

Professional Organizations

- **Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE)**

<https://www.smpte.org/>

The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers organization connects media technologists, engineers, and creatives across regional sections (including New York). They provide access to industry standards (e.g., SMPTE ST 2110), and education through the SMPTE Academy. Kingsborough Community College is an official SMPTE Student Chapter, offering students direct engagement with industry professionals, events, and resources. Student membership is strongly encouraged, including initiatives such as First Year Free, which support early career development and involvement in evolving broadcast, IP-based, and media production workflows.



- **Broadcast Education Association (BEA)**

<https://beaweb.org/wp/>

The Broadcast Education Association organization brings together the academia and the media industry, offering conferences, competitions, and career development resources. Kingsborough Community College maintains an institutional membership, allowing eligible undergraduate students to obtain free BEA student membership, which is required to participate in BEA competitions and events such as the annual convention.

- **Audio Engineering Society (AES)**

<https://aes.org/>

The Audio Engineering Society organization for audio engineering and sound production provides student membership and access to competitions (e.g., recording and design), industry events, and a network of audio professionals. Members benefit from the AES E-Library (20,000+ papers), AES Live content, career development opportunities, and participation in standards development. Strongly recommended for students interested in audio post-production, sound design, and emerging audio.



- **National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)**

<https://www.nab.org/>

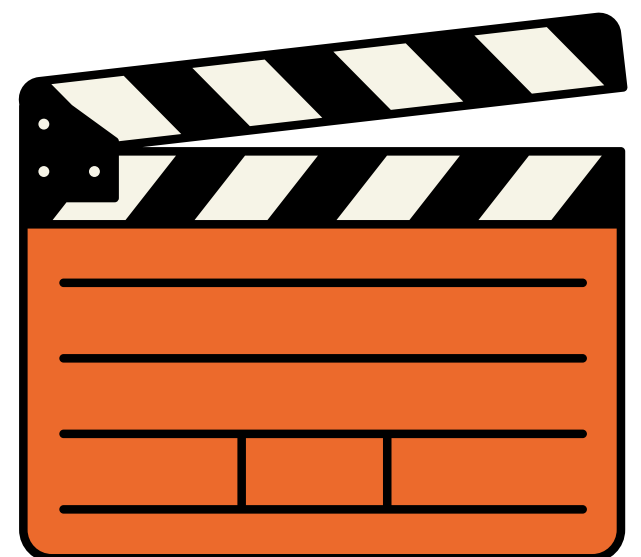
The National Association of Broadcasters organization represents broadcast and media technology. Students gain exposure to emerging production tools, workflows, and industry trends through events such as the NAB Show. Through SMPTE Student Membership, students may access NAB-related programming, educational sessions, and professional networks, supporting awareness of current broadcast, live production, and media technology ecosystems.



- **New York Production Alliance (NYPA)**

<https://www.postnewyork.org/>

The New York Production Alliance organization serves as a unified voice for New York’s film, television, and media production community. NYPA promotes industry growth and workforce development through opportunities with film offices, industry roundtables, quarterly mixers, and advocacy initiatives. Members gain access to professional events, direct industry connections, and community engagement opportunities. Student/Educator membership is available at approximately \$100 annually. Particularly valuable for students pursuing careers in production, post-production, and the broader New York media industry.



- **Post New York Alliance (PNYA)**

<https://nypa.org/>

The Post New York Alliance organization supports New York’s film and television post-production community. They provide access to industry educational panels, company open houses, and workforce development initiatives.

- **Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE)**

<https://sbe.org/>

The Society of Broadcast Engineers offers college students opportunities through local chapters where they can attend meetings and participate in events like workshops and webinars. Students can also meet with experts for mentorship and internships while providing a space to exchange ideas to stay current in the media technology field.

- **Audiovisual and Integrated Experience Association (AVIXA)**

<https://www.avixa.org/membership/membership>

The AVIXA membership connects students to a global network of AV industry experts through events, trade shows, and a member directory, making it easier to build relationships and explore career paths. They also offer job boards and training opportunities that help students gain skills.

