\textbf{What’s News}

\textbf{Vaccination Mandated for Public University Students}

Effective with the fall 2021 semester, all CUNY and SUNY students must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend classes on campus, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced on Monday, May 10.

Read President Frank H. Wu's latest Fall 2021 communication.

Democratic mayoral candidates (from left) Eric Adams and Ray McGuire

Two top contenders in the Democratic mayoral primary—Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and former Citigroup executive Ray McGuire—shared their blueprints for the city on Thursday, May 6, in a virtual forum co-hosted by QC President Frank H. Wu and Schneps Media Co-Publisher Victoria Schneps. The candidates fielded questions from a three-person panel comprising Stephen Witt, editor-in-chief, PoliticsNY and amNYMetro; Michael
In thanking the students, faculty, and staff involved in organizing the event, President Wu said, “It was a great night for Queens College and very much in the spirit of civic activity we are known for.” The municipal primary will take place on June 22, with early voting sites open June 12-20. For voting information, including details about registration and absentee ballots, visit CUNY Votes.

Panelists (clockwise from top right) Michael Krasner, Andrea Buzon, and Stephen Witt

**Pitching Camp on Campus**

Now celebrating more than 30 years of serving families in Queens and on Long Island, the Queens College Summer Camp will reopen for in-person instruction from June 28 through August 20, 2021. The camp will provide children and teens an opportunity for outdoor physical activity and academic enrichment to help compensate for the challenges posed by virtual learning.

Virtual open houses, which run...
through June 19, will make the camp’s New York-state-licensed teachers and certified counselors available to parents, and offer a view of the indoor facilities and outdoor playing fields. Dates and registration information are available here.

“For three decades, parents in our community have relied on our camp as a means to provide a high-quality summer experience for their children,” said Queens College President Frank H. Wu. “This past year and a half has posed unprecedented challenges for children, such as limited physical activity, and with some having to continue their studies without the benefit of in-person instruction and the engagement of their peers. We’re proud to offer them the opportunity to experience life closer to normal under the care and instruction of our outstanding staff, including the licensed professional teachers who oversee all camp programs.”

The camp—which has always followed New York State Board of Health guidelines—will conduct this summer’s programs in accordance with current state guidelines, which follow CDC recommendations regarding COVID-19. The camp’s outdoor and indoor activities, including pool use, have traditionally taken place in small groups, supervised by experienced teachers and trained staff.

“We are excited to be back and provide this opportunity to the community,” says Robert Twible, director of Athletics and Recreation. “The staff has worked diligently this year preparing and planning in accordance with state guidelines to ensure we provide our campers with an exceptional experience.”

Five specially designed programs are available: Education with Sports; Theater Arts Programs; All Day Sports Academy; Single Specialty Sports Camps in volleyball, soccer, or basketball; and a Counselor-in-Training Program offering a hybrid experience for 15- and 16-year-olds to participate as both campers and counselors.

The camp will be open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, with an 8 am to 5 pm option available for an additional fee. Parents can accommodate their schedules and budgets by choosing from 2-, 4-, 6- or 8-week sessions. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch is provided to all campers, whatever their schedule. All campers receive a complimentary T-shirt and water bottle. Transportation to and from campus is available at an extra fee. A discount is available for Queens College faculty and staff.

For more details, visit the Queens College Summer Camp homepage here, or email qc.summercamp@qc.cuny.edu for more information.

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Baseball Heading to ECC Playoffs
The Queens College baseball team has earned a spot in next weekend’s East Coast Conference playoffs thanks to a pair of victories on the final day of the regular season last Saturday. The Knights (14-11, 12-9 ECC) won both games of a doubleheader against the College of Staten Island to gain the fourth and final ECC playoff spot.

They will now take on the #1 seed, St. Thomas Aquinas College (23-3, 17-3 ECC), in the semifinal round. The best-of-three series will begin on Friday, May 14, on the St. Thomas Aquinas campus. Game two and game three (if necessary) will be played on Saturday, May 15. Times for those games have yet to be announced.

“I’m so happy for this group,” said Head Coach Chris Reardon. “They did not have much time together, but they made this happen and deserve every game from here on out!”

For those who want to follow the action next weekend, live stats and streaming video will be available at queensknights.com.

