

Kingsborough Community College Receives \$10G Student Scholarship Grant from Northfield Bank Foundation

Dr. Regina Peruggi, president of Kingsborough Community College (KCC), Brooklyn's only community college, today announced that the college has been awarded a second \$10,000 scholarship grant by the Northfield Bank Foundation. The first award was made in June, 2010. The grant will provide a \$500 scholarship for twenty students from Staten Island and select areas of Brooklyn, helping them stay in school and achieve their educational goals. To be eligible to receive scholarships, students must be in good academic standing.

"The entire KCC community joins me in thanking the Northfield Bank Foundation for their generosity in awarding a grant to provide financial aid to our students who need assistance to continue their studies," said Dr. Peruggi. "More than 18,000 degree-seeking students were enrolled at KCC this past spring, coming from 142 countries and speaking 73 languages. They are determined



L-R Dr. Elizabeth Basile, President Regina Perruggi, KCC, Susan Lamberti and Diane Senerchia, Northfield Bank Foundation.

and persistent, but they need financial support and the grant from Northfield Bank Foundation will be immensely beneficial to them."

"The Northfield Bank Foundation prides itself on its commitment to education and is happy to provide this grant to Staten Island and Brooklyn students who are the future of our city," said Diane Senerchia, executive director of the Northfield Bank Foundation.

Many of the students who received scholar -

ships from the Northfield Bank Foundation last year showed their appreciation by writing letters to the KCC Foundation sharing their college experience and future aspirations. "It feels as if I won the lotto. Thank you for allowing me to be the best nurse I can be," said Michael Brown, who was a scholarship recipient.

The cost of living in Brooklyn and Staten Island is high and the level of unemployment has increased significantly over the past two years, straining the economic resources of students

more than ever and jeopardizing their ability to remain in college. These challenges provided an opportunity for the Northfield Bank Foundation, which has a keen interest in supporting scholarship programs in communities where they have a business presence, to provide financial help for several KCC students.

About Northfield Bank Foundation

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