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Campus Marks Anniversary of 9/11

Interim President William Tramontano has announced that on Wednesday, September 11, QC will observe the 18th anniversary of one of the worst tragedies in our country's history. Reflecting the tragic events of that day, the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Clock Tower at Rosenthal Library will sound its bells six times.

- 8:46 am - American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:03 am - United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:37 am - American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.
- 9:59 am - The south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.
- 10:03 am - United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
- 10:28 am - The north tower of the World Trade Center collapsed.

Interim President Tramontano, in a message to the QC community, said, "Let

these bells remind us of what we have lost, and also help us focus on our unity and all that we have in common, regardless of our ethnic, cultural, religious, or political beliefs.”

2019 Fall Sports Preview

A new season of fall sports at Queens College is underway! Let's preview the season for each team.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team is coming off a successful 2018 season in which they qualified for the East Coast Conference (ECC) playoffs before falling to eventual champion LIU Post in the semifinals.



This year, the Knights look like contenders for the ECC Championship once again, and their opponents share that sentiment, voting the Knights to finish second in the ECC coaches' poll. QC features a senior-laden team on offense with **Kevin Quituizaca** and **Romario Hulea** leading the way. The two were All-ECC Third Team selections a year ago. Head Coach **Frank Vertullo** is back for his third season at the helm. His team has improved from eight wins in 2017 to ten in 2018, as he looks to take the team another step forward this season.

The Knights have split their first two contests of the season so far, losing their opener to Southern New Hampshire, 2-0, before knocking off Dominican College, 1-0, at home last Saturday. [Check out the complete schedule here.](#)



Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team should be much improved in 2019. This year's squad is led by returning seniors **Guro Eriksen** and **Victoria Ramirez**. The two players combined to score 13 goals and total 31 points a season ago. **Rafael Morais** takes over as the head coach this season and will hope to turn around a team that finished eighth in the ECC standings a season ago. Morais comes to

Queens after a successful tenure as head coach of St. Joseph's College (LI) where he posted a 24-14-1 record.

The women's team is also 1-1 to start the season. They dropped their opener to College of Saint Rose last Thursday, but rebounded in big way, earning a dominant 6-2 victory over Concordia College on Sunday. [View their complete schedule here.](#)

Women's Tennis

Women's tennis will look to continue a long tradition of excellence in 2019. A year ago, the Knights went undefeated in regular season play, but fell to NYIT in the ECC Championship. Despite the tough loss, the Knights went on to the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the Round of 16. NYIT disbanded its tennis program after the Spring 2019 season, leaving the Knights as the heavy favorites to win the title this season.



Luisa Auffarth will lead a loaded lineup for the Knights. She was named ECC Preseason Player of the Year by in this year's coaches' poll. She posted a 12-4 dual match record, while playing primarily at #2 singles.

The Knights started the season off right, earning a 7-0 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas College on Friday. [Their full schedule can be seen here.](#)



Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had a rough 2018 season, but should improve this season under the guidance of Interim Head Coach **Stefan Leger**. The top returner for the Knights is senior captain **Lauren Kehoe**, who finished with 109 kills and 62 digs last season. Other top returners include **Briana Green, Dee-Ana Mitchell, and Alisha Matthews**.

The Knights had several matches this past weekend, which included a season-opening victory over Dominican. They open up conference play on September 28 at home against Bridgeport University. [View the complete schedule here.](#)

Cross Country

Coming off a seventh-place finish at last year's ECC Championships, the men's and women's cross country teams hope to move up in the ranks this year. The men's team will be led by senior **Clivensky Etienne**. He was 41st at last year's ECC Championship and placed in the top 100 at NCAA Regionals. For the women, **Crystal Jia** (39th at 2018 ECC Championships) and **Gillian Kisling** (48th at 2018 ECC Championships) will be the Knights' top returners.



QC opened the season last Friday at the Adelphi Invitational where the men placed fifth and the women finished in eighth place. They have seven other meets on the schedule, capped off by the ECC Championship on October 25 and NCAA East Regionals on November 10. [Here's the complete schedule.](#)

Workshops for Job Seekers

This week and next, the Center for Career Engagement and Internships is offering Business and Technology Preparation Workshops. Two sessions, to take place in Kiely Hall 250 on Wednesday, September 11, 12:15-1:30 pm, and Monday, September 16, 12:15-1:30 pm, will focus on work readiness, resume and cover letter writing, and interview techniques. Students can reserve places through www.qc.cuny.edu/HireQC. These workshops are sponsored by Geico and Vault.

