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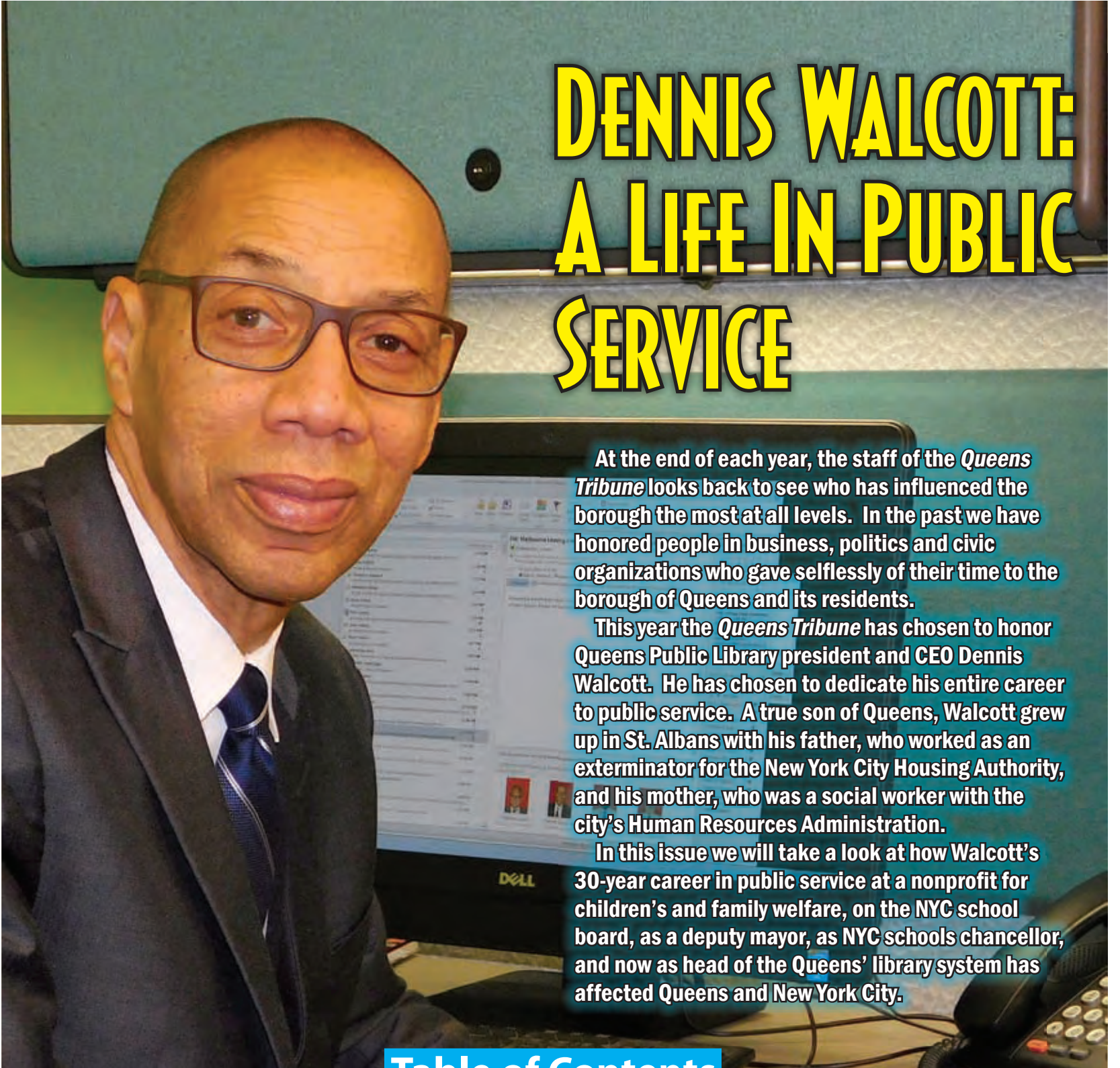
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# DENNIS WALCOTT: A LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

At the end of each year, the staff of the *Queens Tribune* looks back to see who has influenced the borough the most at all levels. In the past we have honored people in business, politics and civic organizations who gave selflessly of their time to the borough of Queens and its residents.

This year the *Queens Tribune* has chosen to honor Queens Public Library president and CEO Dennis Walcott. He has chosen to dedicate his entire career to public service. A true son of Queens, Walcott grew up in St. Albans with his father, who worked as an exterminator for the New York City Housing Authority, and his mother, who was a social worker with the city's Human Resources Administration.

In this issue we will take a look at how Walcott's 30-year career in public service at a nonprofit for children's and family welfare, on the NYC school board, as a deputy mayor, as NYC schools chancellor, and now as head of the Queens' library system has affected Queens and New York City.

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# Who Is Dennis M. Walcott?

## "Family, Friends, Neighbors, Community And Church"

BY ARIEL HERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

**D**ennis M. Walcott, CEO and president of Queens Library, was born in Queens, raised in Queens and intends to be laid to rest in Queens, having already purchased his gravesite at Maple Grove Cemetery, which is where both his parents and maternal grandparents currently rest.

Walcott's parents were born and raised in Harlem, but moved to St. Albans where he was conceived. The senior Mr. Walcott was an exterminator in the New York City Housing Authority and Mrs. Walcott was a social worker for the Human Resources Administration. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walcott completed their final assignments in Queens, with Mr. Walcott at the South Jamaica Houses and Mrs. Walcott on Sutphin Boulevard off Jamaica Avenue.

Walcott received his education at P.S. 36 in St. Albans, I.S. 192 in Hollis and Francis Lewis High School in Fresh Meadows.

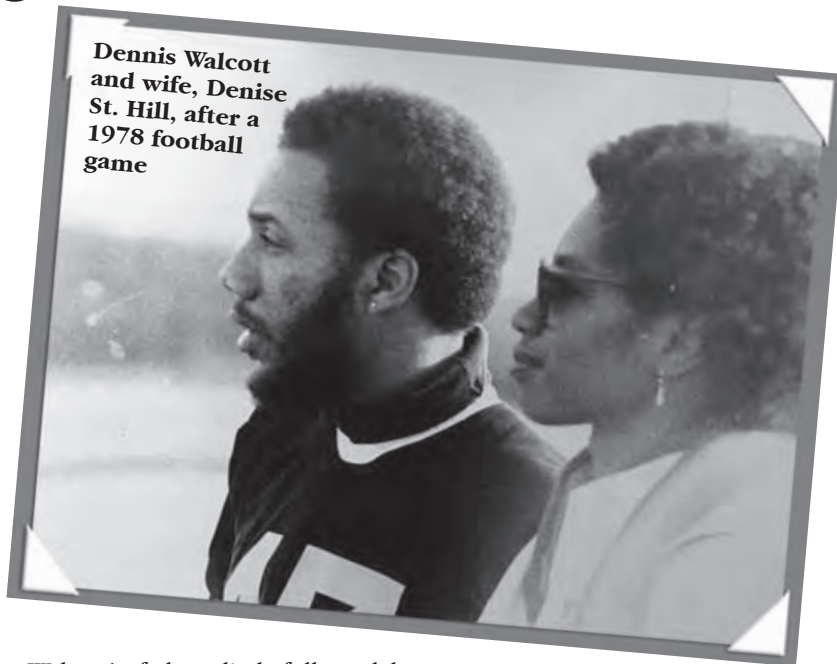
"The period of time [1965-1969] when I was in high school was very tumultuous, given that the Vietnam War was going on, it was two years after Kennedy was assassinated, it was during the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, there were two teacher strikes and protests against the Vietnam War," said Walcott.

Although history was being made in the worst way, Walcott said attending Francis Lewis High School was "a very rewarding" experience.

It was during high school that Walcott became interested in psychiatry, for which he credits his mother's background in social work. However, given that he would have to attend medical school, Walcott decided to become a psychologist instead. His mind was made up when he attended the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, where he studied sociology.

During his college experience, Walcott didn't formally join any clubs or organizations, but did participate in campus activities. Since Walcott wasn't too busy in any organizations and the distance was short between the institution and home, he was able to take a trip back home easily when his father became ill.

Unfortunately, in between his junior and senior years of college,



Dennis Walcott and wife, Denise St. Hill, after a 1978 football game

Walcott's father died, followed by his mother's death nine months later, just one month before Walcott graduated with his bachelor's degree in sociology.

During spring break, Walcott went home, where he found his mother lying on the living room floor dead. In just five weeks, Walcott buried his mother; studied for final exams; addressed the issues and concerns of residents in his hall as a resident advisor; and graduated from college.

