

# Scepter

The Students' Voice

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## Earth Day at Kingsborough

*KCC Partners with Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy to Tackle Pollution One Bag at a Time.*



By: Annie He

Photo by: Eva Berkeley

In recognition of Earth Day, Kingsborough Community College partnered with Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy to host a cleanup at Seawall — a rocky terrain overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, located just outside the college's Marine Academic Center (MAC).

Established in 2013, the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy is dedicated to improving parklands throughout Jamaica Bay and the Rockaway peninsula. Over the years, the conservancy has removed over 50 tons of debris and planted more than 420,000 native trees and plants across various parklands.

Despite the terrain looking fairly spotless from a distance, it did not take long for a 10-gallon trash bag to fill up. Hidden beneath rocks and tucked into tiny crevices were clusters of plastic — some sandwich containers so old and brittle they crumbled

at the touch, making it nearly impossible to remove them without breaking them into smaller fragments.

For most volunteers, finding pollution did not require traveling far. Garbage turned up in almost every corner of the shoreline. Among the debris were plastic bags, old soda cans, and — perhaps most surprisingly — a wooden pallet, presumably washed in from a nearby warehouse.

But even that wasn't the most unexpected find of the day.

"The most surprising thing was finding two trash can lids near the edge of the water," said Victor Chamorro, a student volunteer who filled nearly two full bags of litter on his own.

The cleanup ran from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Working under the sun on uneven terrain — crouching in awkward positions to pry a Sprite can from between two rocks — made the hour

feel both exhausting and strangely satisfying. When it was over and the filled bags were lined up, the effort felt worth every minute.

Approximately 500 lbs. of trash was removed from Seawall, the volume collected made clear how much can accumulate in a place that looks clean from the outside.

Oceans have long been threatened by pollution, with consequences that ripple through marine life and entire ecosystems. Beach cleanups do more than remove trash — they raise awareness and serve as a reminder that small actions can have a real impact. Getting garbage off the shore before it reaches the water is one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect our marine environment.

So the next time you are at a beach, take a few minutes to pick up what you see. Every bit counts.

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# Inflation in America: How Does It Impact People at Kingsborough?

By: Asha Kanuteh

Inflation in the United States rose 2.4% by February 2026. This increase has greatly affected citizens' ability to buy everyday essentials such as food, water, and transportation. As prices continue to rise, many households are finding it more difficult to keep up with the cost of living and manage their daily expenses. Even small increases in the price of basic goods can add up over time, placing additional financial pressure on individuals and families who rely on stable prices to maintain their standard of living.

Inflation is the general increase in prices for goods and services over time, reducing the purchasing power of money. For instance, your favorite snack was \$1.00, but since inflation started, the price has gone up, so now it's \$4.00.

Students attending and commuting to college are also impacted by this due to an increase in public transportation pricing, which has gone up to \$3.00; some students who drive to campus now have to pay almost \$5.00 for gas, which can cause financial hardship

and sometimes necessitate sacrifices in certain things in order to come to school.

At Kingsborough, many students and faculty have expressed concerns about how prices have been rising, and how this is making buying anything, let alone lunch, an issue.

As the cost of everyday necessities continues to increase, students are finding it more difficult to manage their budgets while balancing school, work, and personal responsibilities.

Catherine Ma, a Psychology professor at Kingsborough Community College, has also expressed concerns

herself, she is worried about her children and her parents. "I also worry for my parents, who are retired and on a fixed income. I try to pay for their necessities when I can, but my Dad always does the Chinese polite fight because he knows I am paying college tuition for my children, which is also astronomical. I believe a viable solution is to tax billionaires who should pay their fair share, just as many working-class people pay their taxes. Why have the richest of the rich not have to pay taxes?"

Thankfully, there are resources at Kingsborough to help students with transportation funds, tuition, and other financial assistance. The ASAP program provides OMNY cards to participating students; College Discovery offers MetroCards to participating students; and CUNY Edge supports students who receive public assistance through HRA. The Access Resource Center helps students connect with basic needs and support services, especially if they are dealing with financial or personal challenges.