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**Walk-In Vaccinations at Flushing Hospital**

Flushing Hospital Medical Center made the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine available to all QC students, faculty, and staff from Wednesday, May 5, through Friday, May 7, from 8 am to 4 pm, without appointments. The hospital is repeating the offer this week through Friday, May 14, as long as supplies last.

To get your shot, enter the hospital at 146-01 45th Avenue (Medical Science Building/Corner of Burling Street) and proceed to the vaccination POD—point of dispensing—in the fifth-floor auditorium. When you receive your first dose, an appointment will be made for you to return for your second dose.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Cathy Ferrari at 718-670-8973.

Queens College is grateful to Flushing Hospital COO Robert Levine, an
QC Senior Wins Salk Scholarship

Queens College student Naomi Shohet, who will graduate next month, is among this year’s recipients of CUNY’s prestigious Jonas E. Salk Scholarship. A Macaulay Honors student majoring in neuroscience with a minor in chemistry, Shohet has been doing research in the laboratory of Uri Samuni (Chemistry and Biochemistry) since her freshman year. She is a member of the Biology and Chemistry Honor Societies and a Queen College Presidential Scholar—a recognition awarded students with a cumulative GPA of 3.9–4.0—and will be the student speaker at Baccalaureate on Tuesday, June 1. Shohet has been accepted by SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and plans to specialize in geriatrics, a choice inspired by her experience as a caregiver for her grandmother, who was diagnosed with dementia.

Salk Scholarship winners receive a total of $8,000 over the course of four years to help defray the cost of study for MD and DO degrees as well as doctoral degrees in biomedical sciences.

Support for Salk Scholar Shohet

“I am so happy to receive this scholarship,” said Shohet. “I could not have done it without the help of Dr. Samuni, as he molded me as a researcher and critical thinker from my freshman year of college. I am also really grateful to Ms. Valli Cook (Health Professions Advisory Services) for guiding me throughout my application process for medical school and for this scholarship.”

“Naomi will be an excellent and compassionate physician and has the potential to make an impact in medical research,” said Samuni. “I am sure Naomi’s future achievements will make us and the college community proud. I also want to thank Valli for guiding us through the application process. Without her help, this would not have happened.”

Salk Awards—named after world-renowned scientist Jonas E. Salk, developer of the first vaccine to prevent polio, and a graduate of The City College of New York—are based on academic performance, especially scientific research that students conducted as undergraduates. The selection committee chooses students for their potential to make significant contributions to medical research. Students must apply for the scholarship through their campus pre-medical offices.
Continuing Talk of the Town Halls

As originally announced, town halls are being held this week as part of QC’s Strategic Plan 2021-2026 process. The session for department chairs took place yesterday; the remaining dates are for faculty; staff; students; the President’s Council; and alumni, the Queens College Foundation, and members of the community. Please note that an additional session for all college stakeholders—faculty, staff, students, and community members—has been scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, May 17.

Tuesday, May 11, 4-5:30 pm for faculty tinyurl.com/QCTHFaculty

Wednesday, May 12, 9:30-11 am for staff tinyurl.com/QCTHStaff

Thursday, May 13, 12 noon-1:30 pm for students tinyurl.com/QCTHStudent

Friday, May 14, 2-3:30 pm for the President’s Council tinyurl.com/QCTHCouncil

Monday, May 17, 12:15-1:45 pm for the general QC community https://tinyurl.com/QueensCollegeTownHall

Monday, May 17, 6-7:30 pm tinyurl.com/QCTHCommunity

Participants need to register in advance for the appropriate date. If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Matthew Townsell at matthew.townsell@qc.cuny.edu. The Strategic Plan draft and notes from last fall’s town halls are available here.

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College Marks AAPI Heritage

Befitting the community it honors, AAPI Heritage Month at QC incorporates many types of events, all presented virtually.

“Queens College has always celebrated AAPI month in May, led by the Asian/American Center,” says Jane Cho (ACSM), who helped lead coordination of this year’s programming. “This year feels different, because we have experienced a pandemic, racial turmoil, and the rise of discrimination and hate crimes against Asians/Asian-Americans. We have so many more departments participating this year, creating rich and comprehensive programming to celebrate AAPI heritage, and to build solidarity addressing the social and racial injustice in America.”