"It was tough but at the same time, in a very rigorous way, being an only child helped because my parents had raised me to be self-sustaining and self-sufficient," said Walcott.

Walcott said it was because of the self-sufficiency his parents instilled in him that he was able to navigate through life without them, although it was very difficult.

Immediately after obtaining his bachelor's degree, Walcott continued his education at the University of Bridgeport, where he earned a master's degree in education.

Following his educational career at the University of Bridgeport, Walcott came back to the community to teach kindergarten in South Jamaica, which he quit to start an alternative big-brother program called Fredrick Douglass Brother to Brother, focusing on boys between the ages of five and 12. Quitting a job to start a business relates to the first job Walcott ever had. He was about eight years old when his friend's father quit a job to open up a grocery store in the neighborhood. He

had Walcott and three other fourth-graders handing out fliers to publicize the store.

"I admired him for being a black entrepreneur," said Walcott. "Which is eventually what I did: quit a job to start my own business."

During that time, Walcott was reunited with Denise St. Hill, his childhood friend since they were three years old. They had been apart for years. A year and a half after they had reunited, the two got married and decided to start a family. After their first daughter was born, Walcott and his wife said if the second child wasn't a boy they would adopt a boy, which is what happened.

Given that Walcott obtained a second master's degree in social work from Fordham University, he was able to do social work and adoption work, and also worked for the United Way of New York City.

It was that experience that contributed to Walcott's interest in adoption. The adoption agency had a boy up for adoption who was in the system with his sister. The family refused to separate the two and instead adopted both, not only bringing in an additional girl but providing the family with the boy they wanted to carry the Walcott name. During the adoption process, Walcott's biological children contributed and were welcoming to their new siblings.

Both Walcott and his wife, who were both the only child in their households, had a period of adjustment when the children would argue and, as Walcott put it, would

"go back and forth." However, something that Walcott's parents instilled in him growing up that he enforced in his household to his children was "to respect people, to respect one another, to be respectful, to communicate with one another, to be respectful of their community and the issues of the community, to be knowledgeable and to pursue education."

Another important aspect of Walcott's life since he was a young boy was his membership in St. Alban the Martyr. Not only did his parents take him to the church, but he continued to go on his own and continues to play a very active role there today.

From running the New York Urban League and the Harlem Dowling Children's Services to being deputy mayor and chancellor, along with the other projects he did in between, Walcott said the toughest was being in the social-work field during the mid-'80s, when crack use, homelessness, AIDS and border babies were at an all-time high; some 48,000 children were in foster care during that period of time.

"That, to me, was the toughest period because it was so connected to family and to the construction of family through all the issues that were happening in society," said Walcott. "Families were destroyed, people died and the addiction of crack was the prime contributor to that."

Another job that had a great impact on Walcott's life was working for the New York Urban League, which helps disadvantaged New Yorkers find humanity in New York City: find ways to connect and help each other, and gain access to equal opportunity in employment, education, financial and technological literacy, and more.

What the NYUL stood for impacted Walcott so much that 22 years ago, he had the organization's logo tattooed on his forearm with the words "To Be Equal."

"It is something I believe in," said Walcott. "Equality for all."

The only place Walcott wants to see himself five to 10 years from now is alive.

"We only have one life to live, so live every day like it's an important day," said Walcott. "I don't get down at all; I stay focused."

Although Walcott no longer lives at the St. Albans home where he was raised, every morning at the peak of dawn, during his morning run, Walcott makes sure to run past his old house.

"That's my grounding," said Walcott. "That's my reminder of where I grew up and of the values that were instilled in me from both my family and my neighborhood, and that I take very seriously. I always find a route back."

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# Walcott's Sense Of Community At The Urban League

BY JON CRONIN  
Editor

At the beginning of an already flourishing career in public service, Dennis Walcott got an opportunity he could not refuse.

In 1990, after five years as executive director of the Harlem Dowling-West Side Center for Children and Family Services, Walcott was offered the position as president and CEO of the New York Urban League.

"It's about social justice and civil rights," Dennis Walcott said of the Urban League. He saw it as the premier organization for the issues that he cared deeply about. "The opportunity was extremely attractive," he noted.

It was a position that kept Walcott entranced for over a decade.

The New York Urban League was created in 1919 as the first institution of its kind in New York City, helping African Americans to find stable work after their migration north. The league provided emergency support for New Yorkers during the Great Depression. Over the next 40 years, the league came to be known for what it is today, an organization that advocates for black New Yorkers' education and place in the workforce.

Aвра Rice, the current presi-

dent and CEO of the New York Urban League, said that she has not known Walcott for as long as she has known of him. Rice said that Walcott's name is now synonymous with the Urban League. She said that when she introduces herself at events as the head of the Urban League, people often say, "Oh! I know Dennis Walcott."

She said that during his tenure at the Urban League, "Anytime there was an issue facing blacks at the time, [the media] would ask Dennis."

Rice came to the organization in 2009. She noted that Walcott no longer has an official role with the Urban League, but said, "Once an Urban Leaguer, always an Urban Leaguer."

"Whenever I reach out to him, he's always there to provide help," she noted. "He's always working for community and about community," she added.

She said Walcott offered advice when she was coming into the Urban League on how to reengage some of the lapsed stakeholders, like individual donors, participants or staff.

While at the Urban League, Walcott established the Jeter's leaders program, which focused on youth leadership and is still quite popular. Another popular program in

the '90s was the Bridge to Brotherhood, which created a kind of rite of passage for participating kids.

He also helped to coordinate the federally funded Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, which focused on young mothers during pregnancy.

Rice said one of Walcott's strengths is that he is "constantly bringing people together; it is one of the great things about him."

Walcott noted that he was particularly proud of the 140th Street Block Initiative, which took the worst street in Harlem in the late '80s and early '90s and initiated the creation of a better environment. The Urban League created a small satellite office in 1994 and focused on community building, awareness and lobbying for better services on 140th Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues. It were successful in its efforts.

He was also happy to participate in deciding on recipients of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Scholarship program at the Urban League. Walcott recalled that a man recently visiting the Jamaica Central Library saw him and thanked him for the creation of that scholarship program. He said his son wouldn't have been able to afford college without it.

Rice said she usually sees Wal-



Photo courtesy of the New York Urban League

**In 2015 Dennis Walcott received the Frederick Douglass Medallion, the New York Urban League's highest honor--formerly bestowed on Ossie Dee, Jackie Robinson, Mayor John Lindsay and Jesse Norman--at the event's 50th anniversary.**

cott now at Urban League special events, which he often helps coordinate.

She noted that when former Mayor David Dinkins appointed Walcott on the board of education, "He had a huge impact. The fact is, no matter where he went, he never forgot the Urban League."

## Walcott's Role In Education

BY TRONE DOWD  
Editor

Dennis Walcott's long life in public service has overlapped with his passion for education several times throughout his career. This dedication to future generations culminated in his appointment as both deputy mayor of education and then as chancellor of New York City schools.

Walcott was asked to be deputy mayor of education in late 2001 by then Mayor-elect Michael Bloomberg. Serving 1.1 million students across the five boroughs, the New York City Public School system is the largest in the country.

"I was really honored that he would ask me to be deputy mayor of education," Walcott said. "We came in with the idea of reforming the system and making it better for children and doing it in a way that it was not necessarily done before. The first step was to gain control and change school governance."

Walcott explained that unfortu-

nately, education languished under the previous administration. He described that under Mayor Rudy Giuliani, each school district became a "power center" unto its own. Each district had its own executive boards and fiscal funding period, all independent from the DOE and all with different measures of what a successful school looks like.

Coming into office, Walcott looked at the system set in place and restructured it by giving power to the schools and allowing them to be the decision-makers when it comes to methods of educating. In terms of power over the policy of the schools, things were streamlined significantly.

"We wanted to change the paradigm of the system's being solely a top-down operation to a more collaborative process," he explained. Accountability was another big thing that he and Bloomberg believed was important and was the impetus behind the former mayor's controversial request to have control over the educational system.

Another change made while Walcott worked under the Bloomberg administration was having student and school performance measured and graded. This allowed different institutions to set goals and milestones for themselves and their students, which in turn allowed Walcott and Bloomberg to distribute funds based upon accomplishing those goals.

"Something that people tend to forget is how much educational funding increased under Mayor Bloomberg," Walcott said. "While other agencies saw cuts at times, the DOE was left unharmed if not receiving more money."

He said that having Joel Klein as chancellor while he served as deputy mayor made for a great team.