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Academic Senate Back in Session

QC's Academic Senate will hold its first meeting of the semester on Thursday, September 12, at 3:35 pm in the Dave Fields Lecture Hall, Room 170, Kiely Hall.

Staci Hope Cohen Remembered

The late Staci Hope Cohen (right)—who served as QC’s director of Sustainability—will be commemorated in a ceremony on Friday, September 13, at 2 pm. The entire community is invited to the FNES garden, near Remsen Hall, for the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to Cohen, who engaged students, faculty, and staff in campus-wide efforts to fight climate change. The Staci Hope Cohen Fund has been established by her family and friends to celebrate Staci's memory, support student-inspired sustainability initiatives, and recognize student contributions to the college's sustainability efforts. This year, two outstanding students will be honored (see next week's *The QView* for coverage).



How sweet it was!

Students, faculty, and staff cheerfully queued up for a free cup or cone of soft serve on Wednesday, September 4, from noon to 2 pm, when a pair of ice cream trucks were stationed on opposite ends of the Quad. The Office of Queens College Venue Rentals, led by Dale Nussbaum and the Office of Finance and Administrations, led by William Keller, brought the trucks on campus to thank members of the QC community for their patience during film shoots and external rentals.



Taking Pride in Library’s LGBT+ Collection

Pride at Queens College will celebrate the acquisition of new books and media for Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library’s LGBTQ+ collection with a reception in the library rotunda on Monday, September 16, from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. The collection was launched with 143 titles last year, thanks to approximately \$5000 in support from LaGuardia Community College and the New York City Council, through the office of Speaker Corey Johnson and Councilmember Daniel Dromm. This year, LaGuardia, Speaker Johnson and Councilmember allocated an additional \$3000 toward expansion of the collection.

ACMS Hosts South African Pianist Nduduzo Makhathini



Renowned pianist and composer Nduduzo Makhathini will present a master class—"The South African Songbook: Celebrating 25 Years of Democracy"—on Tuesday, September 17, from 5 to 7 pm in the Music Building, Room 264. Antonio Hart (Music) will host the session, which will explore African influence in American music, among other topics. This event is free and open to the public, and generously sponsored by CUNYArts and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Queens Seeks Poet Laureate

The Borough of Queens is seeking its next poet laureate, who will be expected to plan and participate in local events that promote and appreciate poetry. The title was most recently held by QC alumna Maria Lisella.

Candidates for the position, which is unpaid, must be published poets who currently reside in Queens and have

lived here for at least two years. To be considered, interested parties have to submit multiple forms of writing: up to ten pages of original poetry, an essay of up to 500 words on why the individual wants to be the next Queens poet laureate, and a one- to two-page resume focused on the applicant's poetry-related work. The deadline expires on Friday, September 20, at 5 pm. For complete details and a link to the application form, [click here](#).



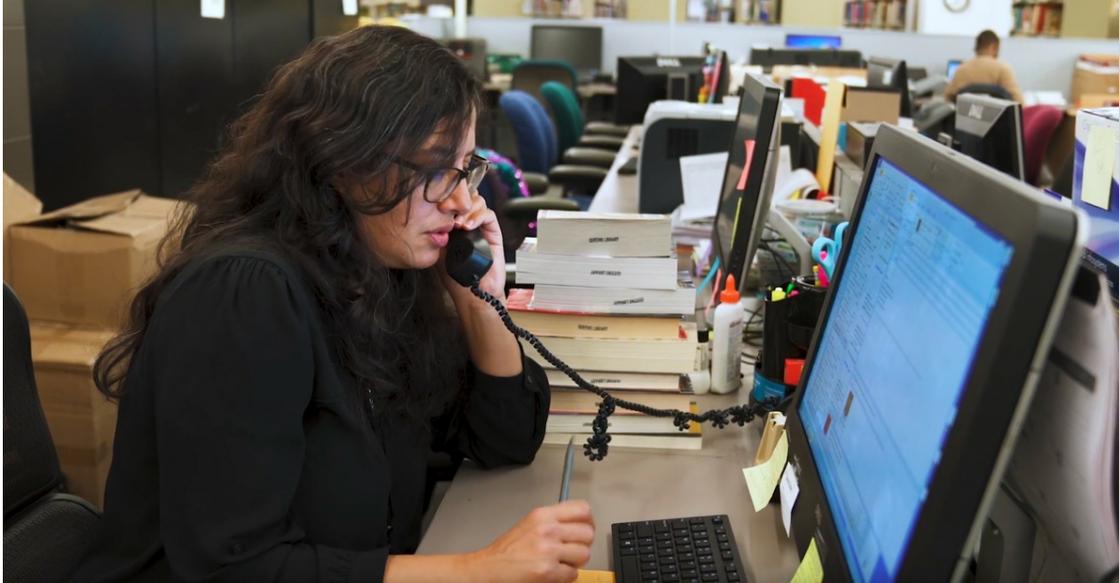
Non-science Graduates May Seek a Certificate of Pre-Health

