC students and faculty who are involved in a research project on campus are required to (1) complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) CITI online training and (2) participate in an in-person RCR workshop within six weeks of starting the project.
- Queensborough and the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology will host the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall **Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB)** regional conference on **October 27**.
- The Office of Admissions will host the *QCC Fall Open House* on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. This annual event invites prospective students and their families to learn more about the Queensborough Difference. Guests will have the opportunity attend sessions about the

Academies, speak with various members of the campus community and to tour our campus.

- The *Veterans' Day Reflection and Remembrance Ceremony* will take on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am at the Charles F. Bova Veterans Memorial Grove. The ceremony will be held to honor our military members, past and present. In the week honoring our veterans, let us recommit to showing our respect and gratitude to those who have served, especially the veterans on our faculty, staff, and among our students. We invite the Queensborough community to join us!
- On **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Office of Career Services will hold its annual *Internship & Cooperative Education Forum* from 12:00 – 3:00 pm in the Student Union-Upper Level. Representatives from approximately 57 organizations, Faculty Cooperative Education Coordinators and other interested faculty throughout the College will be present to speak with students regarding internship opportunities. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerservices/Internship-coop-forum.html>.

### Art Gallery

- **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** is the opening reception (**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**) for the exhibit *Deformity Masks and their Role in African Cultures: The Ann Goerd Collection*. The unique collection features masks that depict facial and body deformities originating from a variety of cultures across the continent of Africa.
- The current exhibition in the QCC Art Gallery, *WOW Taiwan*, presents a unique interpretation of Taiwan and its rich culture through multiple installations and a performance. This exhibition will be on view until **October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### Kupferberg Holocaust Center

- Currently 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.
- As part of the **KHC 2018-2019 Cinema Series**, the Center will be showing the film **Kristallnacht: The Journey from 1933-1988** on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** Narrated by Eric Sevareid, this documentary tells about the night when hundreds of synagogues were destroyed, thousands of Jews were arrested, and Jewish businesses were vandalized by the Nazis. The film includes personal testimonies and archival film footage.

- **The KHC/NEH Colloquium Series for 2018-2019 is entitled - Survivance on Turtle Island: Engaging with Native American Cultural Survival, Resistance and Allyship**, is led by **KHC 2018-2018 Curator-in-Residence Kat Griefen, lecturer, Department of Art & Design**. The third event in the series, **Repatriation and Restorative Justice: From Native American Remains and Sacred Objects to Nazi Art Theft**, will be held on **Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** This panel addresses the process of repatriation at the National Museum of the American Indian and the repatriation of artwork stolen from Jewish families during the Holocaust. **This event is part of the Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series**. The fourth event in the series, **Stolen Children: The Legacy of the Carlisle Indian School & Canadian Residential Schools**, will be held on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** In this event, two short films, based on original archival footage and the accounts of survivors of the Canadian residential schools, will be screened. A talk will follow by QCC Associate Professor, Dr Hayes P. Mauro, Art & Design Department.
- The KHC will remember the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kristallnacht**, the violent anti-Jewish program that took place over 48 hours beginning on November 9, 1938. **On Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**, local Holocaust Survivor, Hanne Liebmann, will share her memories of this dreadful day leading up to her deportation to France – as explored in the KHC’s current exhibition, **Conspiracy of Goodness**. **This year’s keynote speaker will be QCC Assistant Professor, Dr. Azadeh Aalai, Department of Social Sciences**. Dr. Aalai, who was the 2017-2018 KHC/NEH Scholar-in-Residence, will give a presentation entitled, **“A Psychological Approach to Bystander Behavior during the Holocaust.”** This event is part of the **Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series**.

### Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)

#### **DANCE ENRICHMENT – QCC STUDENTS!**

**October 10, 2018 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

#### **GOTTA DANCE – KIDS EDITION!**

**QPAC’s Broadway Dance-Along Workout Challenge For Kids!**

**October 13, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Marilyn Maye: A Piece A Cake!**

A highly praised singer, actress, director, arranger, educator, Grammy nominated recording artist and American musical treasure, Marilyn is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at QPAC along with the American Songbook. The award-winning Ms. Maye appeared 76 times on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson - the record for a singer- and is one of the remaining iconic geniuses of the golden age of show business. Opening the show is TV & screen actor/comedian Chris Monty.

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**The Capitol Steps: Make America Grin Again!**

Join us, as the cast sets out to spoof the people and places that dominate the news, with fresh song parodies and skits which convey a special brand of satirical humor! Hear from Donald Trump and Melania, James Comey, Vladimir Putin, Elizabeth Warren and even Hillary Clinton as they make comedy great again! Come see *The Capitol Steps* perform live as they dig into the headlines of the day. The 2018 midterm season elections are upon us and the results will shape the American political landscape for a great many years to come.