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What's News

QC Sets Calendar for Climate Change Week

Movie screenings and talks by industry experts are just some of the events planned for Queens College Climate Change Week, taking place September 24-28 on the Quad and in Rosenthal Library, Room 230.

Opening ceremonies kick off on Monday at 12:15 pm on the Quad with distinguished guest speakers, raffles, student poster contests, and refreshments. On Tuesday at 5 pm in the library, SEES's Cecilia McHugh and Stephen Pekar will give talks about climate change, followed by a screening of the Emmy-award-winning documentary *Chasing Ice* at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday will feature a survival pack raffle on the Quad during free hour, as well as a 2 pm presentation on natural disasters in the Rosenthal Library. Thursday will focus on sustainability and solutions and will feature a talk from George Hendrey (SEES) at 2 pm and a screening of the documentary *Time to Choose* at 6:30 pm. Both events will be in the library. The week wraps up on Friday at 10 am with more raffles and a tour for QC retirees on the Quad.

Throughout the week, in fair weather or foul, a 45-foot replica of the high-tech research vessel Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES) Resolution will be anchored on the Quad. Housed aboard the ship, the interactive exhibit *Exploring Earth's Secrets* will offer visitors the



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opportunity for a hands-on learning experience about climate change and groundbreaking research, some of which is being done by QC professors.

"The JOIDES Resolution is perhaps the most successful international science program the world has ever seen," says Pekar. "It helped rewrite the book on climactic and oceanic changes for the past 100 million years."

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Knights Seek Victories on the Courts and the Fields

The 2018 fall athletics season is well under way, and **the Knights** are gearing up for another season of exciting action. Here's a rundown of how the teams are faring thus far.

Women's Tennis

After qualifying for the NCAA Championship for the 17th year in a row last season, the women's tennis team is off to another strong start under Head Coach Alan Nagel, now in his 40th season at QC. The Knights return three All-Conference players who should help in the team's quest for yet another NCAA Championship appearance. Fans can watch the Knights at home on September 28 and 29 at 12 pm against NYIT and LIU Post, respectively.

Men's Soccer

Coming off its first winning season since 2013, the QC men's soccer team has gotten off to a 3-2-1 start this season, with wins over St. Michaels' College, Saint Anselm College, and University of the District of Columbia. After being picked to place fifth in the East Coast Conference (ECC), the Knights hope to prove the doubters wrong and earn their first ECC playoff bid since 2015. So far, QC has been paced by Emgi Gousse, who has three goals and two assists in just six contests, and by András Breuer, who has a team-leading four goals. The team has upcoming home games on September 22 at 3 pm versus St. Thomas Aquinas College and on September 29 at 4 pm versus Mercy College.



Men's and Women's Cross-Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams got the 2018 season started at the Adelphi University Invitational on August 31. Diana Cruz led the women, placing 34th out of a large field of 145 runners in the 5k race, while Clivensky Etienne had a 27th-place finish out of 117 runners in the men's 8k race. On the weekend of September 14, the two teams ran at separate races, with the women's team placing second at the Iona College-Paddy Doyle Meet of Champions on Friday and the men finishing sixth at the NYIT Invitational on Saturday. The Knights' next meet will be at Mount Saint Mary College on September 29.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team has faced some tough luck this season, dropping three of its first four contests by just one goal, but the Knights rebounded in a big way in their most recent match on September 15, defeating Lincoln University, 7-1, in its ECC opener. Guro Erikson, Sarah Marino, and Victoria Ramirez have been bright spots thus far, accounting for nine of the team's 11 goals this season. The Knights will play host to St. Thomas Aquinas on September 22 at 1 pm and entertain Chestnut Hill on September 26 at 3 pm.

Women's Volleyball

First-year Head Coach Kevin Cook and the QC women's volleyball squad is still searching for its first win of the 2018 season. Cook came over from the University of Tennessee and is looking to help the Knights improve from a seven-win season a year ago. The team has three remaining home matches in September, including ECC contests versus Roberts Wesleyan College and Daemen College on September 29 and 30, respectively. Both match times are 12 pm.



Homecoming To Commemorate Cupid's Work on Campus

No statistics are available, but it's clear that QC students have a habit of marrying other QC students. This phenomenon has been going on for decades. One couple who met here—Jim and Ethyl Clancey Doyle '43—will soon celebrate their 75th anniversary. On Sunday, October 14, from 1 to 3 pm in the Grand Tent on the Quad, Homecoming will celebrate Cupid's on-site successes with "Love Is in the Air." Twosomes may pose for a commemorative photo and contribute an inscribed QC Love Lock to a special art display that will become a permanent part of campus. Locks must be ordered in advance. Details about "[Love Is in the Air](#)" and other [Homecoming events can be seen here](#).



Celebrated Danish Pianist Performs at LeFrak

The Aaron Copland School of Music will host its first concert of the year with the Norma and Murray Horowitz Series Guest Recital on Monday, September 24, at 12:15 pm in LeFrak Concert Hall. Award-winning pianist and composer Niklas Sivelöv will play works by Beethoven, Bach, Bartók, and other legendary composers.