In spring 2020, QC will begin offering a post-baccalaureate pre-health certificate, the only program of its kind within CUNY.

This certificate is designed for college graduates who want to enter health professions—such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, podiatry, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and occupational therapy—but lack the requisite undergraduate background. The two-year program combines academics with customized advising and tutoring services, and helps participants attain experience in research, clinical volunteering, and community service. Those who complete the program will be prepared to take the appropriate standardized tests and apply to health professional schools.

The program will be open to individuals who earned a BA or BS with an overall GPA of at least 3.0; applicants must have completed no more than 25 credits of required pre-health course work, with a grade of B or better in those classes. To learn more about QC's post-baccalaureate pre-health certificate, sent an email to Mika.Vesanen@qc.cuny.edu.

Building Futures Profile: Nili Ness



Bringing Books to Riker's Island

A correctional services librarian for Queens Library, Nili Ness credits Queens College for connecting her with the job that she loves: helping inmates at Riker's Island experience the world beyond the prison walls via reading books.



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Born in Israel, Ness spent a couple of childhood years in India before moving to Los Angeles where she lived from ages 6 to 17. Raised by a single mother, she says, "My mom came to this country with two suitcases and four kids. . . Didn't really have a lot of money growing up; kind of a chaotic home life," she says, explaining that her mother was pursuing her PhD. "But we always had tons and tons of books around. We literally had books in every room of the house. Books allowed me to see outside the four walls where I was growing up."

After a stint working as a substitute librarian in a high school, Ness recalls thinking. "This is really nice. I feel like I'm doing something good in the world."

Affordability was the deciding factor in choosing QC over Pratt to pursue her MLS in Library and Information Studies. During her studies, a QC alumna (and the woman who would later become her supervisor) came to QC to speak about teen services and mentioned a part-time position Queens Library was hiring for. "It connected me to the work that I genuinely love doing," she says. "It's just so rewarding to see the excitement that people [Rikers prisoners] have when we come in," says Ness, who enjoys the challenge of accommodating the special needs of individual patrons, such as someone with sight issues requiring large-type reading materials. She also does research to answer individual reference questions and will on occasion "softcover" books available in hardcover to accommodate Rikers's prohibition on hardcover books. Additionally, she promotes a video visitation program which allows people to go to local library branches and have one-hour free video chats with loved ones incarcerated at Riker's.

Ness, who had also considered pursuing a career in journalism, says, "I really appreciate the fact that the program at Queens emphasizes the core tenets of librarianship, including intellectual freedom, access to information and privacy issues. I did always want to do something where I thought that I was giving back in some way. . . I came to appreciate this idea of working with

underserved populations, and I'm thankful to Queens College for that.

Reflecting on her graduate studies experience, she observes, "I had teachers who were thoughtful, interested, and interesting and really imbued me with a sense of what librarianship is all about. The relationships you build in the program will also benefit you later in your career."

Heard Around Campus



Kimiko Hahn (English) published "After Being Asked if I Write the 'Occasional Poem,'" in the [New Yorker](#) . . . **Gregory O'Mullan** (SEES) was interviewed by National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition" about the tomato plant growing on an East River piling; the story is posted [here](#) . . . The *Jerusalem Post* reported that QC alumnus **Avi Berkowitz**, assistant to Jared Kushner in the White House, will continue to play significant role in Middle East peace initiatives as staff changes are implemented.

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