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# 18TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

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# JUNE 5 2025

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## Donor Spotlight:

### Lisa Chase



Lisa Chase



Christopher Tobin



Lisa Chase and Christopher J. Tobin met through a mutual love of broadcasting. Both worked in New York at 102.7fm at the time – Lisa as a reporter and journalist, Christopher as an engineer. “Chris had boundless energy,” she says, reflecting on her late husband. “Engineering was more than a job to him. It was a driving force in his life. He climbed towers, worked long hours, and did whatever it took to keep radio stations on-air and operating smoothly.”

Something else always stood out about Christopher: his deep, abiding love for Kingsborough Community College (KCC), the school where his broadcasting dreams took root. No matter how far he progressed into his career, KCC was never far from Christopher’s heart: “he always talked fondly about his time there, especially his experience in the college’s WKRB radio station. Kingsborough gave him the tools and inspiration to develop a lasting career in the field.”

Christopher never really “left” KCC. He would frequently visit the campus to volunteer at the station and deliver guest talks, where he would describe the challenges and rewards of his industry to future broadcast professionals. This was one of the many ways he paid his career success forward: “returning to KCC “kept him young,” Lisa says. “He had great faith in the College’s broadcasting program and the engagement level of the students.”

When Christopher passed away, Lisa was eager to establish an enduring legacy for him—one that reflected the values and passions he embodied in life. In 2024, she created the *Christopher J. Tobin Endowed Scholarship* with the Kingsborough Community College Foundation.

As an endowed fund, Christopher’s scholarship will exist in perpetuity. And beginning in 2025, it will provide generous financial support to talented, hardworking KCC Media Arts students, who aspire to careers in broadcast engineering and telecommunications. In addition to receiving scholarship monies, the winning students will be connected to mentors from the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

“The mentorship component for this scholarship is key because it connects students with industry professionals,” says John Acosta, KCC Professor and Director of Media at the college. “Membership in SMPTE gives them access to a network of experts, industry insights, and career opportunities, helping them to stand out in the field.”

The *Christopher J. Tobin Endowed Scholarship* continues the mission of its namesake inspiration. Just as Christopher found joy and purpose in mentoring KCC students, his scholarship will open doors for new generations of kindred spirits. Thanks to Lisa’s generous endowment, KCC students will not only receive much-needed financial support, but guidance and opportunities as well.

“This scholarship is perfect for KCC students who dream of hosting a radio show or podcast or wish to work on the technology side of broadcasting or telecommunications,” Lisa elaborates. “It celebrates and rewards students who have a thirst for knowledge, are adaptable to the ever-changing trends in the industry and who aspire to not only follow in Christopher’s footsteps, but also take their careers to new heights.”

### What Will Your KCC Legacy Be?

Like Lisa Chase, you can make a lasting impact on KCC students through establishing a named scholarship or special award. [Click Here](#) to learn about the different kinds of major gifts, and [Click Here](#) to make a life-changing donation today!

## KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## JOIN THE KCC RACE TO 100 ALUMNI

The KCC Race to 100 Alumni Campaign is a collaborative effort to engage and partner with those who share our commitment to education and student success.

By showcasing our distinguished alumni, we provide a powerful testament to the transformative impact of a Kingsborough Community College education.

### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Nominate an Alumnus\* (Self nominations are welcome)
- Spread the Word
- Make a donation to our Annual Fund

Campaign *Fuel the Future: Be the Spark* at <http://tiny.cc/kccaft>

### NOMINATION IS OPEN NOW

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2025

Submit your nomination in the following link:

<http://tiny.cc/kccalumni>



\*An alumnus is someone who has graduated from KCC or has earned 30 or more credits and is not currently enrolled at Kingsborough Community College.



## Alumni Spotlight: Frances Koren '24

In June 2024, Frances Koren walked alongside her fellow Kingsborough Community College (KCC) graduates at Commencement Ceremony, diploma in hand. Later, at KCC’s Annual Awards Ceremony, she received multiple awards, including the *President’s Award for Distinguished Scholarship*, the *Physical Education Program Award* and the *GOLD Student Leadership Student Award*.

