

**Queens College
City University of New York**

**Baccalaureate
College-Wide Awardees**

Presents

2025

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.



Danielle Babaev

Danielle is a graduating senior and maintains a GPA of 3.94. She is majoring in Political Science with a minor in the Business and Liberal Arts (BALA) program. On campus, Danielle serves as President of the Bukharian Culture Club and is actively involved with several other student organizations. Throughout her time at Queens College, Danielle has worked as a personal injury paralegal at a law firm, gaining valuable experience in the legal field. Passionate about pursuing a career in law, Danielle has received a full tuition scholarship to Hofstra University Law School, where she will begin her studies in the fall.



Bella Iskhakov

Bella is a senior at Queens College, majoring in English with a minor in Honors in the Humanities. She holds a 3.9 GPA and serves as treasurer, editor, and writer for The Knight News, the college's student-run newspaper. Outside of academics, she volunteers as a tutor in her community and enjoys reading, writing, and cooking. After graduation, Bella will attend Hofstra Law School, where she plans to specialize in medical malpractice law and continue writing and publishing both creative and journalistic work.

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.



Leslie-Guadalupe Moran

During her time at Queens College, Leslie received degrees in Childhood Education and Psychology. She is now graduating with a 3.99 GPA and is looking forward to continuing her education at Queens College by pursuing a master's degree in TESOL and finishing her bilingual extension. Leslie is part of the Queens College Kessler Honors program, where she served as a peer mentor to first generation college students, participated in community service, and hosted events such as writing letters to children in foster care. Leslie has also partaken in various internships such as CUNY's Reading Corps where she helped develop the reading skills of first and second graders.

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.



Charles Ehrman

Charles graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science, earning a 4.0 GPA. Throughout his undergraduate career, he conducted fieldwork in both the Middle East and at the U.S.-Mexico border, documenting and researching some of today's most urgent topics. In addition to his academic work, Charles is a journalist and documentary filmmaker. He served as a student scholar and documentarian with the Ibrahim Student Leadership and Dialogue Middle East Program at Queens College. At The Knight News, Charles worked as the multimedia supervisor, where he wrote and produced video journalism projects while also mentoring and teaching interns. Charles will continue his academic journey at the University of California, San Diego, where he will pursue graduate studies in International Migration through the Latin American Studies department and conduct field research at the U.S.-Mexico border.

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.



Elizabeth Hanson

Elizabeth is a member of the Transfer Honors Program completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Art with a Concentration in Ceramics. She is also the President of the Ceramics Club and works two part time jobs in her field of study. She works as a Technical Assistant in the Ceramics department of Nassau Community College as well as a Studio Technician at The Potters Wheel, a local ceramics studio.



Russel Paul

Russel is a graduating senior majoring in Music with a 3.78 GPA. He is also actively involved with the Queens College Baroque Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble. He will be continuing his academic and artistic journey by pursuing a Master of Music degree at the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. Russel plans to pursue a career in music, both performing and teaching, and is passionate about bringing music to underrepresented communities.

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.



Louis Simmons

Louis is a member of the Kessler Scholars Program, who has earned a 3.96 GPA. He is double majoring in International Business and Economics with a minor in Accounting. He was the Treasurer of the Ascend Queens College Chapter, an accounting and finance club from his freshman to his sophomore year. From sophomore to junior year, Louis enjoyed being a mentor for the new cohort of Kessler Scholars and subsequently tutoring introductory and intermediate economics in the Learning Commons. Louis is excited to be returning to Ernst & Young for a full-time position after graduation in Mergers & Acquisitions after completing two summer internships during his undergraduate years; he would like to then return to pursue a Ph.D.

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.



George Charalambous

George graduated from Queens College in the Fall 2024 semester with a degree in environmental science and a 3.9 GPA. He is now taking classes for his master's degree in geoscience at Queens College. He is working as a research assistant in a geochemistry research laboratory in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Queens College. His research work is also contributing towards his master's thesis which he hopes to complete by Spring 2026. He is also teaching an introductory environmental science lab at Queens College and facilitating a recitation section for precalculus students in the Math Department. He hopes his research work and teaching experience will make him a competitive candidate for P.h.D programs in the geosciences field so that he can pursue a career in academia.

