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Dedication and Celebration of the International Hall of Flags

Represented by 142 National Backgrounds and 73 Main Languages



Thursday, September 27, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Program

Opening	Drums Played by Alyssa Julien, Student
Welcome	Master of Ceremony Dr. Reza Fakhari Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science
Remarks	Dr. Regina S. Peruggi President Kingsborough Community College The Honorable Yvonne Graham Brooklyn Deputy Borough President The Honorable Alec Brook-Krasny New York State Assemblymember 46th Assembly District The Honorable Cosmus Cozier Alumni Representative Consul General of St. Vincent and The Grenadines
Ribbon Cutting and Presentation of the Dedication Plaque	President Regina S. Peruggi and Special Guests
Remarks	Mr. Rudy Chase President, Student Activities Coordinating Board

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Dance	Performed by Bangladeshi Club
Readings	Ms. Joy Marchionni , Student President of the Honors Club “Here is not merely a nation but a teeming nation of nations.” (Own essay, drawing on Walt Whitman) “Why are there so few stories of peace?” (From Ariel Dorfman’s essay, “A Different Drum”) “The walls must come down.” (From Kofi Annan, see below)
Closing Remarks	Ms. Linda Pierce , Assistant Director Office of Academic Affairs Ms. Raquel Flecha , Student Vice President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Chapter Dr. Stuart Suss Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

The Walls Must Come Down

“We seek a world defined by solidarity and understanding, tolerance of dissent, celebration of cultural diversity, an insistence on fundamental, universal human rights, and a belief in the right of people everywhere to have a say in how they are governed. It is a world characterized by the belief that the diversity of human cultures is something to be celebrated, not feared.

Such a world demands that we tear down the walls in our own minds — those separating us from them, rich from poor, white from black, Christian from Muslim from Jew — so that we are able to recognize the untold ways in which we can all benefit from cooperation and solidarity across lines of nationality, race or economic development.”

—**Kofi Annan**, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations, October 2002.