
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: Kingsborough Campus Community

From: President Claudia V. Schrader

Date: September 15, 2022

Re: Reaffirmation of Commitment to Diversity/Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

The City University of New York (CUNY) has a long-standing commitment to diversity and equal opportunity in all aspects of employment practices. At Kingsborough Community College, I fully support the policies, practices and values that we have implemented to foster mutual respect for diversity, non-discrimination, affirmative action, and equity and inclusion in the workplace. It is my personal belief that CUNY is enriched by the strengths of the people and perspectives represented here. I am committed to oversee Kingsborough's compliance with *CUNY Policies and Procedures on Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct*.

The *Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy* states our commitment to recruit, employ, retain, promote, and provide benefits to employees regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital status, partnership status, disability, genetic information, alienage, citizenship, military or veteran status, unemployment status, pregnancy, status as a victim of domestic violence/stalking/sex offenses, caregiver or family status, or any other legally prohibited basis in accordance with federal, state and city laws. Additionally, as a federal contractor, CUNY engages in affirmative action in employment, consistent with federal requirements, for women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans. I remind you that Italian Americans are included among CUNY's protected affirmative action groups.

I have assigned responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of our equal opportunity compliance program to the [Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management](#) (OEO), headed by Chief Diversity Officer Michael J. Valente, Esq., who also serves as Kingsborough's Title IX/504/ADA Coordinator. Importantly, vice presidents, deans, directors, managers and supervisors share responsibility for maintaining a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and anti-Semitism, and for promoting diversity and inclusion in their respective units. OEO, which is available to provide guidance and support, is located in the Academic Village, Suite V231, and the telephone number is (718) 368-6896. You may also email OEO at: AskOEO@kbcc.cuny.edu. Additionally, any individual who has experienced employment discrimination or discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment, should immediately contact OEO. I invite you to visit OEO's website to view the *Equal Opportunity Policy*, including the complaint procedures and prohibition against retaliation, as well as the policies on *Sexual Misconduct* and *Reasonable Accommodations*.

I ask for your continued support to ensure equal opportunity, affirmative action, and diversity, equity and inclusion in all employment practices at Kingsborough.