

KCC Receives Outstanding Program Award

The National Two-Year College English Association (TYCA) awarded the recently restructured developmental English program at Kingsborough Community College (KCC) the Diana Hacker TYCA Outstanding Program in English Award (<http://www.ncte.org/tyca/awards>). The prestigious recognition, co-sponsored by Bedford/St. Martin's Press, was presented to the KCC faculty team, led by Professor Eileen Ferretti, at the TYCA Annual Convention in San Francisco on March 14, 2009. The award honors the achievements of two-year college English teachers who, together with administrators, create exemplary programs and initiatives to enhance language learning of students and to enable students of diverse interests and backgrounds to achieve their college, career, and personal goals.

"I am very pleased at the recognition that our faculty have received for the innovative projects that they initiated to enhance developmental English at Kingsborough. Their work has led to higher pass rates for our at-risk students and has generated exciting collaborative work among the English faculty," said KCC President Regina S. Peruggi.

KCC's "Serving the Literacy Goals of At-Risk Students through an integrated Approach to Faculty Development and Course Design" program received



President Regina Peruggi (center) receives the award-winning team in her office. From left to right: Ronna Levy, Sylviane Baumflek, Eileen Ferretti, Tina Orsini, Karlene Gooding, and Elizabeth Dill.

the special award in the category of Enhancing, Developmental Education. The newly constructed developmental English program, funded by the Coordinated Undergraduate Education (CUE) Initiative at Kingsborough, offers instructors who teach at-risk students an integrated approach to best practices by providing multiple forums for reviewing scholarship, sharing teaching models, and collaborating in assess-



ment of student work and curriculum design. These forums include small teacher cohorts, course practicums, teacher toolboxes offering sample lessons for a well-planned course, and personalized adjunct mentoring. Besides Dr. Ferretti, members of the award-winning developmental English team include Professors Sylviane Baumflek, Ronna Levy, Elizabeth Dill, Tina Orsini and Karlene Gooding. CUNY University Dean for Undergraduate Education, Judith Summerfield, congratulated Kingsborough for the honor it received and invited the team to present their project in the next CUE Council meeting which will take place on April 7, 2009 at CUNY Central.