

December 2019

Dear Campus Community,

The month of December brought with it all the wonderful trappings of the year's end and the impending holidays. I enjoyed attending a number of end-of-the-semester activities like the KCC Fashion show and the Employee of the Month Breakfast with the 2019 awardees. I also had the opportunity to participate in holiday celebrations that were happening throughout the College like the CUNY Fatherhood Academy celebration where Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity donated toys to the children of program participants; the PSC Holiday Party; the Early Childhood Center's Holiday Party where I had the opportunity to wear pajamas along with our littles learners who received gifts donated by members of the Senior Staff, and of course, our own KCC Holiday Party.

Despite the joy that these times bring, it saddens me to close out the year with my thoughts and prayers for those who continue to be subjected to the evils of anti-Semitism, bigotry, and discrimination. No one should be attacked or have to suffer because of their faith, beliefs, or who they are. As these acts of hate continue to permeate our world, country, city and communities, I ask you to not only continue to stand with me against anti-Semitism, racism, bigotry and hate, but help me to build bridges of respect, trust, tolerance and understanding at KCC. As a college community, we need to not only guard against intolerance and disrespect, which are fertile grounds in which hate grows; but work together to sow the seeds of our values.

As part of my first monthly report for 2020, I plan to share with you our Campus Climate Improvement Plan which will outline a series of action steps/activities for improving the campus climate.

Let us move forward in 2020 and beyond; away from a past we cannot change, and towards a future that we can determine.

May the dawn of the new year and decade bring you good health, good fortune and good will.