What’s News

Remembering 9/11

Few people will be on campus this Friday, September 11. Nonetheless, Queens College will once again commemorate the tragedy and the thousands who perished that day, including cherished members of the college community. A remembrance message from QC President Frank H. Wu is posted here.

The Student Association will use Zoom to hold a virtual program that will start at 8:30 am, with remarks by President Wu, VP for Student Affairs Adam Rockman, and SA President Zaire Couloute, as well as video footage and photos obtained by the students from the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link is https://zoom.us/j/97084503516.

At 8:46 am, when American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, the program will pause and the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Clock Tower at the Benjamin J. Rosenthal Library will sound its bells for the first time that morning. The bells will sound again at 9:03 am,
when United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center, and at 9:37 am, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon.

We encourage everyone to pause on September 11 to remember those lives lost as we all hope for a better and peaceful future.

Library Series To Explore Racial and Social Justice

With the Queens Public Library, SEEK, CERRU, and other partners, the Queens College Libraries are holding How Can We Do Better? Creating a More Just and Inclusive Future, a series of free online programs addressing issues of racial and social justice and their connections to higher education. The series starts on Tuesday, September 22, at 4 pm with Black Lives Matter and Anti-racism in Higher Education, moderated by QC President Frank H. Wu. Fighting for the Future: Political Engagement and Student Leadership will take place on Tuesday, October 6, at 4 pm, moderated by Norka Blackman-Richards (SEEK). The third program will be Power and Oppression in the Archive: Building a Diverse Historical Record Through Oral History, on Tuesday, November 17, 4 pm; James Lowry (GSLIS) will moderate.

This programming was developed with the Queens Library and Queens Memory and will be hosted on the Queens Memory Facebook page. The events are open to all; no advance registration is required.

TIME 2000 Alumni Recount Classroom Stories

The experiences of committed educators add up to great reading in The Inspirational Untold Stories of Secondary Mathematics Teachers (Information Age Publishing), edited by Alice Artzt (SEYS) and Frances Curcio (SEYS, retired). The book comprises a dozen first-person narratives, all written by graduates of TIME 2000, QC’s signature four-year secondary math teacher preparation program, which grew out of an NSF grant Artzt wrote with SEYS colleague Eleanor Armour-Thomas.
Untold Stories features contributions from TIME’s diverse pool of alumni, employed at schools in New York City, Long Island, and even Pennsylvania.

“These poignant stories are powerful because they are so honest,” says Randolph Philipp, professor of Mathematics Education at San Diego State University School of Teacher Education and immediate past president of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. “I wish I’d read these stories before I experienced some of the joys and challenges of my early years of teaching because they would have prepared me for the roller coaster of emotion associated with entering this complex but beautiful profession. I think these stories will be helpful when working with prospective and early career teachers.”

Diversity Discussed

Queens College President Frank H. Wu held a Virtual Town Hall on Diversity on Wednesday, September 2, with about 40 invited attendees. Diversity will be a top priority in the next college strategic plan; ongoing input from and broad consultation with faculty, staff, students and alumni will be sought as part of the planning process.

CUNY Black Male Initiative Hosts Town Hall on Mental Health

The events of this year have caused widespread stress and trauma. Psychologists Jeff Gardere and Shatiece Riley and psychiatrist Henry McCurtis will explore common concerns when the CUNY Black Male Initiative presents the United States of Our Mental Health: Feelings, Fears, Future, on Thursday, September 10, at noon. Everyone can tune in at www.youtube.com/c/cunymbmi
Food for Thought

Kissena Bagels in the Science Building is open Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am to 6 am, for the convenience of those students, faculty and staff who received prior authorization to be on campus. The “grab and go” menu of sandwiches and salads includes kosher options. Snack cups, Starbucks coffee drinks, and soda, juice, and water are also available. In addition, Shah’s Halal will have a cart on the quad.

