



Discimus ut serviamus: **We learn so that we may serve.**

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What's News



QC celebrated its own on Wednesday, March 5, at the Excellence in Teaching and Service Awards Ceremony in LeFrak Concert Hall. The celebration continued at a reception in the Atrium. Honorees gathered on stage to mark the occasion are, from left to right in the front row, Norka Blackman-Richards (SEEK), Hemwatie Seusarran (Public Safety), Sherrie Proctor (ECP), President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, Shuheng Wu (GSLIS), and Janice Raskin (ACSM); and in the back row, Lourdes Burrows (SEYS), Roger Sedarat (English), Brian DeMasters (Athletics), Allan Ludman (SEES),



Mara Markinson (Mathematics), and Yves Cloarec (ELL). The remaining honoree, Christopher Watson (Urban Studies), is pictured separately.



Maija Ibanez (left) and Bryanna Buchanan (right) had the opportunity to network with Kayla Copeland of Mealtrics at the Black Business Expo, held on the evening of Wednesday, February 27, in the President's Lounge/Q-Side Lounge-Dining Hall. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Office of the Provost.

QC President and CUNY Chancellor-designate Félix V. Matos Rodríguez chatted with (left) former City Councilmember David Greenfield, president of the Metropolitan Council on Poverty, and (right) City Councilmember Daniel Dromm, chair of the council's Education Committee, at a luncheon City and State held on Thursday, February 28, at the Battery Gardens Restaurant in lower Manhattan, to announce the media company's annual New York City Power 100 list. Matos is ranked at #62, in a tie with CUNY Board of Trustees Chair William Thompson.





On Friday, March 1, President and CUNY Chancellor-designate Matos met Congresswoman Grace Meng—whose district includes the QC campus—and talked to her intern, QC student Sal Di Leone.

Leaders of QPTV are working with QC to explore expanding television programming serving Queens residents. In photo are John Haney, QPTV board member and retired professor of QC Communications, Arts, and Sciences Dept. (now Media Studies); QPTV Community Affairs Manager Roslyn Nieves, and QPTV President and CEO Daniel Leone. QPTV already airs the QC Business Forums and promotes college events.



Outlook is Fair for Job-Hunters

Canon, Geico, KPMG, and Madison Square Garden are among the dozens of employers that will be on hand at the Career and Internships Fair this Wednesday, March 13, on the fourth floor of the Student Union. New York Community Bank, a corporate sponsor, will also be in attendance. The fair is presented by the **QC Center for Career Engagement and Internships**; it's still possible to **register for the event**.

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Free Passes to Museum of Modern Art

The Office of Communications and Marketing has obtained a limited number of free passes to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) at 11 West 53rd Street in Manhattan, with the help of CUNY's Associate Vice Chancellor for Corporate, Foundation and Major Gift Development Andrea Davis, QC alumna. MOMA, open seven days a week, maintains 200,000 works of modern and contemporary art. If you are a QC student, faculty or staff member, please visit Kiely Hall, Room 810, during business hours to pick up one ticket per person (which covers up to five admissions) on a first come, first served basis. Tickets normally cost \$25 per adult, \$14 for full-time students \$14, and \$18 for senior citizens who are 65 years of age and older. Passes expire September 1, 2019—summer is a great time to visit MOMA!

Comic Relief

A video appeal by comedian Ray Romano, a QC and QCC alumnus, lifted donations on CUNYTuesday—November 27, 2018—to nearly \$1 million, a significant increase over the figure collected the previous year. In return, CUNY Interim Chancellor Vita Rabinowitz, QCC Interim President Timothy Lynch, and QC President and Chancellor-designate Félix V. Matos Rodríguez turned to video to thank Romano. Humor us and watch it.



Library Opens Files to Archives Fellows

As the first participants in a revived Archives Fellowship developed by Benjamin Rosenthal Library and the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Abby Sumner and Max Thorn are working hand in glove with history. They are immersed in projects in the Queens College Special Collections and Archives that will further their education, invigorate classroom instruction, and bring the college's past to life in new and exciting ways.

Librarianship represents a career shift for Sumner, who is working for the New School Libraries while she earns her MLS degree at QC. "I came from the advertising world, with a focus on market research," she says. "I knew people who had

been in the MSLIS program at Queens and had good things to say about it." Sumner's experience prior to QC includes providing cataloging assistance for an international art collective. For her fellowship, she is processing the papers of Leo Kraft, a composer and writer who taught here from 1947 to 1989.

Thorn, who has a background in media jobs, is interested in copyright, digital preservation, and archiving activism. He's pursuing an MA in History and an MLS with a Certificate in Archives. For his fellowship, he is working with Carol Giardina (History) to integrate archival materials and instruction into History 392w: America in the 1960s. "The Archives Fellows program is a great way to get experience working in an archive while in school," he says. "There's a rich history of activism and political engagement at Queens College, particularly in the 1960s, and it's exciting to bring these materials into our courses."

