COMING HOME FOR HOMECOMING

Every year, KCC welcomes alumni, students, faculty and staff to celebrate “coming home” to Kingsborough for a fun-filled day of activities for all – and last October was no exception. In addition to alumni gatherings, food, entertainment, and a myriad of kid-friendly events for “future” students (including a costume party), those in attendance learned what’s new at the college directly from President Peruggi; witnessed the unveiling of our new Annual Donor Wall; toured the aquarium, the ship simulator room, and our new urban farm; and got baking tips from talented chefs in our culinary program. Many alumni tell us how much they enjoy reminiscing about earlier days, seeing familiar faces, and sharing their college memories with their friends and families at Homecoming.

Mark your calendars:
Our next Homecoming will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2012.
BACK TO SCHOOL
INTRODUCING OUR NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Laura earned an associate’s degree in mathematics in 1987, and gained the confidence to continue her studies at Baruch College. After completing a B.A. in mathematics, Laura looked to make a career out of her love for numbers, working as a pension actuary and later running the business end of her husband’s trucking company. Yet, even after completing her MBA and in the midst of a successful career, Laura felt something was missing: “There came a point in my life when I said to myself, ‘I need to give back.’”

Browsing through her Kingsborough alumni newsletter one day, Laura read a blurb calling for volunteers and decided to answer it. Volunteering at Homecoming and sitting on a KCC alumni career panel would prove to be just the beginning of her return to her alma mater. Today, she has come full circle as the college’s new Director of Alumni Relations.

Now back at Kingsborough, Laura is experiencing her own personal homecoming of sorts, often having fond flashbacks when walking through familiar hallways and classrooms.

While much has changed at Kingsborough since her student days, Laura still recognizes the fundamental qualities that attracted her to the college in the first place, and she has this message for her fellow alums: “I hope you look back fondly on your time at Kingsborough as I do, and will consider coming back to where it all began and join us for an event. You never know what it could lead to!”

Graduating high school at age 16, Laura Glazier-Smith had no shortage of drive when it came to her studies, but did not feel quite ready to attend a four-year college straight away. Offering affordability, a convenient location, and a “glorious” seaside campus, Kingsborough Community College proved to be an easy first choice.

NOW AVAILABLE:
Kingsborough Community College Gear! Shop at kbcc.skorfanshop.com.

SAVE THE DATE:
“Surf’s Up,” KCC’s 7th Annual Seaside Splash fundraiser to support the KCC Foundation, is coming Wednesday, June 20, 2012. This terrific fundraiser includes an evening of food, drink, entertainment, and chances to win great raffle prizes. You will also hear from scholarship recipients who are benefactors of the generosity of supporters and alumni like you. Last year’s event raised more than $200,000, enabling us to provide more scholarships and improve programs that enhance our students’ learning experiences. This year, you will have a great time partying in our colorful throwback to the “Beach Blanket Bingo” days, all the while knowing that your support and participation will help our students achieve their dreams. Stay tuned!

The Child Development Center Celebrates 40 Years of Learning

This academic year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of KCC’s Child Development Center, which for the past four decades has provided outstanding on-campus childcare for the children of student-parents. To recognize this milestone, the college has launched a campaign to raise $100,000 to help support the installation of a toddler playground; the endowment of a scholarship fund for student-parents; and the creation of a new Child Development Center Fund to enhance teaching and learning resources.

To learn more and to support this initiative, please visit www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cdc40. We will also be celebrating this milestone with a special anniversary party on the evening of Thursday, November 1, 2012. Invitations are limited. If you’d like to make sure that you receive your invitation, please see Let Us Know on the back page.
In an effort to raise money for student scholarships, hundreds of KCC faculty, staff, students and alumni participated in the 3rd Annual Walk-a-Thon on November 16, 2011. The KCC Walk-a-Thon usually entails the formation of various teams, creatively dressed in themed-costumes for a two-lap walk around our beautiful campus. Due to rain, we were confined to walk around the campus indoors, but it didn’t dampen our spirits! At the end of our journey, we all enjoyed refreshments and prizes were awarded to the teams that raised the most money and sported the most creative costumes. It was an afternoon of camaraderie, fun and excitement for a great cause – our students! Thanks to everyone for their efforts and support, which helped raise over $22,000 for student scholarships!

We are hoping to have an even larger alumni turnout for the next Walk-A-Thon, so get your walking shoes ready and be on the lookout for more information.

For event pictures, visit News, Events and Photos at www.kingsborough.edu/alumni or visit our Facebook page at KBCCAlumni.

Join the Alumni Association
Show your commitment to Kingsborough through membership in the Alumni Association! The annual membership fee is only $25 and helps support student scholarships and programming for alumni events. Your membership also provides you with certain benefits, which include limited access to the college and its facilities, invitations to career-oriented and special events, and various discounts. For details, visit www.kingsborough.edu/alumni.

For a limited time only, join now and receive a free gift!
You can join the Alumni Association in two convenient ways:

- Visit www.kingsborough.edu/alumni and click Join the KCC Alumni Association
- Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 718-368-4539
The Kingsborough Community College Foundation received a generous bequest of $15,000 from the estate of Mr. Charles Neu, who earned his A.S. in Fine Arts in 1994. Mr. Neu returned to KCC after discovering a passion for radio work while on campus and received an A.S. in Media Technology and Management in 1998. He worked in the news department of WKRB and served as an influence for many younger students through his hard work and enthusiasm. KCC is grateful for his generous gift and we extend our condolences to his family and friends.

PANELISTS WANTED
We're always looking for great alumni to share their career stories with our current students. Each spring and fall, in conjunction with our Career Services department, we host an Alumni Career Panel where alumni from different graduation classes and professions share their experiences about life after Kingsborough and answer students' questions. If you'd like to share your career story with our students, be a panelist! See Let Us Know below.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Each year, the Alumni Relations Office invites a select number of alumni to join us for a special breakfast preceding the Alumni Graduation March during the Annual Commencement exercises. Attending graduation is a great way to connect with other alumni, hear motivating speeches, and to get inspired by graduating students. This year's Graduation Commencement will take place on Tuesday, June 12. To ensure you receive an invitation, please see Let Us Know.

YOUR SUPPORT
Funds raised by the Kingsborough Community College Foundation help to provide scholarships, enrich our students' learning experiences, and build the College's endowment for future generations. We truly appreciate your support. All donations are recognized in Kingsborough's Annual Report as well as on the KCC Annual Donor Wall, which is updated each year. To make a donation, join the Alumni Association, and/or for general information, visit www.kingsborough.edu/alumni or call (718) 368-4539.

LET US KNOW!
We'd love to hear what you’re up to—and if you’re interested in volunteering or attending any of the events that you’ve read about here. Send us your comments and requests by updating your profile on the KCC website at www.kingsborough.edu/alumni. If you prefer, send us an e-mail at kccalumni@kbcc.cuny.edu or call Alumni Relations at (718) 368-4539. We look forward to hearing from you!