

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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### Steven L. Gerard '67

Steven L. Gerard '67, former chair of the Queens College Foundation (QCF), died on April 12 after a brief illness.

“On behalf of the entire Queens College community, I wish to extend my sympathies to Steve’s family and to express my deepest appreciation for his outstanding service and loyalty to Queens College,” said Queens College President Frank H. Wu.

Lee Fensterstock, chair of the foundation, noted that Gerard served on its Board of Trustees for over 30 years. “Most recently, as a co-chair of the board’s allocation committee, Steve was instrumental in ensuring that his alma mater received the support it needed to help counter the effects of the pandemic on campus,” said Fensterstock.

Born in the Bronx, Gerard graduated from QC in 1967 with a BA in economics. He served in the Army from 1965-1967.

His career encompassed 16 years with Citibank, N.A. in various senior corporate finance and banking positions; seven years with the American Stock Exchange, where his last title was vice president of the Securities Division; and leadership of Triangle Wire and Cable, Inc. as chairman and CEO. In October 2000, he became the CEO of CBIZ, Inc., a position he held until his retirement in March 2016. He remained chairman of its board.

Gerard was previously a director, chairman of the Compensation Committee, member of the Compliance Committee and the Audit Committee of Las Vegas Sands Company and lead director and member of the Audit Committee of Joy Global, Inc.



At the time of his death, he was director, chairman of the Compensation Committee, and member of the Audit Committee of Lennar Corporation and director and member of the Audit and Finance Committees of AutoNation, Inc.

Gerard was on the faculty of the National Association of Corporate Directors and earned the NACD Leadership Fellow designation. He also served on many boards, both public and charitable.

“He was truly a brilliant, kind, and beloved colleague and friend,” said Fensterstock. “We are profoundly grateful for his leadership and devotion to the Queens College community and its students. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Steve’s family. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.”

Gerard is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jane Heller; son, Andrew; daughter-in-law, Melanie; two loving grandchildren; mother, Annette; and brother, Neil.