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KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR RENOVATED AND EXPANDED NURSING LABS

Brooklyn, N.Y., October 21 – Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College (KCC), today announced that the college will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate the newly renovated and expanded labs in its Nursing Program Thursday, October 22, at 10 a.m., Room M421. Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, whose office provided the funding for the renovation and expansion of the labs, will participate in the ceremony.

“Our nursing faculty recognized the need to upgrade and expand the labs to better provide our students with realistic and advanced classroom experiences so they will be prepared for the current high-tech practice of a registered nurse in a hospital setting,” said Dr. Peruggi. “Our nursing advisory board of directors in local hospitals has been instrumental in informing the nursing program of their expectations regarding our nursing graduates. This guidance has contributed significantly to the remarkable success of our nursing program.”

KCC’s nursing enrollment has increased from less than 200 in 2004 to close to 400 in 2009. During that time, the program has graduated more than 600 nurses. The college offers a Nursing program that is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and approved by the New York State Education Department. The graduate receives an Associate in Applied Science Degree and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The new labs have enabled the nursing program to create a simulated long term facility with mannequins and equipment used in nursing homes, a simulated pediatric area and a maternity unit with a mannequin that actually delivers a baby. An acute care unit has been created for the medical-surgical students. The labs are equipped with high fidelity Sim Man mannequins, ventilators, cardiac monitors, intravenous controllers and suction machines so students can develop proficiency in managing very ill patients. Cameras are mounted in each room so students not involved in a simulated experience can view it on the smart boards and participate in the learning experience. A computer resource room has been added where students can read, conduct internet research and use a wide variety of computer programs to enhance learning.

“By the time our nursing students graduate, they will feel very confident about their nursing skills. They will be superbly prepared for the medical challenges they will face,” said Joanne Lavin, chairperson, KCC nursing program.

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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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