Earlier iterations of the Archives Fellowship had fizzled due to staffing changes, but the program was reinvigorated last August with the arrival of Annie Tummino as head of Special Collections and Archives. A GSLIS alumna herself, Tummino is excited to provide mentorship and hands-on experience to current students. The fellowship comes with a \$2500 stipend, as well as the opportunity to earn credit toward the MLS degree. For more information, email QC.archives@qc.cuny.edu.



Marie Maynard Daly '42 Honored in Women's History Month Initiative

QC alumna Marie Maynard Daly, the first African American woman to earn a PhD in Chemistry, is one of five prominent women of color in STEM whose portraits are featured throughout New York City for Women's History Month.

This initiative was the collaborative effort of Global Kids, a nonprofit educational organization for global learning and youth development; LinkNYC, a communication network offering free Wi-Fi throughout the city; and the New York Department of Information Technology. Honorees were selected by Global Kids staff members after students researched women of color who had connections to New York City and made significant contributions to STEM fields. Then Global Kids students designed the honorees' portraits, which are featured on Link's 55" displays in the five boroughs during the month of March. (A ninth grader at the Renaissance Charter School in Jackson Heights drew Daly's picture.)

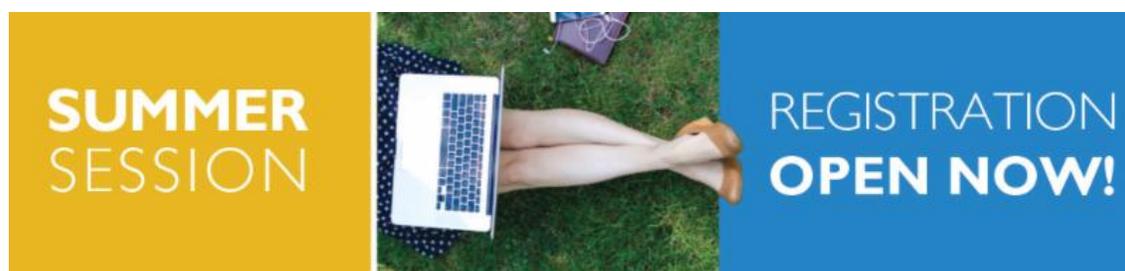


“Women are too often overlooked or completely left out of the history of science and technology,” says Ruth Fasoldt, director of external affairs at LinkNYC. “We are thrilled to highlight women innovators on Links to celebrate their accomplishments and significant contributions to their fields.”

A 1942 graduate of Queens College, Daly went on to a highly successful career in chemistry. She conducted pioneering research that resulted in a better understanding of the relationship between high cholesterol and cardiovascular health, and she was instrumental in paving the way for students of color in STEM. In 1988, she established a scholarship fund for African American science students at QC in honor of her father. Daly passed away in 2003.

The other honorees were Jane Cooke Wright, a surgeon and cancer researcher; Mabel Keaton Staupers, a nurse and advocate for racial equality in her profession; Sinah Estelle Kelley, a chemist who worked on the team that mass-produced penicillin; and Susan McKinney Steward, the first African American physician in New York and the third in the United States.

More Hot Summer Classes



Queens is commonly identified as the most diverse county in the United States; summer is a great time to learn more about some of the cultures that give this borough its distinctive flavors. History is offering Islamic Civilization I and II, a two-session sequence that extends from the 7th century to the present. Another History class, taught by Grace Davie, a specialist in South Africa, covers the history of the African continent from the rise and fall of its great kingdoms through the slave trade, colonialism, and independence. Peoples of the Pacific/Oceania, an Anthropology course, provides insight into the inhabitants of the vast “sea of islands.” To find out about these and other programs, visit www.qc.cuny.edu/summer.

Baseball Returns from Florida with a Pair of Victories

The Queens College baseball team escaped the cold weather last week, playing eight games in South Florida. The Knights faced some stiff competition, including two games against nationally ranked opponents, but were still able to pick up two victories before heading back north.



On March 6, QC picked up a dramatic walk-off victory over Stonehill College in a game played in Lake Worth, Florida. The Knights trailed 10-9 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning, and were down to their final out, when Ron Linsalato singled home a runner to tie the score and send the game to extra innings. In the bottom of the 10th, Matt Gutleber came up with the bases loaded and singled to bring in the winning run from third base for an 11-10 Knights victory.

Later in the week, on March 8, QC would meet up with Stonehill again, and once more the team earned a hard-fought victory. Louis Antos capped off a

three-hit night with an RBI double that broke a 4-4 tie in the seventh inning. Jack Palma tossed a quality start, going 6.1 innings, while allowing three earned runs and striking out six. James McGee then held down Stonehill in the ninth to earn the save in QC's 5-4 win.

The Knights stand at 4-6-1 this season following the eight-game trip. This week, it will be softball's turn to head down to Florida, where they will play nine games in five days from March 11-15.

