IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Academic Affairs.............................................. 718-631-6344
Alumni Relations.............................................. 718-281-5144
Barnes & Noble Bookstore.............................. 718-631-4200
Bursar.............................................................. 718-631-6622
Island Photography ........................................ 800-869-0908
Registrar’s Office.............................................. 718-281-5049
Security............................................................. 718-631-6384
Special Accommodations............................... 718-631-6314
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DEAR GRADUATING STUDENT,

It is with great honor that I invite you to participate in the College’s 55th Commencement Exercises, slated for Friday, June 3, 2016. You have worked hard for your degree, and our upcoming graduation ceremony is a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate your achievement with your family and friends.

On June 3, you join an important tradition of more than 50,000 graduates of Queensborough Community College. Your classmates and fellow alumni can be found in almost every career field and every baccalaureate-degree granting program throughout the metropolitan area. Remember Queensborough as you move forward – whether to advanced study, employment, or both. You are now part of our history and our future.

On behalf of all of us at Queensborough, I extend my congratulations to you. We are proud of you and wish you ongoing success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane B. Call
President
YOU ARE INVITED to be part of the 55th Commencement Ceremony at Queensborough Community College! This important event is open to all students who completed their degree requirements in January 2016 or are candidates for graduation in May 2016/August 2016.

For information on this year’s ceremony, look for “Commencement” on the QCC website Homepage to access the Commencement site.

ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN

You may purchase your cap and gown from the College Bookstore beginning in March. The earlier you order, the better your chances to have a robe that fits you comfortably. The cost of your cap and gown is $52.50 and may be paid by cash, credit card, check or money order payable to Barnes and Noble. Payment must be made at time of purchase. The Bookstore is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call Barnes and Noble at 718-631-4200. NOTE: During the College’s spring break (April 22-30), hours will be limited and we suggest you call for information.

Graduates: Show your cap and gown receipt to receive a 20% discount on the latest QCC gear at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore.
The 55th Commencement Exercises at Queensborough Community College will take place on Friday, June 3, 2016 on the College’s Athletic Field.

You have worked hard to make this day a reality. That is why you want to make this day a wonderful and memorable one for you, your family and your classmates.

**ALL GRADUATES MUST REPORT TO THE LOBBY OF THE MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING AT 8 a.m. SHARP!**

There is no rehearsal in advance of this event. Your punctual attendance in the Medical Arts Building is required so that you and your fellow graduates can prepare and practice for the actual graduation ceremony. Do not be late!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 55th COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

8 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal and Robing in the Medical Arts Building

9 a.m. Line-up for PROCESSIONAL to Athletic Field

10 a.m. COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

(The Ceremony is expected to run approximately two hours)

Noon Meet & Greet by Academic Departments

**MEET & GREET**

Following the official ceremony, faculty from each academic department will gather to greet and congratulate the graduates of their programs. Please plan to bring your family and guests to the appropriate area to meet your faculty and friends. Department areas will be identifiable by banners spanning the far edge of the Athletic Field.
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Guests are advised to arrive by 9:30 a.m. so that they may secure seating under the tent. Note: To be fair to all guests, no one will be permitted to save seats. For the safety of everyone, under no circumstance will children of any age be permitted to sit with the graduates or cross the stage with the graduates. Thank you for your understanding.

RAIN OR INCLEMENT WEATHER

The graduation ceremony will take place RAIN OR SHINE. As stated above, seating under the Graduation Tent is limited. Remind your guests to arrive early and be prepared for the weather.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired will be on stage during the commencement ceremony. If any of your guests need handicap seating or other accommodations, please call Ms. Annette Lazaro at 718-631-6314. We will do everything possible to make this event as comfortable as possible for you and your guests. In the event of a medical emergency, the college nurse will be in attendance in the First Aid tent, to be located by the far side of the Athletic Field, behind the goal post.

PARKING

Free parking will be available in all campus lots. Please be advised that space, as always, is limited. Plan to allow extra time to locate a space and walk to the Athletic Field.

USE OF CELL PHONES

As a courtesy to our graduates and guests, please turn off all cell phones, pagers and any other noise-making electronic devices during the Commencement Ceremony. Absolutely NO SELFIES while walking across the stage.
REMEMBERING YOUR GRADUATION

COMMENCEMENT MEMORABILIA
Barnes and Noble, the Queensborough campus bookstore, will be set up inside the fence of the Athletic Field to sell official college memorabilia to you and your guests. Select additional vendors may sell flowers or balloons. Any vendors selling items outside of the Athletic Field fence are not sanctioned by the College.