"It never became an ego issue or a turf issue, as far as having a deputy mayor working hand in hand with him," Walcott said. "He was the chancellor and he was in charge of the day-to-day operations, while I worked in conjunction with the mayor setting policy."

In 2011, after the reforms that took place in how education was set in place throughout the five boroughs, Walcott took over as chancellor of New York City schools. With the groundwork of this new system in place, his main focus became about education of the children. Evaluation systems of the students, dealing with the union and the state, and other "macro issues" were all a part of his tenure as chancellor. His predecessor, Cathie Black, was the only person to take the job with no experience in the educational field. As a result, many were discouraged by the direction of the New York City education system. Walcott spent much of his time quelling those concerns.

"We had to remind folks of the purpose and mission of the education system," he said.

Walcott said that the creation of parent coordinators and the amount of choice that parents have when it comes to schools for their kids are the things he's most proud to leave behind.



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# Dennis Walcott Never Stops

BY JAMES FARRELL  
Staff Writer

Dennis Walcott, 65, wasn't planning on running the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 20. But he woke up on his own before dawn and made the last-minute decision to hit the streets. It was 19 degrees, but he didn't know that—he made a point of not looking at the temperature.

Walcott usually runs about 13 miles per outing, between three and five times a week. He's usually on the streets by 4:15 a.m. He doesn't wear headphones. He runs in silence, except for when he sees somebody. He'll always say hello.

"The running is my time to think," he says. "I just concentrate on my thoughts, plan out the day."

But this Tuesday wasn't an ordinary day. By 8 a.m., he had to be in Manhattan for an interview on "Good Day New York" about the upcoming opening of the Elmhurst Library scheduled for noon, a laudable milestone in his short tenure as president and CEO of the Queens Library. In the evening, he had a library board of trustees meeting until after 8 p.m., putting his workday somewhere in the 12-hour range.

So Walcott settled for a short, six-mile run.

The *Queens Tribune* had the opportunity to shadow Walcott on this busy Tuesday to get insight into the life of the Queens Library president, whose day begins before the sun rises and ends well after it sets.

On most mornings, Walcott knocks on the window of the Cambria Heights library on his way back

from his run, waving at the maintenance staff. Usually, he's back at his Cambria Heights house after 6 a.m. to shower and eat. Then he helps his daughter Dejeanne by warming up her car and taking his granddaughter Malia out to the car in her car seat. He'll usually drive to the central library branch in Jamaica listening to jazz on WBGO 88.3 or sports radio. Today, however, he was on the road a little sooner than usual to be at "Good Day New York."

Sitting in traffic on the Long Island Expressway on the way to Manhattan, Walcott said he wasn't nervous about his "Good Day New York" interview. He has a cool, crooning voice. When he has WBGO's jazz station on, he sounds like a radio DJ, cuing up Coltrane or Freddie Hubbard over soft saxophone. He told me how he started running.

"Life is about challenges," he crooned. "Complex jobs, complex challenges, working on things that are not easy."

So at 50, he challenged himself to go skydiving. He did it. At 60, he challenged himself to run a marathon. He did it. Twice. Now he runs nearly every day. In fairness, he has a history of athleticism. In his 20s, he played in a football league. His friends called him "Dirt" because he wasn't afraid to get dirtied up and bruised. He once played with a dislocated shoulder.

Walcott talks to everyone he sees. Back stage in the "Good Day New York" studio at 8 a.m., he struck up a conversation with Anthony Butler and his first-grade son, also named Anthony, who was scheduled to appear in a Toys "R" Us segment on the show. He sat next to the elder Butler and leaned in like they'd been friends for years.

"Are you excited?" Walcott said to the little boy. Anthony sheepishly nodded.

"I would be too, I would be very excited," Walcott said.

A few minutes later, Walcott was just off stage, behind the cameras, waiting to join "Good Day New York" hosts Greg Kelly and Rosanna Scotto. When he got on, he touted the soon-to-be-opened Elmhurst library as the largest upcoming cus-



Photos by James Farrell

**Dennis Walcott emceeds the grand opening of the new Elmhurst Community Library.**

tomor library, with 32,000 square feet and 1.2 million customers expected by the end of the year.

After the interview, he sat in on a 10 a.m. meeting at the Fresh Meadows library with various branch managers. He likes to visit the libraries, and is trying to visit every library in the system to share holiday greetings before the holidays are over. On his way out, Walcott stopped in to every room to talk to stray staff members, wishing them a happy holiday. Outside, he ran over to shake the hand of a man getting out of his car. He had no idea who the man was.

"When I was [education] chancellor I would make it a habit to make sure that I said hello to the individual staff," he said. "I do that religiously."

The Elmhurst library's grand opening at noon was one of the biggest events in the library's recent history. It was a long-awaited opening, far removed from its initial completion date of 2011. Walcott emceed a jovial press conference with a long line of elected officials.

He officially opened the library doors at 12:57 p.m.—three minutes early. He spent another hour or so greeting new customers, mingling with politicians and admiring the architecture. Many asked him if he ran that morning. "I did run," he told them. "I didn't look at the temperature."

While going up the stairs to the upper level, Walcott stopped to look back down at the first floor. He saw an Asian American man reading an Asian-language newspaper, sitting comfortably on the heater next to a Christmas tree. It was Walcott's favorite image of the day. Less than an hour after opening, the man had already found his place.

"It just captured the role of the library," he said. "People have been waiting for it. People will seek out what works for them."

While opening a new library is hardly part of a typical day, Walcott has completed many capital projects since taking over.

"We have been to more ground-breakings and more ribbon cuttings

of libraries than I've ever seen in my 20 years in elected office," said Borough President Melinda Katz at the press conference. In 2017, Walcott will host similar events at the Kew Garden Hills and Hunters Point libraries.

When the celebration was over, Walcott swung by the Rego Park library for a "hot minute," to run in and shake the hand of every employee he saw—another library down on his holiday greeting tour.

Walcott spent the afternoon working in his cubicle in the Jamaica central branch. His cubicle is out in the open in the main lobby, giving him constant access to library staff and customers. He touched base with staff on everything from fundraising to glowing reactions to the Elmhurst opening. He also shook hands, waved and talked with customers, who instantly recognized him. Customer feedback is important to him.

"You have your regular customers who come in," he says.

At 6 p.m., the evening's meetings began. First, the board's labor committee met. Then it was the full board meeting. In his president's report, Walcott beamed over the Elmhurst opening. They had 3,401 people pass through the library on its first day.

"Today was a glorious day," he said. "Can't say it any other way. People worked long and hard over a long period of time for today to actually happen."

After the meeting, Walcott stopped by his cubicle one last time. It was about 8:30 p.m. Two men were sitting on chairs near his desk. He chatted with them before saying goodnight. In a scene out of "Cheers," where everybody knows Walcott's name, Walcott left the library, waving goodbye to familiar faces at tables around the library.

If his granddaughter is awake, he will spend some time with her before going to sleep.

"If not, I have a good book waiting for me," he says.

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**Dennis Walcott strikes up a conversation with Anthony Butler backstage, before going live on "Good Day New York." Butler's son, playing foosball, would be appearing on the show for a Toys "R" Us segment.**



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# Reforming The Queens Library

BY JAMES FARRELL  
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Dennis Walcott doesn't dwell on the past. He's more than happy to talk about the many changes that he's brought to Queens Library. But those changes came from his personality and leadership style, he says. It's not about the mistakes of the previous administration.

"You learn from the past, but you also make sure you stay consistent as far as how you deal with an issue," he said.

Walcott took over the Queens Library after a tumultuous era. Former president and CEO Thomas Galante was fired in 2014 after using public library funds to pay for extravagant meals, airline upgrades and other personal luxuries. The publicized scandal raised questions about transparency and accountability in the Queens Library's leadership. And so even as Walcott avoids lingering in the past, he has made several dramatic changes to foster a new culture of accessibility and openness.

For instance, Walcott works at a cubicle in the main lobby of the Queens Library's busy central branch in Jamaica, with no walls or receptionists dividing him from staff and customers. It's a move aimed at visibility, but also at being attentive to the library's needs. Sitting down on the floor and talking with customers has helped Walcott work with library staff to identify and resolve issues—from IT problems to restroom cleanliness.

"I didn't base it on Tom [Galante]

te] at all," he said. "Being accessible, to me, is important. That way, you get customer feedback."

On an administrative level, Walcott created a management council with library leadership that meets every Monday, so that the library can maintain a "constant flow of information."

"There's constant interaction and trying to make sure there aren't any silos," he said. "It's all about accountability and performance."

