

STUDENT AND TEACHER VOICES

Students, faculty and staff who participate in and offer opportunities in the Kingsborough College Now Program have historically been vocal about its rewards and benefits. Over the years, many have shared their experiences with the program. During the academic year 2018 – 2019, the following was shared:

Faculty, Staff and Instructors

Jacqueline Andrawis – SCI 100 –Tottenville High School

“My experience teaching College Now has been incredibly rewarding. Students often report that the foundational knowledge they learned in high school enabled them to succeed and master their college courses. It is a treasure to hear about the accomplishments of previous students and knowing that College Now has played an important role in their lives. And I am just thankful to be a part of it.”

Kreshnik Capa – POL 63 – Tottenville High School

“Teaching College Now is a great experience. We are teaching kids to think critically and become closer to success by giving them earlier access to college.”

Rita Chess – Program Coordinator – James Madison High School

“The College Now program allows high school students to experience new responsibilities in a safe and nurturing environment. It is an ideal bridge between high school and college. The free college credits are an extra bonus.”

Jodie Cohen – Principal – James Madison High School

“As a school that partners with Kingsborough Community College for our College Now program it has been so rewarding to see our students grow as learners through the opportunity to take college level courses while still in high school.”

Julie Gambale-Kubiak – Counselor – New Dorp High School

“I enjoy being one of the first people to offer students a “college” experience. Often times, graduated of the program come to visit and talk about how the program has prepared them for college. Hearing this reaffirms the fact that participation in the program better prepares students for their future. I find the College Now Program to be an invaluable and truly rewarding opportunity and I am honored to be a part of it.”

David Schwartz – Culinary Instructor - Tottenville High School

“The College Now program is an exciting experience for both the student as well as the instructor. The engagement of ideas and life's lessons, shared between the teacher and the students, allow for more in depth instruction, learning and an overall positive post-secondary experience. The students walk away with a sense of accomplishment and maturity that will be beneficial to their goals and future endeavors.”

Marvin Siegfried – POL 63 – John Dewey High School

“Great Program. Wish it had been around when I was in high school. Could have saved thousands in tuition!”

Jeff Simon – Program Coordinator – John Dewey High School

“Entering college with college credits on your transcript is like getting on the buffet line with a comp ticket in your pocket. Any student who can take a college now course should. To not take one, is akin to flushing money down the drain. College Now gives students the opportunity to know what a college class feels like and thus they will have an advantage over those students who have not had this experience.”

Rosen Lane – SCI 1 -- John Dewey High School

“Great academic opportunity.”

Gregory Pagliarulo -- Program Coordinator -- Tottenville High School

I have worked as a program coordinator for many years in multiple schools. NYC schools have been fortunate to have this valuable partnership with CUNY. Thousands of high school students have reaped the benefits of our KCC College Now classes, which have earned them college credits and college experience at the high school level, making them much more likely to succeed when they begin college careers. We are also fortunate to have caring competent partners in the Collaborative Programs office. Erika and the team are a pleasure to work with”

Donna Turturro – Counselor – FDR High School

“FDR has one of the largest College Now Programs in the City! Our students generally begin college with up to nine college credits, and some of our more determined students have accumulated even more. College Now has helped us improve our college-going culture and we have waiting lists that can be longer then the classes themselves. WHY? The curriculum is engaging, the teachers are committed, KBCC and our administration are very supportive, and most of all – college credits are guaranteed. It’s a BIG WIN for our students, our staff, and our entire school community.”

College Now Students

D. Ramjeet – Clara Barton High School

“The five classes I took taught me how to use the information I gathered in them and apply it to real-life situations.”

C. Wilson – Cultural Academy for Arts and Sciences

“I am grateful to the College Now for giving me the encouragement to believe that my future is all up to me.”

C. Lee – Edward R. Murrow High School

“I’ve developed a college-level mentality sooner than many other students have.”

T. Oriol – Fort Hamilton High School

“College Now encouraged me to take advantage of the leadership role I never knew I had within me.”

M. Islomov – James Madison High School

“My six classes gave me the experience of being a college student, dealing with responsibilities, working independently and in a group and keeping track of deadlines.”

N. Walker – Leon M. Goldstein High School

“The Program has save me time and money and provided me with numerous opportunities to explore my career options. It has also given me a chance to grow into a responsible young adult.”

D. Brave – Midwood High School

“My first class was a serious reality check. It and my second one made me more responsible and more accountable for my schoolwork. I had originally thought of entering the workforce or joining the Marines, but the classes encouraged a young man with a undecided future to go to college.”

E. Naji – Susan E. Wagner High School

“The support I received in my two classes encouraged me to work ten times harder so not to disappoint my teachers and gave me the confidence I lacked.”

B. Perez – Telecommunication Arts and Technology High School

“When I walked into my first ESL class, I walked into a wonderful place where I knew I wasn’t going to leave the same way I came in. The two ESL classes have been a blessing in my life.”

E. Arias – The UFT Charter School

“College Now has made me confident enough to apply to college and to chase my dreams of becoming a police officer.”