Cindy Dong, a student at Kingsborough Community College since 2025, said inflation has made everyday expenses harder to manage. Dong states that it's getting "harder to budget" and that people are "scared of wasting their money on high prices." Dong added that many students are feeling the impact of rising prices.

about the recent inflation. "Inflation has had a grave impact on so many communities. The cost of living in New York City has skyrocketed, and prices seem to be on the rise with no end in sight. I worry for the marginalized and minoritized communities who will feel this the hardest," Ma said. She also mentioned that, as a mother

## DISCOVERING THE COLLEGE DISCOVERY PROGRAM "Because College Doesn't Have To Be Hard To Start"

By: Jose Diaz

Transitioning from high school to college can feel overwhelming for incoming freshmen. Suddenly, the constant guidance of teachers is gone. You are responsible for managing your own schedule, keeping up with coursework, and figuring out finances — all at once.

Feeling overwhelmed is normal. But at Kingsborough, there is a hidden gem for first-year students that can make the transition a lot smoother.

College can be scary. It doesn't have to be hard.

The College Discovery Program (CD) was created and financed in the 1960s by The City University of New York (CUNY) and is available at only six colleges across New York City. Founded to increase access to higher education, the program provides financial, academic, and counseling support to incoming freshmen. Located at L516 on the

fifth floor of the Kingsborough library, the program is currently under the administration of Brenda Vargas.

Vargas describes it as a college within a college.

"We always say that College Discovery is a mini-college within the bigger college, because we have to help students in all areas — from enrollment all the way until graduation. And our counselors do too," Vargas said.

With an enrollment of 302 to 340 students per semester and an open-door policy, the program offers a wide range of benefits. Vargas outlined what members receive financially:

"We offer all of our students \$500.00 per semester to spend on their necessities. We also cover student fees up to \$101, and we have a financial allocation that works with them every semester and helps with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)."

The program also stands out for the quality of its tutoring. Rather than peer tutoring, College Discovery employs professional non-teaching adjuncts.

"They're experts. Many of them are pursuing master's degrees, so our students get the best from the people who tutor them," Vargas said.

On the counseling side, Karl Alexandre — one of four counselors in the program — described his role: "My duties are to assist students in choosing their classes, point students toward majors they want to pursue, and introduce them to career fields they may not know much about," Alexandre said.

He also highlighted one of the program's lesser-known benefits: transfer opportunities.

"We have transfer opportunities to 96 institutions within New York State, so it's a great program for students who are looking for guidance while they are in school," Alexandre said.

To be eligible, students must meet academic and financial requirements under NYC guidelines, or have a GPA of 80 or below from high school. But even if you do not qualify for full membership, counseling and tutoring services are still available to you.

"We don't deny students a place in the program — that's why we're here. If a student fails a class, we continue to help them for as long as they are at Kingsborough," Vargas said.

You can find the College Discovery Program on the Kingsborough website at [www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cd](http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cd), on Facebook as KBCC CDiscovery, or by calling Brenda Vargas directly at (718) 368-5520.

If you are not sure where to start when you first arrive at Kingsborough, the College Discovery Program is one of the best places to begin. Because college can be scary — but with the right support, you won't have to face it alone.

# The Cleanup in Photos

Photo by: Eva Berkeley



# Access-Ability Services

## The Importance of Programs Created Specifically for Individuals with Disabilities

By: *Cindy "Amor" Bobe*

I think it is important to share information about a college program that is close to my heart.

Access Ability Services (AAS) is a program designed for students with disabilities. It enables them to get the help they need to succeed during their college experience and beyond.

This program is located in the D Cluster, in the green section near the double stairs, in the green section near the double stairs. Feel free to stop by D205 at any time to make an appointment, learn about available services, or pick up information to share with a friend who might benefit.

All of the staff at AAS are dedicated and will help guide you toward the support you need for a successful academic journey.

As a student with learning difficulties, AAS has been a key part of my own success, and I am grateful for the services it provides.

I would like to highlight two staff members who have made a real difference. Peter Santiago, who retired last year to pursue his own goals, is deeply missed — but we wish him all the best. He made a lasting impact during his time at Kingsborough.

His successor, Benjamin Hanon, has proven to be an equally outstanding addition to the team. Mr. Hanon is passionate about his work and deeply committed to his students. What makes his role especially meaningful is that he is a high-functioning autistic individual himself. He works not only to support students in their academic journeys, but also to offer guidance on navigating everyday life and the challenges that come with it.

To gather further perspective on the program, I spoke with a student and a staff member.

Asha Kanuteh, a Kingsborough student graduating this year, has been using AAS throughout her time at the college. She expressed satisfaction with both the services and the staff, noting that one of the most valuable aspects of AAS is how approachable the counselors are. Whether you need guidance or have a concern, you can walk in and receive immediate support — something that makes a real difference when you need a system you can rely on.

