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Dr. Jill Biden to Deliver Commencement Address at Kingsborough Community College

Brooklyn, NY – June 4 – Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College (KCC), today announced that Dr. Jill Biden, lifelong educator and wife of the Vice President of the United States, will deliver the commencement address at the college's 44th commencement ceremony. Dr. Biden will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the City University of New York. The graduation will take place on campus, 2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY, Friday, June 12, at 11 a.m.

Prior to joining the adjunct faculty at Northern Virginia Community College in January of 2009, Dr. Biden taught English full-time at Delaware Technical and Community College for 15 years. In May, President Obama asked Dr. Biden to help raise awareness of America's community colleges and demonstrate his administration's commitment to supporting Americans who could benefit from a community college education. Dr. Biden frequently visits community colleges and speaks with students, parents and administrators around the country as part of this outreach.

"We are extraordinarily pleased and honored that Dr. Biden, an ardent community college advocate, will deliver Kingsborough's commencement address," said Dr. Peruggi. "Her dedication to community colleges is unsurpassed."

The Class of 2009 valedictorian is Raluca Toscano, who came to the United States from Romania. After completing courses in Kingsborough's English-as-a-Second-Language program, she was admitted to the college's credit program. Ms. Toscano will receive an A.S. in mathematics and is graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She will continue her studies at Adelphi University, where she will pursue her goal of becoming a mathematics teacher.

About Kingsborough Community College:

Kingsborough Community College, one of the top ten community colleges in the country, is located on a 70-acre campus in Manhattan Beach, on the southern tip of Brooklyn. It was founded in 1963 and serves approximately thirty thousand students per year. It offers a wide range of credit and non-credit courses in the liberal arts and career education, as well as a number of specialized programs. The breathtaking campus overlooks three bodies of water: Sheepshead Bay, Jamaica Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

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