October 11, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join Queens College as it celebrates its 80th Anniversary.

Our city has always been known for the abundance, diversity, and quality of its higher education institutions, and Queens College has long been a leader in providing an outstanding education for generations of New Yorkers. Established in 1937 as “the college of the future,” the school has worked hard to maintain its reputation as a leading academic institution that provides opportunities to students of all backgrounds and income levels. Today, under the leadership of its esteemed president, Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, this vibrant center of learning offers its nearly 20,000 students an extensive catalogue of undergraduate and graduate degrees. With over 100 clubs and sports teams, a robust arts scene, and a welcoming and supportive community, Queens College gives its students the tools necessary to excel inside and outside of the classroom – a fact to which its many accomplished alumni can attest. As students past and present, faculty, and staff come together today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of its first day of classes, I am proud to applaud Queens College for everything it has accomplished, and join in looking forward to all that its graduates will contribute to our great city in the years to come.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor