Top Students Win Retiree Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee of the KCC Retirees Group has awarded its scholarship for 2010 to two students.

After a careful review of the applications, nine students were invited to interview. The members of the search committee were extremely impressed by each student, all of whom had very strong academic records and financial need. After much deliberation, two students were selected to share this year’s Retirees Scholarship:

Dmitri Bochman, an international student, living alone in the United States, who is a nursing major and works in the Honors House. He used his scholarship money for text books, and

Esther Arden, the mother of a 4-year old son with special needs, who has a perfect 4.0 GPA, and plans to become an occupational therapist. She used her stipend to set up a personal study space in her house.

These awards were presented at our annual luncheon last May 13th.
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In her remarks, President Peruggi brought out a number of items about KCC of which we can all be proud:

1. CUNY has a performance management plan by which goals are set for individual colleges and colleges are put into groups. This year, KCC came out first in the first group for meeting its performance objectives.

2. KCC had an 8% higher graduation rate than all other two-year colleges in CUNY and 10% higher rating than community colleges across the country.

3. Our Nursing program received the highest pass rate for students taking the exam to enter the nursing profession.

4. The Kaplan Corporation, which is foremost in the test preparation and review field, gives out 7 Kaplan Scholarships annually. KCC students won 4 of them.

5. Kingsborough has a 75% transfer rate of graduating students moving on to a 4 year college.
Assistant Professor James Goetz died in May 2010 while he was on Travia Leave. He was a member of the KCC faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences since 1971. Jim and his wife Betty traveled throughout the world; Jim was one of the finest field biologists probably in this country.

He took endless photographs of his many trips, gave talks to students and other groups, and had a deep love and respect for nature. During his years at KCC, he was the prime person managing the MAC building’s aquarium and marine center. His marine knowledge as well as his endless work to make sure the aquaria tanks were functioning properly, with the continued help of the college’s Building and Grounds Staff, was vital to their maintenance and success. Students cared deeply about Jim because he cared about them and their futures. Our sympathies are extended to Betty and Jim’s family. A scholarship fund has been established in his name. Donations are being accepted toward the fund. For information call Prof. Gary Sarinsky at 718-368-5503.

Paul Proctor, professor emeritus in the Department of Student Development, died on August 8, 2010 at age 95 years. About four years ago at a retirement party for Vice President Otis Hill, most of us were not surprised when Paul told us that he had traveled unaccompanied, to the college by subway from his home in Manhattan to attend the party.

He will be remembered for his warmth, generosity, and the depth of his connections to students and colleagues. Paul was devoted to the arts, especially to dance and to ballet in particular, and he was an enthusiastic traveler. Among Paul’s outstanding characteristics were his strong sense of social justice, and his commitment to humane values. He is survived by his wife and lifelong partner, Shizu.