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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!
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Alumni Spotlight

Allison “Buttons” Bedell '18

Allison Bedell, better known as Buttons, has transformed her passion for dance from New York’s most esteemed dance studios to the stages of major music videos, commercials, 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 The Ditty for our next **QC GOLD Networking Mixer** on **Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 PM!**

RSVP: bit.ly/GOLDNetworking

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!



The poster features a black and yellow color scheme. At the top, it reads 'QUEENS COLLEGE | GOLD GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE' and 'NETWORKING MIXER'. Below this, it says 'Join us for a social night of food, beverages, networking and raffle prizes!'. The event details are listed: Date: Thursday, January 30th, 2025; Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM; Location: The Ditty, 3503 Ditmars Blvd, Astoria, NY 11105. A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, it lists admission prices: Early Bird Admission: \$15, General Admission (on Jan 16): \$20, Day of Event Admission: \$25. The footer includes 'An Alumni Event for the Queens College Graduates of the Last Decade (Classes 2014-2024)' and the Queens College Alumni Relations logo.

For more details, email alumnievents@qc.cuny.edu.

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: 1 Forest Park
Woodhaven, NY, 11421



For information visit: qc.cuny.edu/academics/soa/nycparks/

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!



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