

Lights, Camera, *Confidence*: How KCC Set the Stage for a Star-Studded Career



"I give to Kingsborough Community College because Kingsborough literally changed my life."

Andrew Weyman '71

If you have watched any popular sitcom or daytime drama over the years, chances are that Andrew Weyman, Class of '71, was behind the camera for your favorite episode. An accomplished director and producer, Mr. Weyman began his career in New York City, directing many dramas including "The Edge of Night," "Search for Tomorrow," "Another World" and "As the World Turns." Over the course of his career, he has directed many hit shows, including "Roseanne," "Ellen," "King of Queens" and "Two and a Half Men." He has won several industry awards, including two Golden Globes for his work on "Roseanne" and "Cybill."

Like many success stories, his began at Kingsborough Community College.

Mr. Weyman still remembers feeling "lost, unmotivated and socially awkward" after graduating high school, unsure of the future and his place in it. As a result, he entered Kingsborough with low expectations—both for the college and for himself. Thankfully, Mr. Weyman would soon find the mentors, resources and opportunities he needed to tap into his as-yet-unrealized potential.

"My experience was one of dynamic academic and personal growth," he says, reflecting on how Kingsborough broke him out of his proverbial shell. "My professors were passionate about their subject matter and were very attuned to individual students' interests and needs." Thanks to the individual attention he received from his instructors, Mr. Weyman was able to blossom academically, which further gave him the confidence to take on challenges *outside* the classroom, such as writing for the college newspaper and tutoring students in English as a second language.

Mr. Weyman remains deeply appreciative of his alma mater, and through his annual donations helps to ensure that both current and future KCC students enjoy the same opportunities that he did. He is a current member of *The 1963 Society*, which recognizes the college's most generous philanthropic leaders on an annual basis. And the feeling is mutual: in 2014, Kingsborough honored Mr. Weyman as one of five distinguished alumni at its 50th Anniversary Gala.

"At a time when I was learning about myself and my place in the world, KCC offered me opportunities I found nowhere else – a safe place to grow and the guidance I needed," he says, noting just how dramatically Kingsborough altered the trajectory of his life. "KCC will always have a place in my heart, and I strongly encourage my fellow alumni to join me in giving back."