

**Queens College  
City University of New York**

**Baccalaureate  
College-Wide Awardees**

**Presents**

**2024**

## A. Joseph Geist Law Fellowship

The A. Joseph Geist Law Fellowship is offered annually by the A. Joseph and Cecile A. Geist Foundation Inc., to be used for tuition by a Queens College pre-law student who has been accepted for admission to an accredited law school, has maintained high standards in scholarship and character, and has contributed to the best interests of the College.



Avi Koenig

Avi is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with majors in History, Urban Studies, and Political Science; minors in Honors in the Social Sciences, Writing, Urban Planning, and Jewish Studies; and a 3.85 GPA. During his undergraduate career, Avi served as a staff writer and editor for the Knight News and is serving currently as the President of the Queens College Hillel Club and the Student Association Chair of Academic Affairs. He recently received the Beberfall Law Scholarship and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He is also an intern at the MTA Metro-North Railroad. After graduation, Avi will attend Columbia Law School.



Tova Kaplan

Tova is member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in Political Science, minors in History and Business and the Liberal Arts Honors, and a 4.0 GPA. She is passionate about public service and works as a student assistant for the NYS Attorney General's Office's Labor Bureau and has interned for NYS Senator John C. Liu. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Beyond her academic commitments, Tova's enthusiasm extends to sports, particularly as an avid fan of the NY Yankees and NY Giants. After graduation, Tova will be pursuing a career in law.

## Alumni Association of Queens College Award

The Alumni Association of Queens College Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has maintained an outstanding academic record, has contributed to the best interests of the College, and has been accepted for graduate study at Queens College.



Devina Kalika

Devina is a Queens College's Freshman Honors and QC Scholars program alumni, who graduated this past fall with a major in Environmental Science and a 3.93 GPA. During her undergraduate career at Queens College, Devina was a peer mentor in SEES and involved in research; she took part in Dr. Lesnek's Glaciers and Climate Group, presenting on the Deglaciation of the Laurentide Ice Sheet and then traveling with a research vessel to Axial Seamount. Devina is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and has won several Queens College scholarships. Currently, Devina is pursuing her Master's in Geological and Environmental Sciences at Queens College.

## Chaney Goodman Schwerner Award

The Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Award is offered annually to a graduating senior who has made a significant contribution toward fostering human relations and eliminating the divisions that separate peoples.



Mario Gonzales

Mario is a member of CUNY EDGE and is graduating with a major in Art Education, a minor in Photography, and a 3.91 GPA. He is a socio-political, Chicano, teaching artist who believes in the importance of education and the accommodation of student diversity in his teaching. Mario has been a recipient of many awards in his college career, such as the Jay S. Wolpert Scholarship in the Arts and the Mitsui U.S.A Foundation award. In the Lunita Loft community space, he has curated photography shows, showcasing Queens College artists among others, helped create a Prison Library Volunteer Network, and hosted other community events. After graduating, he plans to become an Art Teacher in the NYC Department of Education and to obtain his master's degree in the future.

## Creativity Award

The Creativity Award recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated both scholarly excellence and extraordinary achievement in artistic expression in a chosen field of study that is not limited to a student's major discipline. Such achievement will be evidenced in performance, material, or conceptual invention, or literary form.



Kaylin Rivera

Kaylin graduated this past fall with a major in English, a minor in Writing, and a 3.82 GPA. They previously received the Susan Isaacs Scholarship for Writing, Editing, and Publishing and have participated in multiple writing workshops, including the Queer Writers Workshop at Queens College, where their work received an honorable mention. They also worked at LaGuardia Community College as a mentor to freshmen students. After graduation, Kaylin is pursuing Emerson College's Popular Fiction Publishing and Writing program. They hope to pursue a career in higher education and become a NYT Bestselling author with a focus on Hispanic and queer representation in fiction.



Noam Beili

Noam is a student at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College, graduating with a major in Music, a minor in Music and Production, and a 3.98 GPA. Since the beginning of the Spring semester, he has been piloting a music tutoring program with the QC Learning Commons in the Music Department. He also taught an advanced musicianship class at the Eisman Center for Preparatory Studies in Music at Queens College and gave a speech for the new School of Arts' opening ceremony. Noam also participated in QC's Knights Day of Service, in which he volunteered with the DOROT organization to help isolated older adults, primarily in Jewish communities, navigate technology. After graduation, Noam will begin a Queens College post-baccalaureate program to become a public-school teacher. He also plans to continue performing and composing music.

