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EDUCATION PROFILE

Peter Cohen, A leader with a legacy of student support

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In 1987, a gallon of gas was 89 cents, and postage stamps were 24 cents. The Final Fantasy video game was released; Full House and The Simpsons premiered on TV for the first time, and Aretha Franklin was inducted into the Rock and Roll of Fame. Fox Broadcasting made its prime-time TV debut, and Margaret Thatcher was elected as Prime Minister of the UK for the third time. Fatal Attraction, The Untouchables, and Moonstruck were in theaters, George Michael's "Faith" was on the billboard charts, and Peter Cohen entered the gates of Kingsborough Community College.

He started as a substitute teacher in the Department of Student Development. Throughout his time at KCC, he was promoted and appointed to various positions, including dean, interim president of the



Kingsborough Community College Vice President of Student Affairs Peter Cohen takes part in KCC Olympics to help raise money for student scholarships, one of many events he took part in to support students.

College, and vice president of Student Affairs. Despite the variety of titles, Peter's job has stayed the same for 33 years: supporting students to be successful in achieving their goals.

Peter's legacy of service to KCC is evident in the spectrum of services that continue to support students, such as the KCC Child Development Center, the Office of Student Life, the Access Resource Center, KCC's Access-Ability Services and our Counseling Services which has been rebranded and is now called Student Wellness Services and includes Student Counseling, Health Services, Wellness Center, and the Women's Center.

Fortunately for us, in those years, he also was responsible for hiring many of our outstanding student affairs and support staff who continue to demonstrate a commitment to student success that matches

his own. Because of the influence of Peter and so many others and the welcoming and supportive environment that he helped to develop, KCC continues to be a college known for its high-touch approach and comprehensive approach to assisting students.

Congratulations to Vice President Peter Cohen on his retirement! His legacy of supporting students will forever be embedded in the halls of Kingsborough Community College.

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