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.



Sal Sayema

Sal is a Mellon Mays Fellow graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and a minor in Honors in the Social Sciences. Through the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Sal has been developing a thesis project on what we can learn about risk-taking in activism and how we can apply that to the methods we take in pursuing liberation. Since 2023, Sal has also worked with QCAP, the Queens College AANAPISI Program, as a student assistant and a QC writing center tutor, helping the AAPI community here gain access to financial, academic, and mental health support. Sal has received offers of admission to graduate school at the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

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.



Mariyah Martin

Mariyah is a graduating senior pursuing a double major in Urban Studies and Economics with a minor in Urban Planning. While maintaining a 3.918 GPA, Mariyah serves as a Multilingual Writing Tutor at the Queens College Writing Center and actively contributes to the Queens College AANAPISI Project (QCAP). She served as the Outreach Team Leader at the Queens College Muslim Student Association (MSA), as well as the co-manager of the Consumer Justice Team at NYPIRG in Spring 2023. She also worked as a College Aide at the MTA, where she gained valuable experience in organizational operations within a major public agency. Beyond that, Mariyah has a love for travel, which was supported by the Queens College Study Abroad program that allowed her to explore Barcelona, Spain for over three weeks. Mariyah hopes to pursue a career in Urban Planning and will be interning at the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) this summer.



Sarah Anderson

Sarah is a student-athlete who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Queens College with a 3.98 GPA. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a double major in Corporate Finance and Business Accounting. As a four-year member and captain of the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Team, she demonstrated strong leadership and commitment both on and off the field. She also served as a founding member of the QC Business School Club as well as a member of the Economics and Finance Clubs. Recognized on the Dean's List for every semester of her academic career, she completed her degree in December. She is currently employed full time in the Claims Department at Progressive Insurance, where she is building a career in business and client services.

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 (particularly to the minority students on campus), 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.



Eitan Aziz

Eitan is a graduating senior at Queens College, majoring in Psychology with a double minor in Biochemistry and Health Sciences. He has maintained a 3.979 GPA while working as a tutor at the Learning Commons, where he provided academic support across multiple subjects and helped students strengthen their learning skills. He is actively involved in various campus activities and is passionate about the connection between science and healthcare. Eitan was recently accepted to Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and plans to begin the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program after graduation, with the goal of pursuing a career in dentistry.

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.



Arturo Soto

Arturo is majoring in History Secondary Education with a minor in Anthropology and Honors in the Humanities. He currently serves as President of the Committee for Disabled Students at Queens College and Chairperson of the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities. Arturo is legally blind and uses his lived experience to advocate for inclusive and accessible campus environments. He has collaborated with various offices and community partners to host events focused on disability awareness, adaptive learning, and inclusive career exploration. He also works as a postsecondary advisor supporting immigrant and English Language Learner students. After graduation, Arturo hopes to become a Disability Services Professional in Higher Education and continue advancing equity in education and disability advocacy.

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.



Carly Davis

Carly is a member of the Transfer Honors Program, and a dedicated and passionate theatre student originally from Rio Rancho, New Mexico. She has a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in Drama and Theatre. She works as a legal proofreader and also serves as the Secretary for the Queens College Committee for Disabled Students, as well as an ambassador for the Transfer Honors Program. Carly enjoys reading and writing novels, as well as performing onstage. She hopes to become a working actress and advocate for disabled voices in the theatre community.

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.



Pablo Salinas

Pablo is a Mellon Mays Fellow majoring in History with a minor in Honors in Social Sciences, with a 3.86 GPA. He is currently working on an undergraduate thesis regarding the legal history of citizenship in early 19th century Peru and Mexico. Outside of the classroom, he has also worked as a student mentor for incoming freshmen and transfer student through the Queens College UBUNTU program. Pablo hopes to pursue a career in law and has been accepted to the University of Buffalo School of Law, as well as the Hofstra University School of 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. To be eligible, a student must have completed at least 112 credits of quality point-bearing grades at Queens College.



