



**QUINSIGAMOND**  
Community College



# Welcome to the Social Justice Community Space

For information about the

**Diversity Caucus**

or use of the

**Social Justice Community Space,**

Please contact Selina Boria in the President's Office at x4368 or [sboria@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:sboria@qcc.mass.edu)

# What is the Diversity Caucus?

The QCC Diversity Caucus promotes the educational mission of Quinsigamond Community College and embraces social justice by advancing a campus climate that affirms the dignity and worth of each person.

- The Diversity Caucus amplifies and protects the College ideal of equal rights for all people. It fosters a spirit of inclusiveness by reflecting upon the contributions of age, race, gender, ability, religious convictions, socioeconomic status, ethnic heritage, and sexuality.
- In its work, the Diversity Caucus cultivates the lifelong learning about and appreciation for diversity necessary to the realization of an enlightened and educated citizenry.
- The Caucus supports and funds campus-wide events and activities.

If you would like to submit a request for diversity funding, please access the form on our website:

<https://www.qcc.edu/diversity-caucus>

# Diversity Caucus 2021-2022

The Caucus meets on the **4th Tuesday of each month** in person and/or remotely via Zoom from 3:00–4:00pm. Contact Selina Boria directly at [sboria@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:sboria@qcc.mass.edu) for the Zoom meeting link.

We hope you will join us for our meetings and events.

# 21-22 DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETINGS



SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

OCTOBER 26, 2021

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

JANUARY 25, 2022

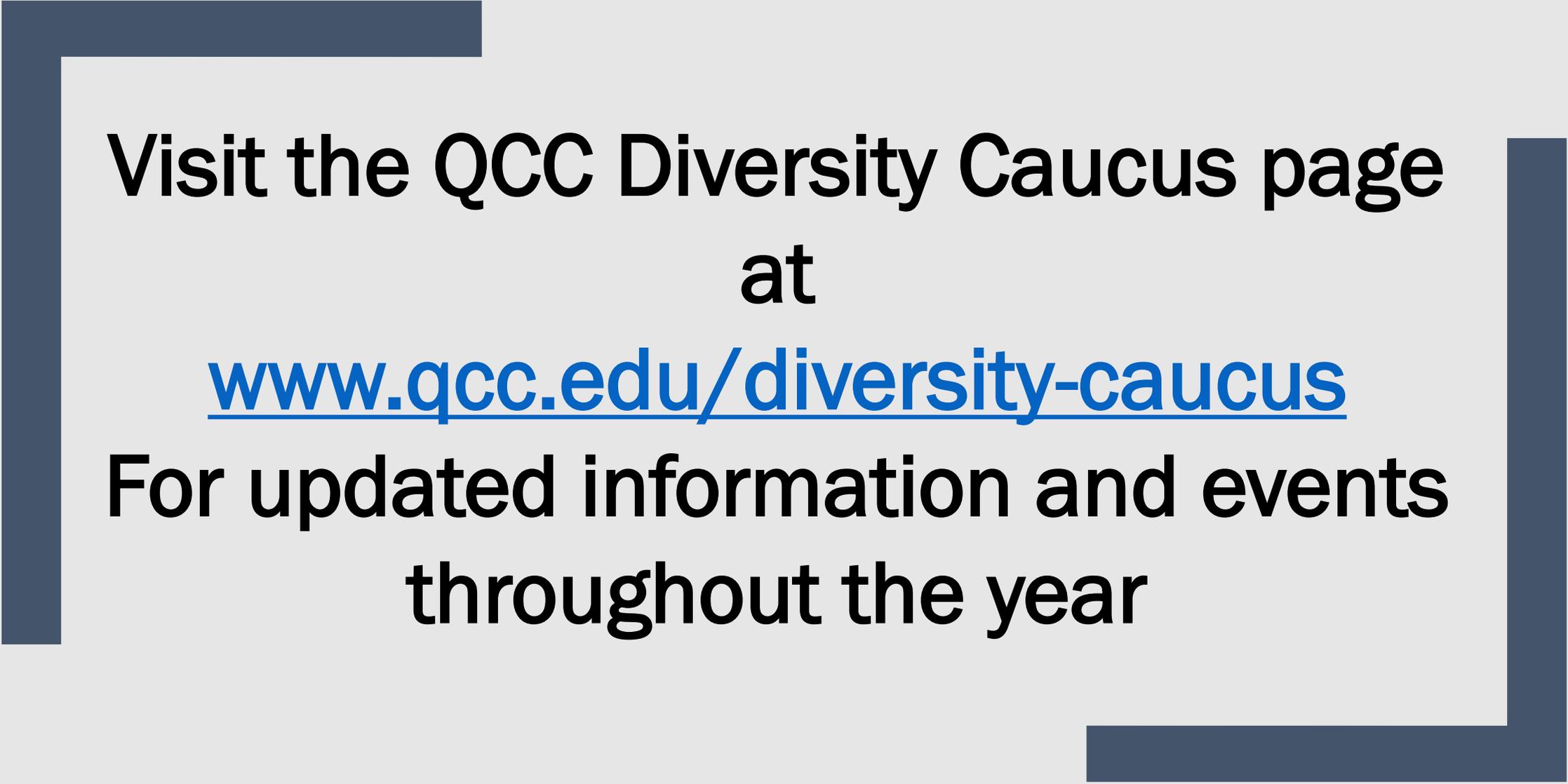
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

