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Greetings from the President

Dr. Suri Duitch

Dear Class of 2026 graduates and guests:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, alumni, the Kingsborough Community College Foundation board, and friends of our College, it is a great honor to extend my warmest congratulations to the Class of 2026.

When I think about this graduating class, two words immediately come to mind: determination and ambition.

I see it in Kenny Rivera, a firefighter and proud alumnus who returned to Kingsborough to earn a second degree. Today, he graduates from our nursing program, ready to protect and heal lives on the frontlines in a powerful new way.

I see it in Myat Khine “Daisy” Zan, a theatre arts major who courageously began her Kingsborough education just two days after arriving in the United States—and graduates today with a 4.0 GPA.

And I see it in Faruq Anjorin, who arrived from Nigeria with plans to study surgical technology, only to discover a completely different destiny. After a NASA-sponsored program sparked his scientific curiosity, he joined a faculty-mentored research project analyzing a meteorite from his home country. He went on to present his findings at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston and proudly changed his major to biology.

Their stories are uniquely their own, but the fierce determination behind them belongs to this entire graduating class. That determination is what saw you through exhausting commutes, early morning classes, and late-night study sessions. It sustained you while balancing jobs, setbacks, and family responsibilities. Some of you were starting over in a new country or mastering a new language. Others were trailblazing as the very first in your family to attend college. There were moments when life made it incredibly hard to see the next step—but you refused to stop. You kept going.

This relentless drive is why Kingsborough students turn dreams into reality. For 63 years, Kingsborough has served as Brooklyn’s community college, an engine of opportunity and a beacon of equity for students in Brooklyn, across New York City and far beyond.

Today, you aren’t just celebrating an individual milestone. You are living proof of what happens when determination and ambition meet opportunity within a deeply caring community. You found faculty who challenged and championed you. You found advisors and staff who helped you navigate the way. And you found classmates who truly understood the delicate act of balancing school, work, and life. The same spirit that carried you to this stage will carry you into your next chapter—whether that means transferring to a senior college, launching a career, serving your community, or shaping a brand-new path.

As you leave Kingsborough, I hope you carry forward the education you worked so hard to earn, the ambition that brought you through our doors, and the absolute certainty that you are a permanent part of a community that believes fiercely in your future.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. You have earned it.



Dr. Suri Duitch
President



61st Commencement Ceremony Program

Class of 2026
Thursday, June 18, 2026

PRELUDE

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

OPENING PROCLAMATION

Professor Tyronne Johnson, Chair of the Department of Allied Health,
Mental Health and Human Services & Grand Marshal

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by Students from KCC's Theatre Arts Program

INVOCATION

The Student Union and Intercultural Interfaith Dialogue Group

GREETINGS

Dr. Jill O'Donnell-Tormey
Board of Trustees, The City University of New York

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & ADDRESS

Dr. Suri Duitch
President of Kingsborough Community College

COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mr. Gregg Bishop
Executive Director, Social Justice Fund
Introduction by Ms. Myat Khine Zan, KCC Salutatorian

FACULTY GREETINGS

Dr. John Mikalopas, Department of Physical Sciences

VALEDICTORIAN REMARKS

Ms. Urwa Faraz Malik, Class of 2026 Valedictorian
Introduction by Dr. Sharon Warren Cook
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES

Dr. Sharon Warren Cook

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Suri Duitch

CLOSING

Professor Tyronne Johnson

RECESSIONAL

Keynote Speaker

Gregg Bishop

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND



Gregg Bishop has made a name for himself supporting, through investment, low- to moderate-income communities, growing the capacity of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), implementing sectoral workforce strategies, and building resilient technology infrastructure for media companies.

He is currently the executive director of the Social Justice Fund, an initiative founded by New York Liberty and Brooklyn Nets owner Clara Wu Tsai as part of the Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation. The Social Justice Fund centers its work around racial justice and economic mobility in Brooklyn.

Before this role, Bishop served as the interim executive director of Coro New York, an organization that believes meaningful change comes from collaboration: people in business and communities, schools and unions, and government and nonprofits working together to find creative solutions and strengthen our democracy.

