Kingsborough is thrilled to announce the introduction of a Student Union and Intercultural Center (SU&IC) to our beautiful campus. The SU&IC includes construction upgrades to several adjoining and highly visible areas of the campus as well as essential new programs and administrative initiatives. With the first phase of construction slated to begin in 2017, these updates will benefit the entire Kingsborough community for years to come.

The concept for a Student Union and Intercultural Center (SU&IC) was developed collaboratively by college leadership, students, faculty and staff to promote student engagement. While student centers are a standard amenity at most colleges and universities, there is currently no single space on Kingsborough’s campus dedicated to fostering student engagement. Since engagement has been shown to improve retention and completion, a dedicated student center will contribute to the success of our students. As a hub for new and returning students, as well as visitors, faculty and staff alike, the SU&IC is an important addition to the Kingsborough Community.

Key design features of the SU&IC include:

- An Information Center near the main gate where visitors and students can access information about the campus in one place
- A “Welcome Way” showcasing Kingsborough’s diversity and leading visitors to the heart of the SU&IC
- A centrally-located “Engaged Kingsborough” hub, housing SU&IC staff, where students can be referred to appropriate services and resources
- Interactive virtual bulletin board or “iBoard” where students can share information and learn about campus activities and opportunities

HAPPENINGS

The Retiree Committee had their first meeting of the new school year at the Annual Homecoming event this past October.

Discussing were possible offerings of value to our members and we also began to plan for our annual luncheon.

The Annual Retiree Spring Luncheon, Will take place on Thursday, May 4th, 2017. Please plan to attend.
A beautiful Outdoor Garden Plaza with seating for students to seasonally enjoy Kingsborough’s beautiful campus.

A “Common Ground” interfaith room.
Multiple gatherings and recreational areas for relaxation and quiet study.
Glass enclosed Faculty and Student Conference Rooms that open to a terrace overlooking the Garden Plaza.
See pictures below:

The total cost for renovations and construction associated with the creation of the SU&IC is $1.5 Million. A collaborative endeavor from the start, we are seeking support from the broader Kingsborough Community for this exciting initiative. Donations can be made on our website by going to the KCC wbsite: www.kbcc.cuny.edu, go to the Donate tab and in the drop down, choose the first option, Donate Now. Many opportunities and ways exist to support the SU&IC, please contact VP Elizabeth Basile at 718-368-4539 or email, ebasile@kingsborough.edu.

Florida Luncheon
Always great to see former colleagues

As you can see from the smiling faces of the 17 people in this photo, we all enjoyed our 2/15/17 get-together. The room was private and spacious, the food was beautifully presented and delicious, and the service was gracious. Throw in great weather and good conversation, plus a KCC hat memento; the luncheon could not have been better. We look forward to having you join us next year!

Lorri did a great job collecting the money. We also celebrated Marilyn’s birthday and welcomed new guests, Mr. & Mrs. Pat and Lucrezia Gallelli who came from a distance away and really enjoyed the event.
Kingsborough Spotlight
THELMA MALLE, Dean of Open Admissions & Special Programs

Professor Thelma Malle started her administrative career at Kingsborough Community College as the assistant Dean of KCC at the Mid-Brooklyn campus. She joined the staff at KCC in the summer of 1965 as an instructor of Mathematics. She has served on the faculty committee for the disadvantaged from its inception and participated in the development of college sponsored programs in the Mid-Brooklyn community.

In the process of pursuing these projects, she founded the Service Corp., a student volunteer club which served two orphanages and a hospital in the community.

Dean Malle received a BA from Columbia University in Mathematics, an MA at New York University and a Ph.D. at NYU as well.

Dean Malle has had a distinguished 33 year career at Kingsborough and she remains one of our most accomplished leaders and pioneers.

She continues to generously support the Science Scholar’s Award, a fully funded award endowed in her name.

Thelma Malle has always been a great fan of Kingsborough Community College and its service to students.

She has said “Kingsborough is a place where students can not only get a degree, but develop an intellectual profile in a nurturing environment. “

We have all been richer having her for a colleague.

Walkathon

Again, this year, the walkathon, was a great success. The motivation and on-going spirit of the faculty and staff were able to raise nearly $32,000 for student scholarships. This is approximately $10,000.00 more than was raised last year. Approximately 15 retirees participated.

August Tuosto, Marilyn Chernin and Patricia Martucci carry the Retiree banner.

In Memorium

It is with a profound sense of loss that we celebrate the lives of our colleagues who left us in the past year. We offer sincere condolences to their families.

Catherine Carr  Nursing

Thomas Nonn  Art
President Herzek to Retire

President Farley Herzek, in an e-mail which went out to the KCC community, indicated his intention to retire as of August 31st. The letter is below:

Dear Kingsborough Campus Community,
It has been an honor and a privilege serving you, the students, faculty, and staff of Kingsborough Community College. This experience has been the crown jewel of my career.

From the first day Cheryl and I stepped onto campus before I interviewed for the position, I felt and experienced the warmth, nurturing, and very caring environment you all provide to our students.

Yes, we have great instructional programs, excellent student support services, and one of the most beautiful and well-maintained community college campuses in the nation. However, it is you, your values, your principles and your unwavering commitment to our students, that set us apart from the rest.

Therefore, it is with a very heavy heart that I tell you, I will be retiring at the end of this August. This has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make.

Being in senior leadership positions for many years, I am tasked with making many decisions. I have always used whatever is best for students and the institution as "my compass; my North Star" in my decision-making process. The job responsibilities also present tremendous demands on my time, 24/7, and has been my way of life for many years. This has often caused me to choose between family and campus responsibilities, with family, too often coming in second.

At this point in my life, my compass has shifted, and my North Star has to be my family. Leaving the GREAT-EST professional experience of my life was not an easy decision to make. The day after I spoke with the Chancellor about this decision, he asked me if I came to my senses and asked if I was just having a moment of insanity. I know he meant that in a positive way. Moreover, he understood the difficulty in my decision.

Moving from Southern California back home, to New York City, and to Brooklyn has been a wonderful experience. The cultural activities, the energy of the city, the diversity, and the unique personalities of New Yorkers have all enriched my life. However, the distance between New York and California has separated me from my family for months at a time causing me to rethink my priorities.

Cheryl and I will be married 35 years this August. We love to travel; we enjoy outdoor activities, theater, film, and spending time together with family and friends. It is time to enjoy this next chapter in our lives together.

Thank you for welcoming me into your family. You exemplify the best there is in how a campus serves students.

It will be business as usual for me on campus until August 31, then onto the next adventures in my life.

All my best,
Farley

We thank President Farley Herzek for his unwavering support and wish him a long and happy retirement.