Benjamin Hanon also shared his thoughts: "Our accommodations are able to make learners more equal. College is hard enough without having everything that you are entitled to. If you are eligible for our services, use them. If you don't know, ask us!" He also offered one of his well-known reflections: "I meet my students where they are; where they are is on the spectrum."

AAS is a stepping stone to a better future for students with disabilities, helping them build confidence and recognize their own potential. If you have a disability, or feel you could benefit from additional support, do not hesitate to stop by. Everyone there is welcoming, and the help available could make a meaningful difference in your college experience.



Benji Hanon of Access Ability Services

Photo by: *Cindy "Amor" Bobe*



Cindy "Amor" Bobe and Asha Kanteh

Photo by: *Cindy "Amor" Bobe*

# Meal Deals

## How to Get the Most Food for Your Money

By: Victor Chamorro

Food. So essential, so delicious, so expensive. There is no doubt that food prices have been rising, and as college students, we always want something that gives us the most for our money. It can be hard to find, but there is always something out there — and that is where meal deals from fast food restaurants come in. Places like McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's all offer meal deals, each with something different to bring to the table. But a deal is not just about price — it is also about taste. So which one gives you the best eating experience without breaking the wallet?

Although all three fast food chains offer various ways to save, the following options stand out as their best value.

McDonald's: Iconic for its golden, crispy fries, McDonald's offers a \$5 meal deal that includes four items: a McChicken, four-piece nuggets, small fries, and a small drink. If bought separately, those items would cost \$9.96 — meaning you save nearly \$5. As for taste, the nuggets and fries are a classic, crispy combo, and the

McChicken rounds it out nicely, offering a little bit of everything McDonald's is known for. For those who prefer a cheeseburger, there is also a \$6 version that swaps the McChicken for a McDouble. When it comes to fries, McDonald's is the clear winner — no question.

Burger King: Sometimes it is not the fries you are after — it is the sandwich. Burger King is known for its burgers, and for good reason: their sandwiches are noticeably bigger than what you get at McDonald's or Wendy's, and sometimes size is exactly what you want. Burger King's Duo Combo is \$6 and lets you choose two items from options like a Whopper Jr., bacon cheeseburger, or Original Chicken Sandwich, paired with fries, nuggets, or a drink. While only getting two items might seem limiting, the size of the sandwiches more than justifies it. The bacon cheeseburger, in particular, is worth going for if you want something hearty and satisfying. One tip: since it is only a two-item deal, skip the drink and go for a sandwich and fries to get the most out of your money.

Wendy's: Wendy's takes a similar

approach with their Biggie Deals, starting at 2 for \$4. The first item is one of their sandwiches, and the second can be nuggets (regular or spicy), fries, or a drink. What makes Wendy's stand out is the flexibility — there are plenty of combinations to choose from, and if two items feels like too little, you can step up to a \$6 or \$8 Biggie Bag. The Double Stack burger is a personal favorite, and as always, fries are a must. One highlight unique to Wendy's is the Coca-Cola Freestyle machine available at many locations, offering over 100 customizable soda options — a fun bonus on top of the meal.

Regardless of price or taste, the choice ultimately comes down to personal preference. For some, McDonald's wins for its variety; for others, Burger King takes it for the burger; and some will always make a Wendy's run just to grab a Frosty while they are there. Meal deals can feel like a lifesaver for college students on a budget, and chances are, sooner or later, you will find yourself at one of these places trying to score a solid meal at an affordable price.



Here are some other fast food restaurants with notable value meals:

**Taco Bell** Their Cravings Value Menu offers items starting at \$1, and the Luxe Cravings Box gives you multiple items (a Chalupa, burrito, taco, chips, and drink) for around \$9–\$10 — one of the better bang-for-your-buck options out there.

**Subway** Their Meal Deal bundles a footlong sub with chips and a drink. Prices vary by location but generally run around \$10–\$12.

**Popeyes** The \$6 Bigbox includes a chicken sandwich or tenders, a side, and a biscuit. Popeyes is particularly known for the quality of its chicken relative to the price.

**KFC** Their Fill Up Meals start around \$5–\$7 and typically include a chicken piece or sandwich, a side, and a drink.

**Chick-fil-A** No formal "deal" per se, but their meals are competitively priced around \$8–\$10 and consistently ranked high for taste and quality among fast food chains.

**Pizza Hut / Domino's** If you are feeding a group, both chains regularly run deals on large pizzas for \$7–\$10, which can stretch much further per person than a single combo meal.