Party to a Good Cause

President and Chancellor-designate Félix V. Matos Rodríguez will receive the "Q" award in honor of his exemplary service to the

college at the upcoming Queens College Gala on Wednesday, May 8, at Guastavino's in Manhattan. The gala will also celebrate the achievements of three outstanding alumni: David I. Weiner '76, a managing director and senior portfolio manager at employee-owned asset manager Neuberger Berman, who will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award; Jane P. Chwick '82, a former partner of Goldman Sachs, where she was co-chief operating officer of the technology division, who will receive the President's Leadership Award; and Dennis C. Liotta '70, director of the Emory Institute for Drug Development and co-founder of Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory University, who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. To get tickets to the gala or make a donation, please [click here](#).

GALA 2019

Building Futures Profile: Jian Xiao

Offering Accounting Students "Real World Engagement"

Jian Xiao (Accounting and Information Systems) has advised the CFO of George Soros's \$25 billion hedge fund, served as international controller for Merrill Lynch, and done volunteer work with small and minority- and women-owned businesses. She has also teamed up with the Brooklyn borough president's office on the New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser for Coney Island and recruited canine owners to participate in the Chinese New Year Dog Parade. "Life isn't just about going to class and making money," Xiao tells her students. "Be engaged with local activities and connect with people. Contributing to society will reward you."



Her own trajectory demonstrates the value of that advice. Born in Canton, China, where her father was a lawyer and her mother a doctor, Xiao emulated neither. "I knew I wanted to go into financial management, which is key to the success of every business," she recalls. Flying to New York on a one-way ticket, she settled in Brooklyn with her sister, studied English at Hunter College, and

supported herself by babysitting and working in Chinese restaurants. "Every foreign student struggles, and I know that firsthand," she observes.

Next, Xiao matriculated at Baruch College, her first-choice CUNY campus. An accounting major, she worked her way through college and graduated cum laude. Maintaining this demanding pace, she spent the next five years in the finance department of United Cerebral Palsy of New York State, where the 9-to-5 schedule gave her time to earn an MBA and become a certified public accountant.

Climbing the corporate ladder, Xiao landed jobs at Dreyfus and the French bank Societe Generale Americas, eventually reaching the ranks of international controller, first for Merrill Lynch ABN AMRO Bank and later, for Met Life. But the sudden death of her father prompted her to reconsider her path. She founded her own firm, Turning Point Solutions, "to provide global strategic financial management consulting, research and technical training," and leapt enthusiastically into teaching, beginning in 2011 with Baruch.

After just one semester, she agreed to teach 125 MBA students in a stadium-type classroom. "My hands were shaking at first," Xiao recalls. The course was a great success, and she was nominated for the Baruch Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching. Although Xiao wasn't the recipient, the nomination of a new adjunct was rare, if not unprecedented. Later she earned the Dean's Award for Faculty Excellence at Fordham. She came to QC the following year.

Xiao makes a point of exposing her students to "real-world cases in real time. I want to prepare them for a competitive, global world." Students in her Governmental Accounting class learned how to read and analyze New York City's 400-page annual financial report on all of its agencies. Then they visited the comptroller's office, observing an internal meeting about that same report. They also met with Jacqueline Thompson, deputy comptroller for Accountancy, and other finance-related division heads, who spoke about their work and answered questions.

Subsequently, Thompson visited an accounting class in which Xiao had student teams choose an area of the New York City budget, develop a mission statement for "The Future of NYC 2022+," and present it. "I want my students to develop and practice communication skills," says Xiao.

Sufiyan Manzoor focused on the problems of traffic congestion and pollution, proposing ways to reduce both through creative financing. Classmates voted his team #3 in a competition that Xiao called "The People's Choice Award." "We had a lot of fun with the assignment," comments Manzoor, a native of Pakistan who works full time and hopes to open his own accounting business in the future. "Throughout the course, Professor Xiao explained very well how government financing works. She made it interesting for us." Manzoor isn't the only one to give that exercise a positive review. "I was quite impressed with the presentations," says Thompson, a Baruch graduate. "With the knowledge students gain in this course, they truly leave prepared to aid their city as the next generation of government accountants."

In addition to assigning challenging projects and providing extracurricular opportunities, Xiao makes sure she is accessible to her students by text or email. "I know how hard it can be for part-time students who work during faculty office hours to reach their professors," she notes.

Always she is alert to how she can make connections for her students and help them advance. On her suggestion, the Kings County Public Administrator—one of her major consulting clients—brought in three of her QC graduate students as interns. One was recently hired full time.



John Andrejack (Student Affairs) is a contributing author to *Multidisciplinary care for people with Parkinson's disease: the new kids on the block!*, published in *Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics* on January 09, 2019. John is a person living and thriving with Parkinson's Disease and a patient advocate in research with the **Parkinson's Foundation** **Jacqueline Newman** (FNES), a retiree, received the Distinguished Contribution Award on Food Studies at the 8th Asian Food Study Conference in October 2018 **Donald Stone** (English), a retiree who returned to Peking University last fall for his 13th half-year of teaching in its English Department, was named one of the 120 most influential foreigners to work in China since its 'great opening' to the west in 1978.

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