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## December 2024 NEWSLETTER



### Thank You for Making a Difference!

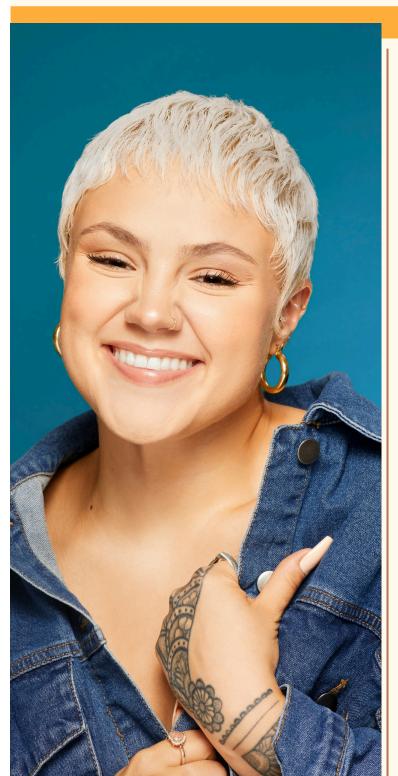
We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible community for coming together this past Giving Tuesday in support for the Knights Table & Armory. Your generosity is making a real impact, helping Queens College students thrive. Watch this special thank you message from our students: Watch Here

Missed Giving Tuesday? There's still time to make a difference!

<u>Donations are accepted until December 31st</u>

**Update Your Alumni Info Here!** 

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## Alumni Spotlight

#### Allison "Buttons" Bedell '18

Allison Bedell, better known as has transformed her Buttons. passion for dance from New York's most esteemed dance studios to the stages of major videos, commercials, music competitions and films. Buttons is a born-and-raised New Yorker from Queens, who graduated in 2018 with a degree in Drama, Theatre, and Dance and has since built her career as a professional dancer, choreographer, creative director, and model.

For Buttons her journey in dance started later in life compared to most dancers. "Queens College

was a place where I could finally fully immerse myself in the art of movement and focus on becoming an artist." At QC, she explored diverse dance styles, served as Vice President of the Dance Union and pursued a minor in Business and Liberal Arts (BALA). Her professors' wisdom and unique approaches to movement continue to influence her choreography and teaching today.

Since graduating, Buttons has performed as a principal dancer in music videos for artists like Fat Joe featuring Cardi B, David Guetta featuring Missy Elliot, Afrojack, Bia, Doechii, and The Jonas Brothers. She has choreographed for rapper China Mac, danced on tour with the band Emma Rosa, and modeled for brands such as Converse, Nike, McDonald's, and Toyota USA. Recently, she reached a career milestone, appearing in the Paramount+ film Mean Girls under renowned choreographer Kyle Hanagami.

Despite her many accomplishments, Buttons finds her greatest joy in teaching and creating connections through movement. "Jobs with big brands are incredible but find nothing more fulfilling than connecting with people...watching students make my choreography their own." Buttons strives to secure a long-term teaching position and one day become an adjunct professor in dance!

Her advice for aspiring dancers? "Expand your idea of success. In a world of instant gratification, don't let social media fool you into thinking it's all about shiny, finished products. Show people your humanity—it's endlessly refreshing and will take you far."

Buttons' story is a powerful reminder of the resilience, creativity, and passion that drive success, both on and off the stage.

#### Kick Off 2025 with the QC GOLD Mixer!

We're excited to start 2025 at <u>The Ditty</u> for our next **QC GOLD Networking Mixer** on **Thursday**, **January 30th at 6:30 PM!** 

**RSVP:** <u>bit.ly/GOLDNetworking</u>

Admission: \$15

(Hurry! The price will rise to \$20 on January 16th! Make sure to take advantage of the Early Bird Special.)

\*Admission includes food, beverages and an opportunity to enter a raffle!



For more details, email <u>alumnievents@qc.cuny.edu</u>.

#### At Home With Queens College Presentation



Join us on Thursday, January 16th at 4pm for At Home with Queens College "Louis Armstrong: King of Queens" with Ricky Riccardi.

**RSVP:** bit.ly/rriccardi

For more information visit: qc.cuny.edu/alumni/athomewithqc/

### Make the Most of Your Winter with QC!

Enjoy the School of the Arts for the World of Music

Concerts at Oak Ridge!

#### **Upcoming Free Performances:**

- January 9th 7PM QC Jazz Collective
- February 13th 7PM Naisayma
- March 13th 7PM QC String Quartet

**Location:** I Forest Park

Woodhaven, NY, 11421



For information visit: <a href="mailto:qc.cuny.edu/academics/soa/nycparks/">qc.cuny.edu/academics/soa/nycparks/</a>

#### Visit the Godwin-Ternbach Museum exhibitions on view!

#### **Exploring the Language of Form**

October 17, 2024 - May 1, 2025

Discover over 80 art works and artifacts spanning 5,000 years, many exhibited for the first time.

#### **WUNDERKAMMER II: Animalia**

October 17, 2024 - May 29, 2025

This Lobby Gallery exhibit offers a fascinating selection of works that

represent the animal world across diverse cultures & media.

For information visit: gtmuseum.org/currently-on-view/

## **Queens College Alumni Fall Recap!**

This Fall QC Alumni returned to campus and shared information about their professional journey with students.

Some events included A Life in the Arts, QC Business Breakfast, Kessler Scholars: First Generation Alumni Panel, Girls Who Code: Women in Tech Panel and much more.



If you are interested in volunteering with us and want to share career guidance with students on campus, please fill out our **ASK** (Alumni Sharing Knowledge) form!

For more information visit: qc.cuny.edu/alumni/askprogram/

### **Stay Connected This Winter Season!**

Join our Queens College Alumni Network on LinkedIn today! Whether you want to explore industry opportunities, share career openings with fellow grads, seek advice, offer guidance, or just want to stay in the loop, this is the place for you!



Visit our website to join your industry group: <a href="mailto:qc.cuny.edu/alumni/network/">qc.cuny.edu/alumni/network/</a>

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