

The QC Service Corps Newsletter

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Virtual Office hours

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On behalf of the entire Experiential Education Department at QC, we would like to wish you a happy, healthy and joyful thanksgiving holiday season with your families! Eat tons of great food, get lots of rests and collect as many wonderful memories as possible. Please know, we are deeply thankful for each of you this holiday season!



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Observation of United Nation Day

CUNY Service Corps

United Nations Day

75 years of United Nations



Reimagine, Rebalance, Restart: Recovering
together for our shared humanity- UN

In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that the day be observed by Member States as a public holiday.

- To know the history of United Nation Day, [click here](#).
- To know 75 years of great history of UN within 7 minutes. [Click here](#) to watch the video.



Professional Development Events



Lunch and Learn Series



CUNY Service Corps

CUNY Service Corps : Lunch & Learn Session 6

Interviewing Best Practices

 **Brandon Coppola**
Service Corps Alum 2020

During his time at Queens College he joined the CUNY Service Corps, and through the program he interned for Queens Community House at their YABC program site at John Adams High School. After his internship hours, I was offered a position at YABC John Adams and am now a program aid and educational specialist.

 **Ron Frank**
Managing Partner
International Strategy Consulting Practice

Ron Frank is the Strategy and Change Services Internal Practice Lead. The SCIP engagement Portfolio Includes projects that support the setting of direction, the re-designing of critical processes, and the management of transformation initiatives for the line and staff teams within and across IBM. Ron's career includes 40 years of consulting experience across multiple industries, including electronics, chemicals, process manufacturing, discrete manufacturing, media, healthcare, financial services, and retailing.

[RSVP HERE](#)
[Join us on Zoom](#)

Friday, December 11, 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Join us on [@qcservicecorps](#) & [LinkedIn](#)

For further information on the Lunch & Learn Series, please visit our [website](#) or email at servicecorps@qc.cuny.edu

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In an effort to support non-Service Corps students on campus and further achieve CUNY's mission of serving as a strong University pipeline for diverse talent into New York City's public sector, the CUNY Service Corps is excited to launch its inaugural Lunch and Learn virtual workshop series - open to all QC Students.

Students who attend at least **4** of the sessions below will receive a **Certificate of Completion**.

FRIDAY
DEC. 11

Interviewing Best Practices

FRIDAY
DEC. 18

Networking Best Practices





Embrace Change

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CUNY Service Corps Alumni, 2019-2020 Cohort 7

Covid-19 has been tough, it created a tense atmosphere in the world. On top of that doing online classes was a whole new experience but this Covid crisis has helped me embrace change, however unexpected! I was able to do remote work for the remainder of my Service Corps hours and it was something I looked forward to, seeing my co-workers on Zoom and being able to talk to them, joke around and still work with them made me feel like some things were still normal. One way I managed stress was meditating with the Balance app which not only helped me de-stress but also helped me increase my concentration which I definitely need for online classes!

I would say one accomplishment I was able to make during quarantine was my IG account: melting caps which is aimed at sharing climate change awareness info, art and links. I decided to make the page when I talked to a few of my neighbors and extended family (thanks to being locked in!) and I realised how much people aren't aware of what Climate change really means in terms of the future and it's many, many effects on the planet. I did A LOT of reading and researching about greenhouse gases, carbon emissions and what clean energy looks like for the future and I learned a lot of new things! I was shocked at how much I didn't know about what I, myself could do to conserve energy, water and reduce my carbon footprint. All this new information made me determined to share it with other people and I chose Instagram as the platform to share info. since that's where most of my peers are active. The account also motivates me to keep learning about sustainable living and a greener life to help the planet!!





The Service Corps Team is excited to launch the Big Buddy this Fall, which is now a fully on-line virtual mentoring tutoring opportunity. The Big Buddy program is a service-learning program at CUNY Queens College for students which is a great opportunity to experience engaging, learning and mentoring homeless youth.

According to the 2020 statistics released by the New York Department of Homelessness, there is an average of 16,000 school aged children in homeless shelters. Therefore, in New York City, Big Buddy is more crucial than ever.

For any question you can email us, bigbuddy@qc.cuny.edu and for more visit [Queens College Big Buddy Website.](https://www.qc.cuny.edu/bigbuddy/)

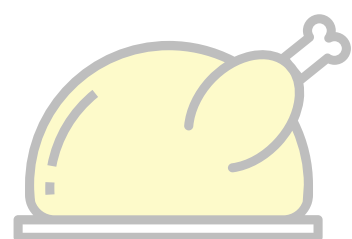
Brief history of Big Buddy

The Big Buddy program was started by Arthur Salz, now a Professor Emeritus in Queens College's Department of Elementary Education, in 1989. Big Buddy, now in its thirty first year, pairs a college student with a child who is homeless, and together they spend time throughout the academic year participating in a wide variety of mutually chosen educational, cultural and recreational activities. The program addresses both the related affective and cognitive needs of these children, by providing them with a mentor who serves as friend, educational and cultural guide, confidant and role model.

Youth who are experiencing urban homelessness in the Queens, NYC area can and do experience personal and academic disparities. A Big Buddy mentor builds positive, healthy relationships with a selected child, while results in improving children's attitudes towards adults and school, and building personal self-esteem and self-confidence. Consequently, for the youth involved in the program, participation not only leads to an improved personal attitude and outlook towards life; improvement in mental focus but also an increase in academic enrollment and graduation rates every year.

Big Buddy Eligibility Requirements:

- A Big Buddy should be an enrolled student at Queens College who is actively pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in any academic discipline.
- All majors are welcome to apply.
- Must be in good academic standing.
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Minimum Credits: 12
- Experience in teaching / tutoring youth preferred, but not required.
- Should be a full time student in the semester you are a Big Buddy.



Coping Up With Exam Anxiety:

With Finals are approaching, the QC Learning Commons wants to remind everyone about its services. The Learning Commons is a centralized peer mentoring and tutoring support network for the college's undergraduate and graduate students. The online learning environment can be challenging. Sign up for individual tutoring appointments to help with your studies. [-Click here](#) to see the web page. [-Click here](#) to make tutoring options and email, call, or visit the office Zoom hours to make an appointment. Services are free, participation is voluntary, and all are welcome!

Bringing Young Women Up To Code:

The Tech Incubator at Queens College is hosting Girls Who Code again this fall. A free virtual club, GWC is designed for 6th to 12th grade girls who are interested in learning and practicing coding skills, or want to explore careers related to computers and STEM in general. Through sessions facilitated by industry professionals, participants develop coding skills and use what they learn to build a project of their own choice. The club will meet from 10 to 11:30 am on six consecutive Sundays, and November 15, and 22. Register for this program [here](#).

Fundraising

CUNY Service Corps is a strong pipeline for diverse talent into NYC's public sector, having provided thousands of students with paid internships. Help us continue to mobilize students to work on civic, economic, and environmental sustainability projects.

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\$167

Raised

\$5,000

Campaign

Queens College Critical Needs Fund

\$852,292 / \$1,000,000