Scholarship Recipients & Dean Malle Recognized at Annual Luncheon

Dean Thelma Malle was recognized for her many years at Kingsborough, and her stewardship of important programs for students. Colleagues thanked her for her mentorship and for being a wonderful role model.

Aneesa Ahmed

Aneesa first came to the United States when she was 17 so that she could attend college. However, instead her father wanted her to get married in Pakistan, and her family brought her home. When Aneesa refused to accept such a marriage, her father sent her to a madrissa, a very strict kind of religious convent where she was often beaten.

While she has always been a strong follower of Islam, she couldn’t stand this situation that was constantly pressuring her to get married. She begged her family to send her to the US. On the pretense of coming home for her brother’s wedding, her family had secretly planned for Aneesa’s wedding as well. When she refused, she was beaten. Her family took away all her travel documents so that she could not run away, but the US Embassy stepped in and helped her leave the country.

Now that she is firmly back in the US, Aneesa is majoring in Criminal Justice so that she can work with groups to help abused women escape from situations like hers. She is planning to be an immigration lawyer.

Zixing Zhou

Zixing (or "Jenny" – her adopted name) was unable to go to college in her native China, and her future there was a probable job in manufacturing or other menial work.

Coming to the US was difficult because of the language difference, but she depended on the one international language – math – to give her a focus. Thus, when she came to Kingsborough, not only did the College help her with her language skills, but she was able to major in Accounting where she feels very much at home. In addition, the very active – and international – social setting is an exciting counterpart to her probable setting in her homeland. Ms. Zhou maintains a 4.0 GPA.

HAPPENINGS

Staying Involved

Mark B. Wiskoff (’06) is currently Senior Technical Advisor for the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. On June 24, he helped six kids launch a high-altitude balloon that reached 112,000 feet above sea level over South Florida. This was part of a STEM program made possible by the South Florida Science center.

Remember #KCCSPIRIT Day is on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017, known globally as #GIVINGTUESDAY. Take the time to show your #KCCSPIRIT by making a gift to support student scholarships on that day or pledge today by calling 718-368-4539.

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The Annual Retiree Luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 3rd, 2018. Please plan to attend.

KCC Retirees Newsletter

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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.

Robert Pero, Collaborate Programs
Florence Goldsmith, Student Services
Joyce Magenheim, Library
Kevin O'Shea, IT
Kingsborough Spotlight
New Interim President, Peter M. Cohen

On June 26th The City University of New York named Peter M. Cohen as Interim President of Kingsborough Community College following the recent announcement that Farley Herzog, the president since 2014, was retiring. Cohen will serve while the Board of Trustees conducts a search for a permanent replacement.

Cohen has been Kingsborough’s Vice President of Student Affairs since 2014 and has served in a variety of student-service capacities since 1987.

“We’re lucky to have someone from Kingsborough’s own family who can step seamlessly into the top leadership post,” said Chancellor James B. Milliken. “Vice President Cohen’s deep experience with the needs and aspirations of Kingsborough’s students and faculty will provide an essential bridge to the next administration.”

“Peter Cohen brings a keen, student-centered orientation to the post of interim president, which will serve the students and faculty well during this transitional period,” said William C. Thompson Jr., Chairperson of CUNY’s Board of Trustees.

As Vice President for student affairs, Cohen has implemented science, technology, engineering and math initiatives and managed innovative enrollment programs. He has overseen a broad range of services, including disability services, counseling, career development, athletics and veterans affairs.

Earlier, Cohen developed the Freshman Year Experience Program and managed freshman services. These efforts provided new and continuing students, in both day and evening divisions, timely and useful advice about courses, programs, careers and the adjustment to college life. He began his professional life as a psychiatric social worker at Coney Island Hospital, providing individual, family and group psychotherapy as well as educational and preventive outreach to the community. He has a bachelor’s degree in English from New York University and a master’s degree from NYU’s School of Social Work.

The Retiree Committee extends to Peter our sincere congratulations and best wishes in his new role.

Professor Delores Lowe Friedman, in retirement, has returned to her first love: writing fiction. She has written a book, *Wildflowers*, which is set in twentieth-century New York City. The book is about the dynamic of friendship and centers around Camille who, at a certain point in her life, tries to reunite her old friends. She learns that time has changed everything. Camille wrote in college that she and her friends were like wildflowers unfolding, each one unique. In the end, Camille realizes that friendships are often complicated and fragile, and she must become her own distinct and firmly planted self.

The book is available on Amazon or for more information, go to www.DeloresLoweFriedman.com

NEW RETIREEES
The Retiree Committee wishes to congratulate these recent retirees and wish them a very happy and fruitful retirement.

Ruth Abere - Academic Writing
Harry Good III - Student Development
Ray Neinstein - Continuing Education
Susan Farrell - Behavioral Science
Ganesh Nankoo - Academic Services
Stanley Greff Jr. - Security
John Joyce - Sr. Station Engineer
Chung Ng - Custodian.
Established in 2014, **The 1963 Society** recognizes donors who make an annual leadership-level gift at one of the giving society levels. Membership in the giving society allows you to play an important role in the financial well-being of KCC and to make a powerful statement about your commitment to our mission of providing an affordable, high-quality, transformational education to its students. Society members enjoy a number of benefits, including invitations to members-only events and special college communications. For all giving society levels, membership is determined by gifts in a fiscal year, which is from July 1 to June 30. Since 2014, **117** donors have given gifts to the Kingsborough Community College Foundation that qualify them as members of **The 1963 Society**. Join their ranks today by contacting Dr. Elizabeth Basile, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at 718.368.4539 or Elizabeth.Basile@kbcc.cuny.edu

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**ASPIN INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES KINGSBOROUGH**

Interim President, Peter Cohen sent out this e-mail to the College community: It’s gratifying to be able to share this good news with you: The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program today named Kingsborough Community College one of the nation’s top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the $1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America’s community colleges.

The prize recognizes institutions with outstanding achievements in four areas: learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. Kingsborough was selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. We were the only community college in New York City to qualify.