Kristina Verruso

Kristina graduated Queens College Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA majoring in Nutrition and Exercise Science and a minor in Health Sciences. She is currently in graduate school for Physician Assistant Studies at Hofstra University. Kristina was a student athlete on the Queens College softball team for 4 years, earning Elite 20 Award of the East Coast Conference during her 2024 season. She was President of the Exercise Science club, secretary and social media director of the physician assistant prep club, and was a peer mentor during her time at Queens College. She both volunteered and worked as an Emergency Medical Technician. Kristina now hopes to pursue a career as a physician assistant in Congenital Cardiology upon her graduation.

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.



Monica Yakubova

Monica is pursuing a dual B.A. in Psychology and Political Science with a concentration in Law and Politics, along with a minor in English at CUNY Queens College. With extensive experience in grassroots organizing, student journalism, and advocacy, she aims to leverage her skills to explore a wide variety of fields including law, child wellness, and research on marginalized communities. As the president of the political science club for two years, she has organized advocacy events aimed to mobilize QC students about pressing on campus and real-world social/political issues that affect them. She has organized club bake sales along with fellow club members that have raised over \$4k in proceeds for member selected non-profit humanitarian charities. She was also a campus liaison for CUNY Rising, where she led outreach through phone banking, tabling, and canvassing. As a staff writer for the Knight News, she writes about important political issues to raise awareness.

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.



Mavis Li

Mavis is a senior graduating with a 3.926 GPA. She is majoring in Anthropology with a specialized minor for Health and Culture and she is interested in how humans function biologically and specifically how it intersects with our cultural and social contexts. Mavis hopes to pursue Library Studies and obtain her MLIS.

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.



Cherise Tracy Simpson

Cherise is a Mellon Mays Fellow. With a current 3.869 GPA, she is double majoring in Film Studies and on a Media Studies & Social Justice track through the Accelerated MA in Media Studies program and minoring in English. She is an elected member of the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Humanities of the Queens College Academic Senate and alumna of several programs including Sanitation Foundation's NYC Trash Academy (2025), Queens College School of Arts' Arts Leadership Bootcamp (2024), Creative Futures Collective's Soho House Mentorship (2024), and Yale Summer Session's Yale Writers' Workshop (2023). After graduation, she will matriculate into the Queens College MA in Media Studies program, then apply to a PhD program in a similar concentration.

Marc & Zoe Belth Award Memorial Award

The Marc and Zoe Belth Memorial Award is presented to a graduating senior who has 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.



Dov Frank

Dov is graduating with honors in Psychology and a 3.9 GPA. He served as a peer advisor in the Psychology Department and conducted research in an Attachment Psychology-based lab, focusing on interpersonal dynamics. Dov also interned at Solace House, a nonprofit agency that supports individuals experiencing suicidal ideation. His main interests lie in working with populations affected by religious trauma, childhood abuse, and suicide. Outside of academics, Dov enjoys writing poetry and playing the cello. He will begin a Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology at Yeshiva University this fall.

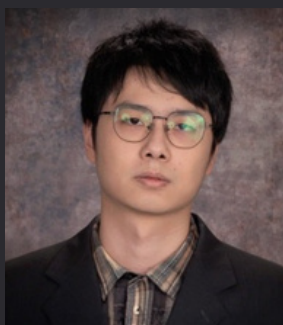
Molly Weinstein Prize

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.



Labiba Aziz

Labiba is a member of Macaulay Honors College, majoring in Neuroscience with a 3.95 GPA. Labiba is involved in multiple extracurricular activities, including serving as Co-President of the Macaulay Immigrant Support Network where she helps organize campus-wide educational and wellness events. She has presented her research at national and international conferences and is currently working in two neuroscience labs, contributing to research on stress resilience and cortical inhibitory circuitry. Labiba is also passionate about mentoring and community outreach. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology at Stony Brook University.



Rongdao Chen

Rongdao recently completed his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Queens College, graduating with distinction. Throughout his time at Queens, Rongdao was an active member of the MathLab and served as a peer tutor, supporting students in calculus and algebra. Originally from China, Rongdao came to New York to pursue his passion for mathematics and research. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Mathematics at The Graduate Center, CUNY, where he will begin his studies in Fall 2025 with a focus on algebraic topology. Rongdao plans to pursue a career in academic research and university-level teaching and is expected to return to Queens College as a teaching assistant during his doctoral studies.



