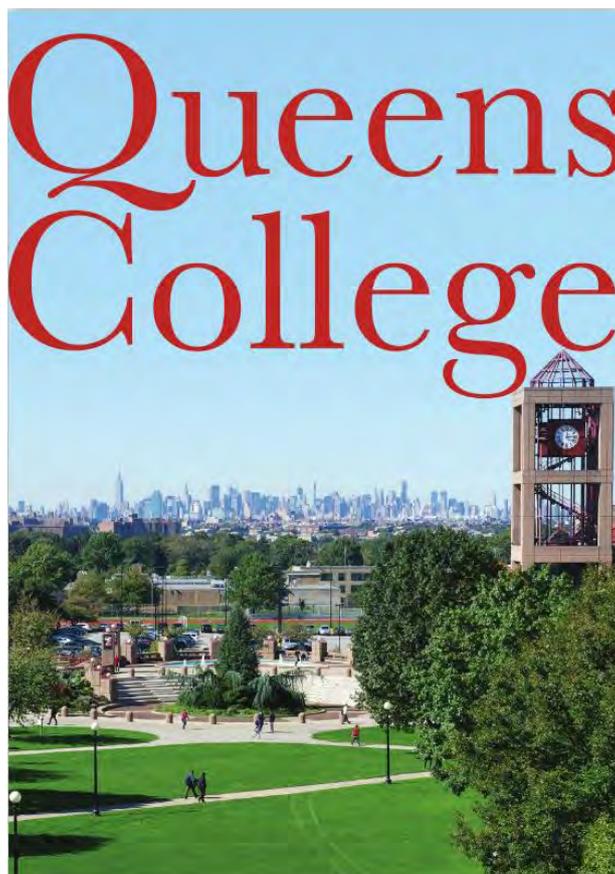


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## Wireless Communication on NY

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If you come to NY, you wonder how you communicate with your colleagues or family. This article explains about wireless communication on NY.

There are four big cell phone carriers in the U.S. I often see AT&T shop. It is one of big cellphone carrier; furthermore, I bought a sim card and pay every month at AT&T shops. If you have a smartphone which is either unlocked or sim lock free, you pay \$45 or more a month. If you use a tablet, you pay \$30 or more a month.

Nowadays, I think people who lives in NY do not need to use cell phone network because there is a lot of Wi-Fi spots in NY. For example, fig. 1 shows free Wi-Fi spot on the sub way station. These spots set up few days ago. If you want to connect internet by using these spots, you should watch an advertisement. However, you get a free internet connection. Fig. 2 shows free Wi-Fi spot on the Jone's beach in Long island, NY. NY City has a lot of free Wi-Fi spots.

In the dormitory or QC, we have no choice but to use Wi-Fi. At the first time, we was able to use Wi-Fi smoothly; however, we could not connect it well after summer vacation because number of users increases. I recommend you prepared this problem to contract a carrier.

In conclusion, although it is easy to access internet using Wi-Fi in the dormitory and the campus, after summer vacation it became hard to access internet because students came the dormitory. I think it is better to contract a carrier. Moreover, to use smartphone or tablet comfort you who lost your way on outside. Furthermore, VoIP (e.g., Skype) is comfortable to contact your family, lover and students. Sometimes, Wi-Fi, is in the dormitory, is not used. In this case, if you have contracted, you can keep speaking your family in Japan. Therefore, I recommend to contract carrier in the U.S.



Fig. 1 Wi-Fi on the subway plat home



Fig. 2 Free Wi-Fi on the beach

## How to Enjoy Campus and Dormitory Life in Queens College

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What do QC students enjoy most about their campus lives? I will answer this question and expound on this topic in this paper.

First of all, I will discuss my dormitory -Summit. Summit is a new building that was opened in 2009. Housing is expensive; students have to pay US\$7,000 per six months for a single room. The rent covers the use of the air conditioner, kitchen, bath and rest room. Food is not included in the rent. The use of the washer and dryer is subject to a US\$1.5 fee each. Security is strict. Students can enter the building only through a key that is provided to each of them. Upon entering, each of them has to present his or her ID to the security staff. In the building, especially at night, most students enjoy living normal lives. They study in shared rooms, work out at the gym and play billiards. In addition, Summit hosts various events like karaoke, snowboarding, and Thanksgiving Day (Pic 1). Because of my residency, I get free



Pic 1 Event announcement in Summit

subscriptions from New York Times. Reading New York Times helps me train in English. Wait and see, I'll be good at English!

Next, I will describe the typical campus life in Queens College. At the end of August this year, a special stage was constructed at the center of the campus where many students can enjoy singing and dancing (Pic 2). It was the freshmen welcome party. When I saw the party, I realized that the fall semester had already begun. There is a museum in the campus (Pic 3). It is a wonderful museum. At that time, an exhibition of Andy Warhol, a famous US pop artist, was being held in the museum. There were no admission charges.

In conclusion, Queens College is a good campus for those who want to enjoy campus life. In addition, students can view Manhattan's skyscraper from the campus (Pic 4). How nice the college is. If I were a student, I would enjoy a lot.



Pic 2 New student welcoming party in QC



Pic 3 Museum in QC



Pic 4 Manhattan's Skyscraper from QC

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