MARCH 22, 2022

APRIL 26, 2022

**3:00 TO 4:00PM**

**OPEN TO ALL QCC FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS**



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# QCC Diversity Caucus

## Sankofa Lecture Series

### Upcoming Speakers for 2021-2022

- **Mr. Barrington Edwards**
  - *Thursday, October 14, 2021 – Zoom – 12:30pm*
- **Dr. Carlyn Ferrari**
  - *Thursday, November 18, 2021 – Zoom – 12:30pm*
  - *Topics and More Details to follow and will be send to your Qmail and QCCFamily emails*

HISPANIC  
HERITAGE  
MONTH

9/15- 10/15



These Latin American Countries Celebrate  
Their Anniversary Of Independence On  
September 15:

COSTA RICA

EL SALVADOR

GUATEMALA

HONDURAS & NICARAGUA



# H.A.C.E. Event

## Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence

Date: October 20, 2021

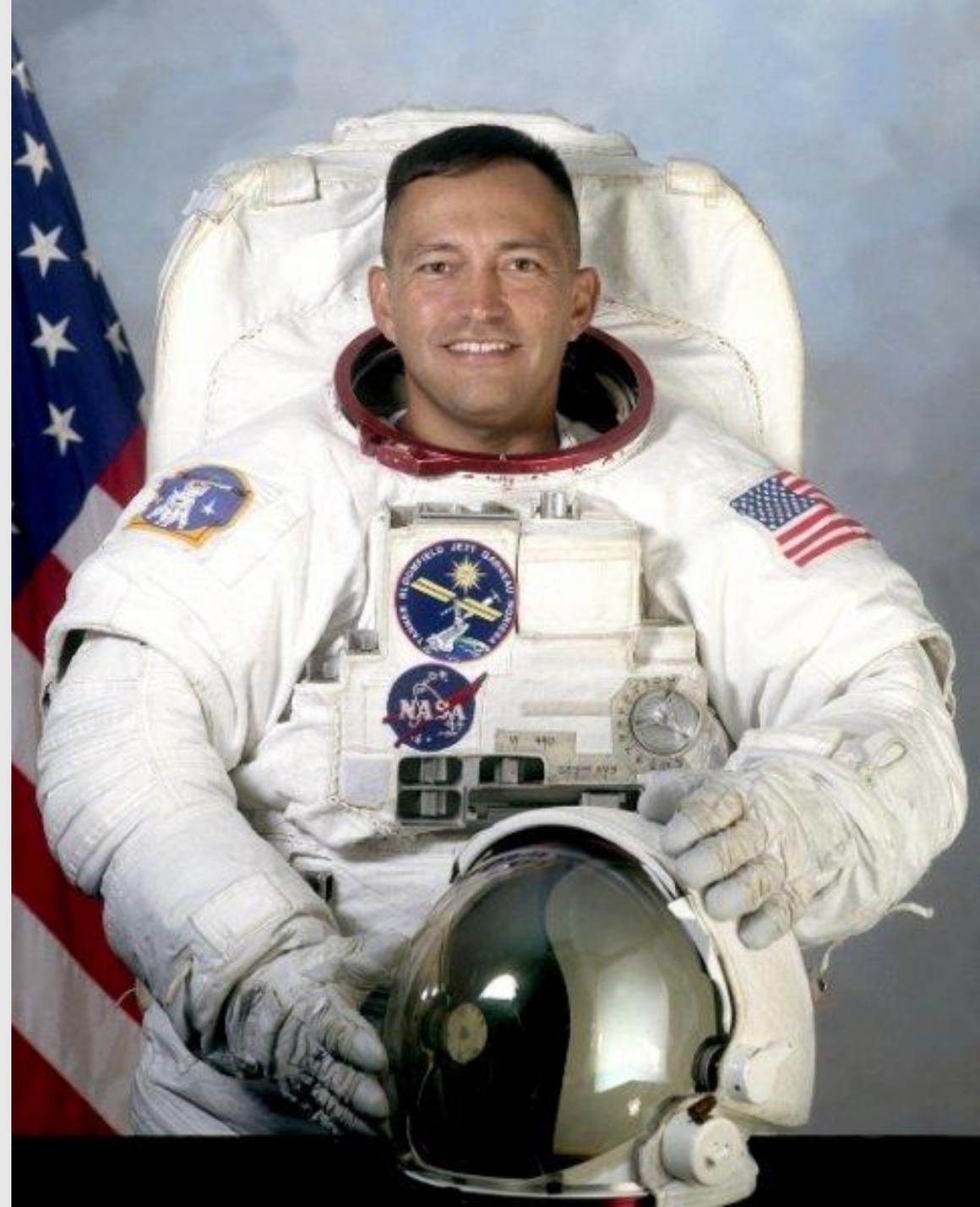
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

For additional information, please contact  
Deborah Gonzalez at [dgonzalez@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:dgonzalez@qcc.mass.edu)

**Carlos Noriega** was born on October 8, 1959, in Lima, Peru. He flew helicopters for the U.S. Marine Corps after college. He graduated with a master's degree in space systems operations in 1990. NASA selected him for the Astronaut Corps in 1994. He helped build the International Space Station on his second mission. He continues to work for NASA at the Johnson Space Center.

<https://www.biography.com/people/carlos-noriega-189134>





[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonia\\_Sotomayor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonia_Sotomayor)



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*I want to state upfront, unequivocally and without doubt: I do not believe that any racial, ethnic or gender group has an advantage in sound judging. I do believe that every person has an equal opportunity to be a good and wise judge, regardless of their background or life experiences.*

**~ Sonia Sotomayor**

Nominated by President Barack Obama on May 26, 2009, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Latina Supreme Court Justice in U.S. history.

<https://www.biography.com/people/sonia-sotomayor-453906>

# Jorge Ramos

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Jorge Gilberto Ramos Ávalos is a Mexican-born American journalist and author. Regarded as the best-known Spanish-language news anchor in the United States of America, Currently, he anchors Noticiero Univision, Al Punto, and the Fusion TV English-language program America with Jorge Ramos.

He has interviewed some of the most influential leaders in the world: Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, Harry Reid, Newt Gingrich, John McCain, John Edwards, Al Gore, George Bush Sr., John Kerry, Fidel Castro, Hugo Chávez, Felipe Calderon and dozens of Latin American presidents.



