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Welcome to the 33rd Annual CUNY Athletic Conference / Pepsi Community College Women's Volleyball Championship.

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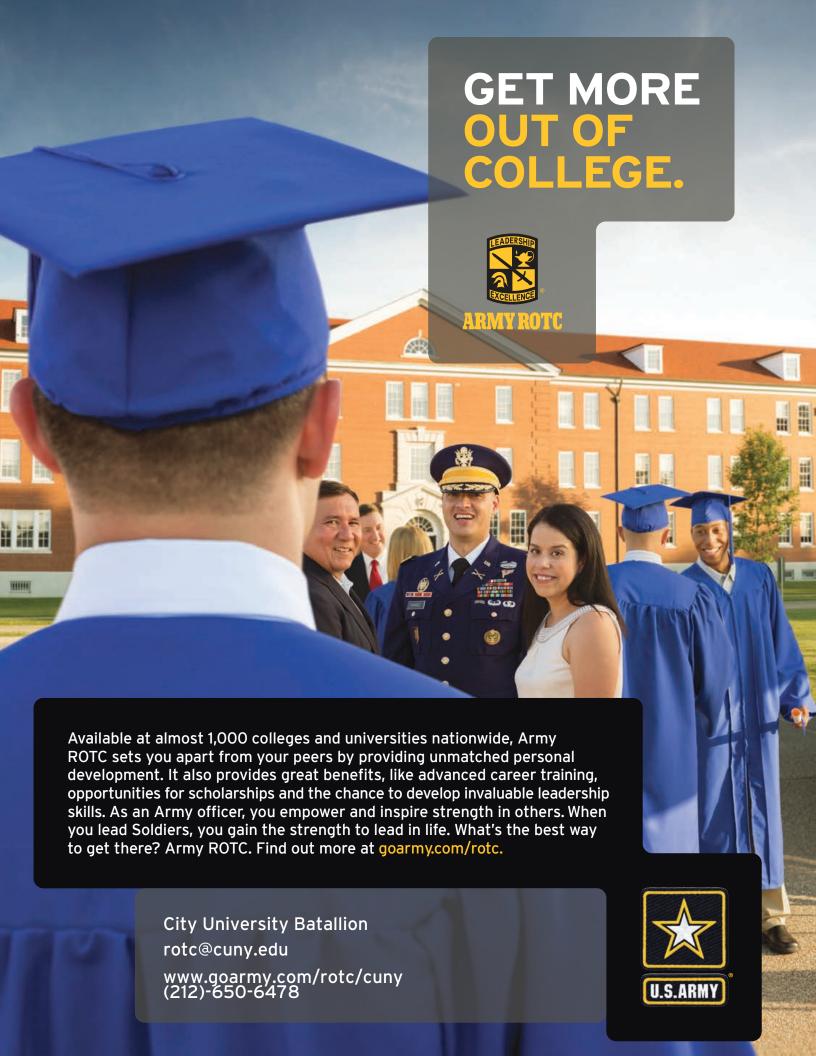
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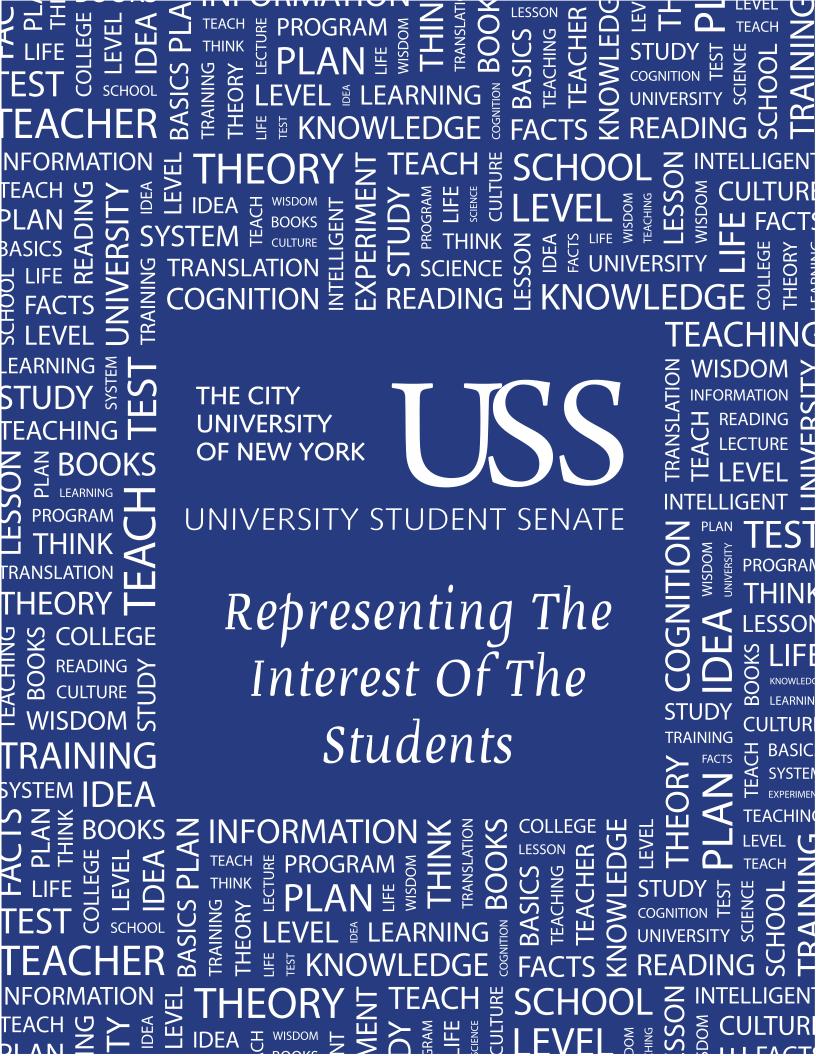
#	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
3	Jaylina Kraker	Fr.	L	4-11	New York, N.Y./Maral Valle
5	Kaylin Nieves	Fr.	S	5-2	New York, N.Y./The Facing History School
7	Alyssa Duran	Fr.	L	5-5	Jarabacoa, Dom. Rep./Our Lady of Altagracia
8	Vielka De Jesus	Fr.	MH	5-7	Dom. Rep./Esperanza Preparatory Segura Acad
10	Nolverys Fernandez	So.	OH/DS	5-5	Santiago, Dom.Rep./Roosevelt
11	Irina Kovalchuk	So.	OPP	5-8	Yuzno-Sakhlinsk, Russia/Russsian Fed. NE
12	Lauren Malcolm	So.	MH	5-7	Bronx, N.Y./Aquinas
13	Quiana Baez	Fr.	OH	5-3	Queens, N.Y./ The Renaissance Charter School
14	Danielle Singson	Fr.	OH	5-4	Jersey City, N.J./Great Future Charter
17	Laisha Ulerio	So.	S/DS	5-5	La Vega, Dom.Rep./Ulerio-In-Tech Academy
18	Andecia Liverpool	Fr.	MH	5-5	Georgetown, Guyana/Transit Tech CTE



