

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to share the following updates from the Division of Student Affairs.

Student Engagement: Each of our areas continue to aggressively reach out to our students. We provide on average 12 zoom sessions weekly including our Dean's Dialogue, hosted by Dean Mitra. An average of 295 students participate in these zoom activities. In addition, there is an average of 500 one on one student contacts weekly within Student Affairs. Our Student Union Intercultural Center continues to provide robust programming. Student Life held Student Government elections on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week and we will be announcing the results shortly.

Mental Health Counseling: The College received CARES funding for mental health counseling in the amount of \$248,000. The funds will be used to increase the number of hours allocated to our non-teaching adjuncts with mental health licensing credentials in order to provide additional hours of critical, one on one counseling support to our students. In addition, we will extend evening counseling hours for students. We will provide additional counseling services to students who are part of our Workforce and Continuing Education programs. We will provide additional counseling support to students in our Access Resource Center and Men's Resource Center. We will launch a Counseling Center virtual mental health check-in four days a week. We will launch a weekly virtual check-in with Dottie Gayle our college nurse. We will implement professional development around the issues of global trauma, addressing specific vulnerable cohorts and we will also purchase zoom healthcare licenses which are HIPAA compliant.

Athletics: We have launched the first Kingsborough Community College Esports team which is also first in CUNYAC. To date 28 students are registered to a team and others have signed up and are awaiting placement; recruitment and registration will continue for both team and intramural activities.

Food Security: Our Access Resource Center (formerly Single Stop) and our CUNY Edge program create 30-60 Grab n Go food bags each week for our students and the community. Our thanks go to Chief Greene and Public Safety for distributing these bags at the front gate Monday through Friday. In addition, we are providing 30 \$100 supermarket gift certificates for our current students in order to provide meals for them and their family. On November 17th we will provide an additional 15 \$100 supermarket gift certificates to our Child Care Center parents and our FLEX program parents to ensure a holiday meal. We also have secured an HPNAP Food Bank grant for \$2,164, an EFAP Emergency Food Assistance grant through HRA for \$11,182 and an additional

\$2,000 from CUNY for a total of \$15,346. We will use these monies to continue to restock the food pantry.

We wish all of you a safe and healthy holiday season!