



Thank You for Your Service: Tara Yarczower Empowers KCC Veterans as an Advocate and a Donor



{left to right: KCC student-veterans Christopher Abullah and Kevin Alarcon meet with Tara Yarczower}

"KCC is where everything started for me, and I would not be here today without the support I received along the way. I donate to the KCC Foundation to ensure that tomorrow's students have the same opportunities."

-Tara Yarczower, Class of 1997

A Kingsborough Community College alumna and a first-generation college graduate, Tara Yarczower '97 has a firsthand appreciation for the student experience and all of the challenges that come with it. This appreciation goes all the way back to her days as an undergraduate, when she also worked as a student aide: "being a KCC student *and* a KCC employee at the same time allowed me to appreciate both sides of college life—the day-to-day of being a student and the 'behind-the-scenes' work of administration."

Later, Ms. Yarczower worked in Freshman Services—which gave her an even broader understanding of the student experience—before finally gravitating to her current role as KCC’s Director of Military and Veteran Affairs.

When veterans come home from tours of duty, they often trade the clear-cut structure of the military for the grey areas and uncertainties of civilian life. At KCC, these brave men and women have a champion in Ms. Yarczower, whose gratitude for veterans hits very close to home: “Growing up, I had a lot of military members on both sides of my family. I understand what the sacrifice means, and what’s at stake.”

Ms. Yarczower is keenly aware of the obstacles that veterans face, from navigating the road to graduation to readjusting to post-military life. But her service to KCC students does not begin at 9am or end at 5pm—nor is it limited to just helping veterans. As a donor to the KCC Foundation, Ms. Yarczower goes the extra mile every year by supporting student scholarships and the college as a whole. Last year, she was named an inaugural member of the *Anchor Club*, which recognizes KCC’s most loyal and consistent donors. “Giving back to KCC each year has always made sense. This college has always been there for me, first as a student and now as a staff member.”

Ms. Yarczower’s giving is a natural extension of her work, rooted in empathy, gratitude and a clear understanding of the stakes. “The students I work with inspire me every day with their courage, commitment and resilience. Being a donor is yet another way I can convey my deep appreciation for their service, and to make the road ahead just a little bit easier for them.”



Established in 2018, the *Anchor Club* includes only KCC’s most loyal and consistent donors, who through their yearly contributions help to ensure that the college remains a beacon of access, excellence and opportunity. In the same way that an anchor secures a ship, the steadfast support of our *Anchor Club* members secures the prosperity of the college and the opportunities enjoyed by its students. To become an *Anchor Club* member, all you need to do is **donate to the KCC Foundation for three consecutive years (note: the total amount of your giving for those three consecutive years must equal or exceed \$150)** And last but not least, being an *Anchor Club* member entitles you to exclusive benefits. To learn more, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Basile, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at 718.368.4539 or Elizabeth.Basile@kbcc.cuny.edu.

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