Head Coach: ODALY APONTE Alma Mater: Univ. del Sagrado Corazon Years at BMCC: 5th Year Record at BMCC: 39-46 (.459) Assistant Coaches: Eric Almonte, Angel Guerrero



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# BRONX, NY

## BRONGOS

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#	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
3	Alondra Mesa	So.	L/DS	5-6	Bronx, N.Y./H.S for Violin and Dance
6	Scarlet Brito	Fr	RS/OH	5-3	Bronx, N.Y./George Washington
9	Cleimy Ozoria	So.	MB/OH/RS	5-8	New York, N.Y./Gregorio Luperon
11	Nossamba Kone	Fr.	OH	5-6	Bronx, N.Y./Manhattan Comprehensive
13	Nicole Santos	Fr.	RS/S/MB	5-6	Bronx, N.Y./Gregorio Luperon
14	Floranni Tejada	So.	MB	5-7	Bronx, N.Y./International School for Liberal Arts
15	Nayely Rodriguez	Fr.	OH/S/RS	5-7	New York, N.Y./International Community
16	Anally Hernandez	Fr.	RS/S	5-3	Bronx, N.Y./Pace



**Head Coach: INGRID CARMONA** 

Alma Mater: California Baptist '13 Years at Bronx: 5th Year Record at QCC: 20-65 (.235) Assistant Coach: Orlando Vargas



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## KINGSBOROUGH BROOKLYN, NY WAVE



#	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
2	Selina Berrezueta	Fr.	L		Brooklyn, N.Y./Telecommunication Arts & Technology
3	Sara Rejman	Fr.	MB		Rzeszow, Poland/Upper Sec.School of Fine Arts
4	Genesis Gonzalez	Fr.	OH		Brooklyn, N.Y./Public Services Heroes of Tomorrow
5	Kayla Russsell	Fr.	MB		Brooklyn, N.Y./Franklin D. Roosevelt
6	Kinga Kupras	So.	MB		Brooklyn, N.Y./Franklin D. Roosevelt
8	Daiana Gracia	So.	L		Brooklyn, N.Y./Professional Careers
9	Vanessa Wyatt	So.	OH		Charlotte, N.C./West Mecklenburg
10	Prishany Skinner	So.	OH		Brooklyn, N.Y./Benjamin Banneker Academy
12	Brianna Rams	Fr.	S		Brooklyn,NY/Telecommunication Arts and Technology



