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What's News

QC Again a Princeton Review Best Value College

The Princeton Review's just released annual survey of Best Value Colleges again includes Queens College. It's one of 27 from New York State among the 200 ranked based on a comprehensive analysis of data from its surveys of administrators at more than 650 colleges in 2017-18. Survey topics broadly covered academics, cost, financial aid, career services, graduation rates, student debt, and alumni support.



The education services company also factored in data from its surveys of students attending the colleges and PayScale.com surveys of alumni of the schools about their starting and mid-career salaries and job satisfaction. In all, The Princeton Review staff crunched more than 40+ data points to select the 200 schools for the book and tally its ranking lists.

"Only seven percent of the nation's four-year colleges made it into this year's book," noted Robert Franek, its lead author and The Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief. "We salute them for their stellar academics and generous aid awards to students based on need and/or merit. They also provide their undergrads with career services from day one plus strong networks of alumni connections."

MLK Footsteps Tour Stops at Historic Tuskegee Site

A stop last month on the itinerary for QC students participating in Rabbi Moshe

Shur's (Jewish Studies) annual In the Footsteps of Dr. King tour of sites in Alabama and Georgia that figured in the civil rights movement of the 1960s brought them to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Tuskegee, Alabama. They were met by Maj. Cecil Davis, US Air Force (retired) who spoke to them about the tradition of the Tuskegee Airmen and his military career flying B-52's and working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, which later became the Air Force. The recruits, who were either college graduates or undergraduates, trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. During World War II, they flew more than 15,000 individual sorties in Europe and North Africa and earned more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, a record that helped bolster the case for full integration of the armed forces.



ACSM to Host Karol Rathaus Festival February 19–24

The Aaron Copland School of Music will hold a series of events to honor the works of former Queens College Professor Karol Rathaus from February 19 to February 24, which will culminate with a concert celebrating his work by The Orchestra Now, conducted by Leon Botstein, on February 24 at 3 pm in LeFrak Concert Hall.

Karol Rathaus was a preeminent composer of the generation that came of age during and after WWI. The rise of Nazism interrupted his illustrious career, forcing him out of Germany, and Rathaus ended up in New York, where he

became the first professor of composition at the newly founded Queens College.

The program spans all periods of Rathaus' creative life—from his earlier days in Berlin, till his later American work—and includes his *Symphony #2, Op. 7* (1923), *Concerto for piano, op. 45* (1939), *Louisville Prelude, Op. 71* (1953), and a suite based on Rathaus' music to Habima's production of *The Merchant of Venice*, arranged by Ariel Davydov.

A complete list of events and additional information on Karol Rathaus can be [found here](#).

Tickets for the February 24 concert can be purchased by [clicking here](#). *QView* recipients can use the discount code **Rathaus2019** for 50% off the price of tickets.



Black History Month began at Queens College with the hosting in Rosenthal Library February 1 of a conference for My Brother's Keeper—an educational initiative addressing the challenges faced by young men of color. New York State Regent Lester Young was the keynote speaker addressing an audience which included senior New York City Department of Education leaders and many students from New York City public schools. Regent Young is a longtime advocate of programs to advance teacher and staff diversity and, in particular, this initiative.



Sponsors Make Possible Another Year of QC Business Forums



As the college enters the fourteenth year of presenting Queens College Business Forum breakfasts, it wishes to thank Pricewaterhouse Coopers (Platinum), Farrell Fritz (Gold) and the other sponsors whose logos appear here for their continued support of these lively and informative events.

The initial business forum for 2019 will present a panel discussion: Business Communication, Technology, and the Laws. It will take place Friday, March 15, from 8 to 10 am in the Queens College Student Union Ballroom (4th floor).

Building on its position as a center of learning and interdisciplinary connections in our ethnically diverse borough, Queens College hosts four business forums a year. Held from 8 am to 10 am, each forum consists of a networking breakfast followed by a lecture by one expert or a panel discussion. Topics typically concern entrepreneurship, small business, or the

state of our economy. In addition to offering insights into today's ever-changing business world, these events foster discussion with local business, government, and community leaders and gives them opportunities to interact with our faculty, alumni, and students.

Michael Wolfe, Dean of Social Sciences, and Diane Shults, Associate Director of Alumni and Employer Engagement, coordinate and host the Queens College Business Forums. Additional information about the program is available through his office and by clicking [here](#).

Winter Sports Take Center Stage During Break

Although most of the campus was quiet during winter break, the FitzGerald Gymnasium had plenty of action, with basketball, indoor track and field, and swimming competing in the heart of their respective seasons. Here's a look at how QC's winter teams have fared...



Men's Basketball

Although they had a difficult start to the season, the men's basketball team has gotten hot of late, winning three of its last four contests and is still in the hunt for an East Coast Conference (ECC) playoff spot. At 6-5 in the conference, Queens College sits tied for fourth place with seven games to go.



The Knights picked up wins last week over NYIT and LIU-Post and have featured a balanced scoring attack so far, with five players averaging nine or more points per game. The Knights should have the home crowd behind them for the playoff run with five of their seven remaining games being played in the FitzGerald Gymnasium.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team's streak of six consecutive ECC Playoff berths could be in jeopardy, as the Knights currently sit in eighth place in the standings. The Knights only victory during the break came on January 23 at Molloy College.



One of the highlights of the break was junior guard Beth Bonin, who earned ECC Player of the Week honors for the period ending January 7, after posting a career-high 34 points in a loss vs. Southern New Hampshire University.

