Queens College Participants Programmed for Success in Third CUNY Hackathon

Queens College students finished in the winner’s circle at the latest CUNY Hackathon, held at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, November 10–12. Nearly 500 students—representing all 24 of the university’s campuses—assembled teams to compete in the event, which challenged contestants to design and build a new tech product, service, or app. Hui Lin was a member of the first-place team, which included students from Brooklyn and Hunter Colleges. The all-QC team of Aliza Abbas, Sadia Z. Hasan, Farwa Abbas, Noushin Ahmed, and Kumkum Ahmed came in third.

CUNY Hackathon is a university-wide competition where students from all CUNY colleges come together to build a project and to learn directly from experts at workshops presented by Google, IBM, Facebook and other NYC tech companies. Hackathon is perfect for students with design, computer science, and marketing backgrounds.

In another competition, computer science graduate student Bijie Zhu was part of the first-place team in the recent Startup Weekend NYC Blockchain Edition sponsored by IBM. A blockchain is a continuously growing list of records, called blocks, which are linked and secured using cryptography. Bijie’s team used
Thanksgiving Message

Thanksgiving is a timely and important holiday. It brings us together with family and friends. It is a time of sharing, of appreciation, of reflection. And it is a needed break before the advent of winter.

Thanksgiving is our chance to push the pause button, to focus our attention close to home, on the people and traditions that are the solid foundations of our lives. It allows us to savor the richness of our lives, to look with renewed hope to the future, and to consider ways to help those who are not as blessed as we are.

For myself, I am so thankful for the opportunity to be part of this magnificent Queens College community. My family and I wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

CUNY Campaign for Charitable Giving & #Giving Tuesday

As President of Queens College, it is easy for me to see all the good work we do in support of our students, our colleagues, and our neighbors. To celebrate and encourage the positive effects we have on one another and communities throughout Queens and NYC, we are embracing two charitable giving campaigns that work to better our community.

During November and December, I ask that you join me in supporting Queens College with a donation made to either the Giving Tuesday campaign or the CUNY Campaign for Voluntary Charitable Giving. Read More.

Winter Session 2018

The college’s Winter Session will run from January 2-23. Over 70 undergraduate and graduate courses from a variety of disciplines will be offered, including online and hybrid classes that give students extra flexibility in scheduling classes. Students can take advantage of this opportunity to earn credits in courses that often fill up quickly in the fall and spring semesters. Registration for Winter Session 2018 is open now through January 2. For more information, visit qc.cuny.edu/winter.

Wow! #28

Marie Maynard Daly ‘42 was the first African American woman in the nation to earn a PhD in chemistry.

To see all 80 Wows!, click here.
Military, Faculty, and Staff Appreciation Day

In appreciation for all they do, all QC military members, faculty, and staff are invited to attend a basketball doubleheader on Wednesday, November 29, at 5:30 pm in FitzGerald Gym. Attendees will be treated to a burrito buffet courtesy of Qdoba Mexican Eats. QC’s women’s team will face the Dominican Chargers, and the men’s team will take the court against Adelphi. To reserve your place, RSVP to www.queensknights.com/FSDay.

What’s in a Building’s Name?:
Powdermaker Hall and the Campbell Dome

In 1962 the campus gained a new Social Science Building and, adjacent to it, a lecture space with a distinctive curved roof. The building would become Powdermaker Hall in a salute to one of QC’s original faculty members, Hortense Powdermaker, who chaired the anthropology department.

The lecture space was eventually named Campbell Dome in tribute to economics chair Persia Campbell, whose extracurricular resume included participation in President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s brain trust.

Building Futures

Kristin Hart: Creating New Roles for the 21st-Century Library

“Today, libraries are constantly changing and evolving. That’s the new normal,” says Kristin Hart, the college’s chief librarian and associate dean since September 1.