Bishop has more than 13 years of government experience, serving under New York City Mayors Michael Bloomberg and Bill de Blasio. From 2015-2020, he served as the commissioner of the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), where he was charged with running a dynamic city agency focused on equity of opportunity, supporting economic self-sufficiency and mobility for New York City-diverse communities. During his tenure, he connected small businesses to over \$200 million in capital, certified a record 9,000 minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs), connected over 100,000 New Yorkers to good-paying jobs, and invested over \$10 million in capacity-building programs across the five boroughs.

Under his leadership at SBS, more than 10,000 city residents were trained with new skills in the technology, healthcare, industrial and manufacturing, and hospitality sectors. He also developed and launched several initiatives aimed at structural barriers minorities face, including Black Entrepreneurs NYC (BE NYC) and Women Entrepreneurs NYC (WE NYC).

Bishop also has a strong track record in the nonprofit and private sectors. He served as the senior manager of workforce development at NPower, where he was responsible for doubling the capacity of Technology Service Corps, a nationally recognized technology training program for young adults aged 18-25. He has worked at several startups, including TheStreet.com, Oxygen Media, and VIBE Magazine.

Born in Grenada and raised in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, Bishop received a master's degree in integrated marketing and management communication from Florida State University and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in business administration from Florida A&M University. He studied international management and marketing in Tokyo, Japan, and is a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program and Coro Leadership New York.

Bishop is an adjunct professor at Baruch College's School of Public Affairs and serves on several boards, including Red Hook Initiative, Grenada Investment Development Corporation, Pursuit (formerly the New York Business Development Corporation), the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, and the Association for a Better New York (ABNY). He also serves on the Hebrew Free Loan Society Microenterprise Committee, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Local Advisory Committee, and is the immediate past president of the Alpha Gamma Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Greetings from the Faculty

Dr. John Mikalopas

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Dr. John Mikalopas attended New York City public schools, including South Shore High School. He earned a bachelor of science from Brooklyn College and an M.S. and Ph.D. in engineering from the University of California, Davis.

During graduate school, he worked as a research scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for five years. He also received a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship and taught physics at the University of Cincinnati as a visiting professor.

Dr. Mikalopas joined Kingsborough's physical sciences faculty in 1998. He teaches courses in engineering design, electric circuits and thermodynamics. He has served as faculty-elected department chair for more than two decades and as parliamentarian of the College Council.

His research focuses on terahertz technologies for advanced medical diagnostics, non-destructive testing, and next-generation communications. Recent articles have appeared in the *Journal of Applied Physics* (2025), *International Journal of High Speed Electronics and Systems* (2024), and *Physical Review B* (2023). He has also secured state grants that fund student research in water resources, renewable energy, and oceanographic science and technology.

Dr. Mikalopas is honored to extend greetings to the graduating Class of 2026 on behalf of the faculty.



Class of 2026 Valedictorian

Urwa Faraz Malik

ENGINEERING MAJOR



Urwa Faraz Malik arrived in the United States from Pakistan in July 2024 with the goal of pursuing an engineering degree — even when the people closest to her believed she didn't need one.

The eldest of four siblings and the first in her family to attend college, she had quietly gathered her academic records and applied to schools before leaving Pakistan. During her first semester at Kingsborough, she balanced family responsibilities, a full-time job, and evening classes.

The workload was overwhelming. At one point, she considered leaving school. Everything changed one evening when she met a fellow student named Tanzeela at the campus bus stop. After listening to her concerns, Tanzeela encouraged Urwa to believe in herself, saying nothing could stop her from achieving her goals.

She was right. Urwa went on to earn a perfect 4.0 GPA every semester, make the Dean's List, and distinguish herself in research, leadership, and service. Today, she graduates as Kingsborough's valedictorian for the Class of 2026.

Urwa's accomplishments at KCC are wide-ranging. In Phi Theta Kappa, she served as the lead of a campus-wide Wi-Fi improvement initiative under the guidance of Professor Midori Yamamura, working with students, administrators, and IT staff to address digital inequity and improve student access to online resources. As part of the CUNY Research Scholars Program, she worked with Professor Nathan Cooper to study how GPS-like navigation affects human spatial memory. In an honors research project under Professor Gregory Aizin, she demonstrated through mathematical proof and experimental design that an object's distance from its axis of rotation affects its motion more than its mass does.

