

Queens College  
Fall 2023 Presentation

President Frank H. Wu to  
Queens College Academic Senate

September 14, 2023



## Office of the President

- Campus re-opening: ID “tap-in” policy removed Fall 2023 following extensive consultation; authorization for late-night/early-morning access
- Strategic plan implementation underway. Progress will be shared with the community.
- Provost search underway/review of applications later this month
- Search for associate provost for institutional effectiveness commenced



# Faculty

## New Faculty Hires

- 57 new faculty hires in professorial and lecturer titles—Fall 2023
- 10.1% addition to full-time faculty ranks above last year

## Examples of Faculty Accomplishments

- **Nakia Gray-Nicolas**: 2023 Emerging Scholar Award from the American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- **Madeleine Hunt-Ehrlich**: Herb Alpert Award in the Arts
- **Sara Hinojos**: The Crossing Latinidades Collaborative, Cross-Institutional, and Comparative Research Working Groups in Latino Humanities Studies grant, University of Illinois at Chicago.



Nakia Gray-Nicolas



Madeleine Hunt-Ehrlich



Sara Hinojos



## Administrative Appointments

**Simone Yearwood**, Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

**Maria DeLongoria**, Interim Associate Provost, Academic and Faculty Affairs

**Soniya Munshi**, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership (CETLL)

**Yung-Yi Diana Pan**, Interim Executive Director, Asian/Asian American Research Institute (AAARI)

**Craig Blodgett**, Interim Director, Student Development and Leadership

**Bobbie Kabuto**, Dean, School of Education

**Nathalia Holtzman**, Associate Provost for Innovation and Student Success



Simone Yearwood



Maria DeLongoria



Soniya Munshi



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Nathalia Holtzman

## Academic Affairs

- **School of Business:** Career-Track Pilot Program to help graduates succeed—launching Fall 2023
  - Plans to hire research-active business faculty to meet standards for AACSB accreditation
- **School of Arts:** Focus to cohere programmatic offerings (DTD, Art, Music) and recruit students nationally and locally
  - Investing in fundraising efforts for facilities renovation
- **Migrant Assistance Program**
  - 7 QC student interns helping to process asylum applications





# Student Affairs

- **Enrollment**

- 3.3% increase in summer enrollment from '22 to '23
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 16,541
- 1,000+ students attended new student orientation
- Reconnect Program: secured grant to support adult students with expenses
- CUNY initiative plus campus open houses/tours/retention strategies

- **Food Pantry**

- Serves about 250 students per month; High mark of 339 in May '23
- Received funding from City Council to expand pantry
- Upcoming “Giving Tuesday” focus
- Established “Knights Armory” to offer students professional clothing options



## Student Affairs

- **Immigrant Success Center and Interns**
  - New office space in November
  - New website launched
- **Veteran and Military Support Services**
  - Recruiting volunteers for Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Flushing Meadows Park
  - Refurbished space in Student Union
  - 4% increase in enrollment
- **Mental Health**
  - New associate director, 7 interns being hired for Counseling Center
  - Psychiatrist appointments available
  - Religious centers expanding services for students
- **Students with Disabilities**
  - Increased enrollment
  - Adaptive basketball team to play in AY 2024





# Budget

- **College Ended FY23 in a positive condition**
  - Largely due to last amount of federal HEERF funding
  - Final numbers to be published by November
  - Enrollment for FY24 will impact available revenues plus city budget cuts
- **Food Services**
  - New vendors with kosher, halal, and vegetarian options
  - RFP planned/work with Academic Senate Food Services Committee





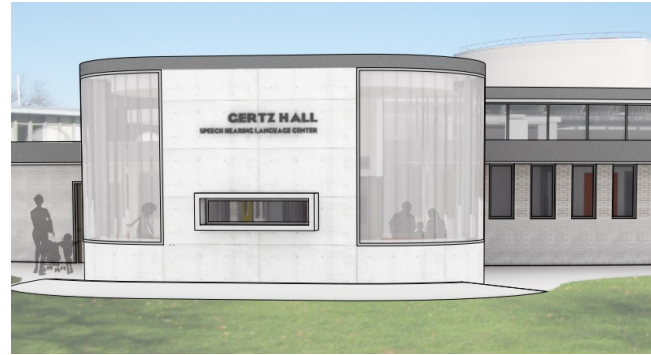
# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- **Anti-bias training**
  - Senior administration training complete/faculty and staff to take place
  - Bias training for search compliance began last spring
- **Working groups**
  - Recognition: Process of naming campus buildings and land acknowledgement
  - Accessibility: Helps ensure QC is adhering to ADA regulations
  - Diversity advisory: Helps ensure DEI is integrated into QC processes
- **Diversity Week: April 2023**
  - First at QC and CUNY
  - Featured daily DEI-themed educational programming
- **Diversity Week: April 15-19, 2024** - planning underway



## Facilities

- HVAC and building and automation system upgrades at Colden Hall-Expected completion: 2024
- Gertz Hall Reconstruction—speech, language, and hearing center—40% complete
- Campus central chiller plant phase 2: Adding cooling capacity to Remsen Hall, Science Building, Frese Hall, Powdermaker Hall, and Klapper Hall.
- Complete reconstruction of Razran Hall science research facility-environmental remediation, interior reconstruction, and roof and elevator replacement— 45% complete





## Information Technology

- Starting a multi-year network and fiber optics renovation project to improve internet connectivity
- QC will have a dedicated research, academic, and administrative network
- Student Tech Lounge forthcoming this fall in I Building





## Institutional Advancement

- FY22: over \$3M scholarships distributed by QCF
- FY23 over \$300K in internship funding from alumni and QCF allocations
  - FY24 starting with \$100K gift
- Gerstner Helping Hand Fund: \$83K for 2023-2024 school year



Ruth Hollander Award in Jewish Studies



Kessler Scholars Program



Alum Harris Horowitz established the Harris Horowitz Internship Opportunity Fund. Pictured here with QC staff and students.



