



**President's Report to the Academic Senate**  
**May 8, 2018**

**ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

- Admissions continues to focus on recruitment, which includes welcoming students via on-the-spot admission, attending college fairs, and scheduling private visits with schools in the Nassau and Queens area. Also, the Office of Admissions is working in collaboration with the Office of Financial Services to deliver a “one-stop shopping model” for recruitment where representatives from both areas visit schools in Nassau to provide prospective students with pertinent information efficiently. Members of Admissions have been in attendance at User Acceptance Testing, hosted by the University, to prepare for the roll out of Full Admissions slated for Spring 2019. Full Admissions will allow for immediate access to a student’s record via CUNY First which will result in a more seamless application process.
- New Student Advisement and Registration is underway across all Academies and in special programs such as ASAP and College Discovery. Registration-ready students are being invited to advisement through Hobsons. As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to report that with a one-month earlier start in Fall 2018 registration activity, we are currently well ahead with our total headcount of registered students, as well as continuing students.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Middle States**

- The self-study process continues. Led by the three executive co-chairs—Dr. Antonella Ansani, Dean Arthur Corradetti, and Prof. Kelly Ford—the seven working groups are each developing a chapter for the self-study report; final versions of the chapters from the working groups will be completed by June. A draft of the full self-study report will be developed during the summer and distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions throughout the fall 2018 semester. An evaluation team chair, Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, president at Middlesex Community College, has been selected for the college’s site visit. Dr. La Perla-Morales will make a preliminary site visit in the fall and provide comment and suggestions for the draft self-study report. The completed self-study report is due to the Middle States Commission in February 2019. Dr. La Perla-

Morales will return with the full evaluation team in March 2019. At that time, the evaluation team will be on campus for two and a half days, providing a preliminary site visit report before they leave campus. The Middle States Commission will make a final decision on the college's reaccreditation in June 2019.

### **Academic Momentum Plan**

- **STEM Waiver** - The balance of the FY 17/18 STEM Tuition Waiver Program funds, \$597,034, will be used for Summer Session 1 to help pay tuition for about 750 students. More than 850 courses have been approved. During Summer Session 1 students are funded for a STEM course, as well as a non-STEM course, should they opt for one. We have been informed that there will be additional STEM Tuition Waiver funding for FY 18/19, which includes Summer Session 2 of this year, Winter Session 2019 and Summer Session 1 2019. We do not yet know the total amount of funding.
- **Milestone Scholarship** - As of this writing, 53 Milestone Scholarships were already approved for the Summer 2018 session. These scholarships represent \$40,845 in tuition awarded. We will continue to review applications and help students to reach their “30-credit milestone.”

### **Starfish Early Alert**

- The Starfish Early Alert progress surveys are sent out four times during the semester and faculty can also raise flags, kudos and referrals at any time. For spring 2018, as of March 27, 396 faculty in 897 course sections have participated in Starfish. This yielded 17,366 flags, kudos, and referrals for 6,405 individual students, or 45% of the 14,389 enrolled this term. Sixty percent of the alerts were flags (for attendance or academic performance); thirty percent were kudos (primarily “keep up the good work”), and 12% were referrals (primarily to the three learning centers: Math Center, Student Learning Center, and Campus Writing Center).

### **STUDENT RESOURCES**

- 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. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships). Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to Ms. O'Sullivan, Associate Director of Student Financial Services.
- Faculty and staff are asked to encourage 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. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.

- Currently enrolled students who missed the **2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** priority filing deadline date are encouraged to complete the FAFSA immediately. Additional information are online at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/financialaid](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/financialaid).
- The **Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and The Finch College Alumni Scholarship** worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the end of Spring 2018 and transfer to a four-year university for Fall 2018. For additional information, visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/external.html>.
- The **Thomas Tam Scholarship** is accepting applications from qualified undergraduate students currently enrolled in a CUNY college who have demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in areas such as Health, Education, and Culture, media and advocacy. Full details can be found online at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/at-cuny.html>.
- The application period for the **2018 University Student Senate (USS) Scholarships** is now open! Students can either apply for the Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship or the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarships (available to international students and students with disabilities only). Full details, including eligibility requirements and application deadline date, are online at [www.usscuny.org](http://www.usscuny.org).

## PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### BTech Update

- As seniors prepare to graduate High School in June, internships have begun. Two students are currently interning at Imagine Inc., an internet marketing company, while others are gearing up for spots at SAP and Bloomberg Philanthropies. This will be SAP's pilot Internship Program for High School students and will be held at their Hudson Yards location in NYC. Workplace Learning Seminars will proceed all internships. There will be additional SAP engagement visits for freshman and seniors in the coming months. January Johnson, Career and Job Development Liaison, will participate in a panel discussion at the Jobs for the Future conference in June. Also, three sophomores have been accepted into the Girls Who Code summer Immersion Program.

### Grants Awarded 2/20/18 – 4/17/18

- CUNY Book Completion Award: \$5,000, Kathleen Alves Tamayo, Body Language: Medicine and the Eighteenth Century Comic Novel
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation: \$14,797, Alexandra Pyak, Hilton Foundation Fellowship QCC

*47 Professional Staff Congress-CUNY (PSC-CUNY Traditional A and B ) earned Awards*

1. \$2,460, Michael Altimari, Examining the effect of Valerian Root extracts on neurite outgrowth and differentiation of PC12 and SH-SH-SY5Y cells
2. \$4,530, Kathleen Alves, Body Language: Medicine and the Eighteenth Century Comic Novel
3. \$3,500, Aliza Atik, Lost World Stories and New World Rhetoric: Fantasy, Sexology, and the Politics of Empire
4. \$3,500, Jillian Bellovary, Gravitational Wave Signatures of Massive Black Holes in Dwarf Galaxies
5. \$3,456, Magdalena Bogacka-Rode, " 'A Single Plot in War': Martha Gellhorn and Gerda Taro's Spanish Civil War Documentaries"
6. \$3,460, Aranzazu Borrachero, Stolen Motherhoods: Traffic in Minors during the Francoist Dictatorship and the Spanish Democratic Transition
7. \$3,500, Andrew Bulawa, Maximal Hypersurface Foliations of Einstein-Rosen Waves
8. \$1,563, Allison Crutchfield, Only Yesterday: An Exploration of Mod Fashion and the emergence of the Modern Rock Star
9. \$3,500, Melissa Dennihy, Becoming Readers: Fostering Student Engagement and Agency in Community College Literature Classrooms
10. \$3,500, Noelia Diaz, "Invisible Maids: Reclaiming Agency in Lola Arias' Mucamas/Maids (2010-2011)"
11. \$3,460, Merlinda Drini, Power and Channel Aware Routing in Wireless Mobile Ad-Hoc Networks
12. \$3,500, Robin Ford, Critical Pedagogy and Common Read Programs
13. \$3,500, Daniel Garbin, Eisenstein series at marked points approaching a cusp. Bounds on coefficients of certain j-invariant analogs
14. \$3,500, Aviva Geismar, "Urge"
15. \$3,500, Tirandai Hemraj-Benny, Magnetic Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Single Walled Carbon Nanotube Nanocatalysts for the Degradation of Azo Dye Pollutants
16. \$3,500, Heather Huggins, Bearing Witness: Listening as Radical Action
17. \$3,473, Mohammad Javdan, Permethrin and Alzheimer's Disease: Role of HMGB1 and toll-like receptors on Microglial dysfunction

18. \$3,500, Christopher Jimenez, Nico Was a Fashion Model - A Young Adult Novel
19. \$3,500, Tim Keogh, Suburbs in Black and White: How Jobs Created Inequality in Affluent America
20. \$3,500, Susan Lago, What We Inherit: A Collection of Linked Stories
21. \$3,500, Wei Lai, Needs analysis of a Mandarin course for healthcare professionals
22. \$3,500, Dr. Lall-Ramnarine, Dissecting the Mechanism by which Ether Side Chains Lower Ionic Liquid Viscosity
23. \$3,500, Mirna Lekic, Intercultural Concert Series: A Musical Exchange
24. \$3,500, Wenjian Liu, Spectral Methods and Ross Recovery
25. \$5,938, Azita Mayeli, Classification of Gabor Orthogonal Bases
26. \$3,500, Robert McAlear, Seeing and Not-Seeing: Burkean Rhetoric and Blindness in Native Son
27. \$3,499, Susan McLaughlin, Investigating the role of calcium-sensing receptors in Hydra
28. \$4,530, Vartan Messier, Errancies of Desire: Monstrous and Misguided Masculinities Across the Atlantic
29. \$5,900, Andrew Nguyen, Examining developmental and functional differences between male and female osteoclasts and their association with Stat3 signaling
30. \$3,500, James Nichols, "A Dollar's Worth of Exciting Amusement": The Fandango in the Age of the US-Mexico War
31. \$3,500, Angela Ridinger-Dotterman, "Spontaneous Utterances and Wordy Bombs: The Female Lecturer as Labor Reformer"
32. \$3,500, Julia Rothenberg, Repurposing Utopian Energy for the Urban Growth Machine
33. \$5,909, Maurizio Santoro, L2 Acquisition of English Anaphoric Pronouns by Adult Chinese Speakers
34. \$3,500, Ilse Schrynemakers & Cary Lane, Assessing College Readiness from Faculty Observations at Urban Community Colleges
35. \$3,500, Dugwon Seo, Estimation of the voltage from solar Photovoltaic power and utility grid in the grid-tied solar power system under the various solar radiation conditions
36. \$3,500, Vazgen Shekoyan, Critical thinking in a conceptual physics course: Identifying assumptions and multiple possibilities