Her academic achievements have drawn national recognition. Urwa was named a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipient — one of only 60 students selected nationwide from more than 1,300 applicants. She also received the Phi Theta Kappa Oberndorf Scholarship, the Maida W. Gershowitz Scholarship, and the Leonard and Louise Riggio Scholarship, which supported her very first semester at KCC.

This summer, she will conduct research on hydrothermal environments and their implications for extraterrestrial life through a Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Cornell University — a rare opportunity for a community college student.

Beyond the lab, Urwa interned in the office of NYS Senator Stephen Chan, where affordable housing workshops awakened an interest in using engineering to design energy-efficient systems for underserved communities. Through the CUNY Spring Forward program, she taught elementary and middle school students to build and program robots at Brooklyn Robot Foundry. She also served as a student ambassador and a Federal Work-Study student at the STEM Student Advisement Academy, where her supervisor, Professor Paula Risolo, became one of her most influential mentors — pointing her toward scholarship opportunities, the Cornell REU program and the valedictorian application itself.

Her interest in engineering began long before she arrived at KCC. Growing up near an airport in Pakistan, a young Urwa kept wondering how something so heavy could stay in the air. That question eventually became a dream of working with NASA. "As I move forward to become a mechanical engineer," she has said, "I still dream of space exploration. Now that dream is a step closer."

Her most important takeaway is that success is never achieved alone. "The relationships we build with professors, mentors, and peers can transform our lives," she noted. "Kingsborough taught me that asking questions, seeking help, and getting involved can open doors far beyond the classroom."

DEGREE & CERTIFICATE GRADUATES | AUGUST 2025

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Criminal Justice

Jaylian Apellaniz*	Kiana Zair'e Gates	Arti Pervizaj
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	Jian Hui Peng	

Liberal Arts

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Seif El dean Abuzahriyeh	Nakijah Coombs	Josephine Lozada
Maxymus Agramonte	Alexandra Coronati*	Samayra Lubin
Jahir Ahmed	Hillari Cortes Perez	Alvin Mai* Φ
Khurshedjon Akramov	Anthony Corvera	Rebekah Mardakhaev* Φ
Jaime Andy Alatraste	Dy-mond Cruz	Gianna Marinello* Φ
Rayan Algahim*	Elder Cruz	Allison Martinez
Rihan Algahim* Φ	Anthony Desalvatore*	Kevin Martinez*
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Victoria Isabel Robinson
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Cindy Veliz

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Makayela Davilar

Isha Hasan
Elijah Idemudia
Paul Kaedly Ilfrene
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Education Studies

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Δ Chi Alpha Epsilon: Delta Pi Chapter

A national honors society created to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to college through non-traditional criteria through an opportunity program such as SEEK, College Discovery, and TRiO. To be considered, students must be enrolled in an opportunity program, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have completed English composition.

◆ Honors Program

Awarded to Honors Program students who completed up to nine honors credits and participated in honors curricular or co-curricular activities while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Π Honors Program Presidential Scholars

Awarded to Honors Program students who completed 18 or more honors credits, completed honors service, and an Honors Program Capstone while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Ω Kingsborough Early College Program

Awarded to NYC Department of Education students who have successfully completed their high school program while simultaneously receiving their associate degree in liberal arts.

Φ Phi Theta Kappa - Xi Kappa Chapter: International Honor Society of the Two-Year College

Membership is open to students who earn 12 credits or more with a GPA of 3.50 or higher and pledge to promote scholarship, leadership, and service on campus.

α Sigma Alpha Pi: The National Society of Leadership and Success

Students must reach an academic accomplishment of 3.0 or higher GPA and possess leadership potential.

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Students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher receive this notation on their diplomas.

NOTE: Information is unavailable for credits earned prior to fall 1999.

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Funded in Memory of Fred F. Addes

Awarded to the graduating student who demonstrated excellence in scholarship by achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point index (GPA) and exceptional commitment to the College and community service.

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Awarded to graduates who fulfilled the academic excellence hallmarks of the Honors Program by completing 18 or more credits in honors course work, graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 or higher, and provided service and leadership to Kingsborough Community College.

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