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ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF THE QUEENS COLLEGE SPEECH SOCIETY AND A SUCCESSFUL START

An eventful inaugural Fall semester followed by a busy Spring season ahead

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At the beginning of the Fall semester on August 2017, Randy Perez – a junior undergraduate student majoring in Political Science and Communications – founded the Queens College Speech Society, which is a public speaking and acting academic team. The purpose of this team will be one that helps shape fellow Queens College undergraduate students become eloquent and intellectual public speakers. Indeed, the team will accomplish this by engaging in acts of public discourse, rhetorical criticism, persuasion, research, oral interpretation, and argumentation. Furthermore, the Queens College Speech Society aims to uphold these ideals while representing the greater academic community of Queens College within various college campus activities and intercollegiate speech and debate tournaments locally and across the nation in the months ahead.

With a small delegation of three students, the Queens College Speech Society attended their first tournament at the Jack Lynch Memorial Tournament held at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire on Saturday, November 3rd, 2017. The names of these students are Maim Hoquello, Ying Wang, and Gabriella Zavul. The team was pleased to receive their very first award given to Gabriella Zavul, who was the tournament champion in Communication Analysis speaking.



*The Queens College Speech Society at the Saint Anselm College Tournament on Nov 4th, (From Left to Right):
Randy Perez, Maim Hoquello, Gabriella Zavul, and Ying Wang*

Honorable mentions were given to Maim Hoquello in Informative speaking and Ying Wang in Persuasive. On the weekend of December 3 and 4, the team also attended the Off-Broadway Swing Tournament at Nassau Community College and Hofstra University, where the team members were each given honorable mentions at both tournaments.

The Queens College Speech Society is a small team, but is off to a great start, and they are looking toward to an eventful year ahead. The team will participate at the New York/New Jersey State

Championships Tournament at Hofstra University on Sat, February 3rd, followed by Ithaca College on Sunday, February 4th, Nassau Community College on February 23rd and 24th, and will close the 2017-18 season at the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament at Tennessee State University on Mar 14th thru 17th.

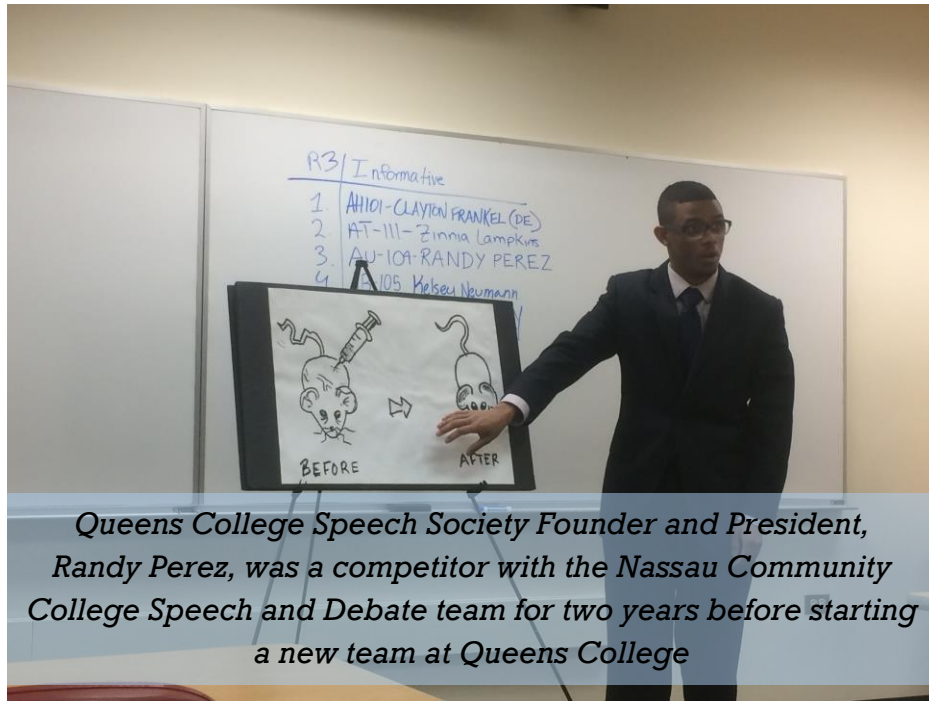
In addition, the team seeks to grow in membership size and volunteer coaches. The team currently has two volunteers who serve as part-time coaches. The team president and founder, Randy Perez, has been diligently facilitating all team administrative and coaching assignments while recruiting new members and keeping up with his regular classwork. The team also seeks to expand their limited budget by reaching to potential sponsors from QC Alumni members and local businesses within the Queens community. These contributions will help the team immensely by allowing them to travel and compete at tournaments regionally and across the



Queens College Speech Society at the Off-Broadway Swing Tournament at Nassau Community College – Sun, Dec 4, 2017

nation during the coming months ahead.

If you – or anyone that you know – have relevant experience coaching in public speaking, acting, and debate, then please contact Randy Perez at the information provided below. If you're interested in considering a sponsorship with the team, please let him know as well. Your help can help send their team members to compete at regional, district, national, and international levels.



Queens College Speech Society Founder and President, Randy Perez, was a competitor with the Nassau Community College Speech and Debate team for two years before starting a new team at Queens College

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