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KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST AWARD-WINNING ECO-FESTIVAL FOR FIFTH YEAR, APRIL 27-30

Brooklyn, N.Y., April 21 -- Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn's only community college, has announced that it will host its fifth annual Eco-Festival, April 27-30, 2010. The theme is "Sustainable NYC." The four-day event is free and open to the public.

Eco-Festival, the winner of the 2008 CUNY Sustainability Award for environmental education and advocacy, is designed to provide a unique opportunity for students, faculty, staff and members of the Brooklyn community to gather together, under a common banner, and engage in a dialogue centered on environmental problems and challenges faced globally at the dawn of the twenty-first century. The Eco-Festival will be held in the college's MAC Rotunda and other near-by locations. The college is located at 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn.

"We are pleased to present our fifth Eco-Festival at Kingsborough. It is a wonderful opportunity to increase public awareness and inspire meaningful action regarding the serious environmental problems we face as a society," said Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College. "An environmentally-centered dialogue among students, faculty, environmental experts and members of the community is fundamental to changing our environmental course."

Eco-Festival speakers include Anna Lappé, author of *Diet for a Hot Planet*; Lisa DiPinto, acting director, Marine Debris Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Makalé Faber Cullen, Slow Food USA and City Lore; Peter C. Washburn, policy advisor, Environmental Protection Bureau, NYS Attorney General's Office; Karen Washington, New York Community Gardens Coalition; William Solecki, director, CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities; Elizabeth Yeampierre, director, UPROSE; Tria Case, CUNY Center for Sustainable Energy; Holly Kallman, coordinator, Sustainability CCNY; Sandy Taft, director, US Climate Change Policy, National Grid; David Westman, manager, Climate Change and Resource Conservation, Con Edison; Sarah Mencher and Robert Peras, New York City Division of Energy Management; and Don Riepe, Jamaica Bay Keeper, American Littoral Society.

The goals of Eco-Festival are to raise ecological literacy, foster global citizenship, promote meaningful dialogue about environmental issues and inspire environmental action and stewardship. For program information, please visit <http://www.kingsborough.edu/eco-festival>. The 2010 Eco-Festival is supported, in part, by Con Edison, National Grid, and The New York Times.

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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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