

STRENGTH

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NUMBERS

TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 18 2020



***Registration at [Speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com)
Deadline to Register: Wednesday,
15 January 2020 @ 5PM EST***





Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Queens College, the City University of New York (CUNY) and the Queens College Speech Society, I would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend the ***Strength In Numbers Tournament*** at Queens College in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens in New York City on **Saturday, January 18th, 2020**.

This competition will feature all 11 AFA-style Individual Events, as well as, novice and open divisions of individual International Public Debate (IPDA), Parliamentary debate (NPDA), and individual Lincoln-Douglas Debate (NFA-LD). Unfortunately, due to space restrictions and limited judges available, we are unable to accommodate IPDA Junior Varsity, Professional, and team IPDA divisions at this tournament.

All entries must be received by Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, at 5:00 pm EST. You must register at the Speechwire.com website which provides all of our tournament information. **Emailed entries will not be accepted.** Changes will be accepted without charge until Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. EST at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 16th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

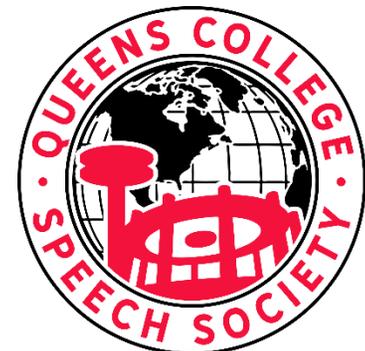
Although we are unable to provide lunch, there are many excellent local restaurant options featured throughout the neighborhood that will deliver to our campus.

I am also pleased to mention that our friends at the Southern & Northern Atlantic Forensic Union (SNAFU) will be hosting the SNAFU# 6 tournament at our campus on the following day on **Sunday, January 19th, 2020**. So please, tell your friends and tell your colleagues to join us for an exciting weekend of competitions. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. **And remember, there's great strength in numbers!**

Yours In Forensics,

Randy Perez

Tournament Director, Queens College



SCHEDULE

Registration will commence each morning at 8:00AM EST on Saturday to permit the initial debate draw at 8:30AM EST. We anticipate debate rounds to be “flighted” separately from Individual Events so that everyone will be accommodated with minimal delays.

SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

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| 8:00am | Registration (Student Union Building) |
| 9:00am | Round 1, Pattern A |
| 10:15am | Round 2, Pattern A |
| 11:15am | Lunch (on your own) |
| 12 noon | Extemp Draw (in Kiely Hall) |
| 12:15pm | Round 1, Pattern B |
| 1:30pm | Extemp Draw (in Kiely Hall) |
| 1:45pm | Round 2, Pattern B |
| 3:15pm | Finals, Pattern A |
| 4:30pm | Extemp Draw (in Kiely Hall) |
| 4:45pm | Finals, Pattern B |
| 6:30pm | Awards (TBA) |

SCHEDULE FOR DEBATE

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| 8:00am | Registration (Student Union Building) |
| 9:00am | Round 1 IPDA, NPDA & NFA-LD |
| 10:15am | Round 2 IPDA, NPDA & NFA-LD |
| 12:15pm | Round 3 IPDA, NPDA & NFA-LD |
| 1:45pm | Round 4 IPDA, NPDA & NFA-LD |
| 3:30pm | Semifinal Round IPDA, NPDA & LD |
| 4:45pm | Final Round IPDA, NPDA & LD |
| 6:30pm | Awards (TBA) |

**(no Quarterfinal rounds!)
(both Novice and Open divisions of all debate formats
will begin precisely at the same time in each round!)**

IE PATTERN NOTES

- PATTERN A: Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, ADS, CA, Prose
- PATTERN B: Extemp, Persuasive, POI, Duo, Poetry, Informative
- Additional Pattern rules are in the next page under “Entry Rules”

GENERAL SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a competitor/debater fails to appear at their designated room if they are not double or triple-entered for that round.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!

