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EDUCATION PROFILE

## Mission Possible: A Cure for Cancer

I'm sure we all know families, friends, co-workers and neighbors who have been touched by the pain caused by breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers.

Currently, the average risk of a woman in the United States developing breast cancer sometime in her life is about 12 percent. This means there is a 1 in 8 chance a woman will develop breast cancer. It means that one in eight women who read this will develop breast cancer. This also means there is a 7 in 8 chance she will never have the disease.

Not enough is fully known on the causes of breast cancer, but, early detection of the disease is the key to treating it. As we pursue new efforts to target breast cancer and treatment, I can't help but think of our students in the



Kingsborough president Dr. Claudia V. Schrader, center, and the Office of Student Affairs observing #KCCPinkFridays in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). I can't help but hope that among them stands the person who will help us find a cure for

this disease.

And as we observe National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, let's honor the women and men who lost their lives to breast cancer,

and recognize the fighters and survivors. For these individuals, let's reaffirm ourselves to the work of building a cancer-free world by raising awareness to early detection,

medical treatments and funding for research. Earlier this month, Kingsborough Community College took the initiative to launch a public service video to bring awareness about breast cancer.

You can view the video on YouTube at [bit.ly/KCC-BCA-PSA](http://bit.ly/KCC-BCA-PSA).

If you haven't already done so, you too can make a difference and spread the word about mammograms, get tested, encourage others to get tested and get involved in the mission to cure cancer once and for all.

*Dr. Claudia V. Schrader is president of Kingsborough Community College located in beautiful Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn. In the college's Health and STEM Academy, students can major in Nursing, Biology, Engineering and more to help find a cure. Visit <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/HealthSciencesandSTEMAcademy.html> or call 718-368-4600.*

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