HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY TO KCC!

The College admitted its first class of 468 students in the Fall of 1964. As the Manhattan Beach site was unfinished, the college opened at two locations. One was former public school 98 on Avenue Z in Sheepshead Bay and the other, at a Masonic Temple located at the corner of Clermont and Lafayette Avenues, in mid-Brooklyn. Classes began at the Manhattan Beach campus in the Fall of 1965 and enrollment grew so rapidly that additional classroom space was rented at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center on West End Avenue. There were 39 faculty to serve those students but their ranks also swelled as more students came.

From this beginning, KCC has grown to where we now have over 15,000 degree students, 25,000 Continuing Education students all served by over 862 full time faculty and some 1228 adjuncts.

Students may now choose from among 36 distinct degree programs and 11 certificate programs, ranging from Accounting, Nursing and Criminal Justice to Broadcast Technology, Culinary Arts and Food Management, and Maritime Technology.

KCC serves as the gateway to higher education for Brooklyn’s culturally and ethnically diverse population. Its student population is as racially diverse as its home borough. In addition, many of Kingsborough’s students are economically disadvantaged: over 70% come from families with annual household incomes under $40,000. Fully 70% of our students receive financial aid to help meet the $2,125 per semester tuition.

We have come a long way and accomplished much!
WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST
AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

These are pictures from the late ‘60’s and early 70’s. They feature many faculty and staff who were instrumental in giving us a focus and tradition of outstanding service and instruction that has been carried through to the present.

Ron Hecht
Mike Zibrin
Fred Malamet
Isabel Krey
Marilyn Chernin
Mel Levine
Thelma Malle
Despoina Ikaris
Richard Staum
Ed Martin
Richard Weidenborner
Kathy Barry
Marc Weiskoff
Sam Gale
Gerry Chapey
John Joy
Mitch Okun
Tom Meeks
John Clune
David Keller
### Kingsborough Spotlight - Three Presidents Who Shaped the College.

As the founding president of Kingsborough from 1964 to 1969, Dr. Jacob Hartstein helped plan its academic program, enrollment growth and campus at Oriental Boulevard in Manhattan Beach.

Born in Austria, Dr. Hartstein came to the United States with his family as a child. He was a member of Yeshiva University’s first graduating class, in 1932 and earned master’s degrees from City College 1933 and Columbia University in 1936 and a doctorate from New York University in 1945.

Dr. Hartstein went on to lead the expansion of Yeshiva College to a University and was dean of the school of education at L.I.U. before being appointed to Kingsborough Community College.

After leaving Kingsborough, he taught education at City College for several years.

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Florida Luncheon Gets Great Turnout

The annual Florida luncheon was another friendly affair with a number of new people in attendance. This group was the first to see a new power point presentation that was made into a YouTube video and will be shown at our Annual Luncheon on May 8th. Hope to see you there.

Kingsborough’s annual Donor Recognition day was held this past April 2nd. It honored all those who gave generous contributions to assist our students fulfill their educational goals. Students from the College’s Culinary Arts program prepared the food and served throughout the evening.

The search for a President of Kingsborough seems to be proceeding smoothly. The committee has met several times and the expectations are that three candidates will be invited to Kingsborough in the month of May. The announcement of the successful candidate will be made in June. We will keep you posted.

Remember to save the date for the Gala 50th Anniversary celebration to be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2014 in the MAC Rotunda. 6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:00pm Dinner & Dance. For information about placing a booster in the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Journal and purchasing tickets please visit www.kingsborough.edu/50thgala.

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