Retiree Scholarship Winner Announced at Luncheon

(Uda Bradford, Rachelle Goldsmith, Gillian & family, Pres. Herzek)

**Gillian Roberts** is a liberal arts major with a 3.69 GPA who one day aspires to be a research scientist in the pharmaceutical field.

Gillian came to the United States from Jamaica in February 2014 to be reunited with her husband and ten-year-old son. Always someone who likes to plan ahead, she expected to be able to work as a pharmacy technician while she settled into her new life. To her great dismay, she found that the degrees she earned in Jamaica were not accepted in this country, so she took a minimum wage job and applied to several four-year CUNY colleges to earn a degree in chemistry. Once again, her plans were thwarted when she was not admitted to any of the schools. With great reluctance, she opted to attend Kingsborough - the community college closest to her home and work, and to her surprise, found that it was the perfect place for a “weary, busy, hard-working, full-time parent, employee and student like herself” to study.

She loves the idyllic setting by the water which reminds her of her island home, values the unity she sees among the diverse groups of students, and appreciates the supportive and pleasant attitudes of faculty and staff. Despite working 20 hrs. per week at an off-campus job, she has found time to become an Honors Representative Student Aide working with a professor from the Behavioral Sciences department who is conducting a research study. She also was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year honor society for two-year colleges, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She plans to use the scholarship money to help cover the cost of attending Kingsborough because despite receiving Federal Student Aid grants that help her with tuition, she finds that she is constantly consumed with thinking about how to provide life’s basic necessities for herself and her family, thus every penny counts. As the first member of her family to enroll in college, she hopes to serve as a beacon for her younger relatives and son, showing them that determination and hard work are the keys to success. Gillian expects to graduate in June 2017 and wonders how she will ever be able to say good-bye to this “beautiful treasure by the sea.” She now feels that attending Kingsborough “was the best decision I ever made.”

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**HAPPENINGS**

Professor John Manbeck, a KCC retiree, in collaboration with Mimi Sheridan, former NY Times Food Critic, is reviewing his recently published book “Manhattan Beach Baths 1916-1941: A History” in the KCC Light-house (MAC rotunda) on October 18th, 2016, from 11 am-1:00 pm. A book signing will follow.

10/18 – **Book Signing, “Manhattan Beach Baths, 19916-1941: A History”**
11 am – 1:00 pm, MAC Rotunda

10/23 – **Annual Retiree Group Meeting**
(9:30 am-10:30 am, Tapestry Room (A212)

10/23 – **Homecoming Day**
10 am-3:00 pm

11/02 – Seminar: **How to Create a Scholarship at KCC.** M 239,
12:30-1:30 pm

11/29 – **Walkathon**, 3-5 pm,
your office or department. Please join us.
Annual Retiree Luncheon Honoring Dr. Stuart Suss
Kingsborough Spotlight -
Two Founding Fathers of KCC who left us this year:
Mel Levine, Chair, Business Department
Sam Scherek, Chair, HPER Department

Mel Levine retired as Chair of the Business Department in 1992 after 32 years of service to Kingsborough. He had an earned Doctorate, was a full professor, CPA and lawyer. He served as Department Chair for over 20 years and always stood up for his faculty and mentored many of his students, some of whom remained in touch with him as they, too, became successful in their careers. Dr. Levine always loved Kingsborough and said throughout his life that if he had to choose a career again, he would choose to do the exact same thing.

He is survived by his wife Sheila Levine, 4 sons, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Sam Scherek came to Kingsborough in 1966. He became Chair of the HPER department in the Fall of 1982 and at one time was the longest sitting chair in CUNY. Sam went to Brooklyn College and earned his PhD at NYU. He served his country as a soldier in the US Army. He loved playing basketball and tennis.

As Chair, Sam treated his faculty with respect and fairness. He continually sought ways to expand the department, adding several new specialty programs such as Community Health and Exercise Science. He loved his life at Kingsborough and was popular with students and colleagues alike.

Sam and his wife Madge, had four children and four grandchildren and he never tired of telling about how proud he was of all of them.

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.

Barbara Gurski Nursing
Vincent Liguori Biology
“Bud” Schtieran Behavioral Science
During fall Convocation, President Farley Herzek expressed thanks and pride to the entire campus community for its role in making two things happen:

1. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education Exit Report reaffirmed Kingsborough’s accreditation until the next self-study cycle in 2025-2026. The president said, “Listening to all of the commendations about the college’s programs and services from a committee of your peers really makes a statement about what a GREAT job you ALL do. All of you should be so proud of your contributions. I know I will be bragging about you for many weeks to come.”

2. Provost & Vice-president Joanne Russell shared two comments from the evaluation report worth citing:
   
   1. The faculty at Kingsborough Community College should be complimented for its strong student centered focus. They also should be commended for creating a positive working environment.
   
   2. The faculty members at Kingsborough Community College are truly outstanding researchers as well as teachers. Many of them are experts in their respective disciplines. In addition, they are involving students in their research in exciting ways.

Results of the CUNY Performance Management Plan indicate that Kingsborough rated No. 1 in many categories, and very high in others among all the community colleges in CUNY. Categories include:

   i. Increased opportunities for students to be taught by full time faculty
   
   ii. Increased faculty scholarship and research impact
   
   iii. Ensure that students make timely progress toward degree completion
   
   iv. Increased graduation rates
   
   v. Improved student satisfaction with academic support and student support services
   
   vi. Increased revenues, etc.

SEASIDE SPLASH MAKES AN IMPACT
On Thursday, June 23rd, we held Kingsborough Community College’s 11th Annual Seaside Splash Fundraiser...Seaside Splash Clambake Bash. Over three hundred guests attended this year’s fundraiser where many of the College’s community supporters and donors, Foundation Board trustees, KCC faculty, staff and student-scholars celebrated Kingsborough’s commitment to providing an affordable, high-quality and transformational education.

Having a good time at the Seaside Splash