Walcott said the council has improved programmatic development and the flow of information around capital projects, leading to ideas like the new capital tracker—an online tool that gives people the ability to check on the progress of the Queens Library's capital projects.

Walcott is also accessible to his employees. He hitches rides on the library's book delivery trucks to visit libraries across the borough. He visited every library in the system during his first three weeks on the job.

And his employees have noticed. John Hylsop is the president of Local 1321 of District Council 37, the union that represents the Queens Library workers. He said that Galante was antagonistic to the staff—refusing to negotiate a new contract, outsourcing custodial work, threatening and carrying out



Walcott at the central branch of the Queens Library in Jamaica

Photo by Bruce Adler

layoffs, among other things. Overall, Hylsop said, Galante was reluctant to collaborate with the union, whereas Walcott has already helped renegotiate a new union contract and played a role in improving workers' sick-leave plan.

"There's been an impressive 180-degree change," said Hylsop. "I think the staff appreciates the culture that [Walcott's] brought—more collaborative, more engaging. I hope it's maintained."

Thomas Wynn, blue-collar vice president of Local 1321 and a custodian at the Cambria Heights library, said Walcott is more accessible—he sees Walcott at least once a week out in the field.

"It just made it easier for me;

he's someone I can go to and talk to," said Wynn.

It's not just Walcott who has brought changes. Mayor Bill de Blasio and Borough President Melinda Katz overhauled the Board of Trustees after previous members' loyalty to Galante raised concerns.

"We examined and completely changed all of our oversight systems to make them more disciplined and more transparent," said Carl Koerner, the board's new chair. "We changed everything—expense reimbursement policy, travel policy, the makeup of our committees; we rewrote our bylaws."

Looking forward, the Queens Library is working on its strategic planning

process, where the library collects community input through surveys from a number of community stakeholders—elected officials, community groups, staff and customers—in order to plan the library's next steps.

Walcott said that while thinking about the past is a part of the job, a bigger part is to be a "cheerleader" for the library.

"The headlines shouldn't dictate what is really going on as far as the operational and programmatic side of the library," he said. "There are great things that take place at the Queens libraries."

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## History of the Queens Public Library

BY TATYANA BELLAMY - WALKER

For more than a century, the Queens Public Library has served as a haven for education and community development. As the library heads into 2017, neighborhoods across Queens continue to shape the history of the institution.

According to "The Centennial History of Queens Borough Public Library," a guide to the evolving history of the institution, for years the library battled with a lack of city-supported funding.

In the 1850s, the Flushing Library Association operated on a subscription basis of \$2 a year or \$25 for a lifetime membership. The

fee was dropped in 1884 when the directors announced that the "library shall be free to all reputable residents" over the age of 14. In the 1890s, libraries branched out to parts of Ozone Park, Astoria, Hollis and Queens Village.

The Long Island City Library, which opened in 1899, observed a strict circulation policy. The library allowed residents who were 12 years old or older to reserve only two books at a time.

Steadily, the Queens Library gained support from the city. However, it didn't occur quickly. In the early 1900s, the Tax Payers Association of Rockaway (TPA) complained that its closest library was 12 miles away. With limited access to evening bus routes, the TPA urged trustees of the library to increase funding for buildings in Far Rockaway.

The financial woes of the Queens Library were solved in 1901, when multimillionaire and industrialist Andrew Carnegie donated \$5.2 million to the city of New York. The ensuing contract called for the building of 60 library branches throughout the five boroughs.

The Queens Library received only \$240,000 of this donation. According to former Queen's Library trustee Philip Frank, \$80,000 buildings would be "utterly out of proportion to the sur-

roundings" in Queens. Carnegie's libraries are found in parts of Flushing, Far Rockaway, Astoria, College Point, Richmond Hill, Elmhurst and Woodhaven.

In the early 1900s, Queens' population hovered around 1 million. This led to approximately 18 traveling libraries, which were set up in local factories, jails and cigar stores.

The jump in population strained the libraries' resources. However, the city was reluctant to increase the annual budget. During World War I, the library faced a staff shortage as several employees left their jobs for positions that paid higher wages.

The libraries provided a space for the Red Cross and book fairs for servicemen. Due to coal shortages during the war, several branches closed for "heatless Mondays." Moreover, the sentiment of the U.S. military soon extended to the library, which dropped all German-language books from circulation.

Despite a win in World War I, America's hard times weren't over. During the Great Depression, the Queens Library became a source of comfort for residents. The library provided entertainment and warmth to those who could not afford heat.



# Man Wages Billion-Dollar Extortion Campaign Against President-Elect Donald Trump and Kids

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Jody Kriss, a former CFO and Head of Finance with the Bayrock Group, filed a lawsuit in 2013 claiming one billion dollars in damages from a long list of high-profile individuals, including a real estate tycoon turned President-Elect Donald J. Trump and his daughter Ivanka, as well as his former employer the Bayrock Group. Jody Kriss is currently a principal at East River Partners,

The Bayrock Group is a Manhattan-based luxury real estate development company formerly headquartered in Trump Tower on 5th Avenue in NYC, two floors below Donald Trump's headquarters. With Felix Sater at the helm of the company, Bayrock was involved in numerous Trump Tower projects worldwide.

Jody Kriss' involvement with the Bayrock Group dates back to the early 2000s. As Bayrock's

head of finance, Kriss was the person responsible for all the financial transactions mentioned in a recent qui tam complaint accusing Mr. Trump and many others of a staggering tax scam to defraud investors, evade tax laws, and cover up for Bayrock employees. In addition, he put forth a host of other ridiculous and unsubstantiated claims that baffled the legal community. Overall, Kriss and his attorneys filed five frivolous lawsuits as part of an outrageous scheme to extort money, most of which had been dismissed.

Intent on enriching himself at the expense of a long list of victims who he claimed to be defendants,

Jody Kriss embarked on a litigation crusade to extort One Billion Dollars from President-Elect Trump, as well as a cadre of accountants, lawyers, prestigious law firms, well-known real estate companies including CIM Group and iStar, and government officials.

Kriss' father, Ronald Kriss who was formerly employed as a senior managing partner by a law firm

Akerman LLP in Miami FL, was a long-term general outside counsel to Bayrock. Jody Kriss had the audacity to include his father's law firm in his long list of defendants. After that, Ronald Kriss who is currently serving as a managing partner with Strook & Strook & Lavan, was mysteriously separated from Akerman LLP. Interestingly, Strook & Strook & Lavan has represented Mr. Trump for decades. Shortly after Ronald Kriss joined the firm, President-Elect Trump and his daughter Ivanka were quickly dropped from the lawsuit...just as oddly as they appeared in it in the first place.

The audacious smear campaign that started as a compensation dispute (as ruled by a Federal Judge in the first lawsuit), has rapidly evolved into a highly-intricate legal battle, fraught with a string of identical lawsuits, bizarre accusations and convoluted claims aimed to bring down high-powered business professionals associated with Bayrock. Much like the predators closing in on potential prey, Jody Kriss and his

attorneys Frederick Oberlander and Richard Lerner were circling around high-profile individuals and major companies, sniffing out new opportunities to enrich their coffers.

After filing a barrage of frivolous lawsuits, Kriss' attorneys Oberlander and Lerner, are facing legal troubles of their own and have a lot of explaining to do about their unprecedented courtroom tactics. They have been referred for criminal federal prosecution by a federal judge, twice. As their legal problems continue to deepen, Jody Kriss determined to distance himself from his attorneys and terminated both of them. In a bizarre twist of events, the two lawyers have recently put forth a series of allegations in a new qui tam case which puts Jody Kriss at the center of the tax scam lawsuit. In pursuit of a huge payday, Oberlander and Lerner assert that they got hold of a few crucial nuances implicating Mr. Trump's alleged involvement in the new case.

"Beneath a veneer of legitimacy, Mr. Kriss is a voracious predator and

extortionist intent on abusing, exploiting and manipulating the judicial system at every opportunity", says Felix Sater, Trump's former senior advisor and former principal of the Bayrock Group. "His ultimate goal is to extort enormous sums of money from high-profile business professionals while defying court orders and putting forth highly-bizarre or unfounded allegations, and that is why all his cases have been tossed out with prejudice."

Over the course of six years, Jody Kriss kept filing frivolous lawsuits and going as far as revealing classified court-sealed documents that should never have been exposed to the public. He even provided cooperation agreements on people who testified against the mafia to the attorney for the Persico mafia family. Such criminal activities are publicly documented and deeply troubling. Let's see how quickly this latest sham lawsuit gets dismissed by the courts.

