

STUDENT & FACULTY CONFERENCE CENTER



STUDENT UNION & INTERCULTURAL CENTER

An *Engaged* Kingsborough

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**MESSAGE FROM FARLEY HERZEK
PRESIDENT**

As our nation evolves into a more diverse and globalized society, we believe that intercultural competencies and engagement are essential skills to compete in the 21st century workforce and to become productive world citizens. This is why we have made it a top priority to develop a culturally-competent, globally-minded, and engaged student body at Kingsborough Community College.

Brooklyn, home to 2.6 million people, is fast becoming one of the most diverse urban areas in the nation and the world. Our intent is to leverage this diversity to create a center which would become a model and a resource for intercultural understanding and

engagement, both city- and nation-wide. We strongly believe that this center will help us to capitalize on our extraordinarily diverse student body, while supporting a truly engaged culture of inclusion, pluralism, and excellence.

We are excited to share these plans for a new Student Union & Intercultural Center (SU&IC) at Kingsborough, named one of the top four community colleges in the country in 2013. The concept paper and plan for the SU&IC was developed collaboratively by college leadership, students, faculty, and staff. All planning is complete and the project is now ready for implementation.

SUMMARY

Established in 1847, the City University of New York (CUNY) is today the nation's leading urban public university. As CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken has stated, "CUNY has been the gateway to progress and fulfillment for many New Yorkers who do not begin life with great advantages, particularly those from low-income families, underrepresented groups and immigrants."

For more than 50 years, Kingsborough has been one of the gems in the CUNY system, helping thousands of first-generation and new Americans achieve their dreams of an education and a path to success.

As the only community college in Brooklyn and with a highly diverse student population reflecting our borough—represented by 142 national backgrounds and 73 main languages—it is incumbent upon us to actively engage our campus and borough's diversity by creating a vibrant physical hub where exciting intercultural programs and activities are coordinated and supported. The proposed SU&IC fills these needs by creating a truly engaged culture of pluralism on campus and by welcoming our highly diverse Brooklyn community to Kingsborough for energetic engagement.

PROPOSED PROGRAMMING

The SU&IC will serve as a catalyst for weaving intercultural experiences into the fabric of Kingsborough's campus, transforming it into one that is simultaneously welcoming and educational for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. From the moment a student steps onto our campus, they step into a caring, engaging, and dynamic learning environment that extends far beyond the classroom. We bring together students, faculty and staff from very different backgrounds in a setting that encourages understanding, respect, equality and, most importantly, professional growth.

The SU&IC will offer a broad range of programming and initiatives designed to engage students, faculty and staff around important themes such as diversity, faith, democratic citizenship, leadership, the arts, civic engagement, academic support, and health and wellness. The SU&IC will fulfill the vision of an "Engaged Kingsborough" for every student and for our surrounding community.

KEY DESIGN FEATURES

Key design elements include: an "Information Center" for students and visitors; a "Welcome Way" showcasing the diversity of Kingsborough and leading to the heart of the SU&IC; an interactive virtual bulletin board, "iBoard," where students can post listings to share with their fellow students; an "Outdoor Garden Plaza"; an "Engaged Kingsborough" hub serving as a one-stop for SU&IC's

activities and as a source of referral to resources and services on campus; a dedicated interfaith room, "Common Ground"; comfortable, welcoming gathering spaces; recreational areas for relaxation, informal exchanges, as well as places for quiet study; and glass enclosed conference rooms to provide private meeting spaces while retaining an open feel.

NEED & SUPPORT

In keeping with CUNY's broader vision of interculturalism and globalism—as laid out in forthcoming "21st Century CUNY: A Strategic Framework for the City University of New York"—we envision the overarching aim of the new SU&IC as fostering intercultural competency and interreligious literacy. The SU&IC will also:

- Offer an exceptional opportunity for Kingsborough to invest in the success of its students and enriched educational experiences.
- Encourage students to have meaningful exchanges that help to bridge cultural, religious, ideological, political, and lifestyle divides and differences.
- Showcase Kingsborough's remarkable diversity by welcoming all students into a space that makes them feel at home.

The SU&IC will welcome and host various student leadership, intercultural, interfaith, and global programs and activities, aiming to create an engaged, pluralistic global community. We need your help to create this new and exciting space for exchange and learning. With the planning phase complete, it is now shovel-ready for implementation. The total estimated cost for the Student Union & Intercultural Center is \$1.5 M, and there are numerous sponsorship opportunities available to you.

Please contact the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Dr. Elizabeth Basile, at (718) 368-4539 | to discuss ways to support the SU&IC at Kingsborough.

COMMEMORATIVE GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Student Union & Intercultural Center
Commemorative Gift Opportunities List – Alphabetical

Opportunity	Requested Gift
Naming of Student Union and Intercultural Center	\$1,500,000
Student Union & Intercultural Center (Endowment for Programming)	\$1,000,000
Oceanview Culinary Arts Dining Room	\$250,000
Radio Station-WKRB	\$250,000
Welcome Way	\$250,000
Hall of Flags Commons	\$200,000
One Stop Center	\$100,000
Cafeteria	\$100,000
“Engaged Kingsborough” Hub	\$100,000
Game Room	\$100,000
Garden Plaza	\$100,000

Holocaust Center	\$100,000
Men's Resource Center	\$100,000
Spiritual Center - "On Common Ground" Room	\$100,000
Student Atrium- West Academic Cluster	\$100,000
Student Lounge- West Academic Cluster	\$100,000
Terrace	\$100,000
Virtual Information - "i Board"	\$100,000
Welcome Center	\$100,000
Multipurpose Conference Center Room 1	\$100,000
Multipurpose Conference Center Room 2	\$100,000
Career Counseling Office	\$50,000
Faculty Dining Room	\$50,000
Student Life Office	\$50,000
Faculty Conference Room (1)	\$50,000
Faculty Conference Room (2)	\$50,000
Student Conference Room (1)	\$50,000
Student Conference Room (2)	\$50,000



A "Welcome Way" at the entrance of the SU&IC that showcases the many nationalities and languages represented at Kingsborough and an "iBoard" where students can post and share information with each other.





A centrally-located "Engaged Kingsborough" hub, housing SU&IC staff, where students learn about KCC and be referred to appropriate services and resources.



Glass enclosed Faculty and Student Conference Rooms open into a terrace overlooking the Garden Plaza.





An outdoor Garden Plaza where students, faculty and staff can seasonally enjoy Kingsborough's beautiful campus.



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