



## **KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST AWARD-WINNING ECO-FESTIVAL FOR FOURTH YEAR APRIL 21-24**

***Dr. Wayne J. Martin, environmental scientist with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, will keynote festival***

**Brooklyn, N.Y., March 12** -- Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn's only community college, has announced that it will host its fourth annual Eco-Festival, April 21-24, 2009. The theme is "living on earth." The four-day event is free and open to the public.

Eco-Festival, the winner of the 2008 CUNY Sustainability Award for environmental education and advocacy, is designed to provide a unique opportunity for students, faculty, staff and members of the Brooklyn community to gather together, under a common banner, and engage in a dialogue centered on environmental problems and challenges faced globally at the dawn of the twenty-first century. The Eco-Festival will be held in the college's MAC Rotunda and other near-by locations. The college is located at 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn.

"We are pleased to present our fourth Eco-Festival at Kingsborough. It is a wonderful opportunity to increase public awareness and inspire meaningful action regarding the serious environmental problems we face as a society," said Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College. "An environmentally centered dialogue among students, faculty, environmental experts and members of the community is fundamental to changing our environmental course."

In addition to Dr. Wayne J. Martin, who will address the geopolitics of energy, the Eco-Festival speakers will include Dr. Lisa Rainwater, executive director, Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and Andy Mele, former executive director for Clearwater. Dr. Rainwater will address the New York City water supply and Mr. Mele will address the environmental career opportunities in not-for profits.

The goals of Eco-Festival are to raise ecological literacy, foster global citizenship, promote meaningful dialogue about environmental issues and inspire environmental action and stewardship (for program information, please visit <http://www.kingsborough.edu/eco-festival/Ecofest2009.pdf>). The 2009 Eco-Festival is sponsored in part by Con Edison and The New York Times.

### **About Kingsborough Community College:**

Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn's only community college, is located on a 70-acre campus in Manhattan Beach, on the southern tip of Brooklyn. The breathtaking campus overlooks three bodies of water: Sheepshead Bay, Jamaica Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It serves approximately thirty thousand students per year, offering a wide range of credit and non-credit courses in the liberal arts, career education, and specialized programs.

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