What’s News

Honoring Top Students

Dean’s List Scholars, Provost Scholars, and Presidential Scholars for academic 2019-2020 will receive deserved recognition at the annual QC Academic Excellence Award Ceremony, taking place virtually on Thursday, October 22, at 7 pm. President Frank H. Wu, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Hendrey, Vice President for Student Affairs Adam Rockman, and Associate Provost for Innovation and Student Success Eva Fernández will speak; Alumnus Ricardo “Rick” L. Cortez ’72, CIMA co-chief executive officer, Broadmark Asset Management, will deliver the keynote and receive the President’s Medal. The event can be accessed here.
Knight News Hosts Visiting Journalists

QC’s student newspaper is launching a program that presents media professionals to the college community. The inaugural event in the Knight News Visiting Journalists Series features Celia Ellenberg, beauty director of Vogue, on Wednesday, October 21, from 12:15 to 1:40 pm on Zoom. Meeting ID 867 7767 9632; passcode 036482.

QC grad Amir Khafagy, a freelance politics and urban development reporter, will be the guest on November 11.

Learning from NYC Men Teach

NYC Men Teach—a program that recruits and prepares men of color to become teachers in New York City—is holding events this week and next.

The Second Annual Innovation in Education Conference will take place on Friday, October 23, from 4 to 6 pm. This year’s theme, “Download 2020: Uploading Urban Education in an Online Environment,” will bring together New York City Department of Education practitioners and other educators to engage and empower undergraduate and graduate students in education as they grapple with tough, real-world issues. This virtual conference is co-sponsored by the Black/Latinx Faculty & Staff Association. To make reservations, go to https://bit.ly/36AhnBs.

Five days later—Wednesday, October 28, from noon to 1 pm—NYC Men Teach will host its October Town Hall, “A School Re-Opening Plan for Urban America,” with Presidential Professor Juan Battle of The Graduate Center, CUNY. RSVP at https://bit.ly/3cQbWzw.
Vote Early (Not Often)

Even if you didn’t submit your absentee ballot request by the recommended date, you can vote before the general election on Tuesday, November 3. The Board of Elections is operating early voting sites in all five boroughs from Saturday, October 24, through Sunday, November 1. (QC’s Student Union is among the early voting sites in the Borough of Queens, for residents of the local election district.) Hours vary from day to day; complete details are posted on the Board of Elections website https://vote.nyc. To determine the early voting site for your district, visit https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/.

Visitors to Board of Elections facilities must wear masks and maintain social distance.

“When we are privileged to be on campus, a quick glance down the Quad draws our eyes to the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Clock Tower, dedicated to the memory of Queens College student Andrew Goodman and fellow civil rights workers James Chaney and Michael Schwerner,” observes President Frank H. Wu. “All three were killed in Mississippi in 1964, where they had travelled to register Black voters. When we cast our ballots this election season, the exercise of our rights is very much a part of the Queens College legacy.”

Prideful Conclusion to LGBTQ History Month

Queens College’s LGBTQ History Month observances come to a close next week with two events open to the college community. “Queer in America: Navigating the Political Landscape,” a student panel discussion moderated by former New York City Council Member James Vacca (Urban Studies), will be held on Wednesday, October 28, during free hour. City Council Member Ritchie Torres (District 15) will provide opening remarks and Equality New York’s Carmen Neely will share important information on LGBTQI+ advocacy and activism. The discussion will itself be historic: video footage of it will be preserved in the LaGuardia Wagner Archives/CUNY. Zoom ID 961 5033 6045; passcode: 901596. Zoom link.

The Third Annual CUNY Pridefest at QC—postponed from its original June 2020 date due to COVID-19—is scheduled for Friday, October 30, at 4 pm, as the finale to LGBTQ History Month. A video message from President Frank H. Wu will be provided.

The celebration will include drag performances by CUNY Pridefest favorite, Bella Noche, and newcomer LaBelle. Musical acts by the bands Afro Dominicano and D-Note & The Connection will keep the energy alive. This virtual event will be shown on https://youtu.be/bOW1a3Pd9HA. Festivities continue at 5:30 pm as DJ Unico
presides over a live CUNY Pridefest Dance Party [http://www.twitch.tv/djuniconyc].

“Queer in America” and the Third Annual CUNY Pridefest at QC are made possible through the generous support of LaGuardia Community College/CUNY and the New York City Council through the offices of Daniel Dromm (District 25) and Speaker Corey Johnson. These events are co-sponsored by the Queens College Gender, Love and Sexuality Alliance/GLASA, the Queens College Office of Student Development and Leadership, the Women and Gender Studies Department at Queens College, and CUNY Office of Student Inclusion Initiatives.

**FitzGerald Gymnasium Gets a Facelift**

Over the past few months, while Queens College’s athletic teams have been eagerly awaiting a return to competition, FitzGerald Gymnasium underwent a number of renovations that will give the college a state-of-the-art athletic facility.

The $10.5 million project, encompassing 60,000 square feet, featured the installation of a brand-new roof, which included a full deck replacement, thermoplastic roofing, structural enhancements, an acoustical metal deck, liquid membranes on the lower roofs, and a new railing system.