37. \$3,419, Paul Sideris, Sol-gel Synthesis and Characterization of  $\text{LiMPO}_4$  (M=Fe, Mn) Cathode Materials
38. \$3,500, Anuradha Srivastava, Epigenetic Modifications of Regulatory Genes Responsible for Brain Development in Fetuses Exposed to Intra-Uterine Tobacco Smoke
39. \$3,500, Elizabeth Toohey, 9/11 and the Collapse of the American Dream: Imbolo Mbue's "Behold the Dreamers"
40. \$3,500, Agnieszka Tuszynska, The Prisoner, The Man, The Writer: Unveiling the Enigma of Clarence Alexander Rea
41. \$3,500, Jodi VanDerHorn-Gibson, Expressionistic Protest Legacies in 21st Century Theatre; or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Surreal
42. \$3,500, Biao Wang, Annulus type asymptotic Plateau problem in hyperbolic space of Dimension Three
43. \$3,499, Irvin Weathersby, Finding Crazy Horse: An Exploration of the Crazy Horse Memorial in Search of Self
44. \$3,500, Sujun Wei, Synthesis & Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy Studies on Gating of Carbazole Molecules
45. \$3,419, Haishen Yao, A Mean Field Game Approach to the Optimization of Coupled Queues
46. \$3,500, Fei Ye, Geometric and Algebraic Properties of Adjoint Line Bundles
47. \$3,500, Tanya Zhelezcheva, Reinventing the Commentaries Genre: Thomas Traherne's Commentaries of Heaven and the Early Modern Science

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Art Gallery

- *Recent Acquisitions* is currently on display in the QCC Art Gallery featuring a selection of African art sculptures from Central and West Africa, as well as Pre-Columbian ceramics newly donated to the Gallery's collection. The exhibition includes objects that range from ancestral figures to utilitarian objects. This exhibition will be on view through September, 2018.

### 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.

- The KHC is accepting applications for its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Dr. Sandra Delson Community Engagement Team* cohort of docents through **May 15, 2018**. KHC docents support the mission of the KHC and use the lessons of the Holocaust to educate current and future generations about the ramifications of unbridled prejudice, racism and stereotyping. Additionally, the docents provide exhibition tours and informational sessions to students, community groups and visitors to the Kupferberg Holocaust Center.

### **Student Leaders' Annual Recognition Dinner**

- The *57th Annual Recognition Dinner* is planned for **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at “The Inn at New Hyde Park”. This by invitation only formal event honors the outstanding student leaders of the 2017-18 academic year. Students and organizations will be recognized for the activities during the awards ceremony, which will be followed by dinner and dancing.

### **Queensborough Commencement Ceremony, June 1, 2018**

- Queensborough’s 57th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday morning, June 1, 2018. This year, our Grand Marshal is Professor David Lieberman. The academic procession will be led by Professor Allison Crutchfield (Faculty Marshal) and Ms. Gisela Rivera (HEO Marshal). Professor Chukwudi Ikwueze will lead the Associate in Art candidates, Professor Anuradha Srivastava will lead the Associate in Science candidates, and Professor Christine Mooney will lead the Associate in Applied Science candidates. Faculty members and HEOs are encouraged to participate in this event, which is so very meaningful to our graduates and their families. Additional information can be found online at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement)

### **Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)**

- On **Sunday, July 29, 2018** and **Sunday, August 26, 2018**, join us for a **Summer Concert** at the **Hillcrest Jewish Center**. Free and open to public, but seats must be reserved through QPAC.