Let’s Talk Democracy To Feature Michael Krasner

Can the United States have a free and fair election this November? What are the stakes? What are the threats? Michael Krasner (Political Science) will explore these questions and more on Thursday, September 17, from 5 to 6:30 pm, at a virtual forum being held on Zoom by Let’s Talk Democracy, a grassroots, nonpartisan organization based in Forest Hills. Check Let’s Talk Democracy’s website closer to the event for the link.

Newsletter Documents

College’s International Outreach

Hot off the electronic presses, the Fall 2020 edition of QC Global features articles about ongoing efforts to increase campus internationalization, such as the joint degree program offered through a partnership between QC and the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (USST). The newsletter also reports on projects in which faculty conduct research with counterparts overseas. Visit the revised
QC Global website for details about these and other international initiatives, such as the Global Student Success Program and Collaborative Online International Learning.

**Tutors Sought for QC Students with Disabilities**

The Committee for Disabled Students (CDS) needs tutors for FNES 14, MEDST 143, GEOL 101, URBST 241, SPAN 112, and PSYCH 1073/1071. Undergraduate and graduate students with at least a B in the class they want to tutor and an overall GPA of 2.5 better are eligible for this work, which pays $20 an hour, with a cap of $300 per semester. To apply, email Queenscollege.cds@gmail.com with your full name, phone number, the times you're available, and an unofficial transcript, to demonstrate that you meet the academic requirements.

**New Link for Academic Senate Sessions**

Fall 2020 Academic Senate meetings are being held remotely and begin this week—on September 10 at 3:35 pm—at Zoom, not the link that was previously published. The remaining meetings of the semester will take place on October 8, November 12, and December 10, 2020, all at 3:35 pm.

**Fall into Business**

To bolster the local business community, the Queens Economic Development Council holds webinars on subjects such as starting a company, getting certified as minority or women-owned business enterprise, and home improvement contractor training. For the complete schedule, click here.

**In Memoriam**

Ada F. Agronin, a former lecturer in the Chemistry Department, passed away in July at the age of 96 in Israel, her home since 1977. She is survived by her children, David Agronin and Shirley Agronin Manzur, both of them QC alumni; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

**Heard Around the Virtual Campus**
Chloe Bass (Art) received a rave *New York Times* review for *Wayfinding*, her show in St. Nicholas Park, presented by the Studio Museum in Harlem. *Wayfinding* remains up through September 27 . . . Stuart Bernstein '72, the longest continuously serving judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District, is stepping down at the end of this month after nearly 27 years on the bench . . . . Claudia Brumbaugh was a co-author—with Cheryl Carmichael (The Graduate Center and Brooklyn College) and other researchers—of an article about relationship satisfaction, published in SUM . . . . Gay Plair Cobb, who went to the 1963 March on Washington as an organizer from QC, talked to the Post News Group about the similarities between that event and this summer’s March on Washington. Cobb is former executive director of the Oakland Private Industry Council . . . .

Zaire Couloute, SA president, was quoted by the Queens Chronicle in an article about the impact of coronavirus on local colleges . . . . Amy Hsin received $300,000 from the National Science Foundation’s program for Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Education and Human Resources for a project that merges data from the New York City Department of Education and CUNY to study pathways to STEM majors/careers among immigrant youth. The project, conducted in collaboration with researchers at the NYU Steinhardt School, is the first part of a multi-step funding mechanism that may lead to a multiple million dollar grant for interventions to increase underrepresented groups in STEM majors/careers at CUNY . . . . Betty Lee Sung ’68 MLS, a pioneer in the field of Asian American studies, has been Inducted into the Marquis Who’s Who registry . . . . Steven Karaduzovic, an undergraduate in Geology, is blogging from the Northeast Pacific aboard the Thomas G. Thompson; the research vessel fielded a smaller than usual crew to maintain social distancing . . . . LAHM’S Virtual Gala on September 17 will feature Wynton Marsalis and Jason Moran, among other jazz artists.