Swan Yi Htet

Swan Yi Htet is a Physics major and aspiring researcher. Swan is involved in multiple research projects across disciplines, including biophysics and astrophysics, and has contributed to computational models of swarmalator motion and time-domain astronomy analysis. He recently worked with the Myxobacteria as the natural swarmalator model and the NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) exoplanet data set under faculty mentorship. In his addition to his research, Swan is committed to mentoring and peer support, often guiding classmates through complex coursework and fostering collaborative study environments. He has served as the President of the Queens College Society of Physics Students (SPS), where he organized events and fostered a collaborative and inclusive environment for physics majors. He hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in Physics after graduation and envisions a future career in academic, where he can balance research with impactful teaching and mentorship, and he has been accepted to Columbia University Engineering School.

Molly Weinstein Prize



Lauren Mistretta

Lauren is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with a 3.910 GPA while majoring in Computer Science and double minoring in Business and Liberal Arts (BALA) as well as Interaction Design. She served on the executive boards of 4 clubs during her time at Queens College: Vice President of Girls Who Code, Vice President of D.I.C.E., Treasurer of the Catholic Newman Club, and Treasurer of the Pokemon Club. In addition, Lauren works two on-campus jobs, as a peer mentor at the First Year Experience Program, mentoring first year and transfer students, and as a Computer Science and Mathematics tutor at the Kiely Hall Learning Commons. Her work mentoring and tutoring students has inspired her to pursue a career of teaching at a college level as she hopes to work as an adjunct professor during her graduate studies. Lauren will be attending Queens College in the Fall of 2025 where she was accepted into the Masters of Computer Science program.

Arthur H. Kahn Memorial Law Scholarship

The Arthur H. Kahn Memorial Scholarship is given to a graduating senior accepted at and planning to attend CUNY School of Law.



Shaneeza Ali

Shaneeza is a graduating senior with a 4.0 GPA. Shaneeza is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Legal Studies. Over the last four years, she has earned an associate in applied science in Paralegal Studies, served as the 2023 Valedictorian for CUNY ASAP, and is an active volunteer and blood donor. Beyond attending Queens College, Shaneeza is a mother and a wife. She plans to pursue her Juris Doctor at CUNY School of Law and hopes to have her own law firm.

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.



Annie Royalty-McCoy

Annie is graduating with a major in Art History and Film Studies and a 3.95 GPA. She has completed internships with the Collections & Registrar departments at The Museum of the Moving Image and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. She also interned with the Curatorial department at The Whitney Museum of American Art. She was selected to attend a Conservation Workshop at MOMA. Her work in these museums made her realize the potential power of loan agreements, leading her to devise a senior project interviewing Collections professionals around the city on how the industry can raise equity through loan agreement practices. In her free time, she worked with arts organization Ren Gyo Soh on the Social Ecological Action Project. This project worked with dancers to create dances about problems in their community. These pieces were then performed for free for the communities they were about. In response to the repeal of Roe v. Wade, she created Leda: A Modern Reclamation of an Ancient Myth. This one-woman show used poetry studied at QC, political archival footage, and butoh dance to rewrite the poem "Leda and the Swan". She plans to continue to work in museums and advocate for collections that preserve the cultural memory of communities.

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.



Jack Rose Chin

Jack is a Mellon Mays Fellow and Transfer Honors student. A graduating senior with a 3.988 GPA double majoring Sociology and Studio Arts and double minoring in Data Analytics and Honors in the Social Sciences, Jack's current research with HSS and the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship focuses on discourses of "deservedness" in digital media content concerning New York City's specialized high schools and narratives of meritocracy. Since attending Queens College, Jack has served the community as a teaching assistant and undergraduate researcher for the Department of Sociology, a research assistant for the Queens College Alumni Outcomes Team, a peer mentor for within the Kessler Alliance Program, a volunteer visualization assistant and data analyst for the Queens Public Library, and prop maker for the Department of Drama, Theatre, & Dance. Jack hopes to complete a Master's in Data Analytics and Applied Social Research at Queens College before pursuing a PhD program in Sociology with a focus on Education to honor the people of Queensborough Community College, SUNY Purchase, and especially, Queens College.



