



Kingsborough's 2nd Annual Walkathon raises more than \$30,000 For Student Scholarships

More than 50 teams, representing 700 walkers, participated in Kingsborough Community College (KCC) 2nd annual walkathon on November 9. The highly anticipated walkathon raised more than \$30,000 for student scholarships, more than a 30% increase over last year's walkathon.

"I thank all of you who walked, worked, bought and ate to make this accomplishment a reality," said Kingsborough President Regina Peruggi.

"Congratulations to all of you who turned out for our brisk jaunt around the campus. Not only did the turn-out show our great KCC spirit, but some of the team costumes displayed great creativity."

The economic downturn of the last two years has impacted KCC and its students significantly. A record number of students are enrolled and many are experiencing increasing pressures on their limited financial resources coupled with a diminished ability to find jobs while attending school. While the college financial aid office works with every student to identify appropriate federal and state financial aid, many students still have remaining unmet financial needs.

For many students, the gap between financial need and financial resources can be covered by a scholarship of \$500.



Kingsborough Walkers on the move.



World Wide Communicators, the winning team.



MAC Aquariums, 2nd place winner; 1st place costumes.

An increasing number of students are enrolled that require scholarship assistance. Scholarships such as the ones funded by the walkathon can make the difference between the ability of students to stay in school and complete their education or drop out and undermine their future.

KCC Office of College Advancement, the sponsor of the annual walkathon, reports that in 2009, 475 scholarships were awarded to students in good academic standing. In 2010, 721 scholarships totaling \$219,153 were awarded, an increase of 11% in the total dollar amount over the previous year.

The entire college community joined President Peruggi in congratulating the top team fundraisers.

First place honors for fundraising went to "World Wide Communicators," led by Judy Cohen, from the Communications and Performing Arts Department.

Second place went to the collection of four teams from Continuing Education. The teams are



ACE Cards, 2nd place winner



T2 Seagulls, 2nd place winner



The President's Pacers



The Bushwhackers; 2nd place costumes



Business Ventures



Mickey's Clubhouse, 3rd place winner.



Student Lifers



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"TF Tailgatgers," ACE Cards," T2 Seagulls," and "MAC Aquariums." Third place went to "Mickey's

Clubhouse" from the Human Resources Department.