Hart’s own life is a study in adaptation. The Wisconsin native’s college career was completed in stages; at one point while attending class, she lived on a pig farm. Graduating from Western Michigan University unsaddled by debt—“a wonderful benefit of public colleges, including CUNY”—Hart had one ambition: to be a “literary novelist.” For nine years she waited on tables, traveled, and lived in Mexico where expenses were low, writing whenever possible. Read more.
QC Bookshelf

**Eugenia Paulicelli** (European Languages & Literatures) has coedited a fresh, engaging collection of essays on *Film, Fashion, and the 1960s* (Indiana University Press), a book that grew out of an international symposium with a multimedia exhibition that she curated. While everyone understands the supporting role of costume as a visually pleasing and character-defining element of film, in these essays the authors develop the rich part played by sixties fashion aesthetics in shaping innovative cinematic meanings and, through the “politics of style,” broader cultural change. With analyses of iconic films from Europe, the United States, and India, the authors explore how cinematic fashion was related to the youth counterculture, newly fluid gender identities, and the re-envisioned narratives of modernity set in midcentury cities. The writing is lively and the analyses are interdisciplinary, in a collection that proffers new ideas while opening up new terrain and questions for future scholarship.

Heard Around Campus

Jerald A. Bovino ’67, who wrote the world’s first textbook on macula surgery and co-founded the American Society of Retina Specialists, was recently elected unanimously to the Retina Hall of Fame. ... **Scott Freiberger** ’97 has been named the 2018 TESOL International Teacher of the Year. Scott notes that he was quite active during his student years at QC, “penning articles for the collegiate newspaper, serving at the Office of Counseling and Advisement as a Peer Advisor, empowering students as a tutor for the Office of Special Services, and having organized a coat drive for two homeless shelters and a Toys for Tots drive for the U.S. Marine Corps,” among other activities. Scott is especially grateful to **Gopal Sukhu** (CMAL) “for his keen cultural insights and terrific teaching” ... Appearing on TV’s *Shark Tank*, **Olivier Noel** ’11 was quite a success. He pitched his startup DNAsimple, which gives researchers access to DNA samples from people from all over the world, to the show’s panel of venture capitalists. Billionaire Mark Cuban was so impressed that he offered to invest $200,000 in return for a 15 percent stake in the company. Olivier agreed. ... **Anthony J. Piscitelli** ’72 is the author of the recently released *The Marine Corps Way of War: The Evolution of the U.S. Marine Corps from Attrition to Maneuver Warfare in the Post-Vietnam Era* (Savas Beatie). It examines the evolving doctrine, weapons, and capability of the U.S. Marine Corps over the last four decades.

Seen Around Campus
The Innovation Exchange is a yearly event in which the college community engages in an evening of discussion, debate, dialogue, and action on a crucial social issue. This year’s event, which was run by the Center for Ethnic, Racial and Religious Understanding and funded by QC alum Susheel Kirpalani ’91, was on the topic of comprehensive immigration reform. (L–r: Ali Procopio, University Program Director, FWD.us; Francis Madi, Manager of Advocacy, New York Immigration Coalition; Sophia McGee, Director, CERRU; Susheel Kirpalani, endower of the Innovation Exchange; and Brian Frumberg, founder of VentureOut.)

(L–r) At QC’s Business Forum Breakfast on Friday, November 17, Kate Spaziani, VP of New York-Presbyterian Hospital System; Karen Ignagni, president and CEO of Emblem Health; Sheryl McCarthy, Distinguished Lecturer of Journalism at QC; Lisa David, President & CEO of Public Health Solutions; and Senator Gustavo Rivera, who serves the 33rd state senate district in the Bronx, discuss the condition of the health care industry and what comes after the Affordable Care Act.

Sustaining Diverse and Inclusive Communities, a two-day conference presented by the college’s Division of Social Sciences and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation on November 13 and 14, attracted a large number of scholars both from here and abroad. Left: Jose Sanchez (QC), Hector Bombiella
As part of *The Fabric of Cultures: Systems in the Making*, an exhibit in the QC Art Center, Eugenia Paulicelli (ELL), who organized the exhibit, hosted a reception in the Tech Incubator on November 16 to celebrate the International Week of Italian Cuisine. Donations of food came from a number of vendors, including Filippo Berio and Cirio. The walls in the Tech Incubator were covered with drawings by film director Federico Fellini, all of which, of course, were concerned with food. Photographs by Simone Caprifogli (Communications) of his hometown Bologna, which is often called the food capital of Italy, were also on display and will be through December 15. (L–r: Marco De Feo [Filippo Berio], Massimo Gaspari [Cirio], Eugenia Paulicelli, and Assistant Provost Eva Fernandez with some of the Fellini drawings on display.)

Ed Smaldone (ASCM), pictured with his wife, Karen Ajamian Smaldone, and Bruce Saylor (ACSM), received a Graduate Center Alumni Award on November 15 “for his outstanding scholarly and administrative contributions and dedication to CUNY.”

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