Roberto Clemente Walker was born in Barrio San Anton in Carolina, Puerto Rico, August 18, 1934.

Known for his hitting prowess on offense and his strong, accurate throwing arm on defense, Roberto Clemente carved out a Hall of Fame career over his 18 seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He was killed in a mission-of-mercy plane crash in 1972 while attempting to deliver supplies to earthquake-stricken Nicaragua. Clemente was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1973, only the second player to have had the required five-year waiting period before being eligible waived.

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0166165/bio>



“Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth.”

~ **Roberto Clemente**

# Julia de Burgos



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Poet Julia Constanza Burgos Garcia was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, and grew up in the barrio of Santa Cruz.

Predating the Nuyorican poetry movement, de Burgos' poems engage themes of feminism and social justice. In a 2011 profile of de Burgos for Ms. Magazine's blog, Vanessa Perez Rosario states, "De Burgos was an ambitious and brilliant woman who worked diligently on two fronts—to establish herself as a writer of international acclaim and to eradicate injustice. Her feminist politics and her Afro-Caribbean ideas allow us to read her as a precursor to contemporary U.S. Latina/o writers."

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/julia-de-burgos>

Chavez became the best known Latino American civil rights activist, and was strongly promoted by the American labor movement,

Born near Yuma, Arizona, on March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez employed nonviolent means to bring attention to the plight of farmworkers, and formed the National Farm Workers Association, which later became United Farm Workers.

As a labor leader, Chavez led marches, called for boycotts and went on several hunger strikes. It is believed that Chavez's hunger strikes contributed to his death on April 23, 1993, in San Luis, Arizona.



# Cesar Chavez

## Activist (1927 – 1993)

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# Dolores Huerta

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Dolores Huerta has worked to improve social and economic conditions for farm workers and to fight discrimination. To further her cause, she created the Agricultural Workers Association (AWA) in 1960 and co-founded, with Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers (UFW). Huerta stepped down from the UFW in 1999, but she continues her efforts to improve the lives of workers, immigrants and women.

<https://www.biography.com/people/dolores-huerta-188850>



# Richard Blanco

Richard Blanco was born in Madrid and immigrated to the United States as an infant with his Cuban-exile family and was raised in Miami. His collections of poetry have earned him multiple literary awards.



He is the fifth poet to read at a United States presidential inauguration, having read for Barack Obama's second inauguration. He is the first immigrant, the first Latino, the first openly gay person and the youngest person to be a U.S. inaugural poet.

# Jennifer Lopez

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**Latina actress and singer Jennifer Lopez is one of Hollywood's leading ladies who's also forged a successful pop and dance music career.**

<https://www.biography.com/people/jennifer-lopez-9542231>



Junot Díaz is a Dominican-American writer, creative writing professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and fiction editor at Boston Review. He also serves on the board of advisers for Freedom University, a volunteer organization in Georgia that provides post-secondary instruction to undocumented immigrants. Central to Díaz's work is the immigrant experience, particularly the Latino immigrant experience.

