

# Beauty to go with brains

## Kingsborough CC prof rated cutest in nation

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AMERICA'S hottest professor is right here in Brooklyn.

Psychology Prof. Juann Watson, of Kingsborough Community College, is the top-ranked teacher in the country for attractiveness, according to RateMyProfessors.com.

"I was floored when I heard," said Watson, 43, a petite beauty who's often told she looks like Janet Jackson. "I get along well with my students, but this is something else."

RateMyProfessors.com — the largest and most highly trafficked rating site of its kind — includes anonymous reviews of more than 1 million professors in the United States, Canada and Britain.

Students rate their professors on helpfulness, difficulty, clarity and attractiveness.

For the 2009-10 school year, Watson scored high in all categories and beat every other professor in the category of attractiveness.

"It's a great honor," said Watson, who lives on Long Island with her husband and two children.

Her students used the site to post flattering comments about her looks and more. "Not only is she unbelievably hot, she can teach too," wrote one.

"She provides a great learning environment and makes sure everything is clear," wrote another.

Watson may be sexy, but she dresses conservatively in the classroom.

"I go for a professional look," said the Brooklyn native who has taught at Kingsborough for five years. "I always wear heels, and I like tailored suits."

Watson's courses fill up early because she's so popular, said Lance Shapiro, 19, a freshman psych major who took her class last fall.

"Everybody thinks she's a great teacher," said Shapiro, who lives in Manhattan Beach. "Guys may think she's attractive, but they learn a lot, too."

Watson said she's flattered by the attention to her looks, but keeps things in perspective. "Beauty is so fleeting," she said. "You can be pretty on the outside, but I hope people love me for my brain, too."

Other New York City professors who earned high marks for the 2009-10 school year:

■ No. 1 community college professor overall: Sam Blank, Borough of Manhattan Community College.

■ No. 20 university professor overall: Brandon Judell, City College of New York.



Juann Watson, 43, a psychology professor at Kingsborough Community College, was rated nation's hottest teacher on Web site RateMyProfessor.com. Photo by Linda Rosier