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November 2024 NEWSLETTER



Giving Tuesday

This Giving Tuesday, Queens College is addressing student insecurities head-on. The [Knights Table & Armory](#) provides food and clothing to help students focus on success without the worry of their next meal or suitable attire for job opportunities. Your support can make a difference in combating this critical issue in the QC community. [Donations open Nov 11th!](#)

[Update Your Alumni Info Here!](#)

Alumni Spotlight

Zachary Latos '16

Zach Latos, a proud Queens College alumnus, has built his career with a rare combination of relentless work ethic, creativity, and resilience. Today, as the co-founder and CEO of FlyMeOut, a luxury travel-tech platform with hundreds of thousands of downloads, Zach's journey from working restaurant jobs at 16 to leading a high-impact company exemplifies the power of determination and grit. From an early start in the hospitality industry, he learned the value of hard work and emotional intelligence, skills that would later drive his success in both law and entrepreneurship.



His academic journey wasn't without challenges. During his time at Queens College, a pivotal moment arrived when he received a D in Sports Psychology during a summer marked by his uncle's battle with cancer. "That D ignited a fire within me," he recalls. It drove him to push his limits, excel academically, and eventually pursue his J.D./LL.M. from St. John's University School of Law. This experience, though difficult, taught him that setbacks can be a powerful force for growth and resilience.

After law school, Zach clerked for a Federal Bankruptcy Judge and later practiced corporate restructuring, representing major financial institutions. Alongside his legal career, his entrepreneurial spirit grew, leading him to found Little Planet Studio, a thriving six-figure digital agency. This venture laid the groundwork for FlyMeOut, where Zach combines innovation and strategy to reshape how people connect and travel.

Reflecting on his journey, Zach emphasizes the importance of perseverance, stating, "What do you want in life, and what are you willing to give up for it?" His advice to those beginning their careers is simple yet powerful: embrace challenges and stay focused.

Small Business Resource Sharing Event

Join the Tech Incubator on **Tuesday, November 12th at 2pm** for a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs to connect with valuable resources, service providers, and fellow business owners.

RSVP: lu.ma/j2ah43l8



SoA Presents: A Life in the Arts

Join the Queens College School of the Arts on **Wednesday, November 20th from 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM** in Rathaus Hall,



Room 101B (Dance Studio), for an informal conversation with Ilianna Ayala Garcia '16, a professional make-up artist, plus-size model, content creator and proud QC alumna!

RSVP: bit.ly/IAGarcia

At Home With Queens College

Join us on **Thursday, December 5th at 4pm** via Zoom for At Home With Queens College "Fashion under Facism" with Eugenia Paulicelli.

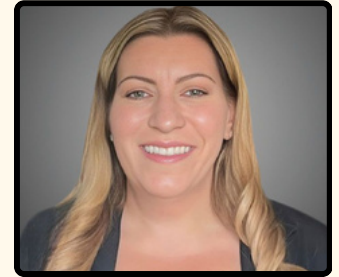
RSVP: bit.ly/AHQCEPaulicelli



Queens College Business Breakfast

Join the QC School of Business on the Q-Side Lounge (QC Dining Hall) for exclusive Business Breakfast sessions featuring QC alumni!

Thursday, November 19th at 8:30am with QC alum Elene Karanicolas '00!



RSVP: bit.ly/QCBusiness-EKaranicolas



Wednesday, December 4th at 8:30am with QC alum Stephanie D. Miller '91!

RSVP: bit.ly/QCBusiness-SDMiller

Learn about QC Master's Programs

A flyer for graduate admissions information sessions. It features a red header with 'GRADUATE ADMISSIONS', the text 'Interested in Graduate School?', and a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME'. Below the QR code is a circular image showing three people in a meeting. At the bottom, it says 'Join us! qc.cuny.edu/ga/graduate-programs' and the Queens College logo.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Interested in Graduate School?

Learn more about the graduate programs offered at Queens College by joining our information sessions!

SCAN ME

Join us!
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QUEENS COLLEGE

Queens College is hosting information sessions for various graduate programs such as Master's in Spanish, Urban Affairs, Math Education and much more!

For upcoming events visit:

qc.cuny.edu/ga/graduate-events/

For any questions email:

grad@qc.cuny.edu

Kupferberg Center for the Arts Events

The Kupferberg Center for the Arts offers 20% off up to 4 tickets to most performances for QC Alumni. Use code: **ALUM2024**

Celebrating 10 Years of CUNY Dance Initiative: Los Ricos and Sekou McMiller & Friends!



Experience two alumni of this groundbreaking residency program! Los Ricos, featuring Sonia Olla & Ismael Fernández, and Sekou McMiller.

Sat, Nov 16 at 7pm, Lefrak Concert Hall:
RSVP: bit.ly/QC-CDI2024

Women's Tennis Claims ECC Championship

The women's tennis team won by a 4-1 score to claim their 10th ECC title in school history and their first since Spring 2021.

They also received a berth into the NCAA tournament in the spring.



For more QC Knights news visit: queensknights.com

Support Current QC Accounting Students with Internships!



The School of Business received a Small Business Development Initiative grant to fully fund student internships for accounting majors. With this grant, the Department of Accounting & Information Systems is looking for ten internship opportunities at CPA firms located in Queens.

- A CPA firm must meet the definition of a Small Business and is in Queens.
- The internship takes place during the Spring or Fall semesters and requires 10 hours per week for 15 weeks.
- The internship must be in accounting or taxation and be relevant to the accounting curriculum at Queens College. Data entry, accounts payable or accounts receivable clerical work will not qualify.

Interested CPA firms, complete this form:

forms.office.com/r/y0eIzgfWb2

Please direct any questions to John Perricone, Small Business Development Project Manager at Queens College to john.perricone@qc.cuny.edu