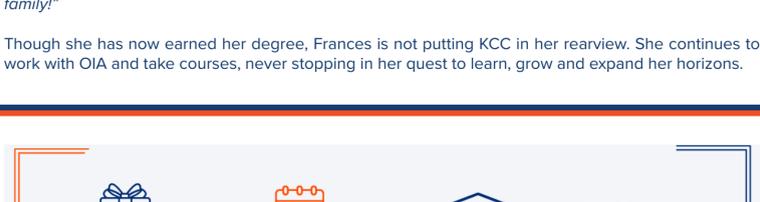
Yet these many accolades hardly begin to describe the person Frances is, let alone her extraordinary journey. Born and raised in Brooklyn, Frances graduated from St. John Villa Academy High School and earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from College of Staten Island (formerly known as Richmond College).

Frances went on to enjoy 29-year career as an operations officer for Fiduciary Trust Company. As a 9/11 survivor working in 2 World Trade Center, Frances has learned to appreciate each day.

“After retiring, I was eager to continue learning,” Frances says, recalling her first days as a KCC student in 2012. “Kingsborough gave me a new purpose in life.”

In the years since, Frances has taken courses through KCC’s My Turn Program—a tuition-free college education program that caters to adults age 60 and older. She was particularly drawn to the Health, Physical Education (HPER) classes, and credits HPER professors like Michelle Bracco and Juan Franquiz for helping her fulfill the dream of graduation.

“My Turn is for ‘the young at heart,’” Frances says, reflecting fondly on the many friends she made and the learning experiences she enjoyed through the program. Frances has also taken on leadership roles with My Turn, serving as the club’s secretary, vice president and president. Outside of My Turn, she is active in KCC’s “Newman Catholic Club,” where she uses her musical talents to assist Fr. Michael Tedone for masses, among other roles.



Frances (Center) pictured with her colleagues in the Office of Institutional Advancement

Despite her jam-packed schedule, Frances has (somehow!) also found time to work as a college assistant for KCC’s Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA). OIA is the philanthropic division of the college, and Frances is proud to have helped her team raise scholarship funds through events such as *KCC Spirit Day/Giving Tuesday* and the *Annual Scholarship Fundraiser (ASF)*.

Despite her many triumphs, Frances has had to overcome her fair share of adversity on the road to her diploma: “I had a steep learning curve early on with tools like Powerpoint and Blackboard, and when COVID hit, I had to master Zoom and Asynchronous classes.” Thankfully, she received guidance from both her teachers and fellow students.

“It also helps to have a daughter to learn the new technology and have the support of my sister and family!”

Though she has now earned her degree, Frances is not putting KCC in her rearview. She continues to work with OIA and take courses, never stopping in her quest to learn, grow and expand her horizons.



Gifts of any size to the Annual Fund create new opportunities for current and future students!



Make a sustained impact by giving annually and Fuel the Future for KCC students!



Every student is impacted by your support!



<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/KCC>

Thu. April 10 2025 , 6.40 pm

CYCLONES VS HUDSON VALLEY

Sun. May 18 2025 , 2.00 pm

CYCLONES VS WINSTON-SALEM

Thu. June 12 2025 , 6.40 pm

CYCLONES VS ASHEVILLE

Sun. July 13 2025 , 2.00 pm

CYCLONES VS WILMINGTON

Fri. August 29 2025 , 6.40 pm

CYCLONES VS HUDSON VALLEY

### Support Kingsborough by going to the Brooklyn Cyclones games!

For every ticket you purchase on select days throughout the season, you receive a FREE Cyclones hat and a portion of each ticket is donated to KCC.

Come to historic Coney Island and watch the Cyclones take on the Hudson Valley Renegades, Asheville Tourists, Winston-Salem Dash, and Wilmington Blue Rocks!

The Brooklyn Cyclone games are a great way to fundraise for KCC, boost that school spirit, hang with family and friends, and enjoy some time out at the ballpark!

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