

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center hosted its first **Service Fair** in many years that allowed students to speak with community partners about ways to get involved in their community. There were six (6) community partners and over 70 students attended the event. In addition, the center hosted **Information Sessions** with **Macmillan**, **NYC Health + Hospitals**, **Amazon** and **DCAS**, serving 35 students. Twenty-eight (28) students participated in workshops hosted this month, which included: **Experiential Learning**, **Internship Orientation**, **Interview Prep** (facilitated by **Bank of America** partners) and **Building Your Online Portfolio** with **Wix**.

Also, hosted its second 2-day **Leadership Development Seminar** for students to develop their leadership skills. Students heard presentations and participated in group activities on topics including leadership styles, conflict management, active listening, growth mindset and delegation skills, to name a few. Thank you to **Janine Graziano** and **Michael Rodriguez** for their contributions during this seminar. Twelve (12) participants successfully completed the program and received a certificate of completion and a book store gift card. Many thanks to **Shamika Weekes**, Senior Career Advisor, who led and coordinated the program and to the **ASAP team** for collaborating with us.

In collaboration with the Transfer Office, the **Career Pathways Through Education Panel** virtual series started this month with panels on technology and business. Student attendees had the opportunity to hear from alumni, employers, faculty and college reps about these fields. Thanks to all who participated! There will be additional panels on the following fields: education, medical, criminal justice and public service. Please encourage your students to participate by registering here: <https://bit.ly/3IXrmSQ>.

We collaborated with **Brooklyn College's Magner Career Center** and **Borough of Manhattan Community College** to host a panel for students interested in a career in business titled "**From Community College to Successful Business Professional**." Students were able to hear from Brooklyn College alumni who started their academic careers at a community college and learn about the path to success in the business field.

Resume Walk-ins have resumed on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm in Room U-113. Students can stop by to have their resumes reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Please continue to read the weekly emails with the Career Buzz newsletter for information to share with your students.

Contact information: Virtual front desk hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm and Garden

Volunteer days are back (Tuesdays, 1:00-5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am-5:00pm). Please reach out to Emily.agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu to sign up and contact Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for faculty questions/research/collaborations.

Program and Partnership Updates

Students enrolled in the Winter/Spring, 2023 cohort of the **Strides to Continuing Success, ESL/Food Handlers Certificate** celebrated the successful completion of the program, where 95 percent of the students are now ServSafe and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene certified. As a result of the recently signed non-credit to credit articulation agreement between this division and the Department of Tourism and Hospitality, a recent graduate will be able to apply seven (7) credits towards enrollment in the Culinary Arts program. Currently, the program is registering interested individuals, please refer **SNAP** recipients seeking employment and potential training opportunities to [SNAP Program Info](#). The staff recently attended the **Jewish Community Center of Bensonhurst Community Fair**, and met with more than 20 attendees who provided their contact information to register for continuing education programs.

On April 19, the **Business of Entertainment** workshop was facilitated by **Nicole Duncan Smith**, Journalist and Communications Director, with special guest **Talib Kweli**, Brooklyn based MC, rapper and international touring Hip Hop artist with 92 people registered for this free workshop. We hope to offer these free opportunities in the near future.

On April 19, we facilitated an orientation for the **Non-Clinical Doula Certification** training program with 46 students. This 5-week program is comprised of an intensive series of workshops that combine lectures, hands-on skill development, role-playing, group discussions & activities, guest speakers, and much more. The program is in collaboration with **CUNY, NYC Young Men's Initiative, Black Women's Blueprint**, and **Trust Women's Healthcare**. It will focus on training students as community-based doulas and provide them with a culturally affirming experience where they can support families throughout their full reproductive journey in order to address the inequalities in parental and infant health outcomes.

In partnership with **Good Shepherd Services** and **Brooklyn Frontiers High School**, six (6) students completed the Food Handlers training and 25 students are enrolled in the EMT program. Students will be provided with information about the college's enrollment process for fall 2023.

Olympus High School, the New Paths Program launched an **Introduction to UX Design for transfer high school students** on April 22. Over the next 8 weeks, students will be provided with an introduction to Human Centered Design and learn how to conduct research, create prototypes and use empathy to design and develop solutions to everyday problems. Students will receive information about jobs and careers that use UX design, as well as academic pathways including KCC's UX Concentration.

On April 28, Dr. **Simone Rodriguez** and **Alissa Levine** conducted a presentation about the **Non-Clinical Doula** training program at the **HC2 Summit** hosted by Dr. Patti Boyce, University

Dean for Health & Human Services. They were joined by fellow CUNY HC2 awardees to discuss the value of credentials to related degree pathways/student success, challenges & successes of implementing the pilot program and lessons learned and opportunities for scale/expansion.

Spring 2023 Catalog

The Spring Catalog can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/spring2023/catalog.pdf>. Look for new and continued offerings. For more information, please call (718)-368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,