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## The Kingsborough Corner

In years past, neighborhood street corners were places people met to exchange the news of the day. *The Kingsborough Corner* is no exception. I am excited to author this monthly column where I will share the latest and greatest news to inform and inspire you, and ignite your curiosity about happenings in the communities around you. Launching this inaugural column in the month when we celebrate mothers, I credit my mother—a former teacher and assistant principal—for sparking my interest and subsequent career in education. I am honored to serve as Kingsborough Community College's 7th president.

I have vivid memories of my mother setting up her classroom

at the beginning of the school year, and of her outfitted in her cap and gown on graduation day as she received her college degree. I also have memories of the many nights she would come home late after taking evening classes or those times she would be gone most of the day on Saturday taking classes at college. There are countless people like my mom who were able to make the sacrifices needed to obtain their degree; but there are also countless others who are unable to pursue their educational goals because they juggle multiple responsibilities and for whom going to campus several times a week is an impossible task.

Fortunately, these days there are more op-



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tions for adults pursuing college degrees like high quality, flexible, and adult-oriented online degree programs. If you're one, or know one, of the nearly half a million adults in Brooklyn who have some college, but no degree, and who may have difficulty managing a face-to-face sched-

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need. If you are looking for a way to meet your educational goals while balancing your life and family, today, you have so many more affordable and flexible options than my mom did. Don't give up on your dream of earning a college degree. It's more accessible to you now than ever before.

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