TOURNAMENT ENTRY RULES

- All entries are due by Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at 5pm EST via Speechwire.
- All competitors must be undergraduates enrolled at their respective institution.
- Any school may enter an unlimited number of students per event.
- It is up to your discretion to place and enter students in their proper division (Novice or Open).
- Each student may enter up to 3 events per pattern. **However, STUDENTS ENTERED IN DEBATE MAY NOT CROSS-ENTER IN INDIVIDUAL EVENTS!!!**

FORMAT OF DEBATE EVENTS

We will be offering both novice and open divisions of Individual IPDA Debate, Parliamentary Debate (NPDA) and Individual Policy Debate (NFA-LD).

******(DEFINITION OF NOVICE DEBATERS: A Novice debater is a student who has absolutely NO prior debate experience before the Fall 2019 semester, including high school! Please do not place experienced debaters in novice divisions of IPDA, NPDA or NFA-LD. Tournament penalties will apply to any team who incorrectly place experienced debaters in novice divisions!!! So please don't do it!)******

Due to limited facilities and judges available, we will NOT be offering Junior Varsity, Professional, or Team divisions of IPDA Debate.

DEBATE DIVISIONS

We plan on offering novice and open divisions in each format of debate. However, the tournament director reserves the right to collapse divisions if entries warrant.

AWARDS

1. Awards will be presented to each finalist within both Novice and Open divisions of debate, as well as, all finalists in individual events.
2. In debate, there will be two elimination rounds (depending on number of entries): Semifinals and Finals. Debaters who advance to the final round receive Gold, while the semifinalist debaters will receive Silver and Bronze ranked by the number of debate rounds won.
3. In individual events, sweepstakes points are awarded as follows:
 - 12 points – 1st place in finals
 - 10 points – 2nd place in finals
 - 8 points – 3rd place in finals
 - 6 points – 4th place in finals
 - 4 points – 5th place in finals
 - 2 points – 6th/7th place in finals
4. In debate, sweepstake points are awarded as follows:
 - 5 points for each preliminary win
 - 2 points for reaching Bronze Round
 - 2 points for reaching Gold Round
5. In addition, the top individual speakers and top debate schools within BOTH divisions of all debate formats will be recognized. Students must be entered in four events to be eligible for individual sweeps; schools must be entered in BOTH debate and IE to be eligible for overall sweeps.

WARM ROOMS

Our tournament will not have "warm rooms." While we encourage cordial and constructive feedback between judges and competitors, judges should not be obliged to engage in conversation with students. In turn, competitors should not pressure their judges for commentary after rounds. **JUDGES SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR REASON FOR DECISIONS (RFD) DURING OR AFTER ROUNDS!**

JUDGING

All schools should attempt to properly cover their entries. If you don't feel comfortable judging debate rounds, please note it here when you place your entry so that we can accommodate you. We are fortunate to be placed in a region of many highly qualified judges, educators, and former debaters!

DEBATE ROUND FORFEIT RULE

Any debater who is more than 15 minutes late automatically forfeits their round, resulting in a "bye" or automatic win for the opposing debater. Please make every effort to have your debaters appear at their appointed rounds so that our tournament runs smoothly.

WI-FI

I will be working with my campus OIT dept to provide you free access to WiFi. You and your team will be given instructions on how to access the WiFi at Queens College within your registration packet. However, I strongly encourage you to have a backup plan in case you and your debaters encounter problems accessing our network during rounds.

DACA STATEMENT

New York City is a proud sanctuary city, and as such, we will uphold the City University of New York's (CUNY) mission of embracing all forms of diversity at our campus.

DISABILITY STATEMENT

Queens College is medium-sized campus and we will schedule our rounds in buildings that are close together, thereby reducing walking distances. If you encounter a coach, judge, or debater who requires special accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible!

