KCC Retiree Group Welcomes New President, Dr. Claudia V. Schrader

City University of New York Interim Chancellor Vita C. Rabinowitz has appointed Claudia V. Schrader president of Kingsborough Community College. Dr. Schrader’s appointment at Kingsborough follows a highly accomplished 17-year career in the top ranks at two other CUNY community colleges. She was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Success at Bronx Community College and previously served in senior positions at Medgar Evers College. Born and raised in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Dr. Schrader earned her Doctor of Education degree in international and transcultural studies from Columbia University. She took office Sept. 15th and we wish her the very best of luck.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Zonika Tracey

Originally from Jamaica, Ms. Tracey came to the United States to study towards a nursing career after facing several employment challenges back home. Despite financial problems, illness and death within her family, she has maintained a 3.8 GPA (remaining a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society) and has also consistently earned a place on the Dean’s List. She serves as the current treasurer for the International Student’s Union on campus and works in the department of HPE&R and the Performing Arts Center as a student aide.

As she said at the Luncheon presentation, “Despite facing a long commute daily I would not trade Kingsborough for any other college. The physical beauty of the campus is unlike any other, the staff here are so warm and friendly they make your time here a pleasurable one. The professors at this institution are excellent at what they do. They are very encouraging and try their best to make sure you excel at what you do. My scholarship will be going towards my tuition.”

Peter Cohen

The KCC Retiree Group wishes to acknowledge the excellent job interim-president Peter Cohen did for our College and we thank him for his continued support of our mission and activities. Peter has gone back to his previous position as VP of Student Affairs.

TRAVELOGUE

Our next travelogue will take place on Friday, November 2nd, in the Oceanview Room, U230. Shelly Friedland will be talking about his trip to the Greek Islands this past Summer and showing his picture book. Only 10 spaces available. Call Prof. Tuosto at 718-368-5801 for a reservation.
Luncheon, May 3, 2018 Honoring Scholarship Winner & Vice President Otis Hill
Kingsborough Spotlights
Nine Long Serving Colleagues Who Left us This Year
VP Ralph Edwards, Dean Billy Katz, Facility Manager, Cathy Dachtera

Ralph Edwards—Vice President of Administration
Dr. Edwards was a most dedicated and loyal employee who began his varied career at KCC in 1964 as an associate professor in the Department of Physical Education. He prided himself as a health educator who valued academic programs and became chairperson of the department a year later in 1965. He became Dean of Administration in June 1966 and went on to Vice President of Administration and Planning in 1986 playing the leading role in transitioning our campus from a coast guard base to the beautiful campus by the sea that we have today. He regarded the physical plant as a means to an end. Dr. Edwards loved this institution and served it well for many years with his passion for a student’s education in an environment that promoted student growth. Dr. Edwards served this institution until his retirement in May of 1998.

Dr. Saul “Billy” Katz.—Dean of Continuing Education
Fiercely loyal and extremely dedicated to KCC, Billy, as he was known to most, was a mentor to many KCC students and staff. During his tenure, which ran from 1977 to his retirement in 2014, Billy developed a comprehensive continuing education program, creating and implementing new models of program design and delivery that have been replicated throughout CUNY. He launched many initiatives that benefitted the college community and its curricula. He was instrumental in developing our “College for Kids” program that today enrolls over 4,000 5- to 13-year-olds each year. Prior to his retirement, Billy helped establish the Center of Economic & Workforce Development.

Cathy Dachtera - Facility Manager
Although Cathy worked specifically for HPER and Athletics as the facility manager for the G Building, scheduling space for classes and teams, ordering equipment, supplies, and buses among many other tasks; she was nonetheless truly a Kingsborough person to the core. In her unique way she was one of the reasons why KCC has been so successful with students for so many years. Cathy began her career at KCC in 1968 as a student majoring in Recreation Leadership and in 1970 was a member of the first graduating class for this major. Later, upon graduating from Brooklyn College, she was hired as the assistant to the equipment manager. She never looked back and as she would put it “served” the college until 2010 when she retired after a 40 plus year career.

In Memorium
We commemorate the lives of our colleagues who left us in the past year and offer sincere condolences to their families.

Mr. Alex Immella
Dr. Carla Beeber
Ms. Mary Klein
Dr. Merrill Youkeles
Dr. Ronald Schwartz
Prof. Julius I. Rosenthal

Buildings & Grounds
Biological Science Department
Admissions Office
Behavioral Science Department
Foreign Language Department
Math & Computer Science Department
The Aspen Institute Names 10 Finalists for 2019
Kingsborough Community College has once again been selected to be among the 10 finalists for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

Among the 2019 Aspen Prize Finalists was
CUNY Kingsborough Community College – Brooklyn, NY 2013 Finalist-with-Distinction

Washington, DC, May 15, 2018 – The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program announced today the 10 finalists for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America’s community colleges. The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes. Through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the College Excellence Program works to improve colleges’ understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students, especially the growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses. In early 2019, a distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner, finalists-with-distinction, and a Rising Star.

Most Recent Retirees as of 7/16/18:

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The KCC Retiree Group wishes all recent retirees a very happy and productive retirement and hopes you will be active participants in Retiree Group events.

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Bequests: Give a gift of cash, securities, or real estate in your will, all while potentially avoiding costly estate and gift taxes.

Charitable Gift Annuity: Receive dependable, fixed income for life in return for a gift of cash or securities.

Life Insurance Policy/IRA Beneficiary: Name Kingsborough Community College as a beneficiary on a new or existing life insurance policy. If you are over 70 1/2, you can direct a portion of your traditional or Roth IRA’s minimum required distribution (MRD) as a gift to KCC and skip paying federal income taxes on the portion you send to us.

Your Planned Gift = Your KCC Legacy
All of these processes are fairly simple and are available to individuals at all income levels.

Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Basile, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at 718-368-4539 today!

If you have previously included the college in your estate plans, we would like to know of your generosity. Please contact us today so that we may thank you and enroll you in the THE KCC BEACON SOCIETY, a special group of KCC alumni, retirees, faculty, staff, and friends who have recognized the importance of philanthropic estate planning, and who have provided for the college through their wills and other planned giving arrangements.