## David Syrett Scholarship

The David Syrett Scholarship will be given to a graduating senior with an outstanding academic record who plans to attend a Ph.D. Program in the disciplines of History, Philosophy or Economics.



Deborah Tulloch

Deborah is a Mellon Mays Fellow, who graduated this past winter with a major in History, minors in Anthropology and Business and Liberal Arts Honors, and a 3.64 GPA. Her college experience included being a CUNY Pipeline Fellow, a Shirley Chisolm Fellow, and a peer mentor for Project ExCel. She served as a host for Africana Studies webinars, panelist on The Palmers Women Roundtable, intern to State Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson, and member of the Academic Senate: Dean Search Committee. She is currently a supplemental instructor and writing consultant for QC's SEEK program and an assistant constituent liaison for the NY Assembly. In the fall, she will be attending Northwestern University to pursue her PhD in History, with a focus in the African diaspora's twentieth century global cultural politics.

## Donald Kirkpatrick Scholarship

The Donald E. Kirkpatrick Award is given annually to a graduating senior of outstanding academic achievement whose activities have been in the best interests of the College and its goals.



Deana Davidova

Deana is graduating with a major in Biochemistry, a minor in Spanish, and a 3.94 GPA. She is a chemistry tutor and a part of the Chemistry Honors Society, Beta Delta Chi. Currently, she is part of Dr. Choi's laboratory where her research focuses on synthesizing irreversible allosteric modulators for the PI3K, a protein that is overexpressed in breast cancer genes. Furthermore, she volunteers at Mount Sinai in the emergency department, and she works as a pharmacy technician, which she notes helps with exposure to different medications and patient communication skills. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Outside of her passion in chemistry, she has been passionate about music, playing the piano since the age of eight years old. Deana is applying to medical school this June and wants to become a retina specialist to perform surgeries to save patients' vision.

## Harvard Sitkoff Civil Rights Award

The Harvard Sitkoff Civil Rights Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards and exhibited a special interest in furthering the cause of civil rights.



Theophilus Hamblin

Theophilus is graduating with a major in Urban Studies and a 3.94 GPA. Before attending Queens College, Theophilus traveled around the world, collaborating with non-profits and think tanks on social progress and community development. His commitment to service led him to volunteer in South Carolina, focusing on homeless services and hunger relief, and to champion the adoption of older children in the foster care system with ACS and the Wendy's Foundation. He has canvassed for Green Peace, participated in mission trips, and engaged in research programs at Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National xLaboratory. After graduation, Theophilus intends to pursue law school.



## E. Richard Covert Memorial Scholarship Fund

Given to a graduating student who has demonstrated strong academic and leadership skills, as well as a commitment to engaging students, faculty and staff in creating and sustaining an environment that supports quality student life. This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. E. Richard Covert, who served as Dean of Students for 10 years, and who touched the lives of countless QC students during his nearly three decades as a member of the faculty and administration.



Katherine Sanchez

Katherine graduated this past summer with a major in English Literature, minors in Writing and Global Studies, and a 3.81 GPA. Katherine is a JK Watson Fellow, and she has been previously recognized for her creative writing achievements with various awards, such as the Charles G. Weekes Memorial Scholarship and the Penguin Random House Creative Writing Award for Poetry. She was also named as a finalist for the NYC Youth Poet Laureate. In her undergraduate career, she contributed as a peer counselor, a writer for the Knight News, and an editor for Utopia Parkway. She has interned also at advocacy organizations for community service. She is now currently employed as a Marketing Assistant at Doctors Without Borders.



Michelle Salinas

Michelle is graduating with a double major in Psychology and Sociology and a 3.96 GPA. She served as President of the QC Psychology Association, interned with CUNY Spring Forward, was a member of Project ExCEL, and was a peer mentor for the UBUNTU and L.O.V.E programs. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Michelle enjoys sharing her experiences throughout her undergraduate journey to inspire and motivate fellow students to achieve their goals. She is also passionate about children's welfare and the empowerment of young women to pursue higher education. Michelle will pursue her Master's in Social Work at the University of Houston this fall.