ETHICS STANDARDS OF THE TOURNAMENT

The *Strength In Numbers Tournament* will adhere to the rules and by-laws prescribed by the American Forensic Association (AFA) for all AFA-NIET style Individual Events. In addition, this tournament will observe the following:

- The tournament will follow the International Public Debate Association for all IPDA debate rules
- The National Parliamentary Debate Association for all NPDA debate rules
- The National Forensic Association (NFA) for all NFA-LD debate rules
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards in all debate formats will be given to all finalists in Phi-Rho Pi format

Before coming to the tournament, please take time to familiarize yourself and your team to the rules contained within the AFA, NPDA, IPDA & NFA Constitutions, and the Phi-Rho Pi Debate Award scheme. Please make note of these rules, as they may differ from tournaments in your region. Additionally, there will be no C/X in the final round of Extemp.

PAIRINGS

All four preliminary rounds will be randomly paired. However, brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.

COMPETITION RULES

It is my wish for everyone to have an enjoyable experience at the tournament. To ensure fairness, our tournament will follow will be observed:

1. AFA-NIET rules and descriptions will govern all AFA-NIET Individual Events. IPDA, NPDA, and NFA will govern IPDA, NPDA and NFA-LD respectively. We will award debaters by following the customs ascribed by the Phi Rho Pi during the awards ceremony with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards.

2. As per new AFA-NIET language, the use of the Internet and/or electronic files are permitted in Extemp. Queens College will attempt to provide you with Internet access, but cannot guarantee it. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to have a backup plan in case you and your debaters encounter problems accessing our network during rounds.

3. For both novice and open divisions of IPDA debate, please make note of the following rules:
 - a. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions. Both debaters will alternatively strike two resolutions each, starting with the negative. The 30-minute preparation period begins at the first negative strike. We will follow the time constraints set forth by the IPDA: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3.
 - b. During prep time, students are allowed to access any prepared material and/or electronic materials. This includes access to the Internet. In addition, students are allowed to prep with other students, but NOT COACHES.
 - c. All preliminary rounds will be randomly preset. Brackets will NOT be broken in elimination rounds.
 - d. Topic draw will take place in the competition room. Further info can be found at www.ipdadebate.info

4. For both novice and open divisions of NPDA debate, please make note of the following rules:
 - a. Teams will be presented with three resolutions. Both teams will alternatively strike one resolution each, starting with the Opposition. The 15-minute preparation period begins after the judge announces the decided resolution. We will follow the time constraints set forth by the NPDA: 7-8-8-8-4-5. In addition, both the Leader of Opp and Member of Govt are granted 2 minutes of flex time before their constructive; the Member of Opp and Prime Minister are granted 1 minute of flex time prior to their constructive and their rebuttal respectively. This time may be used to ask questions and/or prepare speeches.
 - b. During prep time, students are allowed to access any prepared material and/or electronic materials. This includes access to the Internet. In addition, students are allowed to prep with other students and/or coaches.
 - c. All preliminary rounds will be randomly preset. Brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.
 - d. Topic draw will take place in the competition room.

5. For both novice and open divisions of NFA-LD Lincoln Douglas Debate, the rules are:
 - a. The 2019 – 2020 resolution shall be used.
 - b. All preliminary rounds will be randomly preset. Brackets will NOT be broken in elimination rounds.
 - c. Time limits: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes of flexible prep time.
 - d. All participants in NFA-LD are advised to visit the NFA website and familiarize themselves with the NFA-LD by-laws.
6. NO disclosure in debate rounds. Please turn in ballots before offering any oral critiques.