# Seydou Keïta: A Tactile Lens Exhibit at The Brooklyn Museum

By: Elena Ramirez



On March 27, 2026, Kingsborough organized a short visit to the Brooklyn Museum. To be honest, I hadn't been on any field trips since arriving here, so I decided to join in—marking my first time attending as the group's photographer. We viewed the exhibition featuring Seydou Keïta. He was a highly renowned portrait photographer from Africa during 1948-1977. He lived in Bamako, Mali, from 1991 to 2001. During that time, he created portraits of people within his community and his

city. Personally, the experience was quite interesting; it taught me a great deal, and it was inspiring to learn about the history of someone working in my own field of study. Seydou Keïta remains an inspiration to many photographers, as well as me, due to the way his portraits seem to transport you back to the exact moment and place where the photographs were taken. I can truly say that I had a wonderful time, and I am very glad I went on the trip.

Photos by: Elena Ramirez



# Zootopia 2

## More Than Just a Sequel

By: Anastasiia Haraieva

Zootopia 2 (2025) was not just another animated sequel. It became one of the most successful animated films ever made, earning around \$1.8 billion worldwide. That number alone shows how many people connected with the story. Kids watched it for the fun and color. Adults watched it for the meaning. But I think people stayed for something deeper.

When I watched the movie, I did not just see animals running through a city. I saw responsibility. Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde are no longer chasing criminals for the thrill of it. They understand that wearing a badge means carrying the weight of people's safety and trust. In some scenes, they hesitate before acting — and that hesitation feels real. It shows maturity. It shows growth. In life, responsibility is not loud; it is the quiet decisions made carefully.

The film also feels deeply human because of empathy. Even in a city full of different species, misunderstandings still exist. Fear still appears. But instead of resolving everything with force, the characters choose to listen. That detail touched me. Listening is simple, but in real life it is rare. The movie reminds us that empathy is not weakness — it is strength. It builds bridges where fear tries to



build walls.

Another thing I appreciated is how relationships are portrayed. Judy and Nick do not always agree. They argue. They doubt each other. But they do not walk away. They stay and talk it through. That feels honest. Real friendships are not perfect; they require patience and trust. The movie shows that caring for someone means staying even when it is uncomfortable.

There is also a quiet message about leadership. Fear spreads quickly throughout the city, and certain characters try to use it to their advantage — something that felt very realistic. But the film gently shows that fear cannot build a healthy society. Only responsibility, courage, and understanding can do that.

For me, Zootopia 2 is special not because of its animation or the money it earned, but because it feels close to real life. Behind the humor and adventure, it asks how we treat one another. It reminds us that growing up means becoming more responsible, more empathetic, and more aware of our impact on others.

And maybe that is why millions of people watched it — not only to escape reality, but to understand it a little better.

# Review of Sword Art Online, Season 1

By: Emrod Bull

I was going through a catalogue of older anime recently and stumbled across a show I loved as a kid but fell out of touch with over the years. Sword Art Online — also known as SAO — follows a boy trapped in a virtual reality game where dying in the game means dying in real life. Simple premise, great execution. In this review, I'll go over what I liked, what I didn't, and whether it's worth your time. Minor spoilers ahead.

As a kid, I wasn't the only one obsessed with this show — it was talked about everywhere. Revisiting it as an adult, I realized it is surprisingly layered. When I was younger, I loved the flashy fights and the hint of romance. Now, what stands out most is the dialogue. This show has some of the smartest, most mature writing I have ever seen in any series. It establishes characters in a deep yet accessible way, giving you just enough to understand them without drowning you in exposition. That restraint pulls you into the story and keeps the sense of surprise alive throughout — which fits perfectly with the show's core theme of survival.

Every character feels well thought out. Almost every question the viewer might have gets addressed naturally through conversation rather than narration. The dialogue is so mature, in fact, that you might find yourself questioning the age of the main character. The guy is 16 — but he speaks like someone who has lived through decades of experience. In every situation, especially when dealing with the emotions of others, he says exactly the right thing. Watching it, I kept thinking: there is no way a teenager talks like that. Then the show quietly offers an explanation — he has a sister he is close to, briefly introduced in episode one — and suddenly it clicks. That is the kind of thoughtful,

layered writing that makes SAO stand out.

This leads to my next point: continuity and relationships. Almost every “wait, but what about this?” moment eventually gets answered within the story. The reason the main character prefers to play alone, for example, unfolds into one of the more compelling character-building arcs in the show. Without spelling it out, the story lets you watch how that experience quietly shapes every relationship he forms afterward.