## Helen T. Hendricks Scholarship

The Helen T. Hendricks Scholarship is presented annually to a graduating student who has maintained high standards in scholarship, has made an outstanding and valuable contribution of service to others in the Queens College community and/or in the community at large and has been accepted to a professional school. The award is made by a group of alumni to acknowledge the contribution to their educational experience made by Helen T. Hendricks, a member of the College staff.



Selina Singh

Selina is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in Psychology, a minor in Student Services and Counseling, and a 3.95 GPA. She is also a Lisa Hall scholar. She was previously a peer counselor in Queens College's Peer Counseling Program and is currently a Peer Coordinator in the Academic Advising Center's Peer Ambassador program. She has dedicated her time to serving low-income and homeless youth at the nonprofit organization The Door and researching eating disorders. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Selina hopes to become a licensed mental health counselor and has been accepted into graduate school for mental health counseling.

## Herbert and June Bienstock Memorial Scholarship

The Herbert Bienstock Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence as well as to fostering a campus of equal access and opportunity for all members of the Queens College community.



Ilana Dandridge

Ilana graduated this past fall with a major in Elementary and Childhood Education, a minor in English, and a 4.0 GPA. On and off campus, she has demonstrated great passion for community service, including supporting at the Knights Food Pantry, organizing family events at the Queens County Farm Museum and King Manor, and managing events for the QC CUNY LGBTQI+ Consortium. She was President, and previously Community Service Chair, of the Queens College chapter of the National Society of Leadership & Success Honors Program. In addition, Ilana recently became a member of the Nu Mu chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She is also one of the founding members of the QC Gamma Beta Phi honors society and received a letter from President Frank H. Wu in thanks for her service to the college community.

Ilana hopes to pursue a career in education and has been accepted to Queens College's TESOL, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Master's program.

## Jeffrey Berman Memorial Award

The Jeffrey B. Berman Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has made significant contributions to the needs and interests of students with disabilities on campus, or who has demonstrated academic achievement while meeting the challenges imposed by experiences with disability.



Marta Batista Beltre

Marta graduated this past fall with a major in Psychology and a 3.90 GPA. While at Queens College, Marta was fascinated with many aspects of psychology, especially child and adolescent psychology. After graduation, they will attend the Doctor of Clinical Psychology program at the University of Indianapolis. Marta hopes to become a psychologist in the future and open a practice where they can assist people of diverse backgrounds, focusing on children, adolescents, families, and LGBTQI+ affirming care.

## Jeffrey Vigliarolo Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The Jeffrey Vigliarolo Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of high scholastic achievement who plans to attend law school after graduation. It is funded through the family and friends of Jeffrey Vigliarolo, who was a Political Science and Communication Arts & Sciences major at the College.



Aiden Guness

Aiden Guness is a member of the Academic Senate, graduating with majors in Political Science and History and a 3.89 GPA. He serves on the Academic Senate's Policy Board on Administration, which advises the Senate on major policy decisions, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He is currently employed as a caretaker for two immigrant senior citizens. He also previously worked at State Senator Leroy Comrie's office. Upon graduation, Aiden plans to attend law school and eventually work in criminal law.

## Joan Thornton McManus Memorial Prize Endowment for Academic Excellence

The Joan Thornton McManus Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence is presented annually to a student with the highest cumulative index upon completion of the baccalaureate degree.

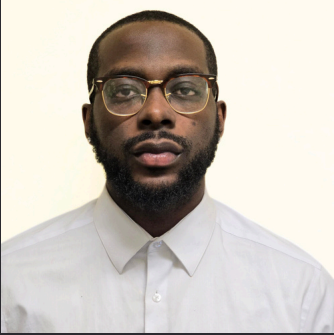


Alexandra Goldblatt

Alexandra graduated in Spring 2023 with majors in Psychology and Neuroscience, minors in Chemistry and Health Science, and a 4.0 GPA. During her time at Queens, she was president of the Chabad Club and Vice President of the Research Club. She was involved in research on campus with the Dennehy lab, where she studied the viral transmission of Covid-19 in classroom settings. Additionally, she volunteered at New York-Presbyterian Queens and at the Queens Public Library. Alexandra spent the last year working as a medical scribe and is pursuing a career as a physician. She has been accepted to New York Medical College for the class of 2028.

