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# What's News



## **President Matos Rodríguez Speaks about Dreamers on TV**

On Sunday, September 24, President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez appeared on "In Focus with Cheryl Wills" on NY1. The president, along with QC student and Dreamer Crystal Jadoonanan, talked about the Dream Act and what its repeal would mean to thousands of students. <u>See it here</u>.



#### **Defending the Dream**

CUNY student Dreamers, now facing an October 5 deadline to apply for the renewal of their DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) immigration status, will not have to pay the \$495 application fee, thanks to a partnership between CUNY

Citizenship Now! and the New Economy Project, a New York nonprofit that raised funds to pay the fees. Non-CUNY students who meet income guidelines will also have the fee waived; others can receive an interest-free loan, regardless of income. The Trump administration announced earlier this month that it was ending DACA and barring new applications, and that anyone whose DACA work authorization was to expire between September 5, 2017, and March 5, 2018, must renew by October 5 to keep their status. Since then, donors, organizations, and others in New York City and around the country have stepped in to provide

funds to help Dreamers pay the renewal fee. Read more.



#### **QC Welcomes Exchange Students with a Cruise**

The Study Abroad Office held a welcome event on Sunday, September 10, for all exchange students attending QC this semester. The college is hosting 55 exchange students from our partner universities around the U.S. and the world, while 34 QC students are spending the semester in universities far away from their comfort zone. The students enjoyed the cruise that sailed around midtown and downtown Manhattan, showcasing the best views of New York City's iconic skyline. Provost Elizabeth Hendrey and Interim Associate Provost William McClure attended the event to welcome the students to our campus and city. Exchange students attending QC this semester are from Canada, France, Italy, England, Ireland, Spain, China, Japan, and South Korea. The U.S. students, coming through the National Student Exchange are from Texas, Minnesota, California, South Carolina, New Orleans, Colorado, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and New Mexico.



## Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct Five Players and Three Teams

The Queens College Athletics Hall of Fame will induct eight new members at the sixth annual Golf Classic and Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Oct. 13, at Harbor Links Golf Club in Port Washington, NY. The Class of 2017 features baseball greats Frank

Saracino '55 and Howard M. Elson '69, legendary tennis coach Alan Landes '70, softball and basketball standout Cheryl Vigo '03, and women's swimming and water polo star Nicole Young '01. Three teams of distinction also will be inducted: the 1967 baseball team, 1980 softball team, and 2007 women's tennis team. Read more.

#### Wow! #31

**Charles Hennekens '63** discovered that by taking aspirin every day, people could reduce their risk of



having a heart attack.

For all 80 Wows, go to <u>qc.cuny.edu/about/Glance/80/Pages/WOW.aspx</u>

## Calling All Alumni: Share Your Memories with Us!

We always enjoy hearing from our alumni--including the many alums who work beside us on campus--but we would especially love to hear from you during our 80th Anniversary year. Do you have a story about how a favorite professor changed your life, or about a classmate who went on to do great things? Do you have pictures from your years on campus? Please send stories and photos to jay.hershenson@qc.cuny.edu and we will share them in our newsletters, magazine, and on social media. We also welcome suggestions from faculty and students who know of alumni stories we should know about!



### Exhibit: Design Faculty at Queens College

The exhibition *Design Faculty at Queens College* explores the creativity of over 20 award-winning QC faculty, including animation, illustration, typography, interaction design, communication design, and fine art. The exhibition celebrates the variety and depth of the design faculty's professional and personal creative practice and emphasizes the multifaceted nature of design in our lives. *Design Faculty at Queens College* runs through December 16.

### **Business and Tech Expo on the Quad September 27.**

On Wednesday, September 27, there will be a Business and Technology Expo on the Quad from noon to 2 pm. Among the companies that will be on hand are Bloomberg, New York Life, Canon, Northwestern Mutual, Mellon, BMW.i, and many more. Also on hand will be representatives from FixMe, an innovative home improvement company that was founded by five QC alumni. FixMe is also a member of the QC Tech Incubator.

## QC at DC 37 Open House/College Fair

On September 19 the college participated in DC 37's Education Fund Open House/College Fair at the union's



Top I-r: Alycia Narine (UG Admissions), Donna Smith (ELI), Oneida Nieves (ELI), DC 37 Executive Director Henry Garrido, and Judy Ebersol (PCS); bottom: Alycia Narine, Oneida Nieves, VP William Keller, and Donna Smith.

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headquarters in Manhattan. Representatives from the college, including VP Bill Keller and ELI Executive Director Donna Smith were on hand to let the union's members know more about the opportunities available to them at the college, such as Professional & Continuing Studies courses as well as undergraduate and graduate courses. Also on hand was the union's executive director, Henry Garrido, who visited the college's information table.

# **Building Futures**



### Writing a Narrative That Leads to Student Honors

When Ross Wheeler was earning his MFA in fiction at the renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop, he had no idea that one day he would head a college honors office. After receiving his master's degree, the Idaho native remained at the University of Iowa for three years, where he gained his first experience helping students through a job at the academic advising center. "I loved my work, but knew I wanted to get a PhD in English literature," says Wheeler, who

went on to specialize in socially conscious authors of the 1930s such as John Steinbeck and John Dos Passos.

Wheeler calls on that background as director of the Honors Office and Macaulay Honors College at QC. <u>Read more</u>

# QC Bookshelf

#### Ziva Bakman-Flamhaft (Political

Science), a specialist in both gender and international relations, has published a powerful memoir that explores how they are connected. *War Widow: How the Six Day War Changed My Life* (CreateSpace) tells a before-and-after personal story composed around the death of her young husband, who was killed while serving in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War (also known as the June or Six-Day War). An Israeli whose family came from Poland and Lithuania to a conflict-ridden Palestine still under British rule, she recounts her life from an innocent acceptance of sexist society and marriage to her growing feminist



consciousness as a widow in the new Israel and activist for women whose lives had been changed by war. Bakman-Flamhaft brings the Israeli social fabric to life, delving into both the good and the bad in her portrayal of how broader social change shapes personal fortunes and understanding. Many of her images are charming, as she lingers over the small but telling details of daily life-smells, foods, sights-that left lasting memories. Much of her book, however, requires more emotional stamina, as she recalls the strain of war, family conflicts, and gender struggles in an often suspenseful story. Her memoir is a testament to the challenge and rewards of learning to thrive after loss.



## Publication Party for *Beat Transnationalism*

A publication party for John Tytell's new book *Beat Transnationalism* will be held at Howl! on 6 East 1st Street in Manhattan on Wednesday, October 4, 7–9 pm. In *Beat Transnationalism* Tytell takes a close look at the connection between Mexico and the Beats, while recounting—via letters from that period to his wife, Mellon—his own experiences in Oaxaca. The primary focus is the importance of Mexico to Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and Jack Kerouac. Tytell, who is the author of *Naked Angels: The Lives and Literature of the Beat Generation, Ezra Pound: The Solitary Volcano*, and other books, has the distinction of teaching at QC for

55 of its 80 years.

# See It Now



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