

HISTORY

October 30, 1962

Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, appoints a committee, to investigate the need for another community college in Brooklyn. New York City Community College was already in existence in Brooklyn.

The committee recommended the establishment of an additional community college. The Board of Higher Education accepts the recommendation and presents the recommendation to the Trustees of the State University of New York.

September 12, 1963

The State University of New York approves the establishment of Kingsborough Community College.

January 17, 1964

The City Planning Commission suggests 4 alternate sites as the possible location for Kingsborough Community College in the areas of Ebbets Field, Fulton Park, the Atlantic Terminal renewal, and the Stillwell Avenue-Belt Parkway.

April 20, 1964

The City Planning Commission approves the establishment of Kingsborough Community College at Manhattan Beach.



JACOB I. HARTSTEIN
PRESIDENT, 1964-1969

Fall of 1964

The College admits its first class of 468 students served by 39 faculty members.

The college opens at two locations: a former Public School 98 on Avenue Z in the Sheepshead Bay area and a Masonic Temple located at the corner of Clermont and Lafayette Avenues in Mid-Brooklyn.

The former maritime station at Manhattan Beach, made available by the federal government, becomes the site for the permanent campus of Kingsborough Community College and replaces the two temporary locations.

Spring of 1965

A 60-acre tract of land is formally deeded to the Board of Higher Education. Two military classroom buildings are rehabilitated.

Fall of 1966

Classes begin on the Manhattan Beach campus of Kingsborough Community College. Enrollments increase so rapidly that additional classroom facilities are needed, prompting the rental of space at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center on West End Avenue.

January 1968

The Board of Higher Education approves the Master Plan for the Kingsborough Community College campus and architectural drawings are completed for the permanent campus.

Construction of a series of eight temporary buildings is initiated to house classrooms, laboratories, a library, a cafeteria, offices, and a gymnasium. The temporary buildings are located in the northeast quadrant of the campus so as not to interfere with permanent construction.



THEODORE POWELL
PRESIDENT, 1970-1971



JOSEPH SHENKER
ACTING PRESIDENT, 1969-1970



LEON M. GOLDSTEIN
PRESIDENT, 1971-1999

1962



IRVING GLASSER
ACTING PRESIDENT, 1980

Fall of 1973

Construction of the eight temporary buildings and groundbreaking occurs for Phase I of the New Campus Construction is completed. US Senator Jacob Javitz attends Land Grant ceremony at Kingsborough deeding six more acres of land to the college from the federal government.

1985

Governor Mario Cuomo visits Kingsborough.

1988

Groundbreaking of the Marine and Academic Center.

1990

The Kingsborough Light atop the Marine and Academic Center is activated – U.S. Coast Guard Light List #3168.

1995

NYC Mayor Rudolph Guiliani opens new Kingsborough High School for the Sciences (now the Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences).

1998

The College is deeded the former Quentin Street Federal land and begins planning for the new Academic Village.

1999

Vice President Al Gore holds a town meeting on Kingsborough's campus.



MICHAEL ZIBRIN
ACTING PRESIDENT, 1999-2000



BYRON MCCLENNY
PRESIDENT, 2000-2003

2001-2002

A new logo is developed for the college, depicting the navigational light atop the Marine and Academic Center as a welcoming beacon.

2002

Groundbreaking occurs for the Academic Village Building.

2002

The Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences opens on campus.



FRED B. MALAMET
INTERIM PRESIDENT, 2003-2004

2003-2004

The college celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

2004

The Academic Village Building is completed and opens.

2004

The Kingsborough Community College Way, a pathway to honor graduates, faculty, staff, friends and business partners is created.



REGINA S. PERUGGI, PRESIDENT
2004-2013

2006

Learning Communities model at KCC is successful and is helping to develop programs in other community colleges.

2006

The ONE STOP Student Center opens, providing students with centralized resources to aid with enrollment and registration.

2006

Online registration becomes available to all students.

2006

Annual fundraising event "Seaside Splash" launches.

2007

KCC's Center for Economic and Workforce Development opens, providing New York's under and unemployed residents with the training and skills necessary to advance their current careers or educational goals.

2007

New certificate programs are Gerontology, Maritime Technology Deckhand, Certified Medical Office Assistant and Culinary Arts.

2007

US Department of Labor awards \$1.6M grant to KCC for Project Welcome.

2008

Learning Communities receives national attention (engaged with MDRC and Community College Research Center at Teachers College).

2008

Fifteen community colleges come to KCC to be trained in establishing learning communities.

2008

US Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship recognizes the Center for Economic and Workforce Development's work in Virtual enterprise as the "Most Innovative Entrepreneurship Course of the Year".

2009

Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden and community college advocate and teacher as well as Mayor Michael Bloomberg are the keynote speaker and special guest respectively at Commencement.

2010

Single Stop USA opens a center on campus to assist students in securing needed financial support, enabling them to stay in school and complete their education.

2011

The College is selected to compete for the Aspen Prize, as one of the nation's 120 best community colleges.

2011

KCC receives \$50,000 and the "Hero Award" for innovative work in learning communities from the Robin Hood Foundation

2011

The Urban Farm is established, providing students and the community with urban farming expertise and first-hand experience in building a more sustainable food system.



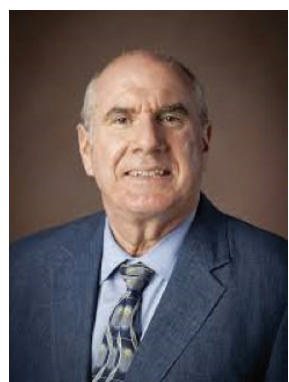
STUART SUSS
INTERIM PRESIDENT, 2013-2014

2013

Kingsborough Community College is named a Finalist with Distinction in the competition for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, placing it among the top four community colleges in the nation.

2013

Governor Andrew Cuomo visits Kingsborough.



FARLEY HERZEK
PRESIDENT, 2014-2017

2015

Kingsborough earned Leader College distinction—a national designation awarded to community colleges that commit to improving student success and closing achievement gaps. Kingsborough is the only CUNY school, as well as the only New York state community college, to have earned this distinction.

2016

The Art Gallery at KCC, now the Kingsborough Art Museum (KAM) celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

Kingsborough begins construction on a state of the art, million-dollar Student Union and Intercultural Center (SU&IC). The center will help foster intercultural competency and provide a vast, interactive platform enabling students to have meaningful exchanges that bridge cultural, religious, ideological, political, and lifestyle divides and differences.



PETER M. COHEN
INTERIM PRESIDENT, 2017-

2018

Kingsborough celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its third graduating class – 1968.

2018