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# Preserving History: A Look At The Queens Library Archives

BY JAMES FARRELL  
Staff Writer

Underground, beneath the hustle and bustle of the Queens Library's central branch in Jamaica, Queens' history sits protected in the Queens Library archives. The archives contain thousands of documents—maps, newspaper clippings, photos and more—that help studious researchers and curious residents alike learn more about the borough of Queens, as well as the other Long Island counties.

"It's history; it's fascinating history," said Judith Todman, an archivist who works in the archive space. "And there are things in this collection that you will not find anywhere else. It's unique."

The archives at Queens Library were recently renovated and moved from the second floor of the library building to the climate-controlled basement to allow for better preservation. Coupled with a digitalization project that has put 12,000 of the more than 50,000 historical items in the archives online, the revamped archives offer the same access to rare historical documents that they always have, but in a sleek new space. The *Queens Tribune* recently had an opportunity to look at some of what the archives have to offer, with Todman as a guide.

"It's still open, and welcoming and appealing to researchers—those that are just coming in for the first time to use our services and those who are veterans of our services as well," said Todman of the new space.

When you first walk into the archives and look to the right, you'll see the library's old card catalogue up against the wall. The catalogue

indexes every book in the library from before the 1990s, when the indexing system moved online. Additionally, the catalogue can direct visitors to a variety of different resources tucked away in the library files, including the genealogy of Long Island's founding families, which trace back to the 1600s.

A large portion of the archives' collection is stored in the vertical files, a compilation of removable file folders that contain information on a wide range of historical subject matter. The files are organized based on neighborhood and subject, with information that can help history buffs track neighborhood history with regard to housing, parks, transportation, churches, farms, development and more. Flushing, Long Island City and Jamaica have the biggest collections.

Todman opened one file at random; it was about Flushing housing. Inside, there were newspaper clippings from old newspapers, like an article from 1949 titled "Financial Aid Asked of State to End Slums." There was also a copy of a 1925 newsletter from the Queens Chamber of Commerce discussing projects by the Toma Development Company on Sanford Avenue. Todman says that these files would help someone understand neighborhoods' fluctuating histories.

"It's talking about the housing development, you know, co-ops, condos, how people feel about development," she said.

While some of the collections are online, visitors must come in to the archives knowing what they are hoping to look at. Then, the archives staff can direct visitors to the appropriate location and provide one-on-one service.

Tucked in the shelves along the



Photos by James Farrell

The card catalogue in the Queens Library archive

archives' walls are enormous leather-backed books. These books make up the library's extensive collection of maps, which document the street names, neighborhood layouts and building-lot information from both the present and the past in Queens. The maps are color-coded to reflect building size and style, and they include previous street names alongside newer ones—Jamaica Avenue, for instance, was once "Fulton Street." They are occasionally updated, with pieces of paper taped over previous sections to reflect changes.

For many Queens residents, the maps serve a practical purpose.

"A lot of people have to deal with

the Department of Buildings, and the Department of Buildings wants to know, was your property in existence prior to 1960?" Todman said.

But like many things in the archives, the maps also help serve a nostalgic purpose, allowing residents to trace long-lost bastions of the community.

"People want to know what was here before and what were the different street names ... That's why this department is so important," she said. "We want to know what's happened, who was here before us."

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One of the historic maps of Queens in the Queens Library archives collection

## Queens Library Major Projects Under Way



Of the Queens Library's 100 capital projects, the major six are Queens Library at East Elmhurst; Elmhurst Community Library; Queens Library at Kew Gardens Hills; Queens Library at Arverne, which will have a major expansion and renovations; and Hunters Point Community Library and Queens Library at Far Rockaway, which will be brand-new state-of-the-art facilities.





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# Collaboration Throughout the City

The Queens Library as an institution has been a harbinger of good will and collaboration for decades—whether it's a local branch working with residents to hold a meeting, acting as a babysitter for kids after school, or serving as a necessary respite for those without a place to go during the harsh Queens winters.

For Queens Library CEO Dennis Walcott, fostering these relationships between Queens groups and residents and their local branches has been one of the many priorities that he's had on his agenda.

"One of the things I've been trying to do and firmly believe in is partnerships," Walcott said. "We've taken a look at how we can develop and expand those partnerships."

These partnerships have been evident in the many programs that the Queens Library has seen in the last year or so. Most recently, the Queens Library teamed up with the Queens Hospital Center for the recently launched "Digital-Q" service.

According to NYC Health + Hospitals, "Digital-Q is a new web-based application that seamlessly

delivers as many as 10,000 popular magazine issues to personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, laptops or desktops for free, along with a simple, one-screen sign-up system for new electronic library cards."

The Queens Library has also worked with a variety of different agencies and nonprofits citywide. The NYC Small Business Services, the Department of Homeless Services, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York City Police Department and the previously mentioned Health+Hospitals have all had discussions with Walcott on how they can best align their work with the Queens Library.

These collaborations stretch beyond the "World's Borough." Walcott has maintained a solid relationship with both the New York Public Library system—which serves Staten Island, the Bronx and Manhattan—and the Brooklyn Public Library. Most recently, that partnership was jointly responsible for the introduction of video visitation.

Working with the Department of Corrections and the New York City Council, the three library sys-



Photo Courtesy of the Queens Library

The Queens Library conducts a number of collaborations with city and state agencies. Earlier this month, the Queens Library worked with the Chinese Consulate and China National Tourist Office for a number of programs, an art exhibit and a healthy donation of books.

tems have become centers of hope for families who can't quite make it to Riker's Island for face time with their loved ones serving time. Instead, these families can go to their local library, where they can conduct video calls with them.

Making himself as approachable as he has made the possibility for those interested in working with the library that much easier.

"I've had people approach me here," Walcott said, "not necessarily for big agency partnerships but for small workshops for quilting or

knitting. Being accessible here allows partnerships with individuals who want to do things with their local community-based organizations or as individuals."

Every month, the Queens Library is home to countless programs big and small serving all sorts of demographics. Walcott knows that this is one of the most important elements of the 110-year-old system.

"People look to the libraries for information and sharing of resources and information with each other," Walcott said.

## Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer

I'm thrilled that my friend and colleague Dennis Walcott has been named the *Queen Tribune* "Queens Person of the Year." I first met Dennis many years ago, when I worked for the Queens Library. He and his wife were instrumental in organizing the first-ever Friends Of group for the library in Cambria Heights, and we have known each other ever since. When he was tapped to lead the Queens Library this year, I knew the organization was in steady and capable hands.



baseline city funding for six-day library service in all five boroughs, which means we can count on visiting our libraries six days per week for years to come.

I have also been fortunate to work with Dennis Walcott on overseeing the construction of our brand-new \$38-million Hunters Point Library. This library, which will quickly be-

come a New York City landmark, will fill a much-needed void in library service along the Long Island City waterfront, and serve as a beautiful beacon of all that Queens has to offer. Last summer, Dennis and I celebrated the topping off of the Hunters Point Library, and I look forward to cutting the ribbon with him in the spring.

Dennis has been a great friend of Queens. I wish to congratulate him once more on being named the *Queens Tribune* "Queens Person of the Year," and look forward to working with him to make our libraries and our borough even better. Like me, Dennis Walcott lives Queens—completely.

I had worked with Dennis when he was the deputy mayor for education and the schools chancellor. While we didn't agree on every issue, he was always honest, accessible and a pleasure to work with.

As the chair of the City Council Committee on Cultural Affairs and Libraries, and someone who is passionate about the power libraries have to transform lives, I've had the pleasure of working with Dennis on a number of library projects in his new role. Together, we fought to

## Avra Rice, CEO New York Urban League

Our movement has an adage: "Once an Urban Leaguer, Always an Urban Leaguer." This is surely the case for Dennis Walcott, who came to the New York Urban League as a Summer Youth Employment worker. Dennis returned to the league to serve as its CEO in the 1990s, during a pivotal time in our city and organization's growth.



Dennis put education squarely in the center of his efforts, from programs for teen moms to rites-of-passage programs for young men and boys. He also uniquely brought people together, whether it was to create programs like the Northern Manhattan Perinatal Net-

work or incubate innovative ideas like the Central Brooklyn Federal Credit Unit. He worked tirelessly to provide equity and access to the community, and the access points he created were generously shared with his ever-growing network. Dennis' commitment to equal access to quality education would lead him to City Hall and to chancellor of

the Department of Education. But he never forgot his start at the Urban League, and for that the organization bestowed on him its highest honor, our Frederick Douglass Medallion. Dennis received the award at the 50th Anniversary of the Frederick Douglass Dinner in 2015.