ADDITIONAL RULES ON THE DEBATE FORMATS

- Competitors will receive their debate topics at their designated competition rooms prior to the start of round. (Example: if the first round starts at 9:00AM, then competitors **MUST** be at their designated rooms ***no later*** than 8:30AM).
- Judges are expected to keep time during preparation time.
- Strike sheets will contain a variety of topics ranging from domestic, economic, social, international events to NYC-themed issues.
- Everyone will have access to Wi-Fi via the QC Guest account. More detailed instructions will be issued on the SpeechWire website within the coming weeks leading up to the January 15th entry deadline.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the tournament will commence on-line at Speechwire on Friday, August 16th, 2019 and will continue until the deadline on **Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at 5PM**. As stated before, emailed entries will not be accepted. You will have an opportunity to confirm your entries **at check-in on Saturday morning at 8:00am in the lobby of the Student Union Building**. It is the building closest to the school entrance located at Kissena Blvd and Melbourne Avenue (see attached map at page 13).

TAB ROOM

The tournament tab room will be located in **Kiely Hall (the precise room will be announced at tournament check-in first thing on Saturday morning, Jan 18th)**. Campus maps of Queens College will also be available at check-in on Saturday morning. Any questions about schematics can be directed to the tab-room staff. However, judges may direct all complaints, grievances, and all serious matters to me. You will find me either at the tab room or at registration.

LOCAL RESTAURANT OPTIONS FOR LUNCH

Our campus is ideally located to many excellent local restaurants that deliver and that are within walking distance (5-10 min walk) to Queens College on Kissena Blvd. Below is a list for your reference:

- Gino's of Kissena Pizzeria, 65-01 Kissena Blvd
- Subway, 70-72 Kissena Blvd
- Valentino's, 71-47 Kissena Blvd
- Mela's Spanish Restaurant, 71-02 Kissena Blvd
- Hava Java Restaurant (Kosher Option), 72-15 Kissena Blvd
- McDonald's, 72-69 Kissena Blvd
- Oneness-Fountain Heart (Vegan Option), 157-19 72nd Avenue
- Dunkin' Donuts, 153-67 Horace Harding Expy
- New Wok's Kitchen, 60-06 Kissena Blvd
- Kissena Bakery Café, 60-04 Kissena Blvd
- Pamir Kabab House & Grill (Halal Option), 70-74 Kissena Blvd
- Aria Kabab (Halal Option), 72-55 Kissena Blvd
- Carlo's & Gabby's (Kosher Option), 69-44 Main St
- Boston Market, 106-24 71st Ave – Forest Hills
- Buffalo Wild Wings, 107-16 71st Ave – Forest Hills
- Shake-Shack, 71-26 Austin St – Forest Hills
- Red Pipe Café (Vegan Option), 71-60 Austin St

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

IF YOU ARE MAKING A PAYMENT BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

QUEENS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

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ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO OR AT REGISTRATION, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

1. The following entry fees for Saturday, January 18th, 2020 shall be assessed:
 - School fee \$40 per school on Saturday, Jan 18th
 - I.E. slot \$12 each
 - IPDA/NFA-LD slot \$25 per debater
 - NPDA \$35 per team
2. Fees for uncovered debaters will be assessed as follows:
 - Every uncovered IE slot = \$20 per slot
 - Every uncovered debater = \$40 per debater
3. Fees will initially be calculated on Wednesday, January 15th at 5PM EST. Late adds/drops will be as follows:
 - Add/drops on Thursday, Jan 16th: \$15 per change, plus entry fee
 - **NO MORE ADDS ALLOWED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH !!!!**
 - Drops on Friday, Jan 17th: \$75 per drop, plus entry fee
 - **Drops at registration on Saturday, Jan 18th: \$120 nuisance fee per drop, plus original entry fee**
 - **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDS ALLOWED ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH !!!**

4. Each judge covers 2 debaters/teams OR 8 IE slots. Therefore, teams with excess debaters/competitors will be charged “uncovered slots” for every student that is not covered by a judge. So please make every effort to cover your entry. Schools are responsible for entering their judges as the right judge type when calculating fees.
5. Judges who fail to pick their ballots will render their students ineligible for elimination rounds.
6. Judges will automatically be used in both debate and individual events unless otherwise noted in your entry. Additionally, all judges are obligated to judge one round past their student’s elimination.