A professor at the Royal Danish Academy of Music in Copenhagen, Sivelöv boasts an extensive catalog of recordings and has performed at venues around the world, including Carnegie Hall, Barbican Centre in London, and the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, Germany. A winner at the 8th Annual Independent Music Awards for best classical album and the first Swedish-born pianist to be elected to the Steinway Hall of Fame, he has been knighted by the Queen of Denmark for his contributions to his country's culture.



Sivelöv's visit is part of a longstanding exchange program between ACSM and the Danish Academy of Music, which allows students and faculty to learn and perform on each other's campus. The exchange program and the Norma and Murray Horowitz Recital Series Fund helped to make this concert possible. Admission is free. For upcoming ACSM events, [click here](#).

A Talk Leads to Conversations

Leveraging his personal energy, Mark Shpizner—a member of the financial markets team at the asset management firm BlackRock, and a former vice president in BNY Mellon's platinum group—addressed the Business Forum Breakfast on Friday, September 14, fielded questions, and then continued the discussion with students. An exciting time was had by all. The event will be broadcast on Queens Public Television <http://qptv.org/>.



Dance Alums Leap Forward within Body Positivity Movement

Two QC dance alums are making great strides within the body positive movement—promoting the belief that all human beings, whatever their size, should have a positive body image and accept the bodies of others. Ilianna Ayala '16 inspires thousands as a plus-sized model. Leticia Camacho '12 performs with Pretty Big Movement—a Harlem-based, full-figured dance company specializing in genres for plus-sized women.

Ayala has amassed a following of more than 38,000 people on her Instagram page, which promotes body positivity, plus-size fashion, and natural hair. Two years ago, after she posted a photo of herself with the hashtag #ashleytruemodelcontest, she was put on the cover of the Ashley Stewart website. Since then, she has worked with brands such as CoverGirl, Rebdolls, Fashion to Figure, and Impish Lee, and has been featured in magazines such as *Plus Model*, *El Diario*, *Harlem World*, and *People StyleWatch*.

Ayala credits the college and Edisa Weeks (Dance) with inspiring her confidence. "Professor Weeks told me she enjoyed watching me dance because I always looked so comfortable in my body," said Ayala. "I never felt body-shamed. Queens always gave me the opportunity to dance when other schools might not have." Ayala hopes one day to create her own performing arts center in a low-income area. She also wants to have her own hair or makeup line.

Meanwhile, Camacho and Pretty Big Movement have risen to prominence. She was in [Beyonce's flash mob video](#) at a Harlem Target in 2011. Four years later, Pretty Big Movement lasted through two rounds of the NBC show "[America's Got Talent](#)." The troupe was part of the Lane Bryant marketing campaign "I'm no Angel," which celebrated women of all shapes and sizes, and has been featured in the [New York Daily News](#), [NY1](#), and [ABC News](#). In 2017, a [YouTube video](#) that Pretty Big Movement posted went viral, amassing over 10 million views in just one day!

The group makes presentations to the international dance community, offering a supportive environment where individuals can feel comfortable dancing without being judged. Pretty Big Movement recently returned from South Korea, where it led several dance workshops and had an evening-length performance. Plans are in the works for the company to go to the United Kingdom and India to teach workshops that encourage uniqueness.

Just like Ayala, Camacho cites QC as a big reason for her success. "Queens College welcomed me with open arms," she says. "It wasn't until later that I realized that people with my body type were shamed. Queens College gave me the passion to let others know they are invited to the party."

Joining the Clubs

Prospective participants packed the Student Union's fourth floor ballroom on Club Day, held on Wednesday, September 12 during free hour. QC students have a choice of more than 100 clubs, including academic, cultural, and social organizations.



Heard Around Campus



Nia Love (DT&D) and **James Myer** (Mathematics) have been awarded CUNY Adjunct Incubator grants. Love's project is a four-part performance installation that grapples with the afterlife of slavery; Myer's project is a series of events and workshops that bring the college's mathematics and computer science faculty together to discuss interdisciplinary approaches to their subjects **Eugenia Paulicelli** (ELL) was interviewed by the *Fashion Studies Journal* in connection with her participation in an event at the Metropolitan Museum in connection with its Costume Institute show, *Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination*

CUNY Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and QC alumnus **Christopher Rosa** was honored on September 13 at the National Trio Achievers Dinner held at the Manhattan Marriott Hotel. He received a standing ovation from the over 1500 attendees from colleges throughout the country for his longstanding and exemplary record of support for students with disabilities and the enhancement of student services within the CUNY system **Douglas Rushkoff** (Media Studies) will write exclusively for *Medium* as a columnist addressing the intersection of tech and society. . . . The latest book by **Anthony Tamburri** (John D. Calandra Italian American Institute), *Un biculturalismo negato. La letteratura "italiana" negli Stati Uniti* (Firenze: Franco Cesati Editore, 2018) was reviewed in *Giornale Diplomatico*



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