The Knights have seven games remaining on the schedule with five of them at home and will need to get hot to have a chance to keep their playoff streak going.

Women's Swimming Team

The women's swimming team had just a couple meets over winter break. On January 20, they lost to Division I St. Francis College, but on January 30 they cruised to a 136-74 victory versus Maritime, taking first in every event that night. The Knights have now wrapped up the dual meet portion of their season with a record of 4-3 and will close out the year at the Metropolitan Conference Championships on February 22-24.

Track and Field

Track and Field competed in a pair of meets during the break—the Spartan Invitational on January 11 and the New York City Gotham Cup on January 18.

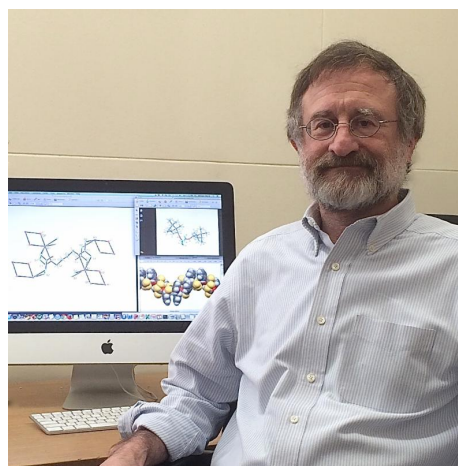
Andrew Saulpaugh highlighted the Knights' performances, as he won his flight of the shot put at the Spartan Invitational and currently ranks second in the East Coast Conference in the weight throw. Pavan Bhat also had a strong winter break, as he earned two top-ten finishes at the Gotham Cup and is the top-ranked high jumper in the ECC.

On the women's side Isabella Allocco performed well in field events, as her marks in the weight throw have her ranked fourth in the ECC. In track events, Diana Cruz is the sixth-ranked runner in the 500-meter run and is also ranked seventh in the 400-meter dash. The Knights will have their final regular season meet on February 9 as a tune-up before the ECC Championships on February 16.

Be sure to visit queensknights.com for complete schedules, news, and links to live video and stats.

Building Futures: Profile

Before he was 10, Professor William Hersh (Chemistry) was taking apart and rebuilding broken lawnmowers, radios and other electronics with the encouragement of his father, who had served as an engineer during World War II. "He also brought back microscopes from the war—probably from an abandoned facility—and I'd look at amoeba from nearby streams. Biology and electricity were my first interests," Hersh says.



By the time he was a teenager, Hersh was ordering engines by mail and building rockets to send skyward at the beach. But it was a gifted chemistry teacher at Verona High School in New Jersey who sparked his interest in the subject.

"I was probably in tenth grade when I built a lab in our garage," recalls Hersh, who obtained what he needed from a chemical supply house. Some of the chemicals were toxic and others explosive. "It's bizarre to think of what you could buy then," he says. Fortunately, the budding scientist exercised due caution in his experiments, and no fire trucks had to be called. [Click here](#) to read more.

A promotional banner for a summer session. It features a yellow background on the left with the text "SUMMER IS COMING" and a white play button icon. In the center is a photograph of a person's legs in blue shorts and brown shoes, sitting on a patterned blanket on grass with a laptop open. On the right is a blue background with the text "SUMMER SESSION EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!" in white.

'Tis the season to plan ahead! Now, for the first time, QC students can take advantage of the earliest summer registration offered by any college in the tristate area.

Heard Around Campus



Dianne Greenfield (SEES) was notified in December that her recent proposal as Co-Principal Investigator with researchers from City College and Columbia University to use remote sensing and field sampling to better understand phytoplankton populations and water quality in Long Island Sound has been approved by New York Sea Grant and Connecticut Sea Grant for funding. The award totals \$380,000, of which approximately \$151,000 will be provided to Greenfield's laboratory. . . Research by **Amy Hsin** (Sociology), "Hegemonic Gender Norms and the Gender Gap in Achievement: The Case of Asian Americans," appeared in December in the journal *Sociological Science* and was subsequently the subject of a story in the Asian America pages of NBCNews.com. . . **Sophia McGee** (Director, CERRU) and **Suzanne Strickland** (Sociology) were speakers on a panel The NYC experience in Improving Inclusivity in Higher Education that was part of last month's conference Bridge Builders: NYC and Jerusalem Exploring Practices and Policies of Urban Justice at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. . . **Yoko Nomura's** (Psychology) upcoming article in the journal *Infant Mental Health*, "Influence of in-utero exposure to maternal depression and natural disaster-related stress on infant temperament at 6 months: The children of Superstorm Sandy," has been selected to be featured in Wiley's Research Headlines, a biweekly mailing sent to over 1,800 subscribing journalists that promotes a selection of the most newsworthy research published across Wiley's journals. . . **Gregory O'Mullan** (SEES) was co-author of three recent journal articles, including one, "Hampering Water Quality Improvement in Urban Areas," in the December issue of *Current Pollution Reports*, in which Timothy Eaton (SEES) was also a co-author. The others are "Patterns of sediment-associated fecal indicator bacteria in an urban estuary: Benthic-pelagic coupling and implications for shoreline water quality" in the March 2019 *Science of the Total Environment* and "Comparison of Bacterial Diversity in Air and Water of a Major Urban Center" in November's *Frontiers in Microbiology: Extreme Microbiology*. . . **Douglas Rushkoff** (Media Studies) has been making a number of media appearances in connection with the publication of his new book, *Team Human*, including a February 4 taping with journalist and author Naomi Klein for WNYC's Podcast Mixtape and a Q&A interview in the current edition of Fast Times.

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