JUDGES (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!)

To encourage fairness to our competitors – and if you’re a coach – I ask that you bring as many of your judges as possible. **For our tournament, a judge who is available for all of the preliminary rounds and one elimination round will cover two debaters.** Our debate formats, especially IPDA Debate, encourages a broad range of lay judges which includes coaches, forensics alumni, students (ONLY IF THEY AREN'T COMPETITORS), fellow parents, educators, and members of the academic community.

Since the team has a very small budget, we are only able to hire judges on a **very limited basis.** Nevertheless, if you would like to hire a judge, please contact me at Randy.Perez44@gmail.cuny.edu as soon as possible. We are very fortunate to have a supportive and thriving pool of qualified hired judges within our Northeastern district/NYC metro area.

TRAVEL & HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Queens College is ideally located within a 10-15 minute drive from LaGuardia, a 15 - 20 minute drive from JFK Int'l Airport, 2 hrs from Islip Airport in Suffolk County in Long Island, and about 1 hr to 90 mins from Newark Airport (depending on traffic conditions). Hotels within NYC can be quite expensive. We have not selected an official tournament hotel, so each team is responsible for making their own reservations. However, I recommend contacting Mr. James Woods at Travel Advocates. In the past, he has helped many of our neighboring teams within our region by securing good rates for teams traveling to tournaments. He can be reached at Jason@TravelAdvocates.com.

Local Hotel Rates:

HYATT PLACE FLUSHING / LA GUARDIA AIRPORT

133-42 39th Ave. Flushing, NY 11354, USA

RATE: \$199 (single or double/double bedded,
1-2ppl)

TAX: 14.75% plus \$3.50

BREAKFAST: included in the rate

Courtyard by Marriott New York Queens/Fresh Meadows

183-15 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows,
NY 11365

RATE: \$159 (single or double/double bedded,
1-2ppl)

