

# The QC Service Corps Newsletter

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## Hello!!

Happy Fall! We hope it's been a productive semester for you so far. As we all know, virtual learning and working is a very new and different situation for everyone - stay focused on learning and growing! In this month's newsletter, we've included a ton of information which will be helpful in shaping your career path and readiness.



CUNY SERVICE CORPS

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



**“HISPANICS: ONE ENDLESS VOICE TO ENHANCE OUR TRADITION”**

**SEPT 15-OCT 15**

## Observation of The Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for the United States Military to honor both fallen and active duty Hispanic Americans' who served in the armed forces.

To know more about how to observe The Hispanic Heritage Month, [click here](#).

## Observation of International Day of Girl Child

CUNY Service Corps is proudly observing the International Day of Girl Child. We believe every girl has boundless potential. In the 21st century, what we need most right now is Girls Leadership to break the stereotype of our society. Let's support the purpose of this day.

To know more about what UN Women organization have to say about Girl Child Day, [click here](#).

To watch a very inspirational Video from the UN, [click here](#).

### CUNY Service Corps International Day of the Girl Child



***#Girls Empowerment:  
Girls are unstoppable.***

To Learn more about this day, [click here](#).



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](mailto:bigbuddy@qc.cuny.edu) and for more visit [Queens College Big Buddy Website](https://www.queenscollege.edu/bigbuddy).

## Benefits for Little Buddies:

1. Grow in self-awareness and self-discipline.
2. Engage in constructive learning experiences that can strengthen your academic skills.
3. Develop a relationship with a college student who can serve as a mentoring role model.
4. Enhance your academic skills and literacy practices.
5. Deepen your knowledge and increase your awareness about a culturally diverse society.
6. Gain a heightened sense of purpose and belonging.

## Benefits for Big Buddy Mentors:

1. Share knowledge about your education, career path, successes and failures, and what your experiences have taught you.
2. Acquire experience in coaching and fostering the talent of future leaders.
3. Increase the value of your Queens College degree by investing in future alumni.
4. Deepen your knowledge and increase your awareness about students of diverse, cultural backgrounds.
5. Experience renewed pride and excitement about teaching and working with young children.
6. Gain a heightened sense of purpose and belonging.





### **Place of Confidence and Professionalism : Brandon Coppola**

My experiences during the covid 19 pandemic have brought me to a place of confidence and professionalism. Since April, I've adjusted to not only attending college classes fully online, but also beginning remote work for my internship at the time through service corps. After my intern hours finished, I was offered a job position and still currently work remotely for YABC through Queens Community House.

After graduating in May, it became a moment of reflection and understanding to adapt to this new world of work while everyone is challenged by the struggles of working from home. Stress has definitely come with this change, but keeping those levels low was done by creating myself a work space at home, leaving time for myself during the day, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Many people selected unemployment over the summer but I remained motivated as a recent graduate to keep my job position and continue to navigate through remote work challenges. This was a fantastic carryover, because now I feel that my professional resume has been boosted by my experience working remotely, and I feel more prepared to handle changes or being flexible to work at a moments notice if need be. This can help me in the future be more available to adjust to the needs and cares of a business to accomplish their tasks, and also use it to encourage others that they can get through these difficult times if they push through and stay confident in their abilities to balance a work life and social life.



# Upcoming Opportunities



**CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**ATTEND THE OCROLUS CAREER DISCOVERY DAY**

Join us on November 13, 2020 for a day of discovery and fun! OcroLus in partnership with MENTOR New York will host a Career Discovery Day for young people ages 16-24 to network with and learn from OcroLus employee mentors.

**MENTOR**  
NEW YORK

The CUNY Service Corps would like to invite you for a career development opportunity hosted by Mentor New York.

OcroLus builds human-in-the-loop infrastructure to automate back-office tasks with precision. They believe companies work best when they focus on their core competencies, and let automation take care of the rest. OcroLus empowers companies to modernize their back offices with leaner, faster infrastructure, and intelligent analytics. Learn more at <http://www.ocrolus.com/>

OcroLus employees are looking to connect with college students in small groups to share their career journey and meet young people who are looking to network, develop relationships and discover the different career paths and opportunities that exist (attached is a recruitment flyer with more information).

The event would be an hour and half. Students will be in Zoom breakout rooms on a 10-15 minute rotation where they'll have time to network with three different OcroLus employees. MENTOR New York will also provide an hour-long networking training to prepare students for the event.

A few important notes:

- The event is on Friday, November 13 from 2am - 3.30am
- The networking training is November 9 from 10am-11am
- The deadline for students to sign up for the event is October 30
- We're looking for 10-15 of your students to participate

If you are interested, please take a few minutes to fill out the two fo

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Event Sign Up



# Professional Development Events



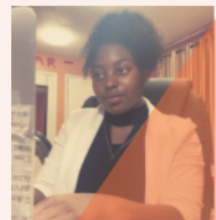
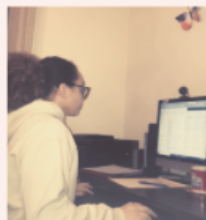
## Lunch and Learn Series



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 Oct. 30	Developing your Professional Brand on Social Media
Friday Nov. 06	The Public Speaking in Post COVID-19 World
Friday Nov. 20	Professionalism and Communication in the Workplace
Friday Dec. 04	Interviewing Best Practices
Friday Dec. 18	Networking Best Practices



Click here to [RSVP](#)

### Developing Your Professional Brand on Social Media



Guest Speaker

**Brenda Jimenez**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AT MENTOR NEW YORK



**Brenda Jimenez** joined MENTOR New York five years ago where she first served as the Director of Operations and Growth Strategies before becoming the CEO. As a professional in the non-profit sector, Brenda's expertise in fund development, board development and organizational management has supported non-profit Executives and Board of Directors in transforming their organizations by increasing their reach and impact. Brenda's commitment to women's and children's issues has been a focus in her service to the community, and the catalyst to her professional choices, leading to her current position as the new CEO of MENTOR New York.

#### RSVP

OCT 30 • 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM

[LINK FOR THE ZOOM MEETING](#)

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

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



### Public Speaking, Post COVID-19



Guest Speaker

**Jezra Kaye, Speak Up for Success**

Public Speaking Coach, Author

In the early 1990s, Jezra became a marketing communications expert and corporate speechwriter. In that role, she assembled and led teams that wrote speeches, videos, training materials, and more for Fortune 500 clients including Pfizer, Novartis, Astra-Zeneca, AT&T, M&M Mars, K-Mart, Aramark, Roche Laboratories, Mastercard, Lucent Technologies, and more. She also coached C-suite executives, marketing and sales VPs, medical directors, brand managers, and others on presentation skills and stagecraft. In 2006, she launched her own company, Speak Up for Success. Jezra is also the author or co-author of six books on business, fundraising, and public speaking including her best selling book "Speak Like Yourself... No, Really! Follow Your Strengths and Skills to Great Public Speaking"

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## 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.

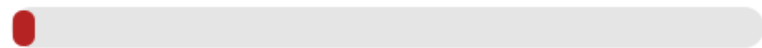
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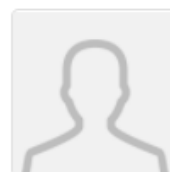
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**\$167** Raised

**\$5,000**



Campaign



**Queens College Critical Needs Fund**

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