One particularly clever storytelling choice is the use of date markers. Each episode jumps forward — sometimes a day, sometimes a month,

sometimes a year. You see how time has worn on the characters and shifted their relationships. It is a small touch that carries a lot of weight. And on the subject of relationships, this anime has one of the most mature and honest depictions of love and romance I have seen in the genre.

What I appreciate most, though, is how the show handles morality. The way characters process loss, the slow erosion of routine logic, the shift in motivation when survival becomes the new normal — it is handled with a subtlety you don't always find in anime, or in storytelling generally.

For the most part, Season 1 of Sword Art Online is one of the best anime I have watched. The writing is sharp and the ending is deeply satisfying. Almost.

Here is where things get complicated. After roughly 14 episodes, the season shifts into a sub-arc — and the quality drops noticeably. The writing feels like it came from an entirely different person. It is possible the original writer did not anticipate having to continue and ended up piecing something together last-minute. I didn't enjoy it, and honestly, skipping ahead to Season 2 costs you nothing narratively. The good news: the first half of Season 2 matches the quality of the first half of Season 1. It is well worth continuing.

Given all of that, here is how I would grade it: Episodes 1–14: **9.8/10**  
Episodes 15–25: **6.9/10**

If you have been looking for something to watch this semester, give SAO a shot. Despite my reservations about the back half of the season, this might end up being one of your favorite finds. It is worth your time — and it just might become your next favorite show.

# Kingsborough Student Resources

Kingsborough Community College offers a wide range of resources designed to support students academically, financially, and personally throughout their college journey. These services aim to remove barriers, promote student success, and provide guidance from enrollment through graduation.

For a full list of available services, visit the official Student Resources page: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/studres/>

Below are some key programs and offices available to students:

## ASAP (Accelerated Study in Associate Programs)

The CUNY ASAP program is designed to help associate degree-seeking students graduate as quickly as possible. ASAP addresses common barriers to completion by offering comprehensive support such as academic advising, financial assistance, and career guidance, helping students stay on track and succeed.

## Advisement Center

The Advisement Center is committed to empowering students with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to navigate their academic pathways. Advisors assist with course selection, degree planning, and long-term educational goals, ensuring students remain informed and prepared throughout their studies.

## College Discovery Program

The College Discovery Program provides financial and academic support to eligible students. Benefits include a book stipend each semester, coverage of activity fees, and an additional year of New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) funding. Upon graduation, students may transfer to City University of New York (CUNY), State University of New York (SUNY), or private institutions, often with continued financial support.

## CUNY Start

CUNY Start at Kingsborough is a low-cost, intensive alternative to traditional remedial courses. The program offers semester-long instruction in math, reading, and/or writing, along with a weekly college-readiness seminar. Students build academic skills, develop confidence, and learn how to navigate college systems. The program costs only \$75, including books and materials, allowing students to preserve financial aid for credit-bearing courses. Total savings can range from \$1,680 to \$2,100 depending on individual needs.

## Military and Veteran Affairs Office (MAVA)

The Military and Veteran Affairs Office supports active-duty service members, veterans, and their families. MAVA assists students with applications and certification for educational benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, ensuring they receive the support they are entitled to.

## Access Resource Center (ARC)

The Access Resource Center provides holistic services aimed at helping students overcome personal and academic challenges. ARC works to create an inclusive campus environment and supports students in achieving their educational and personal goals.

## CUNY EDGE

CUNY EDGE supports students receiving public assistance through the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA). The program helps students succeed academically, prepare for careers, and become actively engaged members of their communities.

## International Student Affairs (ISA)

The International Student Affairs Office supports international students from acceptance through graduation. ISA provides academic advising, immigration guidance, and opportunities for cultural and social engagement, helping students become active members of the campus community.

## Immigrant and Undocumented Student Success Center

This center offers dedicated support for immigrant, undocumented, DACA, TPS, and refugee students, as well as those from mixed-status families. Services include advising, resources, and advocacy to ensure all students have equitable access to education.

## Kingsborough Community College Foundation Scholarships

The Kingsborough Community College Foundation provides a variety of scholarships and financial assistance opportunities throughout the academic year. These include need-based aid, book vouchers, special awards, and emergency grants. Scholarships are funded by donors and organizations and are awarded without discrimination, in accordance with federal, state, and city laws.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY

### Spring Fest – Cinco De Mayo Edition

Tuesday, May 5th | 12pm – 2pm  
Quad (Rain Location: U219/U220)

Join us for festive eats, lively music, and fun games as we celebrate culture, community, and springtime vibes.

