



Meet the Middle States Standards Spring 2024

As you probably know, Kingsborough is currently undergoing its Self-Study as a part of its reaccreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), a.k.a. Middle States. The Self-Study involves evaluating the College and how it meets (or does meet) the requirements laid out in each of the seven [Standards for Accreditation](#).

Last Fall the Standards introduced themselves to you by explaining the purpose of their Standard and what kinds of questions they were going to answer over the course of the year. Now, we're checking in with the Standards again to see how things are going and what they have learned so far. This week we are hearing from:



Co-Chairs: Andres Escobar and Mary Ortiz

As we get ready for our site visit, what is one thing you think everyone at the College should know about Standard VI?

One thing we think everyone at the College should know about this standard is that the budget cycle has many layers and is very complex. There are many funding sources at the college and each funding source has a specific purpose. In addition, we are heavily monitored and have to comply with rules and regulations for each funding source. Allocating resources is a complex process. Determining needs and how to fund them requires much planning to ensure that we are funding our Strategic Plan.

What has been the best thing about being part of a working group?

The best thing about being part of a working group is meeting new people at KCC and forming new friendships and collaborations with them, especially with colleagues outside of our departments that we would probably have not had the opportunity to work with otherwise.

With regard to Standard VI, how do you think the college has changed since our last self-study?

Since our last Self-Study, the College has changed in the sense that we have had to do more with less. We have fewer students and less funding (resources) but we have maintained programs, initiated new ones, and made capital improvements to the college.

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