



**KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST  
“DREAMLAND PAVILION: BROOKLYN AND DEVELOPMENT”  
CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2-3**

*Kevin Powell, a Brooklyn-based activist and author, to give keynote address*

**Brooklyn, N.Y., September 14** – Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn’s only community college, today announced that the college will host “Dreamland Pavilion: Brooklyn and Development” conference October 2-3, 2009. This multidisciplinary conference will explore the past, present and future of development in Brooklyn.

Kevin Powell, a Brooklyn-based activist, author, poet and entertainer, will deliver the keynote address. Powell has run twice for the United States Congress in Brooklyn’s 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district. Powell has written for publications such as *Esquire*, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post*, *Essence*, *Rolling Stone*, *New York Amsterdam News* and *Vibe*. He is the author or editor of ten books, including his new essay collection, *Open Letters to America*.

The two-day conference brings together more than 50 city planners, academics, journalists, activists and creative artists from New York City and beyond to discuss the meaning of development in Brooklyn. Among the topics speakers will address are major development projects such as the Atlantic Yards and Coney Island, politics, gentrification, the representation of Brooklyn in the media and community activism.

In addition to the more than twenty panels of presentations, the event will feature guided visits to local development sites, creative performances, and an art and design exhibition *The Soul is the Size of Elsewhere*. Running from September 9 to October 3, 2009 in the Kingsborough Community College Art Gallery, the exhibition investigates community and development in our borough from the perspective of four different Brooklyn cultural producers.

All City University of New York (CUNY) faculty, staff, administrators, students, and friends are welcome. For more information and to register for the conference please visit the college website at [http://www.kingsborough.edu/dreamland\\_pavilion](http://www.kingsborough.edu/dreamland_pavilion). Kingsborough faculty and students can register at no charge. Other registration fees vary.

**About Kingsborough Community College:**

Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn's only community college, is located on a 70-acre campus in Manhattan Beach, on the southern tip of Brooklyn. The breathtaking campus overlooks three bodies of water: Sheepshead Bay, Jamaica Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It serves approximately thirty thousand students per year, offering a wide range of credit and non-credit courses in the liberal arts, career education, and specialized programs.

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