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State Senator Persaud Tours Site of KCC's Proposed Student Union
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Pictured: Kingsborough President Farley Herzek and State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud “break ground” on new Student Union & Intercultural Center.

Brooklyn, NY –State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud toured the site for Kingsborough Community College’s proposed Student Union & Intercultural Center last week. The representative of Brooklyn’s 19th Senatorial District helped secure \$600K of the estimated \$1.5 million needed to complete the state-of-the-art, educational and recreational space.

“The purpose of the new space is twofold,” said Kingsborough President Farley Herzek. “Primarily, the Center will be dedicated to learning more about what we share as a diverse educational community. Kingsborough students represent 162 countries and speak approximately 73 languages. We plan to offer events in the space to encourage students to have the types of meaningful exchanges that help bridge cultural, religious, ideological, political, and lifestyle divides and differences.”

“Secondly, the Center will encourage student engagement, which studies have shown is tied to student success,” noted Herzek. “Students who are actively engaged in their campus communities are more likely to stay the course and complete their studies.”

“I’m very happy that I was able to be of service to Kingsborough Community College and help them reach their goals for their new Student Union and Intercultural Center. Bridging the gap between the diverse student body is such a wonderful and important way to promote tolerance all while enriching the educational experience,” said Senator Persaud.

The first phase of reconstruction began in last month. The entire project is expected to be completed by June.

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