<https://www.gradesaver.com/author/junot-diaz>



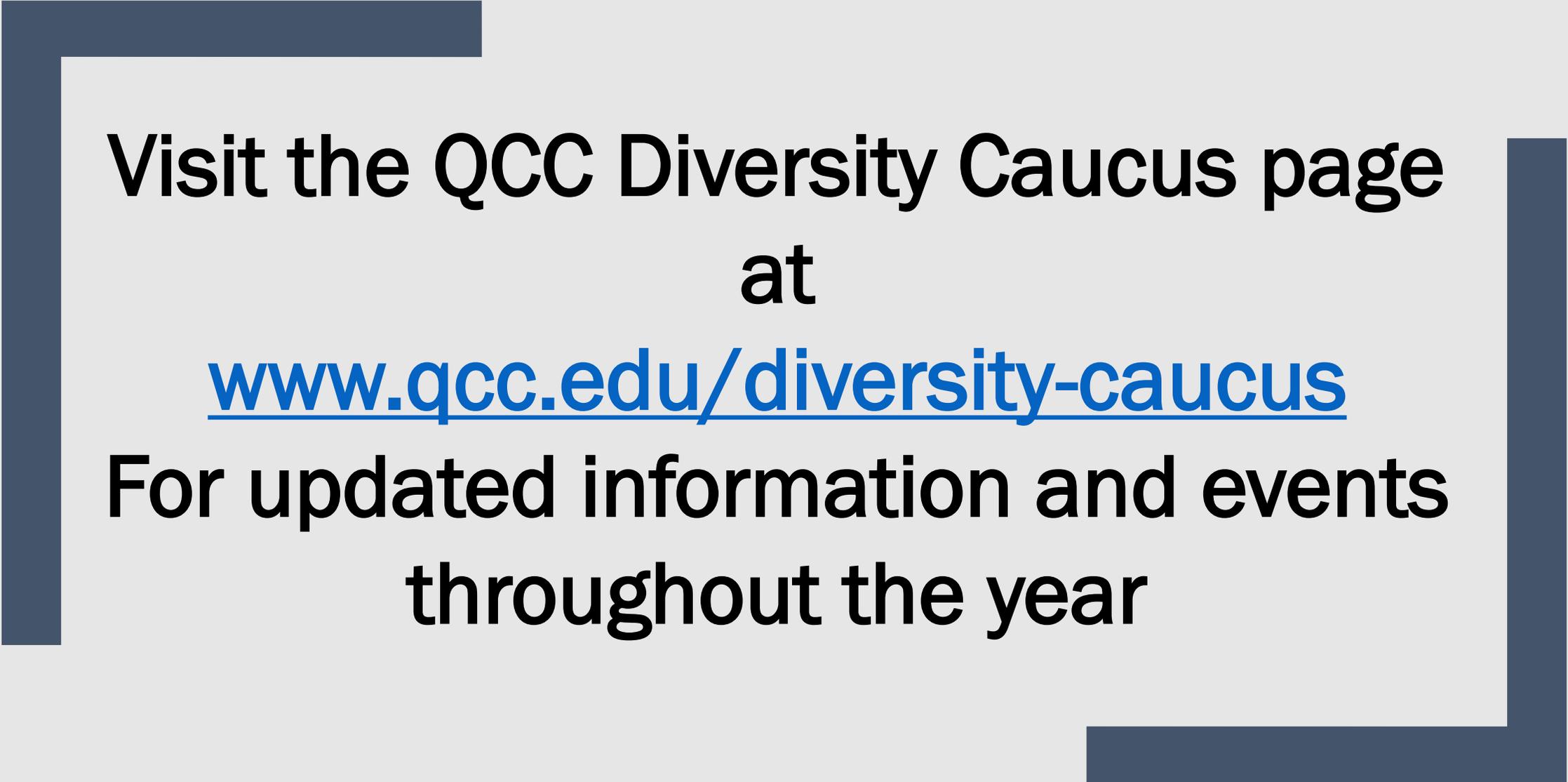
**Junot Díaz** is the author of *Drown* (1996), a collection of short stories, and of the novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (2007).

# David Ortiz, “Big Papi”



Before he was ever the beloved “Big Papi,” David Ortiz was just a kid from the Dominican Republic. Ortiz was born in Saint Domingo, Dominican Republic on November 18, 1975. David made his Major-League debut for the Twins on September 2, 1997. David spent six seasons with the Minnesota Twins. Ortiz joined the Red Sox in 2003 and over the duration of his career, David earned 10 All Star Game selections and 7 AL Silver Slugger Awards. His name will forever be in the history books as one of only 27 players in baseball history to hit 500 career home runs

<https://davidortiz.com/pages/david-ortiz-bio>



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