Scholarships Awarded at Annual Luncheon

Student award winners Shakhlo Azizova and Eric Hensley stand with President Peruggi at luncheon

The always difficult task of choosing award recipients was accomplished by Prof. Goldsmith and her committee. The stories’ are a testament to their perseverance and talent.

Shakhlo Azizova is an international student from Uzbekistan. She came to the United States alone and not speaking English. After two years in the Kingsborough English Language Immersion (KELI) program, she entered Kingsborough as an education major and has excelled in her coursework, earning a 3.70 GPA. She hopes one day to become an elementary school teacher. The scholarship money will help her cover the cost of tuition as her father has retired due to health problems and can no longer support her.

Eric Hensley, a broadcast technology major, did not have the opportunity to go to college when he graduated from high school. He had to go to work and 20 years later found himself without a job that disappeared due to the economic downturn. He decided to take advantage of this unexpected turn of events and enroll in college. As an adult returning to college, he was concerned about fitting in. To his great surprise, he found the professors, students and staff at Kingsborough very welcoming and supportive. He is very pleased with the education he has received to date and truly enjoys working with the broadcast faculty. He plans to use his scholarship money to purchase computer programs that are used in the broadcasting technology program so that he can sharpen his skills at home.

Active Retirees

Dr. Diego Colon has written another book: Achievement Values: Puerto Rico and the United States.

Dr. Colon assesses the nature of achievement values within the United States and Puerto Rican schools. Amazon.com has the book.

Prof. Joe Muzio invites you to his Website, joemuzio.com, to read about his book and also his “Musings”, a collection of thoughts about many topics. There is also an Archive page which lists many of his essays.

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, May 3rd, 2012. We hope to see you there.
Annual Retiree Luncheon - May 12, 2011

Basket of Cheer won by Chief Librarian Josephine Murphy.

We raised over $250 for Scholarships

THANK YOU!
Faculty/Staff Spotlight
Prof. Eleanor Cory - Music Department

I have been a composer of concert music for most of my adult life. Since retiring from Kingsborough, I have been able to devote the bulk of my time to composing. I’ve been working on a new orchestra piece, a violin sonata, and a piece for flute and piano. I also have a part time teaching job at the Mannes College of Music Prep Division on Saturdays where I teach Composition and Contemporary Music to very gifted high school composers. It’s very energizing to be around them and keeps me on my toes musically.

I played the piano quite seriously before I started composing in college, so one of the things I’m doing is playing through my favorite pieces. I can’t play them as well as I could when I was younger, but I love revisiting my “friends” Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, etc. – and kind of “talking” to them in new ways.

About ten years ago, I started writing poetry as a way of thinking through my ideas and expressing in words some of the things I couldn’t express directly in my music. I have taken classes at the 92nd Street Y and am now in a regular poetry group with six poets who I met in these classes. We meet once a month and critique each other’s poems. I recently set one of my own poems to music when I was looking for a companion piece to poems by Emily Dickinson and Richard Wilbur. I also had a concert where I read my poetry between pieces of my music. Additionally, I am involved in various new music organizations which publish and/or put on concerts of music by living composers. It’s wonderful to help younger composers get their music heard. Sometimes I’m asked to judge competitions, which is a great way to keep up with the latest music.

I live near Columbia University which sponsors a lecture series in a Café called Café Science. I had very little science in school, so now I’m catching up.

It’s also wonderful to have time to read, go to my gym, play tennis, travel with my husband, see more of my daughters, and spend extended time with family and friends.

Department of Behavioral Science Holds Party for Department Retirees

The department held a retirement party for four retiring faculty members: Delores Friedman, Ollie Klapper, Fred Malamet and Fran Smith. Each of the professors was introduced and a portion of each one’s life at Kingsborough was remembered. President Peruggi, unable to attend because of prior travel arrangements, sent a letter addressing the accomplishments of each one.

This was a warm, wonderful night which celebrated four people who were instrumental in making Kingsborough the great place it is. We wish them a long, healthy, exciting and interesting retirement.
**Note:** There will be a memorial service for Jack Taub (English Dept.) who passed away on September 6th. The service will be on November 10th at 3 P.M. in room V219. Services will be held also for Lillian Rosenberg on Nov. 14th & Vernon Mogen Nov. 15th.

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**HOMECOMING**

Homecoming was held on Sunday, October 30th. It was a very brisk day but that did not keep our alumni from coming “home” to KCC. There were a multitude of activities for them, and their children, to enjoy. Your Retiree Group committee met to discuss the events of the past year and to plan for the coming year as well. Some of those who attended are pictured on the right. The Pumpkin Patch, on left, proved very popular as did the dance class, lower right. Pictured above is the sign-in desk where Alums picked up their registration packets with a program of the events of the day.

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<th>The James C. Goetz Memorial was officially dedicated in a ceremony honoring Professor Goetz on July 27th. Ms. Nyeasha Johnson was the winner of the first annual Prof. James Goetz photo essay competition. Prof. Goetz’ wife, Betty is on left in picture.</th>
<th>Stu Schulman was given a “Leaving KCC” party on August 19th. Stu has moved on to Baruch College as Senior Professor in the Entrepreneurship Management Program. We wish Stu the best of luck in his new endeavor.</th>
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<td>Shelly Friedland and Barbara Steffen are with Stu.</td>
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<td>Thomas Meeks, Associate Professor of Physics, passed away this past May 28. He was a graduate of MIT, Yale and Polytechnic University. His life is highlighted by his humble beginnings and his outstanding academic achievements. He contributed a great deal to the knowledge and learning of Kingsborough’s students.</td>
<td>On Friday, April 29th, the Retiree Group held its first Travelogue Luncheon in the Ocean View room. Rachelle Goldsmith and Shelly Friedland spoke about their trips to Tokyo, Hong Kong and mainland China. Lunch was prepared and served by the students of the KCC culinary program. It was delicious! Our next Travelogue luncheon will be on November 18th in the Oceanview room (VIP) and the topic will be PARIS, France. Please come to listen or contribute your own experiences. Call Prof. Tuosto at 718-368-5801 for a reservation. This will be another opportunity to sample the food cooked by our students.</td>
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<td>This past May, the Retiree Group sponsored a workshop on Estate Planning. We were lucky to have Kathleen Higgins, Esq. as our speaker. The workshop was enlightening and very informative. You can e-mail Kathleen Higgins at <a href="mailto:kathleen.higgins@higginslawny.com">kathleen.higgins@higginslawny.com</a> if you want further information.</td>
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