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# Queens Borough Pres. Melinda Katz

Dennis Walcott is a dedicated public servant and a skilled administrator with a strong commitment to the families of Queens. He has been particularly focused on customer service and enhancing libraries to serve entire communities. He showed this commitment as a member of the Board of Education during the Dinkins and Giuliani administrations and during his tenure in the Bloomberg administration, where he was Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development before he became Chancellor of the City's public schools.



Under Dennis' leadership, Queens Library has embarked upon a number of ambitious capital projects and programmatic initiatives that will help ensure that Queens Library continues to be the top-flight library that Queens deserves. Dennis

has also breathed new life into previously stalled capital projects, with several groundbreaking and ribbon-cuttings within his first year. Dennis is also to be credited for the Queens Library's "Capital Projects Tracker," an on-line tool launched this year to provide comprehensive information about the progress of capital improvements to its libraries. The Queens Library is the first and only among New York City's public library systems to offer such detailed, transparent information online, and it reflects Dennis' interest of

transparency and accountability to the public.

He is truly deserving of this honor as "Person of the Year" by the *Queens Tribune*. Sincere congratulations and hearty thanks to Dennis for a strong first year and lifting the Queens Library to new heights.

# State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky



Dennis Walcott has proven to be a dedicated public servant, motivated by the idea that every child, regardless of where they are from, is entitled to an education. From his time teaching kindergarten in South Jamaica at the Amistad Child Care and Family Center, Dennis Walcott saw a need for children in low-income and minority neighborhoods to be given the same opportunities and support other children receive. His potential was tapped by the Harlem Dowling-Westside Center for Child and Family Services, the first black-run adoption agency in New York. His work in education and government made him the natural choice for schools chancellor of the New York City Department of Education.

The position was not easy, but Dennis remained the consummate professional. I think his patience and ability to understand parents, teachers and administrators stem from his long history with the public school system. As a result of his service, I got to know Dennis Walcott's work, history and his steadfast dedication to bettering our city's education system.

A year ago, he completed a report on the East Ramapo School District in his capacity as monitor of the troubled district. His findings were fair in that it treated all children fairly and included recommendations to improve the district. This demonstrated Dennis' innate sense of decency and understanding of the issues.

Dennis could have easily moved to the suburbs, Manhattan or brownstone in Brooklyn, but he has chosen to remain in his home community in Southeast Queens. He knows where the borough has been and where it's headed and was the perfect choice to head the Queens borough Public Library. He is practical, but also a fighter who will make decisions that benefit the community. He took over during a period of turmoil and uncertainty but he has provided the stability and leadership qualities needed. I am proud to have known Dennis for as long as I have and I thoroughly enjoy working with him again. I wish to congratulate him on being named Person of the Year and cannot wait to see what new heights the Queens Library will reach under his leadership.

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# Michael Bloomberg, Former Mayor New York City

I first met Dennis in 2001, when I was a very long-shot candidate for mayor and he was the president of the New York Urban League. He was wearing a pin on the lapel of his suit jacket that had the Big Apple with an equal sign at its center – the emblem of the NY Urban League. I told him how much I liked the pin, so he gave it to me. I wore it throughout my campaign, and throughout my time as mayor, because it symbolizes what makes New York City great: the promise of equal opportunity for all. No one has worked harder to help our city fulfill that promise than Dennis, and there is no one more deserving of the honor of being named *Queens Tribune's* Person of the Year. (Especially since the Mets didn't win the World Series.)

After the 2001 election, I hired Dennis as my Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development, and he served the city with distinction for 12 years, the last three as public schools chancellor. He's an easy-going guy, but fearless and relentless when it comes to doing what's right, no matter how tough the fight. We called our education reforms "Children First," because too often in the past, elected

officials had put politics and patronage ahead of the needs of children. Dennis always put children first, in every decision we made and every policy we adopted.

As a father and grandfather, Dennis also understood the importance of family involvement in the school system. He enlisted parents, grandparents, and guardians in our work to hold schools accountable for delivering a first-rate education. Thanks in no small part to his leadership, and the work of so many teachers, principals, and parents, we ended social promotion and increased high school graduation rates by 42 percent. The percentage of students earning a Regents diploma more than doubled. The racial and ethnic achievement gap – which had been tolerated for far too long – shrunk by about a quarter. And when we started, not one of the top 25 elementary or middle schools in New York State



Former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg

was located in the five boroughs. When we left office, 22 of the top 25 schools in the state were city schools. Dennis played a central role in all of that work.

Today, so many young New Yorkers have brighter futures because of the work Dennis helped lead, and

school systems around the country have learned from and adopted education reforms that he helped craft. That's why, after we left City Hall, I asked Dennis to join the board of directors at Bloomberg Philanthropies, where education is one of our five main focus areas. No one brings more experience and passion to the issue than he does.

Serving as president and CEO of the Queens Public Library is a perfect fit for Dennis, because it combines his passion for education and his commitment to families and communities with his experience managing a large and diverse organization. It doesn't hurt that he's a lifelong Queens resident, and he knows the borough as well as anyone – something I know from the countless hours I spent with him in neighborhoods from Flushing to Far Rockaway and Bayside to Woodside.

I'm lucky to call Dennis, along with his wonderful wife, Denise, friends. I've benefitted from his wisdom and guidance for 15 years and counting. He has left an imprint on our city that will last for generations to come – and best of all, he's still hard at work for the borough he calls home and the city he loves.



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The Renaissance Charter School congratulates Dennis Walcott for his passion and commitment to the public libraries and communities of Queens. Mr. Walcott has been a tireless advocate for literacy and education, and we welcome the opportunity to work with him in the coming years.

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# Adrienne E. Adams, Chairperson Community Board 12

**D**ennis Walcott is a breath of fresh air in leadership to the Queens Public Library. As president and CEO since March 2016, Mr. Walcott has initiated a transformation of the largest library system in the world. His wealth of experience and knowledge in education and management is now shared with an institution of learning, beneficial to millions of people throughout Queens and the entire City of New York.



From day one of becoming president and CEO, Mr. Walcott hit the ground running, making necessary changes to ensure the success of the Queens Public Library. With him comes a

new energy and excitement around the progress of the library that has been lacking. His goal to equip the Library with 21st century technology to better service the community is well underway with initiatives such as Google coding for youth.

As a Son of Queens, Mr. Walcott is invested in the future of the community at large and maintains a dedication to the well-being of Jamaica, home of the Central Branch. The Queens Public Library system is in good hands for years to come with Dennis Walcott at the helm. Congratulations and kudos to him for this recognition by the *Queens Tribune*.

# Councilman Daniel Dromm

**C**ongratulate Queens Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott on his selection as the *Queens Tribune's* Person of the Year.

Mr. Walcott has a long history of advocating for New Yorkers. I have known him for years and am very impressed by how responsive he has been to the community. As Chancellor, Mr. Walcott fought alongside Community Education Council 30 and other parents to keep Gifted and Talented seats in PS 166 and PS 126. Under his watch, the NYC Department of Education implemented a comprehensive sex education curriculum in our schools—taking a giant step forward for public education in



New York City. Mr. Walcott's advocacy has directly benefited families in Jackson Heights and Elmhurst, the communities I represent.

Now we are very fortunate to have Mr. Walcott at the helm of the Queens Library. Under his watch, Elmhurst will enjoy a brand new state-of-the-art library branch, which will boast the largest circulation in America. Through his leadership at the New York Urban League, the NYC Department of Education, and the Queens Library, Mr. Walcott has demonstrated his commitment to our city. I look forward to working alongside him as he continues to do great things for the residents of Queens.

# Councilman I. Daneek Miller

**D**ennis Walcott's leadership helping our young scholars receive the education they deserve has supported countless children in Queens and across the City. As Chancellor, he ensured all schools had the same resources and implemented policies that gave all students an opportunity to learn the skills they need for their future. As soon as he became CEO of the Queens Library, he took his knowledge and experience as an educator and extended it to all the library branches. Having the opportunity to tour the ones in my district, I saw firsthand how thoughtful he was in looking at the needs of each building and figuring out ways that supported the communities they serve. I am proud to call him a neighbor and a friend, and he is well deserving of being named the *Queens Tribune's* Person of the Year.



# Councilman Donovan Richards

**C**oming off a rough time for Queens Library, Dennis Walcott has brought a calming, knowledgeable presence to the head of this vital institution in Queens. President Walcott has decades of experience and his years of expertise have shined through in his leadership since he took up the mantle. I'd like to congratulate him on being named the *Queens Tribune's* Person of the Year and I look forward to working with him to continue bringing the library's services to the next level in the New Year.