Sofia Mitts

Sofia is a member of the Transfer Honors Program who graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA) with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in the Honors of Social Sciences. While at Queens College, she completed her senior research thesis under the guidance of wonderful advisors and mentors. She was also a teaching assistant for the Sociology department while completing many research projects both in and out of the classroom. Sofia has received two honorary awards from the Sociology department and has been awarded the Presidential Scholar Award. Recently, she participated in the 2025 CUNY Research Symposium. Sofia hopes to pursue a career in law and has committed to Hofstra School of Law on a full tuition merit scholarship.

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.

Andrew Alan Beveridge Scholarship



Rebecca Posner

Rebecca is a member of Macaulay Honors College, graduating with majors in Neuroscience and Psychology, a minor in Health Sciences, and a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. During her time on campus, Rebecca has been a part of Dr. Dennehy's biology lab. She has also volunteered for both the Gift of Life and Crisis Text Line, and worked as a medical assistant in a cardiologist's office. Rebecca spent the past few summers as a caretaker at Camp HASC, an overnight program for children and adults with disabilities, and had an internship where she spent four weeks shadowing in NYU's ER as part of their Healthcare Opportunities Program for undergraduate students. After graduation, Rebecca is looking forward to attending PA school at Mercy University.

Howard A. Knag Scholarship



Yehoshua Feierman

Yehoshua is pursuing a BS in Biochemistry and minor in health sciences and has a 3.966 GPA. He works at a residential home for adults with special needs, volunteers at a food pantry and New York Presbyterian Hospital in Queens, and helps kids in underserved communities surf in his free time. He is currently the President of the Chemistry Honors Society at Queens college, where he helps his peers and fellow students by tutoring them in complex chemistry courses. His first research article, "The Use of the Liposomal Bupivacaine in the Quadratus Lumborum Block and Early Surgery Are Key Elements in Facilitating Ambulatory Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy", has been published with the International Journal of Anesthetics and Anesthesiology after he completed research at Miamonidees Hospital. Yehoshua plans on finishing his research at QC this semester, where he is currently developing NEK2 and EGFR dual action inhibitors for patients with triple negative breast cancer in a biochemistry lab. He has officially been accepted NYITCOM and Tuoro COM for medical school and has been placed on the alternate list for two more.

Lucile Lindberg Scholarship



Sulaiman Alam

Sulaiman is a graduating senior double majoring in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics with a 3.869 GPA. Currently, he is involved with the Queens College Learning Commons Tutoring Center as a tutor, as well as an intern with CUNY Building Performance Lab. Sulaiman is also currently secretary of the QC Code Resolve and enjoys spending time working out at the Fitzgerald gym with friends. He hopes to pursue a graduate degree in a field within Computer Science and has been accepted (and committed to) Cornell Tech in their Computer Engineering program.

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Mardel Ogilvie Scholarship



Neriah Faton

Neriah is a Macaulay Honors student, majoring in Political Science on the pre-law track with a concentration in Law and Politics. She is double minoring in Legal Studies and the Honors of Social Sciences. Neriah has completed four internships throughout college with the NYC Mayor's Office, the Queens County Supreme Court, the MTA, and the Ansob Center, a nonprofit refugee center in Queens. Neriah is also involved in student leadership at Queens College. She assists in planning social events for Queens honors students to foster community. She enjoys serving as a panelist in events for prospective students to inform them about the Macaulay Honors Program and Queens College. She is grateful to the Queens College Dance Union (a student-led dance club) for revitalizing her passion for dance and for the friendships she has made with other dances. Neriah has been working full-time at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York as a Court Operations Clerk since March and has found this opportunity to be a great fit for her gap year before applying to law school.

Nancy Meltzer Scholarship



Yaacov Strickon

Yaacov is an upper senior graduating with honors, majoring in Environmental Science with a focus on water management. He is the president of the Nachalah Student Community and the former president of the Chabad Club. Yaacov has worked for his department as a Peer Mentor and currently serves as a Peer Advisor. He enjoys hiking, biking, and all things outdoors. After graduation, Yaacov plans to take a gap year before pursuing a master's degree in Environmental Policy and Management.

