SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—Michelle Yedin

Michelle is a journalism major with a 4.0 GPA who one day aspires to be a broadcaster. She arrived at Kingsborough in September 2014, upon graduating from James Madison H.S, embarrassed to tell anyone that she was attending a community college. She had set her sights on the Ivy League, and when she wasn’t accepted to any of the colleges to which she had applied, she was extremely disappointed. Given the fact that her father was unemployed due to health problems, she felt that KCC was an affordable option and her last resort.

After attending Kingsborough for only two weeks, her perception of the college, herself, and community college in general changed. She began to appreciate the unique opportunities that Kingsborough offers its diverse student population. She realized that instead of her educational path ending at the community college, it was just beginning. In her first semester, she became a member of the Presidential Scholars program and enrolled in several rigorous honors classes.

During the second semester, she became a staff writer for the student newspaper Scepter and the Honors newsletter The Extra Mile. She also won one of only twelve seats awarded to outstanding KCC students to represent the college at the annual National Model United Nations program held in Manhattan each spring. Most importantly, she was impressed by the high caliber of teaching in her classes and was inspired by professors like Eben Wood from the English department who helped renew her confidence in herself and improve her writing.

Michelle is now proud to be a student at Kingsborough and wants to help spread the word to high school students that the college is not the “13th grade.” She plans to use the money from the Retirees scholarship to help reduce the financial stress on her family by covering some of the cost of next year’s tuition.
50th Anniversary Luncheon
Kingsborough Spotlight
Stuart Suss - Vice President, Provost

Stuart came to Kingsborough in 1972 as a member of the Social Sciences Department. In 1984, President Goldstein asked Stuart to be the first director of College Now. Following President Goldstein's vision and guidance, Stuart and Rachelle Goldsmith built College Now. Under their leadership, the program grew from several courses in four high schools in the first year to a full offering of KCC developmental and college-equivalent foundation courses taught in over twenty high schools.

More than the number of courses and high schools, Stuart and Rachelle ensured the academic excellence of College Now courses taught by high school teachers qualified to be KCC adjunct faculty. Together Stuart and Rachelle made certain that Kingsborough faculty were the ones to determine the genuine equivalency of the high school courses to those offered on campus to matriculated college students. Almost 30 years later, the quality of the program is still extraordinary due in no small measure to Stuart's leadership.

In addition to College Now, Stuart was responsible for a number of innovative programs that have become national models. He started the Family College program which is now a 2-generation strategy being championed by a number of organizations including the Aspen Institute. His leadership led to the expansion of the Learning Communities model which continues to receive recognition from MDRC, Columbia’s Center for Community College Research, among others. In fact, he was the one who advocated for the use of the Learning Communities model as the prototype of the ASAP program.

During his term as Provost, beginning in 2000 until now, Stuart gained the respect and trust (in some cases love) of Kingsborough's academic and administrative community. Several times he was called upon to mentor new CUNY provosts. At the time of his retirement, he was the longest serving CUNY provost. Stuart served as the Interim President of KCC.

CUNY leaders sometimes sought to consult with him based on his years of experience, his academic integrity and his reputation for honest and frank talk. It is not always the case that one man can make a positive difference that lasts, but many think Stuart has made a good community college stronger and better able than ever to sustain its reputation for excellence.

(Special thanks to David Gomez and Loretta DiLorenzo)
KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AWARDED ACHIEVING THE DREAM
LEADER COLLEGE STATUS

In September, 2015 Kingsborough Community College
Became the only CUNY college, as well as the only community
college in New York State, to earn, “Achieving the Dream Leader
College” distinction, a prestigious national designation awarded to
community colleges that commit to improving student success
and closing achievement gaps.

KCC has shown how data can inform policy and practice to help
community college students achieve their goals, resulting in im-
proved skills, better employment, and economic growth for fami-
lies, communities, and the nation as a whole.

Kingsborough Community College has successfully expanded
Learning Communities and developmental Math workshops, and
implemented STEM initiatives and equity programs. Achieving
the Dream’s philosophy of thoughtful assessment and evidence-
based decision-making is congruent with Kingsborough’s practic-
es and priorities and has been instrumental in the successful im-
plementation of these programs.

Achieving The Dream, Inc. is a national non-profit dedicated to
help more community college students, particularly low-income
students and students of color, stay in school and earn a college
certificate or degree.

KCC Retirees Group Meets at Homecoming

The retiree group planning committee and other retirees,
met to discuss programs, lectures and other offerings we
might present to our group.
The date of our annual Spring luncheon will be on Thurs-
day, May 5, 2016. The guest of honor will be Dr. Stuart Suss.

Grand Slam – KCC Power Couple
Names College’s Tennis Facility

LtoR - Dr. Rachelle Goldsmith, President Farley Herzek and Mr. Barry Goldsmith at the KCC Tennis Facility naming ceremony

Dr. Rachelle Goldsmith is Director of the Honors Program and was in charge of the College Honors Program. Her Husband, Barry Goldsmith has long been the KCC tennis coach. This year, they took their already-remarkable dedication to Kingsborough a giant step further by making a significant philanthropic gift to name the college’s tennis courts. Now called the Dr. Rachelle and Barry Goldsmith Tennis Facility, these courts symbolize the Goldsmiths’ longstanding conviction that athletics play a vital role in the lives of Kingsborough students, helping them to develop leadership abilities, cultivate character and personal integrity, and strive for excellence in all aspects of life.

There is still time to participate in additional Naming Opportunities on campus. There are FOUR individual courts that can be named and dedicated by individual donors. For more information about Naming opportunities on Campus, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Basile, 718-368-5982 or ebasile@kbcc.cuny.edu.

In Memorium

It is with a profound sense of loss that we celebrate the
lives of our colleagues who have left us in the past several
months. We offer sincere condolences to their families and friends:
Carol Bierman...........Biological Sciences Department
Thomas Ford............Marine Technology
Isabelle Ann Krey.... Secretarial Science Department
Bella Kanturek........ Nursing Department