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## QUEENS DEADLINE

# Townsend Harris Rallies Again

BY JAMES FARRELL  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of students, parents and faculty from Townsend Harris High School spilled out onto 149th Street, outside the school, to once again rally for the removal of interim acting principal Rosemarie Jahoda.

The school has been involved in a highly public battle for the past few weeks to remove Jahoda and ensure she is not considered for a permanent position. The situation entered the public eye after students staged a sit-in in the Townsend Harris hallways during the school day on Dec. 8. Jahoda's opponents allege that she has acted in a hostile manner toward faculty members—often cursing—and is not transparent to the school community.

"The faculty is in unrest now," said Townsend Harris PTA co-president Susan Karlic in a prepared statement. "Her door is closed to her staff; she doesn't foster any community amongst the teachers; there has been no instructional support. After four months, she can't even get all their names right. Instead of nurturing and encouraging, she relies on intimidation. More than half the faculty had said that they will leave if she is appointed as permanent principal."

Karlic cited growing support in the school community, including an online petition that has garnered over 3,500 signatures; the student sit-in;

and a unanimous decision at a Thursday, Dec. 15, PTA meeting to pass a resolution calling for the removal of Jahoda and a restart to the principal-selection process.

"We call upon [Department of Education] Chancellor Fariña to remove Miss Jahoda as interim principal, and do it now," Karlic added. "Don't wait. End this stress and chaos."

In the weeks since the protests began, a number of elected officials have weighed in on the situation. Last week, for instance, Borough President Melinda Katz called for a restart to the Department of Education's C-30 principal-selection process at Townsend Harris, calling for more transparency. This week, Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Fresh Meadows), state Sen. Toby Stavisky (D-Flushing) and council member Rory Lancman (D-Hillcrest) all attended or sent representatives to Thursday's rally. Weprin said that while Townsend Harris was not in his district, many of his constituents are attached to the school, and he worked with the school as a city council member.

"I must say that I am just as concerned about the issues being brought to light," said Weprin. "I'm here today

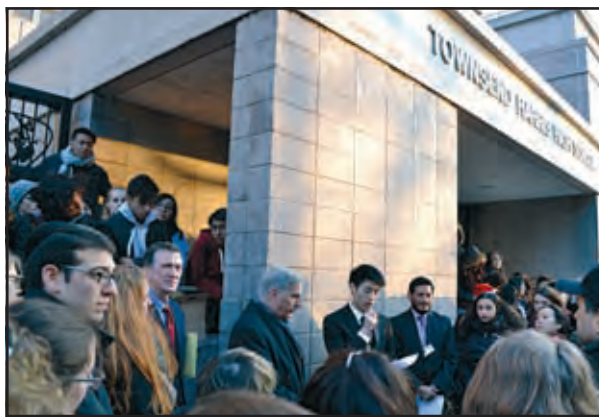


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**Alex Chen, Student Union president at Townsend Harris High School, addresses a large crowd rallying against interim acting principal Rosemarie Jahoda.**

to support the Townsend Harris community by requesting a new and transparent C-30 process as the Department of Education selects Townsend Harris' next permanent principal."

Franco Scardino, a United Federation of Teachers representative at the school and a longtime social studies teacher, said that a representative had made "a very strong case" at a grievance hearing the day before.

"In the 16 years that I have been a teacher and an active union leader and SLT member, I have never witnessed such a hostile and toxic environment at the high school," he said. "I am very

confident and hopeful that the hearing will rule favorably. But we made a very clear message that if the ruling was not in our favor, that that was not going to stop us from continuing this fight to eradicate what we believe is not the best qualified person in the position."

A representative from the Townsend Harris Alumni Association also spoke at the rally, as did Student Union President Alex Chen, 17, a student who gained attention after a video of the sit-in showed him having a tense confrontation with Deputy Superintendent Leticia Pineiro. He received a loud ovation from the crowd.

"I and my many comrades here today are not here to attack, not to belittle, not to deface, but rather to defend and protect the values and traditions of this fine institution that we regard as a second home," said Chen.

In a statement, the Department of Education said, "We are listening to the feedback of the community and will move towards hiring a permanent principal at Townsend Harris in accordance with the chancellor's regulations."

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# A Call For AG To Investigate Eviction

BY ARIEL HERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

About two weeks ago, elected officials publicly made it clear that they are standing alongside the residents of the New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM) 39-unit dormitory, located at 31-65 46th St. in Astoria, who all were blindsided by an eviction notice on Nov. 28 demanding residents vacate by Dec. 31, 2016.

On Monday, state Sen. Michael Gianaris (D-Astoria), Congressman Joseph Crowley (D-Queens/Bronx) and Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas (D-Astoria) presented a letter calling on Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to investigate the mismanagement of NYSUM.

"It is unconscionable that the New York School of Urban Ministry would look to evict its tenants in the midst of the holiday season and literally leave families out in the cold," said Crowley. "At a time when our city is grappling with an unprecedented homelessness crisis, we need to make sure we're doing everything possible to keep people in their homes and protect them from unscrupulous landlords or any undue

hardship that might result from their poor management."

In the letter to Schneiderman, the elected officials stated that the majority of NYSUM residents pay between \$400 and \$500 in rent a month.

"The abrupt and shameful manner in which the New York School of Urban Ministry tried to force out its low-income tenants raises serious concerns about how this tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization is operating," said Simotas. "Because the organization's action towards these residents is so contrary to its stated mission and its plans for the building where they are living are so secretive, I think it's important to investigate all of NYSUM's practices as a so-called charity."

In the letter, they also stated that the property was fully paid off and clear of mortgage. However, Pastor Peter DeArruda, who is responsible for sending out the eviction notices, suggested that NYSUM was losing money on the location and is facing financial hardships.

"NYSUM claims a net rental income of \$446,881, according to their 990 filing from 2014," the letter read. "This income appears to be sufficient



PHOTO BY JON CRONIN

**The building where tenants were served an eviction notice**

to cover operational costs that may exist, given the tax status of the organization."

They concluded the letter by emphasizing that their concern is that residents are "paying the price" for the mismanagement of the 501(c)(3) non-profit Christian ministry and school.

"Claiming financial hardship to

pressure low-income tenants out of their homes during the holidays is a new low," said Gianaris. "Needy residents should not be victimized by poor management looking to make more money off of their misery."

The *Queens Tribune* reached out to Schneiderman, who said, "We have reviewed the letter and will be discussing it with SED [State Education Department], which has primary jurisdiction over educational institutions."

This weekend marks the eviction date. However, Gianaris, Crowley and Simotas are all encouraging the residents to remain in their homes and to work with the Legal Aid Society, which will examine all documents and assist the residents.

The offices of Gianaris, Crowley and Simotas offered DeArruda the opportunity to meet and discuss a potential solution. However, they said he did not respond to their request.

In addition, the *Queens Tribune* reached out to DeArruda for comment, but did not get a response by press time.

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**IN OUR OPINION**

# An Unwavering Commitment To Community

In the spring when Dennis Walcott was announced as the new head of the Queens Library system, the editorial staff was astounded at the breadth of his career in public service. We joked then that in March, we already knew who our person of the year would be.

Nine months later, at the beginning of December, it was no surprise when our publisher announced that Walcott would indeed be person of the year.

When he was a child, both of his parents worked for social services provided by the City. His father was an exterminator for New York City Housing Authority and his mother was a social worker for the City's Human Resources Administration. The civic duty and social ideology his parents instilled in him are now the North Star by which he has guided his life and career.

Walcott's ideals have always focused on community, family and children. He worked hard to make sure children had a good education and home while working as the executive director of the Harlem Dowling-West Side Center for Child and Family Services. He furthered his cause for education as Deputy Mayor of Education in Mayor Mike Bloomberg's administration, and then made sure children were not lost in the bureaucracy of government as the city's Schools' Chancellor.

And now Walcott has found his home once again within the borough of Queens, pouring all of the talents he has developed into creating a library system that will educate, stimulate and care for the children, families and residents of the world's borough.

His unwavering commitment to civic causes is an inspiration to us all.

**IN YOUR OPINION**

# Avella Shows Empathy For Working Class

**To The Editor:**

State Sen. Tony Avella (D-Bayside) has launched his bid for the Democratic nomination for mayor of N.Y.C., a challenge to Mayor Bill de Blasio. He did this at the Holiday Inn in Maspeth, which is another dumping ground for the homeless. I praise Sen. Avella who wants to stop this and to establish more viable solutions.