TAX: 14.75% plus \$3.50

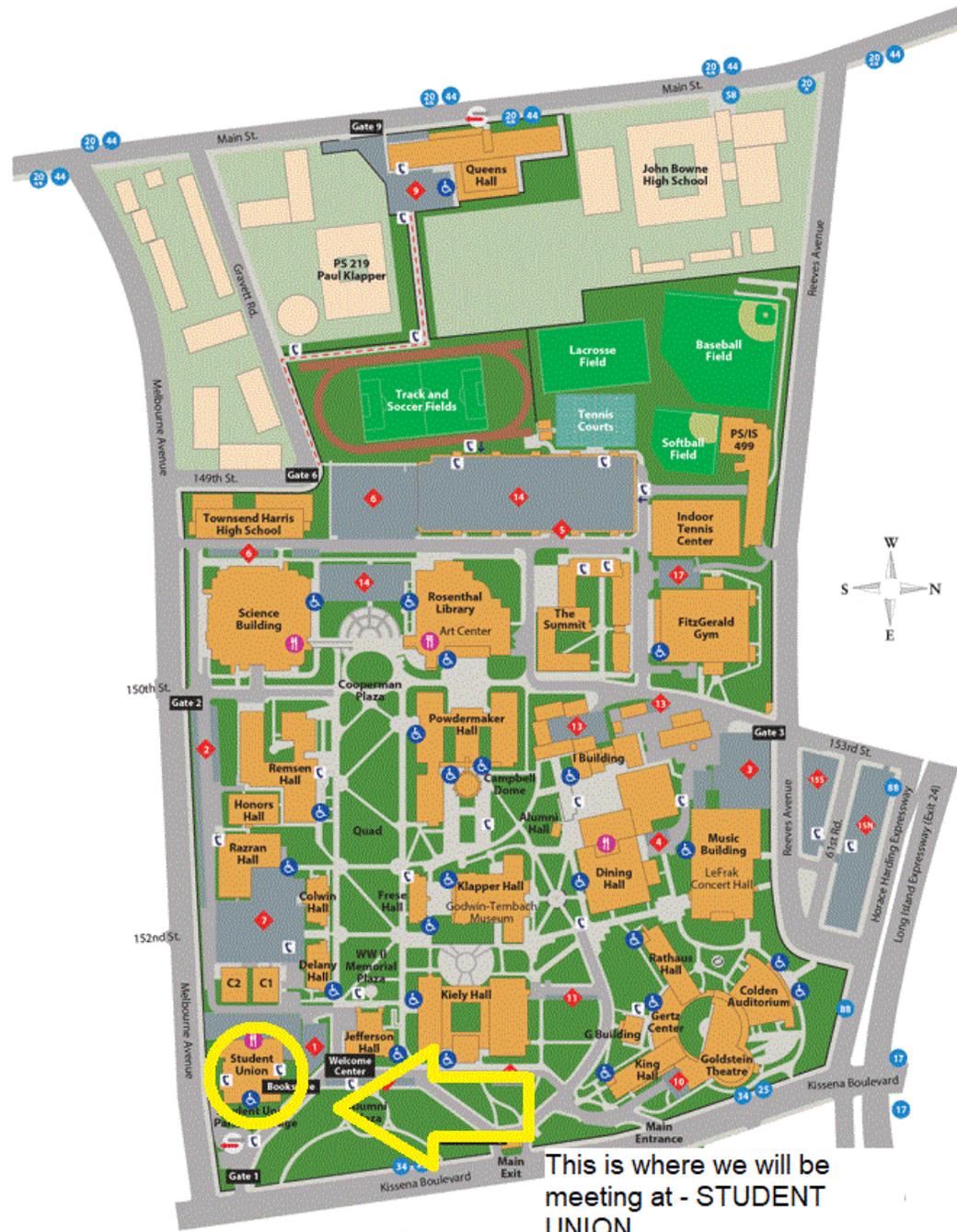
BREAKFAST: none offered

TOURNAMENT LOCATION DETAILS

Queens College is located right off of Exit 24 on the I-495 Long Island Expressway ("the L.I.E.") on Kissena Blvd. It is also easily accessible if you're traveling on the Grand Central Parkway going north or south of Flushing Meadows Park, the I-295 Clearview Expwy, the Cross-Island Pkwy, and the I-678 Van Wyck Expwy if you're coming from JFK Airport.

Although registration will be located in the Student Union Building, tabulation, postings, and awards will take place in nearby Kiely Hall. There is campus parking available near the Rosenthal Library and street parking available on Melbourne Avenue.

I hope to see you all for our *Strength In Numbers* Tournament on Saturday, January 18th and SNAFU# 6 on Sunday, January 19th, 2020 in the **GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD!** Join us for an exciting weekend of competitions because there's strength in numbers!



This is where we will be meeting at - **STUDENT UNION**

| Building Abbreviations | | Dining Hall | DH | Jefferson Hall | JH | Rathaus Hall | RA |
|------------------------|----|-------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Alumni Hall | AE | FitzGerald Gym | FG | Kiely Hall | KY | Razran Hall | RZ |
| Campbell Dome | DM | Frese Hall | FH | King Hall | KG | Remsen Hall | RE |
| Colden Auditorium | CA | G Building | GB | Kissena Hall | KS | Rosenthal Library | RO |
| Colwin Hall | CH | Gertz Center | GC | Klapper Hall | KP | Science Building | SB |
| Continuing Ed I | C1 | Goldstein Theatre | GT | Music Building | MU | Student Union | SU |
| Delany Hall | DY | Honors Hall | HH | Powdermaker Hall | PH | Tech Incubator | C2 |
| | | I Building | IB | Queens Hall | QH | The Summit | |

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- QC Boundary
- ◆ Parking Lots
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- ♿️ Accessibility Ramps
- ☎️ Emergency Phones
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