Internally, energy-efficient and broadcast lighting was installed overlooking Lucille Kyvallos Court, which will enhance television production and provide a new gameday feel for student-athletes and spectators. In addition, 42,000 square feet of hardwood flooring was refinished and now includes an international 3-point line to meet the recently approved NCAA men’s basketball rules. Improvements to the overall ventilation system were also made, and the ceiling was finalized with a fresh coat of paint.

“This clearly is a great facility for our students to learn and to come give their best effort every day,” said Athletic Director Rob Twible.

“We know that these improvements will bring significant and positive changes. We look forward to the return of competition, and when that happens, we will
The MFA Program in Creative Writing and Literary Translation is presenting poet Shira Erlichman and editor Carey Salerno in a reading and conversation on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Erlichman is the author of Ode to Lithium, a collection published last year by Alice James Books. Salerno, a poet whose next book is coming out in 2021, is the executive editor and director of Alice James Books. Join them here.

The Decolonizing Social Sciences Working Group will hold a panel discussion, “Bringing Fresh Perspectives to Diversity and Inclusion in Education,” on Tuesday, November 10, from 4:30 to 6 pm on Zoom. The speakers will be Fiona Vernal, associate professor of History and Africana Studies and director of EPOCH: Engaged, Public, Oral, and Community Histories at the University of Connecticut, and Karren Dunkley, associate professor of History and Africana Studies and director of EPOCH: Engaged, Public, Oral, and Community Histories at the University of Connecticut. Karl Mitchell (Economics) will moderate. To attend, click here.

The coronavirus pandemic has added to everyone’s stress. In response, the Queens College Psychological Center is offering the following programs over a secure Zoom platform.

Youth Coping with COVID-19

“Youth Coping with COVID-19” seeks to support adolescents (ages 11-16) who have experienced changes in mental health due to COVID-19. Issues may include experiencing feelings of stress, changes in mood, isolation, and
difficulty adjusting to the lack of structured socialization due to disruption in schooling and activities. This treatment provides culturally responsive psychotherapy services and is appropriate for anxiety (worry), depression (sadness), and stress, as well as for academic or interpersonal difficulties.

QCPC’s Older Adults Program

QCPC’s Older Adults Program provides online psychological counseling and neuropsychological services to help older adults—age 65 and above—improve their mental wellness and cope with the challenges of living in this pandemic. QCPC values each client’s unique circumstances, cultural background, personal goals, and strengths.

Kids Coping with Divorce

“Kids Coping with Divorce” is a psychotherapy group program that meets weekly in the effort to help children (ages 8-11) cope with separation or divorce in their families. The group will aim to correct misperceptions about divorce, teach relaxation skills, increase social support, and provide coping skills. Special issues related to the pandemic will be addressed.

All three of these programs are free. Services are confidential. For more information, call 718-570-0500, send an email to QCPC@qc.cuny.edu or visit the QCPC website or QCPC Covid-19 Community Resources website.

Rare Books Returned to Library

Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library’s rare book and manuscript collection—comprising 2,500 items that span 600 years—was damaged in a flood over a decade ago. Now, after careful treatment offsite by trained technicians, these priceless materials have been returned to the library, where they’re housed in climate-controlled storage space. The project was made possible through the generosity of Shirley Klein, lifelong bibliophile and friend of QC. Annie Tummino, head of Special Collections and Archives, shares this story in a post to the library’s blog.

In Memoriam

B. Charlotte Schreiber, a member of QC’s Geology faculty for nearly two decades, died on July 17, 2020 at the age of 89.
Schreiber earned degrees from Washington University, Rutgers University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Imperial College, London, before joining QC in 1975. Specializing in sedimentology, she was the author or co-author of more than 100 peer-reviewed articles.

Retiring from QC in 1993 after the death of her husband and fellow Geology professor, Edward Schreiber, she went on to positions at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, and the University of Washington, in Seattle. Professionally active into her 80s, she was a recipient of the Association of Women Geologists’ Outstanding Educator Award and the International Association of Sedimentologists’ Sorby Medal.

Eulogized as an insatiable reader, devoted pet owner, and accomplished cook, Schreiber is survived by her two daughters.

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**Heard Around the Virtual Campus**

**Joshua Aftergood**, a doctoral candidate in Physics working with So Takei, has received a $25,000 Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship for his research into spin current noise . . . . **Keesha Cameron** (Career Development Center) received a PhD in Clinical Psychology . . . . **Julia George** (Political Science) is the project director on a two-year, $250,000 institutional grant from the U.S. Department of State for “University Research Program for Georgian PhD Professors” . . . . **Jake Nill**, a master’s student in Urban Affairs, has been selected to participate in the Robert Kennedy Human Rights Diversity Internship Program. Nill will be working with Program Associate Kristopher Sharp, a former congressional aide to Senator Patty Murray and the LGBT Equality Caucus, to develop toolkits to train youth in digital organizing . . . . **Maral Tajerian** (Biology) received an NIH Score grant of $457,215 for "Hippocampal Extracellular Matrix Regulates Glia-Neuron Crosstalk after Injury."

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