Head Coach: PAUL WATSON
Alma Mater: Brooklyn '92
Years at KCC: 26th Year
Assistant Coach: Alexandra Ratnikova



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### QUEENSBOROUGH BAYSIDE, NY

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#	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
1	Leslie Flores	Fr.	L/S	5-2	Jamaica, N.Y./Hillcrest
2	Michelle Sosa	So.	L	5-4	Sunnyside, N.Y./Aviation
6	Bianca Brierre	Fr.	MH	5-9	Elmont, N.Y./St.Mary's
8	Rachel Medina	So.	S	5-6	New Hyde Park, N.Y./Sewanhaka
9	Amira Durkovic	Fr.	S	5-7	Flushing, N.Y./Francis Lewis
10	Kaitlin Keough	Fr.	OH	5-7	Middle Village, N.Y./Queens Metropolitan
11	Georgia Alexiou	So.	RH	5-10	Port Jefferson Station, N.Y./Comsewogue
13	Paige Hughes	So.	OH	6-0	New Hyde Park, N.Y./Herricks
14	Chidera Nwaghanata	So.	MH	5-8	Ozone Park, N.Y./Hillcrest
20	Tiffany Garcia-Lawson	So.	MH	5-10	Floral Park, N.Y./St. John's Prep



Head Coach: JASON DEMAS Alma Mater: Brooklyn '10 Years at QCC: 10th Year Record at QCC: 177-58-1 Assistant Coaches: Lia Briffa, Shawn Baumann



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# A LOOK BACK...

#### Queensborough Makes It Four in a Row

Top-seeded Queensborough Community College breezed to its fourth-consecutive league title, knocking off second-seeded Borough of Manhattan Community College in three sets in the 2018 CUNYAC/Pepsi Community College Women's Volleyball Championship at RFK Gymnasium.

It was the third time in as many seasons that Queensborough and BMCC battled for the conference champion-ship. The title is also the Tigers' seventh in the last nine years.

The scores of the match read 25-8, 25-23 and 25-16 in Queensborough's favor. The Tigers hit at a .352 clip in the match and had three players finish with double-digit kills, led by Paola Beniquez's 13-kill performance. Sophomore outside hitter and Most Valuable Player Angie Nicholes contributed 11 kills on a .455 attack percentage.

"It's honestly amazing (to be a two-time conference champion)," Nicholes said. "We fought so hard and I was blown away by how we played. I wasn't expecting this, so I am really proud of my team. It's an awesome feeling."

"Well, it feels amazing. It is very overwhelming. This is very special," commented Beniquez. "I tried my best out there. It was fun and continues to be an honor to play for QCC."

Queensborough got out to a blazing hot start, taking the first game by an overwhelming 25-8 score. Freshman opposite hitter Ashly Saladin led the way for the Tigers, slamming down four kills and adding two aces in the set. Beniquez had five kills, while freshman Chidera Nwaghanata added four kills, as well.

The second set was a see-saw affair, as neither team led by more than three points in the game. Queensborough rallied late though and squeezed out a 25-23 win to grab a 2-0 lead in the match.

Trailing 21-20, Nicholes put down a key pair of kills to slide the Tigers back in front. She would account for four of Queensborough's final five points in the set, including the game-clinching kill, to seal the victory for the hosts.

"Angie stepped up huge for us," said Queensborough Head Coach Jason Demas. "She was really smart. She took what the defense gave her. She tipped when she needed to. She hit hard when she needed to. She brought a lot of energy and played really well. I am really proud of her."

Queensborough had all the momentum from that point, and eventually ran away with a 25-16 third-set victory to secure the three-game sweep. Beniquez tallied back-to-back kills to close it out for the Tigers.

"We came in today. I told everyone our favorite number was seven, because it takes seven wins to go back to nationals. Now, the favorite number is five," Demas stated. "I think we definitely have it (what it takes). We now have to move on with it and keep going."



#### **2018 CUNYAC ALL-STARS**



PAOLA I	BENIQUEZ
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Player of the Year	School	Class	Position
Paola Beniquez	Queensborough	So.	ОН
Rookie of the Year	School	Class	<b>Position</b>
Ashly Saladin	Queensborough	Fr.	OPP
Coach of the Year			School
Jason Demas		Que	ensborough
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All-Stars	School	Class	Position
Angelica Aquino	Bronx	Fr.	OH
Estrella Bello	Kingsborough	So.	OH
Reyna Cano	Hostos	Fr.	MB
Jennifer Chacon	BMCC	So.	S
Angie Nicholes	Queensborough	So.	ОН
Yolireisi Pichardo	BMCC	Fr.	OH/MH
Sportsmanship Award	School	Class	Position
Sthefany Jimenez	Bronx	So.	S/DS
Sportsmanship Team	School	Class	Position
Allison Knox	BMCC	Fr.	OPP
Kinga Kupras	Kingsborough	Fr.	OH

### Tigers are Region XV Champions Again!

The Queensborough Community College women's volleyball team won its third-straight NJCAA Region XV Championship, knocking off Orange and Nassau by 3-0 scorelines in the semifinals and final, respectively.