## Joe & Carol Brostek Scholarship

The Joe and Carol Brostek Scholarship is presented annually to a graduating senior who is planning to pursue graduate studies and has demonstrated academic excellence while serving in campus leadership positions which have benefited Queens College.



Caudy Desmornes

Caudy is a member of our Queens College Men's Basketball Team and is graduating with a major in Psychology and a 3.92 GPA. He volunteers as a mentor for My Brother's Keeper, a program for elementary school students that provides academic and emotional support. In addition to his mentor experience, Caudy has also participated in park cleanups and community fundraisers as well as organizing the annual walk for Out of the Darkness, in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. He serves as Student Athletic Advisory Committee member, has won several scholar athlete awards, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, Caudy intends to pursue a Master's in Business Administration with a marketing concentration.

## Judge Charles S. Colden Award

The Judge Charles S. Colden Award is presented to a graduating senior who has maintained high standards in scholarship and character and has contributed to the best interests of the College.



Trisha Sherman

Trisha is a member of the Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in English, a minor in Honors in the Humanities, and a 3.88 GPA. She is the former President of the Queens College English Club and has received various accolades from the English department, including multiple writing prizes, as well as the Robert Greenberg Prize for Outstanding Work in Honors English. She is known for her work as a multilingual tutor at the Queens College Writing Center and student assistant as part of the Queens College AANAPISI Project (QCAP). She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She is planning on attending graduate school and eventually pursuing a PhD in the humanities. She will be taking a gap year post graduation to expand on research she began working on as part of her senior thesis.



## Judi & Amy Sturm Memorial Scholarship

The Amy and Judi Sturm Memorial Scholarship is provided annually by the family and friends of Amy and Judi Sturm, alumnae of the College, and are given in their memory to graduating seniors in the liberal arts who have maintained outstanding records at the College, have made significant contributions in campus affairs, and have been accepted for graduate study in mass communications.



Manuela Quiceno

Manuela is graduating with a double major in Media Studies and Film Studies and a 3.98 GPA. Her work has been published in The Knight News and Dateline: CUNY, and she is also involved in the Catholic Newman Center. She is currently volunteering with a Non-Profit Organization called Mission Ruah Foundation, where she works on their social media platform and leads a weekly youth group. She has also been working at an after-school academy since 2019, where she tutors K-12 students. In her free time, she likes to play the piano, dance, and swim. Manuela has been accepted to Queens College Graduate School to pursue a Master's in Media Studies hopes to apply for her Doctorate Degree in January 2025.

## Marc & Zoe Belth Award Memorial Award

The Marc and Zoe Belth Memorial Award is presented to graduating senior who have demonstrated academic excellence and who plan to attend graduate school to pursue studies in some aspect of the analysis of thought or cognition, such as Philosophy, Psychology, Linguistics, or Education. Professor Belth, of the School Education, was especially interested in the nature of the process of thinking.



Ayala Feder

Ayala is a member of Queens College's Transfer Honors program, graduating with a major in Psychology, a minor in Honors in the Social Sciences, and a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of Psi Chi, the honors psychology society. She was the treasurer of the QC Psychology Association and was involved in two psychology research labs on campus and is proud to present her honors thesis: *Embracing Possibility or Embracing Illusion? Openness and False Memory*. Outside of QC, she volunteered at the Aleph Institute to have weekly calls with those incarcerated to bond over religion and spirituality. Ayala was also part of the Mafteach Teachers Fellowship in which she travelled with her peers to engage with smaller Jewish school communities across the country. After graduation, she plans to gain more research and clinical experience before applying to graduate programs. In the future, Ayala hopes to become a clinical psychotherapist.

# Molly Weinstein Prize

The Molly Weinstein Prizes are presented annually to graduating seniors who have a distinguished record of scholarship and intend to pursue a career in college teaching.