### SGA & African Student Union Presents AfroFest

Wednesday, May 6th | 3pm - 6pm | U219

A vibrant celebration of African culture, music, food, and community.

### Festival of Colors: A Celebration of Spring

Monday, May 11th | 2pm – 4pm  
Beach Patio (Rain Location: U219)

The Festival of Colors is a vibrant, cross-cultural celebration that honors the universal joy of renewal, transformation, and new beginnings. Inspired by traditions such as Holi, Indigenous Spring ceremonies, summer solstice gatherings, and other seasonal festivals from around the world, this event brings communities together to celebrate the changing of seasons through color, light, music, and shared experience. It is a moment to reflect on growth, embrace hope, and welcome the warmth and possibility that spring represents across cultures and generations.

### Mental Health Awareness Month: Annual Staff vs Student Basketball Game

Tuesday, May 12th | 3pm – 4:30pm  
Main GYM

Don't miss the excitement as staff and students go head-to-head in an epic showdown! Come cheer during the game and see who will claim victory!

### Leadership Summit: Champions Rising – Leading with Resilience & Intention

Thursday, May 14th

Champions Rising Keynote: 12:30pm – 1:30pm | U219

Muay Thai Mindfulness Workshop: 1:30pm – 2:15pm | Hall of Flags

Join us for an empowering Leadership Summit featuring keynote speaker Chris Romulo, former Muay Thai Champion and creator of the A.C.T. Framework. Through the Champions Uprising keynote and an interactive workshop experience, students will learn how to overcome self-doubt, manage pressure, and lead with clarity and resilience. Participants will walk away with practical tools to strengthen emotional intelligence, sharpen decision-making, and build inner leadership both on and off campus.

### SGA Karaoke Night

Thursday, May 14th | 4pm – 6pm | U220

Join the SGA and sing your favorite songs for a fun time filled with music and laughter.

### Paws for Wellness (Puppy Therapy)

Monday, May 18th | 1pm – 3pm | COVE

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, we invite you to take a break and de-stress with friendly therapy puppies! A calming, joy-filled experience to help you recharge.

\*\*Puppies must be handled with care\*\*

### Let's Talk Tuesday

May 19th - Open Decompression Session

Time: 2pm - 3pm Location: U-215

Open safe space to express your feelings and emotions out loud with love.

### Budget 101

May 20th Time: 2pm - 3pm Location: U-215

Wealth Wednesday - Come and learn how to have a healthy relationship with your finances

### SGA Presents: Taste Around the World

Wednesday, May 20th | 3pm-6pm | U219/U220

Join the SGA to learn about different cultures and taste new food from various parts of the world.

### USS/SGA: CUNY Diversity Day

Thursday, May 21st | 2pm-5pm | U219/220

### 2026 Graduation Ball

Thursday, May 28th | 6pm-10pm | MAC Lighthouse

\$10 for KCC Students, \$25 for Non-KCC Students

CASH ONLY

Tickets Available in C-123

Formal Attire Required: No Jeans or Sneakers

## JUNE

### Good Luck Finals Breakfast

Tuesday, June 2nd | 8:30am – Until Supplies Last  
Cafeteria

Come get free breakfast to fuel your finals week, connect with peers, and start your day with encouragement and support from the KCC community.

### SGA After Party Prom Party

Wednesday, June 3rd | 4pm - 8pm | Mac Rotunda

Celebrate the end of the semester at the SGA After Party Prom an evening of music, dancing, and fun as we close out the year together.

### Grad Cap Decorating

Thursday, June 4th | 10am – Until Supplies Last | U213/U214

Come decorate your graduation cap and make sure you stand out on Commencement Day! Supplies will be provided, just bring your graduation cap with you.

### Grad Fair

June 4th | 10am-6pm | U219/220

Graduates pick up your Cap & Gown and Commencement tickets. Stay and decorate your cap afterwards!

Meet with potential employers, take your graduation photo, get your last-minute graduation and transfer questions answered and sign up for the KCC Alumni Association.

### Lavender Graduation

June 9 | 3pm – 5pm | U219

### Awards Night Ceremony

June 10 | 6:30pm | MAC Lighthouse

### Graduation 2026

Kingsborough Community College

will host its 61st Commencement for the Class of 2026 on

June 18, 2026

Coney Island Amphitheater