## Government and External Affairs

- **Federal Funding (FY 23):**
  - \$1.4 million by Congresswoman Meng for Business School
  - \$750K from Congresswoman Meng for Colden Auditorium renovations
  - \$1.8 million for Professor Dennehy's Wet Lab
- **State: (Capital) FY 23**
  - \$250K from Hon. Dan Rosenthal for Veteran's Center, Food Pantry, and Urban Studies
  - Pursuing a 7-figure allocation for additional IT upgrades and \$125-\$250K allocations for smaller campus projects
- **City Funding (FY 24):**
  - \$2 million from City Council for IT technology upgrades
  - \$250k from Borough President for Food Science and Management Lab project
  - \$1.6 million in City Council individual discretionary allocations





# Government and External Affairs

## Armstrong Center

- New \$26 million Louis Armstrong Center opened in Corona on June 29



## The New York Times

Satchmo's Wonderful World: Louis Armstrong Center Amplifies An Artist's Vision

Melena Ryzik | 8/3/2023



## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

EXHIBITION REVIEW

### The Louis Armstrong Center Review: Jazz's King in Queens

The center, which opened across from the Louis Armstrong House Museum, preserves the trumpeter's legacy with a performance space and a permanent 60,000-item archive of personal items





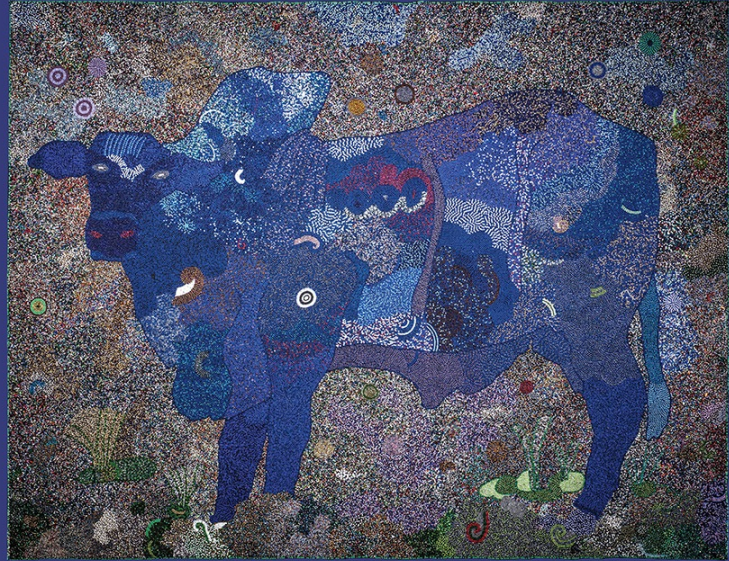
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- Godwin-Ternbach/Kupferberg
  - Godwin-Ternbach: Ubuhle Women exhibit, Oct. 4-Jan 11
  - Kupferberg Center: Grammy nominee Brandee Younger performing November 11

## Special Event

- Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Planning Committee/January 14 celebration

**UBUHLE WOMEN**  
BEADWORK AND THE ART OF INDEPENDENCE



October 4, 2023 – January 11, 2024

**Godwin-Ternbach Museum**  
Queens College, 405 Klapper Hall  
65-30 Kissena Blvd. Flushing, NY 11367  
[www.gtmuseum.org](http://www.gtmuseum.org)

**IA&A** INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND ARTISTS  
**NYC Cultural Affairs**  
Milton & Sally Avery Arts Foundation  
**KUPFERBERG** CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
**QUEENS COLLEGE**  
**CUNY**

Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence was developed by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC, in cooperation with Curators Bev Gibson, Ubuhle Beads, and James Green, and is organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.  
\*Image: Ntombephi "Induna" Ntobela, Sangoma Bull, 2012, glass beads sewn onto fabric.

## Athletics

- 3 teams reached NCAA Tournament in 2022-23 (Men's Soccer, Men's Tennis, Baseball)
- 2 East Coast Conference (ECC) Championships (Baseball and Men's Tennis)
- 7 teams qualified for ECC Tournament (Men's Soccer, Men's Tennis, Baseball, Women's Tennis, Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, Softball)
- Adolfo Martinez-Paquet (men's soccer) named All-American
- New Knights mascot unveiled Spring 2023





# Global Student Success Program

- Fall 2023 Student Enrollment: 94 students from 15 countries (largest semester enrollment to date)
- 27% increase from Fall '22 to Fall '23
- Record high applications from 67 countries (1,069) and admit letters (673)
- South Asia: 49% of enrolled students
- Strong marketing initiative in Latin America and Africa



Thank you, Queens College Academic Senate!

