50th Anniversary Luncheon Pays Tribute to Past

Retiree Group Scholarship Award Recipients

Mingsing Chi, also know as Rachel, came to the U.S. three years ago, not speaking a word of English. She attended Fort Hamilton H.S. and upon graduation entered KCC’s ESL program in September 2012. Her verbal skills are excellent, as is her comprehension of spoken English, and she has earned an impressive cumulative GPA of 3.775. She seeks to become a nursing major. We were impressed by the fact that although she works a part-time job to help out her mother and two younger sisters (her father passed away five years ago), and is very involved in the Chinese Student Association, she studies science books written in Chinese as well as English to insure that she understands the material. In essence, she is doing twice the work. She plans to use the scholarship money to help her buy nursing books in both languages so that she can continue to excel in her studies. She likes Kingsborough because of the beautiful views, free breakfasts offered by Student Life during the first week of classes and during finals week, and the ability to take winter and summer course work for the price of fall or spring tuition.

Lika Nakani

Lika is in the U.S. for three years. She is from the country of Georgia and has no family here; she lives in Brighton Beach and shares an apartment with two other Georgians. She worked full-time in order to take care of herself and help her family back home. Every day when she went to work, she saw students waiting for the KCC school bus and thought they were the luckiest people in the world because they could attend college. Despite the exhaustion of working ten hours a day, seven days a week, she decided to pursue her dream of being a nurse and began to take courses at Kingsborough. She joined the Presidential Scholars Honors program and has excelled, earning a 3.863 GPA. The best part of her day is being able to take classes; the next best thing is her excitement at receiving good grades demonstrating that her hard work has paid off. She plans to use her scholarship money to buy medical textbooks because they are expensive and, if possible, to take time off from her job so that she can visit museums and see our beautiful country.

A new release in the Brooklyn Heights Crime Series, by John Manbeck, has been published on Amazon Kindle. (A Publish-On-Demand paperback will be released soon for those who cannot abide with electronic reading. A Nook version may soon be released.) The new novella is entitled The Disappearance of Patricia Murphey with a cast of familiar characters from the 86 Precinct Poplar Street station house. As with the previous novella, Death on the Rise, the time frame is 1930’s.

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Our next annual luncheon will be on Thursday, May 7th, 2015. We hope you will join us.

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50th Anniversary Luncheon
Kingsborough Spotlight
(We extend a special welcome to our new President, Farley Herzek!)

Farley Herzek is the new President of Kingsborough Community College. President Herzek’s appointment to Kingsborough is a homecoming for him as a first-generation American who grew up in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn and who was the first in his family to graduate from college. Herzek is a product of New York City public schools including P. S.115 and Isaac Bildersee I.S. 68, as well as a graduate of Canarsie High School.

Chancellor James B. Milliken recommended President Herzek’s appointment following a national search.

President Herzek comes to us with a wealth of administrative experience, almost all of it in California.

We wish him the very best as he takes the reins and pledge our support for his efforts.

Delores Lowe Friedman, Ed. D., retired Professor of Early Childhood Education has launched a new blog www.EducationinBytes.com. Education in Bytes will provide information for both parents and teachers to help children get the best education possible. She is hoping that Education in Bytes will be that place where ideas about child development and learning are shared between and among parents and grandparents, teachers, and all professionals who care about children and their futures. The first post is on Helping Toddlers Enjoy Books, but the blog will include information on topics about which Friedman is passionate, including appropriate early childhood education practice, science, math and technology education and equity, and the arts in education.

Dr. Friedman is the author of Creating and Presenting an Early Childhood Education Portfolio, published by Cengage in 2012. The book is available on Amazon in several different versions.

The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York has appointed Dr. David Gomez as the interim president of Hostos Community College.

A longtime senior administrator at Kingsborough Community College, Dr. Gomez has served as the interim vice president for academic affairs and provost at Kingsborough. Previously, he served as vice president for academic administration, program planning and development; dean of instructional services and student support.

In an email to all faculty, interim President Stuart Suss said:

“As a tenured professor at Kingsborough, he may certainly return to our Brooklyn shores; but no matter where the future takes him, he will always remain a part of our Kingsborough family. “

We join the rest of the KCC family in wishing David great success in his new role.

Dr. David Gomez
**In Memorium**

We are sorry to inform you that Kay Sullivan, who retired in 1999 as CUNY Administrative Assistant in the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences, has passed away. 6.10.14

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Sidney Helfant, Professor Emeritus from the Dept. of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, on May 27th.

Retired Professor Florence Houser of the KCC Library Department passed away on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014.

During her years at the college she was head of reference services and acquisitions and also taught sessions of library research. She also served as acting chief librarian during one period.