The schedule this week includes the college’s main AAPI event, Celebrating Asian American Students’ Achievements While Combating Anti-Asian/American Sentiment, on Wednesday, May 12, from noon to 1:30 pm. The event will feature opening remarks by President Frank H. Wu, presentations by students and faculty, and the announcement of the Asian/American Center’s annual awards.

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Mobile Food Pantry Makes Next Stop

This week, the Knights Table Food Pantry will go to Flushing to turn the table on hunger. On Friday, May 14, from noon to 2 pm, the
mobile pantry will distribute food, as well as some medical supplies, at 136-17 39th Avenue, near the #7 subway station.

CUNY students are eligible for one bag of food per family. **Students need to register in advance** to pick up food, wear a mask, and adhere to social distancing.

The Knights Table Food Pantry is supported by the Carrol and Milton Petrie Foundation and the Queens College Foundation.

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**Additional Star in Gala-xy**

Juliet Papa, veteran and award-winning reporter at 1010 WINS-AM New York, is the latest prominent QC graduate to book an appearance at the **virtual Queens College Gala**. Papa joins an all-star lineup including comedians Jerry Seinfeld, Ray Romano, and Ted Alexandro; actress Fran Drescher; and celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich. It’s sure to be an evening to remember. Proceeds from the gala, the college’s annual fundraiser, support student scholarships.

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**Study Social Science This Summer**

Political Science and Sociology are offering hot topics to explore during summer session at Queens College.

PSCI 104: International Politics, an introductory-level course, examines the nature of international society (nationalism, state sovereignty, balance of power) and the sources of conflict and tension among nation states. Interested in understanding what should count as a human right, how rights can be defended against persistent violation, and whether human rights activism can be an effective agent for political change? Think about enrolling in PSCI 286: Theories Law & Human Rights.

**More Superb Summer Courses**

Mass media is on everyone’s minds these days. Soc 218: Mass Communication and Popular Culture focuses on mass communications—such as the popular press, radio, television, and motion pictures—as institutions that both reflect and influence society. Meanwhile, Sociology 236: Population Problems take a look at social factors influencing fertility and contraceptive use, mortality and migration, consequences of population growth, and population policies and programs in various societies.

For more information about summer session, [click here](#).
Big Ideas at the Library

Expanding on “Big Ideas”—the original online video series about important research conducted by QC faculty—Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library staff have created a set of guides. The guides explore issues related to episode topics. If you missed any Big Ideas videos, or want to revisit the entire series, go to the banner at the bottom of the college’s website.

Big Ideas was created by the Office of Communications and Marketing.

Heard Around the Virtual Campus

John Dennehy (Biology) was cited in New York Times article about tracking coronavirus in sewage . . . . Kimiko Hahn (English) is included in “To Claim What Has Tried to Claim Me“: A Roundtable on Asian-American Poetics . . . . Robert Kapsis (Film Studies, Sociology), editor of Nichols and May: Interviews (University Press of Mississippi), saw the book—published last fall—promoted in connection with Elaine May’s birthday . . . . Judith Kimerling (Political Science) is cited in a Wall Street Journal article about Ecuador’s ongoing lawsuit again Chevron . . . . Ryan King, who will graduate next month from the Dual Degree MLS/MA in History Program with a Certificate in
Archives and Preservation of Cultural Materials, has received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Free University in Berlin. He plans to take advantage of the university’s program in graphic novels for his research on the psychology of hoarding and to tap into the vibrant comic culture there . . . .

**Susan Kuhn** (Business and Liberal Arts) has been selected as an **Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellow** for her initiative to transform teaching and learning and contribute to CUNY’s mission through diversity and equity . . . . **John Terilla** (Mathematics) is among the professors referenced in “The Art of Mathematics in Chalk”, recently published by *Scientific American*. . . . **Richard Vetere** (Media Studies) just won the Golden Palm Screenplay Award, which is first place at the Beverly Hills International Film Festival, for his screenplay, *Caravaggio* . . . . **President Frank H. Wu** is among the panelists at an upcoming ABA seminar, Building Asian American and Black Solidarity for Racial Justice in Today’s America.

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