As a result, Queensborough's record now stands at 26-1 on the year. The Tigers will host Nassau and Essex in the District G Tournament on Sunday (Oct. 28), with the top two teams securing a bid to the NJCAA Division III National Championship.

"We were able to control the pace of the game really well, and had several key 3-to-4-point runs," said Queensborough Head Coach Jason Demas.

Sophomore sensation Paola Beniquez was tabbed as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while soph-

omores Maria Veliz Thol and Angie Nicholes were named to the All-Tournament Team.

"This team has been so focused all season on defending their regional title, and I'm so happy they were able to achieve their goal," quoted Queensborough Director of Athletics Jon Hochberg. "Now, they move on to districts, where they will have the opportunity to earn their spot in the national tournament."



#### **ALL-TIME CUNYAC CHAMPIONS**

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Site	Head Coach
2018	Queensborough	3-0	BMCC	QCC	Jason Demas
2017	Queensborough	3-1	BMCC	QCC	Jason Demas
2016	Queensborough	3-0	BMCC	Hostos	Jason Demas
2015	Queensborough	3-0	Kingsborough	Hostos	Jason Demas
2014	Hostos	3-1	Queensborough	QCC	Karina Castro
2013	Queensborough	3-1	Kingsborough	Hostos	Jason Demas
2012	Kingsborough	3-1	Hostos	QCC	Paul Watson
2011	Queensborough	3-0	Kingsborough	KCC	Jason Demas
2010	Queensborough	3-0	BMCC	Hostos	Jason Demas
2009	Bronx	3-0	BMCC	BMCC	Divina Arroyo
2008	Bronx	3-1	BMCC	BMCC	Divina Arroyo
2007	Hostos	3-2	BMCC	KCC	Keisha Hall-Lynch
2006	BMCC	3-0	Hostos	BMCC	Olga Lorenzo
2005	BMCC	3-1	Kingsborough	Hostos	Olga Lorenzo
2004	Kingsborough	3-0	BMCC	KCC	Paul Watson
2003*	FIT	3-0	BMCC	BMCC	Alecia Jiminez
2002*	FIT	3-2	Bronx	BMCC	Alecia Jiminez
2001	BMCC	3-0	Bronx	KCC	Olga Lorenzo
2000	BMCC	2-0	FIT	KCC	Olga Lorenzo
1999	BMCC	2-0	Bronx	KCC	Olga Lorenzo
1998	BMCC	Vacated	Bronx	BMCC	Olga Lorenzo
1997	BMCC	2-0	Bronx	BMCC	Olga Lorenzo
1996	BMCC	2-0	FIT	KCC	Olga Lorenzo
1995	FIT	2-0	City Tech	BMCC	Tricia Traynor
1994	Kingsborough	2-0	BMCC	QCC	Roseanne D'Augusta
1993	BMCC	2-1	Kingsborough	BMCC	Andrew Steele
1992	FIT	9-0	Bronx	QCC	Roseanne D'Augusta
1991	FIT	2-0	Bronx	QCC	Roseanne D'Augusta
1990	FIT	3-0	Queensborough	QCC	Roseanne D'Augusta
1989	BMCC	N/A	Not Available	N/A	Andrew Steele
1988	FIT	2-0	BMCC	N/A	Mitch Goldstein
1987	BMCC	3-0	Queensborough	N/A	Andrew Steele

Team	Titles
BMCC	11
Queensborough	7
Kingsborough	3
Bronx	2
Hostos	2



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#### **2019 WEEKLY WINNERS**

Athletes of the Week

#### Rookies of the Week

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Week	Name	Yr.	Pos.	School	Name	Yr.	Pos.	School
1	Rachel Medina	So.	S	Queensborough	Amira Durkovic	Fr.	S	Queensborough
2	Chidera Nwaghanata	So.	MH	Queensborough	Amira Durkovic	Fr.	S	Queensborough
3	Tiffany Garcia-Lawson	So.	MH	Queensborough	Bianca Brierre	Fr,	MH	Queensborough
4	Paige Hughes	So.	OH	Queensborough	Bianca Brierre	Fr,	MH	Queensborough
5	Georgua Alexiou	So.	OPP	Queensborough	Amira Durkovic	Fr.	S	Queensborough

### **2019 STANDINGS** (AS OF 10/16)

School	CUNYAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Queensborough \$	5-0	1.000	16-5	.762	W2
BMCC	4-2	.667	6-7	.462	W1
Kingsborough	1-4	.200	5-10	.333	L3
Bronx	0-4	.000	1-17	.056	L3

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