You will want to remember this day, and share it with friends and family through the years. The College offers you several ways to hold on to this day.

DIPLOMAS
Official diplomas will not be awarded on the day of Commencement. When you are on stage to be recognized, President Call will present you with an empty diploma case. Within six months of graduation, the Registrar’s Office will notify you about arrangements for receipt of your official diploma.

COLLEGE RINGS
Why not invest in a ring that will always remind you of your achievements at Queensborough? Rings may be ordered at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore throughout the year.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Island Photography has been selected as your official graduation photographer. As soon as you exit the stage, following the recognition of your graduation, you will be positioned by a representative of Island Photography for a photograph. The proofs will then be mailed directly to your home. You are under no obligation to purchase any photographs or to have your photo taken. For additional information, call Island Photography at 800-869-0908.
New graduates are given a complimentary one-year membership in the Queensborough Community College Alumni Association (QCCAA)! The membership year is from July 1 to June 30; look for your membership card which will arrive in the mail this summer. Following your first year, an annual donation of $35 or more to the QCC Fund, Inc./Alumni Association will secure your annual membership in the Association.

**THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE QCCAA:**

- Alumni networking opportunities and invitations to the Presidential Lecture Series, job fairs, lectures at the Art Gallery and in the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center, and invitations to special events.
- Discounts to Queensborough’s Performing Arts Center (QPAC), the QCC bookstore, and to Continuing Education classes.
- Invitations to world-class exhibits in the Art Gallery
- Use of the health club facilities; also access to the pool through a separate membership.
- Access to the Kurt R. Schmeller Library, its research facilities and computers.
- Discounted movie tickets and rentals, amusement parks, Broadway shows, special family and sports events through the Working Advantage® Program – go to www.workingadvantage.com and register under the Queensborough CC Alumni Association ID # (804163276).

Use of the health club facilities in the RFK Gym and the pool is available through a separate Pool Membership.

The QCCAA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was formed by the Queensborough Alumni with the College to support and promote the interests and welfare of Queensborough Community College of The City University of New York, its students and the community.

The full membership of the Alumni Association elects its governing body, the Alumni Cabinet, on a bi-annual basis each June. Cabinet members subsequently elect the officers. Cabinet members and officers serve a two-year term.

For any additional information, the Alumni Office is in the Administration Building, Room A-508. Contact Nickie Patterson-Garcia by email at npattersongarcia@qcc.cuny.edu or call her at 718 281-5144.
Far beyond Manhattan’s clatter,  
Stands a hilltop crowned,  
Where a Queen, our alma mater,  
Overlooks the Sound.

Chorus  
Queensborough, Queensborough,  
We will always sing your praise.  
Come what may of joy or sorrow,  
We’ll remember college days.

Born of city, state, and borough,  
Proud to serve their need,  
Building toward a bright tomorrow  
For every race and creed.

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Music by Dr. Fredric Kurzweill  
Words by Dr. Roger B. Dooley
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Academic Literacy ................................................................. 718-631-6378
Art and Design ................................................................. 718-631-6395
Biological Sciences and Geology ........................................ 718-631-6335
Business ............................................................................. 718-631-6245
Chemistry ............................................................................ 718-631-6280
Engineering Technology ..................................................... 718-631-6207
English ................................................................................ 718-631-6302
Foreign Languages and Literatures .................................... 718-631-6259
Health, Physical Education and Dance .............................. 718-631-6322
History ................................................................................ 718-631-6291
Mathematics and Computer Science ................................. 718-631-6361
Music ................................................................................... 718-631-6393
Nursing ................................................................................ 718-631-6034
Physics .................................................................................. 718-631-6366
Social Sciences ..................................................................... 718-631-6251
Speech Communication and Theatre Arts ......................... 718-631-6284
Congratulations on graduating from Queensborough Community College!

In recognition of your personal and academic accomplishments, the QCC Bookstore would like to offer you a 20% discount on all school logo apparel and QCC merchandise.

To receive this 20% discount, simply present your cap & gown receipt at the time of purchase.

Once again, Congratulations! Best wishes for continued success in your future endeavors.

Your QCC Campus Barnes & Noble Bookstore