Guadalupe Martinez

Guadalupe is a Mellon Mays Fellow, graduating with a major in English, minors in Spanish and History, and a 3.89 GPA. She is an alum of The Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program and The Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI). She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. During her sophomore and junior year, she worked part-time as a grant writer at Good Shepherd Services, a non-profit organization in NYC. She most recently got published in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal. She hopes to pursue a PhD in American Studies and will be applying to graduate schools this fall.



Lia Kalinkos

Lia graduated this past fall with a major in Anthropology, minors in Power and Inequality and Cultural Heritage and Memory, and a 3.84 GPA. She was Vice President, and later President, of the Queens College Anthropology Society and was also a National Science Foundation REU Fellow, participating in archaeological research on the Maya. After graduation, Lia is pursuing a PhD in Archaeology at Yale University in Fall of 2024. She aims to be a researcher in Maya Archaeology and become a professor like those at Queens College, who she is grateful for having challenged her intellectually and inspired her to follow her passions.



Wanda Harris

Wanda was a member of the Transfer Honors Program, who graduated this past fall with a major in Art History and a 3.87 GPA. She is also a previous recipient of the AIA - NYS Scholars Program Award. Wanda fell in love with everything related to the study of art and ancient civilizations, which led her to pursue higher education in this area. She is eager to expand her learning and looks forward to engaging in a teaching career. Her experience at Queens College offered opportunities, including an archeology study abroad summer program in Sicily, which helped cement her passion for her studies. She also presented a paper for the Session 11: Archaeological Sciences in the EMME conference in Cyprus this May. Wanda has been accepted at the University of California, Los Angeles, to pursue a PhD in Art History and Ancient Studies.

## Michael Wreszin Prize

The Michael Wreszin Prize is for the graduating senior whose social activism on and off campus in the cause of economic and social justice, civil rights, and peace best exemplifies the values to which Professor Michael Wreszin devoted his life.



Sumaya Kabir

Sumaya is a member of the Transfer Honors and ACE programs, graduating with a major in English and a 3.83 GPA. She is also a Belle Zeller recipient. Sumaya has volunteered at the Knights Food Pantry and for NYC Men Teach, an initiative dedicated to inspiring more men of color to become teachers in New York City. She also works as a college and career bridge coach for the CUNY K16 initiative, created to address systemic educational inequities, where she helped a caseload of over three hundred recent high school graduates develop their post-secondary plans. After she graduates, she will continue working as a college and career bridge coach, with her ultimate career goal to become a curriculum writer and help develop ELA curriculum for K-12 students. She plans on attending graduate school in the spring 2025 semester to pursue a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

## Paul Klapper Scholarship

The Paul Klapper Scholarship is provided annually by the staff of Queens College and other friends, in memory of the College's first president, to encourage scholarly accomplishment, moral and intellectual integrity, and good citizenship. This award is made to a graduating senior who plans to enter graduate work.



Kirk Persaud

Kirk is a Goldwater Scholarship recipient, graduating with majors in Neuroscience, Biology, and Psychology; a minor in Health Science, and a 3.92 GPA. Beyond his academic achievements, Kirk is the treasurer and former president of the Rotaract Club of Manhattan NYC, and he presides over the Queens College Neuroscience Club. His creative side flourishes through painting and poetry, hobbies that add depth to his scholarly pursuits. Kirk's commitment to his peers is evident in his role as a Biology and Psychology tutor at the QC Learning Commons. He also volunteers in Dr. Robert Ranaldi's laboratory, exploring the intricacies of substance use disorders and the mechanisms of reward and learning, and he is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and the Gamma Beta Phi honors and service society. Kirk plans to join a MD/PhD program and become a neurologist, focusing on the research of neurodegenerative diseases and serving ethnic minorities.



Mahir Sadad

Mahir is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in Political Science and a 3.97 GPA. Born in Bangladesh, he is a first-generation student who has built his academic and professional journey around uplifting undocumented and immigrant students. Currently, Mahir works as the Design and Social Media Engagement Assistant at CUNY Undocumented and Immigrant Student Programs (UISP). He is also a returning third-year Immigrant Ambassador to the NYCDOE, where he supports multilingual and first-generation high school students in exploring their post-secondary options. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Mahir hopes to pursue a career in education policy and aspires to earn a Master's degree in Public Administration.