I have known Sen. Avella for a number of years and attended various award events where Sen. Avella was there. I have spoken to him and found him a man concerned with various issues affecting the citizens of this great city. He is now very concerned with the homeless. I remember when he was a councilman and there was a vote to increase the pay of the city council and Tony voted against it. I think he believed this was the wrong time with so many out of work due to our last

recession and showed a bad example with so many suffering. I found myself homeless after my discharge from the United States Navy. I had no family or friends who could help me. I remember the fear, being lonely, and the bitter cold in February of 1975. If it was not the kindness of an immigrant from Nigeria named Cyril who offered me a place to stay until I got a job, I don't know what would have happened to me. I therefore believe state Sen. Tony Avella deserves a chance to make things right for the homeless and their plight. Mayor Bill de Blasio and his homeless policies have failed them. These families and individuals need help now! Whether one is a Republican or a Democrat we need a person who can effect change and I hope Senator Tony Avella is just such a person.

**Frederick R. Bedell Jr.,**  
Glen Oaks Village

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County DEC 01 2016 bearing Index Number NC-000854-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Yael (Last) Shemtov My present name is (First) Yael (Last) Rafailova (infant) My present address is 86-86 Midland Parkway, Apt. #1, Jamaica, NY 11432-3027 My place of birth is North Hempstead, NY My date of birth is May 03, 2009

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My place of birth is Panama City, Panama My date of birth is September 12, 1968

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County DEC 20 2016 bearing Index Number NC-000873-16/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Elsie (Middle) E-Shing (Last) Chow Lee My present name is (First) Elsie (Middle) E-Shing (Last) Chow aka Elsie Chow, aka Elsie Lee, aka Elsie E. Chow, aka Elsie E. Lee My present address is 252-30 60th Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362-2441 My place of birth is Hong Kong Sar My date of birth is November 15, 1973

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## Koslowitz Thanked For STEM Funding



Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz was thanked by the Parents Association of PS 196Q "The School with a Heart" in Forest Hills for providing the funding for a STEM Cart. Pictured (left to right): Council Member Karen Koslowitz, Principal Susan Migliano, PA co-presidents Meredith Kaback and Stephanie Cooper and PS 196 Students presenting thank you letters and flowers to Koslowitz. Photo courtesy of NYC Council

## Ribbon Cutting Of Ridgewood Playground



On Dec. 19 Borough President Melinda Katz joined Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley (fourth from left), Queens Borough Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski (third from left), Community Board 5 Chair Vincent Arcuri Jr., (third from right), CB 5 District Manager Gary Giordano (right), 38th Assembly District Democratic Club president Ken Rehberger (left), Liberty Park Homeowners Association vice president Kevin Sands (second from right), P.S. 68 Principal Anne Marie Scalfaro (second from left) and students from P.S. 68 cut the ribbon on a new playground in Ridgewood's Evergreen Park. A second phase of renovations to Evergreen Park is currently being designed and will focus on replacing the existing play equipment located west of the comfort station with expanded playground equipment for older kids. The two phases will cost a combined \$3.4 million, with funding from Mayor Bill de Blasio, Katz and Crowley. Photo courtesy Borough President's office

## Holiday Cheer Brought To Pediatric Hospice Patients



MJHS pediatric hospice workers delivered Christmas cheer, gifts and caroling to 16-year old Arnaldo (center), who recently underwent a lung transplant at his Brooklyn home this week, and criss-crossed the city to do the same for other sick children and their families in other boroughs. Photo courtesy MJHS

## Maspeth Receives Juilliard Tutelage



Maspeth High School has the great privilege to be a partner school with Ensemble Connect, a two year residency program from Carnegie Hall and The Juilliard School. This program brings to us an amazing cellist, Ms. Madeline Fayette, who will work with the string orchestras, bringing them her insight and experience as a performing musician. Additionally, there will be many performance opportunities for the classes to attend at both Carnegie Hall and Juilliard. Photo courtesy Maspeth High School

## City Ferry Boat On Display In Borough Hall



Stop by Queens Borough Hall to see a scale model of one of the brand new Citywide Ferry boats. The model will be on display in the Borough Hall lobby through Sunday, January 1st, and then will sail over to the Queens Library at Peninsula to be displayed from Tuesday, January 3rd through Sunday, January 15th. Those who view the model will get a glimpse of the future of transportation in Queens, which has long been underserved by traditional mass transit. Photo courtesy Borough President's office



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## Dominating Second Fuels Knights To Win

The No. 20 Knights seized control of Saturday's nonconference road matchup against Franklin Pierce in the second quarter, outscoring the Ravens 21-4, before going on to win by a final score of 60-52. The win improves the Knights' record to 9-3 heading into the holiday break.

Reigning ECC Player of the Week MacKenzie Rowland was impressive inside, scoring a game-high 19 points on 50 percent shooting and pulling down 15 rebounds for her sixth double-double of the season. She also added four blocks and three steals to solidify the Knights' defensive efforts. Freshman Beth Bonin recorded her first career double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing a career-best 12 rebounds, five of which came on the offensive end.

Queens College appeared buried in the snow to start the game, turning the ball over three times and missing two of their early chances inside. The Ravens jumped out to a 6-0 lead before sophomore Kaitlyn Mahon broke the ice by connecting on a jumper off an assist and offensive rebound by Madison Rowland. Franklin Pierce then raised their lead to seven thanks to consecutive baskets by sophomore Dana Campbell. Their lead creaked up to eight, 13-5, with 4:53 remaining in the first. Queens gradually chipped away, outscoring their opponents 11-4



**Mackenzie Rowland (center) was named ECC Player of the Week.**

to close the opening period down one, 17-16.

The tide turned in the second after MacKenzie scored four consecutive points to put Queens ahead, 20-17. Bonin drilled a three-pointer moments after another offensive second chance opportunity to start the Knights' dominating 17-2 run to finish the first half. Bonin scored seven of

her 11 points during the stretch before her assist on Emer Moloney's jump shot at the buzzer lifted the Knights' lead to 37-21.

MacKenzie connected on a jump shot to push the lead to 18 with two minutes having gone by in the third frame. Franklin Pierce was later able to shave seven points off the Knights' lead after going on an 8-2 run to close

the period. Queens led 47-36 heading into the fourth.

Baskets by MacKenzie and Moloney helped Queens College remain in control early on in the final period. Free throws by Campbell whittled the Knights' lead to five with just under two minutes remaining in the game, which forced Knights' head coach Bet Naumovski to take a timeout. MacKenzie missed a layup off the play Coach Naumovski drew up but was able to secure the offensive rebound and put it back up for a 57-50 lead with 1:01 remaining. Queens then converted three of their free throws in the final minute to win 60-52.

Campbell led Franklin Pierce in scoring with 14 points on 4-of-8 shooting and freshman Cameryn Wilson added 13 points and four assists. With the loss, the Ravens fell to 2-9 on the season.

The Knights return on Friday, December 30, when they play nonconference opponent Le Moyne at home. Tip-off at Fitz is scheduled for 4 p.m.

- Courtesy of Queens College

## Men's Soccer Pair Garner NSCAA All-East Honors

Two Queens College men's soccer seniors Nikolas Maher (New Lenox, Ill.) and Nicholas Matuszewicz (Flushing, N.Y.) were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of American Division II All-East Region teams, the association's committee announced.

Maher, a senior forward for the Knights, garnered recognition on the NSCAA's All-East Region Third Team, and Matuszewicz, who plays in the Knights' midfield, was named to the Scholar All-East Region Second Team.

Maher's place on the Third Team comes on the heels of a breakout final campaign in which he scored (5) and assisted (4) on more goals than he had over his combined first three seasons at Queens College. Maher displayed especially fine form holding up the Knights' attack to end the season, scoring four goals and assisting on two others during Queens' final five games to help the

team go 2-2-1. His superlative play during this stretch and throughout the year also earned him recognition by the East Coast Conference coaches when they named him to the conference's Third Team.

Matuszewicz' selection by the NSCAA for their Scholar All-East Region Team recognizes his outsized efforts performing on the field and pursuing his area of study. An Accounting and Information Systems major, Matuszewicz sports a 3.37 GPA all while he appeared in each of the Knights' 17 matches this year, and no fewer than 15 in every season during his entire Queens College career. The senior midfielder scored six points for the Knights this year on two goals and two assists. His strike in the eighth minute of the Knights' home victory over Concordia stands out as a highlight when it turned out to be the game-winner.

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**Queens College men's soccer seniors Nikolas Maher (left) and Nicholas Matuszewicz (right).**



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