

Dr. Regina Peruggi President Kingsborough Community College

Dr. Regina S. Peruggi assumed the presidency of Kingsborough Community College of The City University of New York, in August 2004.

Kingsborough, located on a spectacular waterfront campus, is the only comprehensive community college in Brooklyn, New York. It has earned national recognition for the large number of degrees it confers, the high percentage of graduates who continue their studies, and the innovative programs that draw thousands of non-traditional students to its campus.

Offering both liberal arts and career education, the college serves nearly 70,000 credit and non-credit students each year.

Prior to her Kingsborough appointment, Dr. Peruggi served as president of the Central Park Conservancy, a private, not-for-profit organization that manages Central Park under a contract with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. Since its founding in 1980, the Conservancy has raised more than \$300 million to restore and maintain the Park through private donations from individuals, foundations and corporations. The Conservancy funds major capital improvements, provides horticultural care and management, and offers programs for volunteers and visitors.

Dr. Peruggi previously served as president of Marymount Manhattan College, a baccalaureate level, liberal arts institution with strong programs in the fine and performing arts. Under her leadership, from 1990 to 2001, the college's enrollment doubled, academic programs thrived, the budget was balanced,



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and the school's first dormitory was built.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Peruggi began her professional career as a drug abuse counselor in New York City. She taught at the elementary, college and graduate levels, and coordinated continuing education programs for psychiatrists, social workers and other mental health professionals in Washington, D.C.

In 1974, she joined The City University of New York at York College, where she developed and directed the York College Community

Learning Center.

In 1984, Dr. Peruggi moved to the Office of Academic Affairs of The City University of New York and in 1986 assumed the position of University Associate Dean for Adult Programs and Continuing Education for the 21 colleges of The City University. During that period, continuing education enrollment at The City University numbered 133,000.

As Associate Dean she expanded literacy programs for adults, initiated programs for the University with business, industry and major labor unions, and was responsible for initiating several special faculty development projects.

Dr. Peruggi is co-chair of the Board of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, a member of the Board of Overseers of the International Rescue Committee, the Northfork Foundation, and the Berkeley Colleges. She has also served on the boards of numerous other educational and civic organizations.

Dr. Peruggi earned her B.A. in Sociology from the College of New Rochelle, her MBA from New York University, and her Ed.D. from Columbia University's Teachers College.