# Queens College Retirees Association

The Queens College Retirees Association Scholarships, each in honor of a member, is presented to a graduating senior who has maintained high academic standards, has shown promise of contributing to the quality of life in New York City, and has plans for continued education.

## Elena Peters Scholarship



Tzippora Applebaum

Tzippora is a member of Macaulay Honors College, who in this past fall graduated with a major in History, a minor in Business and Liberal Arts Honors, and a 4.0 GPA. In college, she was the President and Editor of Scribe: Macaulay's Creative Writing Club. Tzippora's creative writing pieces have been featured in several of the club's monthly magazine publications. She also enjoys tutoring high school and middle school students, helping to build their confidence and inspire a love of learning.

Furthermore, she is a volunteer for GallopNYC, a nonprofit which provides therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with disabilities. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Tzippora plans to pursue a career in law and is excited to use the skills and knowledge she has acquired in her undergraduate years.

## Howard A. Knag Scholarship



Chantal Gutjahr

Chantal is a member of the Transfer Honors Program, graduating with majors in International Business, Economics, and Political Science; minors in German and Business and Liberal Arts Honors; and a 3.92 GPA - along with an Advanced Certificate in Risk Management with a concentration in Finance. She has also acquired practical skills, earning certifications in Bloomberg Market Concepts and completing an intensive AI program at Cornell University/Cornell Tech, where she honed her machine learning and data analysis skills. Professionally, she has led a project team at Google and enhanced research and data visualization at Queens College. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Chantal plans to further her expertise by pursuing a Master's in Risk Management/Finance and is considering additional qualifications, such as a Ph.D. or a law degree, underscoring her commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

## Lucile Lindberg Scholarship



Donghwan Kim

Donghwan is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in Sociology, a minor in Honors in the Social Sciences, and a 3.98 GPA. On campus, he joined several organizations including SOON Movement, Asian Students in Action, and Musical Mentors Collaborative. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and the recipient of several scholarships. He became very interested in Asian American youth activists in New York City breaking the model minority myth as he worked closely with the MinKwon Center for Community Action, a non-profit organization, over the summer, receiving fellowship recognition for his work. After graduating from Queens College, Donghwan plans on attending Rutgers University's School of Social Work. His goal is to help individuals one at a time and empower communities.



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## Mardel Ogilvie Scholarship



Sharlene Avila

Sharlene is a member of the Kessler Scholars program, who graduated this past fall with a major in English and a 3.95 GPA. As a Kessler peer mentor, she helped incoming Kessler freshmen navigate their first year of college academically and socially. She also worked with students as an after-school counselor, student teacher, and teachers assistant. Sharlene has recently interned at the Queens Community House for Access for Young Women, where she facilitated a leadership development program for young women, led workshops, and provided group counseling for middle and high school-aged young women. Sharlene will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall for her master's in higher education administration.

## Nancy Meltzer Scholarship



Sara Lifshitz

Sara is a Queens College's Freshman Honors and QC Scholars program alumni, graduating with a major in Psychology, a minor in Chemistry, and a 3.99 GPA. She volunteers at her local food pantry, at New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital, and for Crisis Text Line. Sara also worked tirelessly as a COVID test technician while juggling her demanding college coursework. She loves chemistry and spent two years doing biochemistry research at Queens College, and she has received numerous awards for her undergraduate work. As a part of the QC chemistry honors society, Beta Delta Chi, Sara volunteers as a peer tutor. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, Sara hopes to attend medical school and will be applying to schools over the summer.

## Wilber E. Gilman Scholarship



Kathleen Arcangeles

Kat graduating with a major in Psychology, and minor in Business and Liberal Arts Honors, and a 3.9 GPA. She is involved in the campus community as the Treasurer, then President, of QC's largest AAPI network, Asian Students in Action, and as a Student Life columnist for QC's student-led newspaper, The Knight News. Kat is also a Student Delegate for the Academic Senate at Queens College. She engages in community-engagement endeavors off-campus as a member of Anakbayan Queens, a grassroots organization advocating for national democracy in her homeland, the Philippines, and as the Secretary for the New York chapter of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations. Kat is looking to pursue a law career with plans to specialize in Immigration and Civil Law.