Wilber E. Gilman Scholarship



Mariia Ihnatiuk

Mariia is pursuing a B.S. in Geology with a minor in Environmental Science at CUNY Queens College, where she also works as a Research Assistant in the Glaciers and Climate Lab. Her dedication to academic excellence has helped her achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.917. In addition to being a hardworking student, she has participated in several research-focused programs and has been honored with multiple awards. She also serves as a peer mentor for one of the courses offered by the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, where she provides academic support and guidance to students. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Master's degree in GIS at the University of Maryland.

Queens College Women's Club Award

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



Michael Morello

Michael is currently a graduate student in the accelerated masters program in Data Analytics and Applied Social Research. He completed his undergraduate degree in Sociology with a 3.96 GPA, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and currently maintains a 4.0 GPA at the graduate level. Michael also serves as an adjunct professor in the Sociology Department, where he teaches the lab portion of Data 205. After graduating with his master's, Michael plans to either continue his education with the goal of obtaining a PhD, or join the workforce as a data analyst, data scientist, or a qualitative or quantitative researcher.



Tao Wu

Tao is a senior at Queens College, majoring in Pure Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science. Outside of academics, he is involved in the Philosophy Club, where he enjoys engaging with diverse ideas and perspectives. He also works part-time as an independent contractor in digital marketing to support his education financially. Over the past year, he had the opportunity to assist Professor Adam Kapelner in teaching MATH 342W/624 Data Science Fundamentals and Machine Learning, an experience that enhanced his programming and modeling skills following his summer research in machine learning. After graduation, he plans to pursue a graduate degree in Statistics; he has been accepted to Columbia University and New York University and ultimately hopes to become a research scientist at the forefront of technological development.

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.



Justin Espinal

Justin is majoring in Computer Science and maintains a strong academic record. He is the Founder and President of Code for All, a student tech organization with 1,900+ member. Here he hosts events to help and inspire local tech enthusiast and college students to succeed. In his free time, Justin enjoys coding, playing sports, and exploring NYC's cultural events. After graduation, he plans to pursue a successful career in Software Engineering, and will be working fulltime as a Software Engineer at Bloomberg this July.

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.



Eden Monhian

Eden is a Queens College's Freshman Honors and QC Scholars program alumni. She graduated from Queens College in December 2024 with a Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience and minors in Biochemistry and Health Sciences. Throughout her academic career, Eden consistently achieved Dean's List honor. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Beta Delta Chi Chemistry Honors Society, where she tutored other students in chemistry and biochemistry. Eden's extracurricular involvement included serving as the President of the Future Healers of America at Queens College and co-founding the Queens College chapter of the National Pre-Medical Association. Her commitment to healthcare is demonstrated by her ongoing work as a medical assistant at Aesthetica Center and her volunteer experience as an Emergency Department Ambassador at North Shore University Hospital. Eden also contributes to her community through her volunteer work with the Science Museum of Long Island and the Fountain of Kindness. Driven by a passion for research, Eden worked as a Research Assistant in the Queens Affective Neuroscience Lab and completed her honors thesis. After graduation, Eden will be beginning medical school in the upcoming academic year.

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.



Matthew Paolucci

Matthew is a senior at Queens College majoring in Urban Studies with a minor in Urban Planning. He maintains a 4.0 GPA in his major while participating in two internships; one with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, supporting stakeholder and community engagement in the Real Estate Department, and another with QC NYPIRG as the Straphangers Campaign Coordinator, leading student transit advocacy. He leads the Queens Link campaign on campus, which has gathered over 1,500 student signatures and organized a town hall event with more than 100 attendees. He also authored a qualitative report sharing students' transit stories and commute struggles, which was sent to every mayoral candidate in this year's election. Matthew is a member of the Queens College Choral Society and enjoys camping, hiking, astronomy, and baseball. After graduation, he plans to expand into volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, pursue a professional career in community organizing, transportation policy, or politics, and apply to graduate school for a Masters in Public Administration.