## Queens College Women's Club Award

The Queens College Women's Club Award recognizes graduating seniors who complete the baccalaureate degree with academic excellence.



Kayla Wilamowsky

Kayla is a Queens College's Freshman Honors and QC Scholars program alumni, who graduated this past fall with majors in Biology and Neuroscience, a minor in Health Science, and a 3.96 GPA. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She works as an EMT for Richmond County Ambulance and volunteers in the Emergency Department at New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital. She also volunteered as an undergraduate psychology research assistant at Dr. Joshua Brumberg's lab. Kayla spent her summers volunteering at Camp HASC, a seven-week overnight program for children and adults with disabilities. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in medicine and plans to apply to medical school this summer.



Michelle Ginsburg

Michelle is a Queens College's Freshman Honors and QC Scholars program alumni, who graduated this past fall with a major in Psychology, a minor in Chemistry, and a 3.99 GPA. On campus, she participated in many community service activities and was a member of the Queens College Chemistry Honor Society, Beta Delta Chi. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Michelle also enjoyed conducting Biochemistry research for Dr. Uri Samuni during her final two years at Queens College. She is pursuing a career in Dentistry and developed a great passion for the field during her undergraduate years. Michelle began the QC Smiles club at Queens College with the hopes of raising awareness of the socioeconomic gaps in access to oral healthcare. Furthermore, Michelle shadowed a general and a pediatric dentist, gaining valuable experience in dentistry before beginning Dental School. Michelle is looking forward to attending the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in August of 2024.

## Roarers Memorial Award

The Roarers Memorial Award was established by the Roarers Fraternity in memory of departed members. The award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has maintained a good academic record and has made an outstanding contribution to the College through community service.



Aaron Lew

Aaron is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a major in Computer Science, a minor in Business and Liberal Arts Honors, and a 3.77 GPA. He is the treasurer of the QC Stock Exchange Club and is actively involved in clubs related to his field of study including Code Resolve and Code For All. He is also active in Jewish community organizations such as Hillel and Chabad, and he is a founder and volunteer mentor for the local My Brother's Keeper chapter. Aaron participated in the Google Computer Science Summer Institute, interned three times at Google as a software engineer, and hopes to continue pursuing a career in the field.

## Salman Hamdani Memorial Award

The Salman Hamdani Memorial Award is granted annually in honor of Salman Hamdani, a graduate of the Queens College class of 2001, a Chemistry major and pre-med student, who died at the World Trade Center on 9/11 while heroically giving volunteer medical assistance. The award is given to a student who has been accepted to medical school.



Yehuda Jacob

Yehuda is a member of the Transfer Honors Program and is graduating with majors in Neuroscience and Biology, a minor in Biochemistry, and a 3.87 GPA. He is deeply involved in prehospital medicine, working as a paramedic and teaching future paramedics. His work extends beyond his professional obligations as he volunteers for organizations that support adults with lifelong disabilities. As a former secretary for the National Pre-Med Association Club (NPREMA) and a research assistant in Dr. Unger's lab, Yehuda honed skills that are critical for medical research and community service. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, he is focused on attending medical school to specialize in emergency medicine, pursue a fellowship in Emergency Medical Services, and continue his commitment to advancing prehospital care education.

## Saul Weprin Memorial Scholarship in the Public Interest

The Saul Weprin Memorial Scholarship was established at the College by the National Speakers Conference and Mrs. Saul Weprin in memory of Saul Weprin, former Speaker of the New York State Assembly. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated evidence of a strong commitment to and interest in pursuing a career in the public interest.



Samuel Garcia

Samuel graduated this past Fall with a major in Political Science and a 3.89 GPA. During his undergraduate studies, he actively participated in the Queens College Service Corps, underscoring his commitment to community engagement. Samuel currently serves as a Program Coordinator at CUNY's Office of Academic Affairs within the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program. In this role, he assists CUNY students in securing experiential learning opportunities in public affairs and government, working closely with elected officials' offices. He is presently pursuing a Master's in Public Administration at Baruch's Marxe School of International and Public Affairs, where he was awarded a scholarship in recognition of his academic excellence.