

Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted the **Fall Job & Internship Fair, where 126 students** could meet with employers to discuss and apply for full and part-time employment and internship opportunities. Employers included: **1199 Employment Center, *1st Choice Home Care Services, Inc., *America Needs You, *Americare CSS, City Year, *Cobble Hill Health Center, *Edison Chouest Offshore, *Excelsior Care Group, *FBI New York, *FDNY Office of Recruitment and Retention, *FLIK Hospitality Group, *Hack.Diversity, *Hope Home Care, Inc., *Makor Care & Services Network, *McDonald's, *New York State Police, *NYC Administration for Children's Services, *NYC Health + Hospitals, *NYC Service, *Office of the Mayor of New York, *NYPD Recruitment Section, *Step by Step Early Childhood Center, Inc., *TD Bank, *Tri-Borough Certified Health Systems (Family Care Certified Systems), *Urban Upbound and *Workforce 1.*

On October 18th, we partnered with **Juliana Dorcelus** to host a **Career Pathways Panel** focusing on the field of Education. Panelists shared their experiences and advised students who plan to pursue education as a career. The **next panel**, on **Media**, is scheduled on **Thursday, November 16th**. Students may register [here](#).

On October 19th, the Center partnered with the **Criminal Justice program** to host a **Fair**. There were **23 employer partners, Kings County District Office, New York Police Department, NYC Sheriff, US Secret Service, and NYC Administration for Children's Services**, to name a few, who shared the application and job requirements for students interested in the field. Special thanks to **Dr. Vanda Seward** and her team from the **Behavioral Sciences department** for the collaboration.

Another successful **Leadership Development Seminar** was facilitated in collaboration with the **ASAP program**. **Fifteen (15) students participated in this 2-day event** to gain leadership skills that employers are looking for in candidates. Topics included leadership styles, conflict management, active listening, growth mindset, and delegation skills.

Resume Walk-ins have resumed on **Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Room U-113**. Students can stop by to have their resumes reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining dates are November 1, 8, and 15.

Did you know that November is **Career Development Month**? Please encourage your students to participate in the many workshops and events that will help them plan for their careers!

For updates regarding events and offerings, please visit **Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>**

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

Community Farm and Garden

Volunteer Days and Student Engagement - We will resume volunteer hours once the new beds and soil are in place. Please follow KCC_CFG on Instagram for updates or contact Emily.agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu to be added to our volunteer mailing list.

Please contact Emily.agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu to sign up and Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for faculty questions/research/collaborations.

Grants and Awards

The division's proposal for **Coding for User Experience (UX)** through **CUNY's Upskilling** year-long program was **awarded \$99,000**. The new course, written by one of our long-time instructors, will be specialized in UX and contain foundational coding elements that designers need to know to be more attractive to employers and successful in the workplace. Students will receive training in Visual Design, Human Centered Design, and enhanced Coding for Designers at no cost, live online via Zoom. Students will receive support with job placement, career advancement, and/or applying to college upon successfully completing the program. For eligibility requirements and how to apply, [click here](#).

Another successful **award** in the amount of **\$900,000** by **Equinor/NYC Economic Development Corporation's Offshore Wind Ecosystem Fund** for the [CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network \(OWAN\) - Bridges to Offshore Wind](#) program. The CUNY OWAN is a consortium of four CUNY colleges: **Kingsborough**, **LaGuardia**, **College of Staten Island**, and **New York City College of Technology**. **Bridges to Offshore Wind** is an interactive instructional seminar for people interested in learning about the region's offshore wind industry, highlighting each college's unique training in maritime, electrical, construction and manufacturing, assembly, and supply chain management.

Program and Partnership Updates

In collaboration with **Jobs For The Future** (JFF), we will provide [Augmented Reality Training for UX Designers](#). This hybrid program will be provided at **no cost** to students who completed UX Design training, available to meet weekly at the Central Brooklyn Public Library, and be able to participate in a hackathon. Students who complete the program will take the **Meta AR Certificate Exam** and, upon passing, be connected to Meta career program job board.

The **Flex Into UX** program concluded this month. After attending 13 UX Design class sessions between June and August, students participated in a Design-A-Thon. This was the culminating event in collaboration with **Brooklyn Public Library's Business & Career Center** and Kingsborough. The program provided over **90 Brooklyn residents** with the opportunity to

explore careers in user experience (UX) design by attending free classes that were held both online and in person.

The **new UX Upskilling online program** started on October 24, with a cohort of 32 students. The first hour of the session was orientation, where students learned about the college, program instructors, and staff, immediately followed by the first class. The program will end in March 2024. Recruitment for Cohort 2 will start in the next few weeks. Email **Hillary Stackpole** (Hillary.stackpole@kbcc.cuny.edu) with any questions.

ESL/HSE/SNAP, as a member of the CUNY Consortium, is currently participating in a scheduled audit of its Adult Literacy free ESL grant program. The program provides ESL support and literacy development two evenings per week each semester, from 5:00-10:00 pm.

Students who complete this part-time program, as a follow-up, register for contextualized ESL/Food Handlers, full-time, intensive ESL, CLIP, or the KELI program. The Kingsborough English Language Institute's (KELI) tuition-based program provides all eligible students an opportunity to improve their language skills to prepare for college or employment. However, for those students who apply and are accepted to a CUNY college, the **CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)**, is an ideal option, especially developed for these students. If interested in learning more about these ESL or program offerings, including High School Equivalency preparation and the Venture V for SNAP participants, please call (718) 368-4870 to speak with a staff member.

The second **ESL cohort began at Cypress Hills** with 17 students enrolled. Recruitment is ongoing. For more information, please call **Angela King** at (718) 368-5116 or email angela.king@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Professional Development/Networking

Becky Fine-Firesheets and **Jessica Cinelli** presented at the **New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) Annual Conference** in Syracuse, NY. Their presentation, ***In the Weeds: Cannabis Equity & Cannavism***, discussed the development of the recently launched **From Cannabis to Cuisine training program**, including how it was developed, community engagement, biases and fears, student support, and labor market trends. The presentation was well-received by workforce development professionals from across the state, including elected officials, and their message about cannabis equity and creating pathways into the industry. With a midpoint retention rate of 97%, we are quite confident that our first cohort will be a success!

Natalie Bredikhina and **Sabina Krivenko**, recently participated in an extremely valuable two-day professional development retreat with the **New York State Education Department** in Albany, NY, to focus on implementing **WIOA-funded program requirements**.

Fall 2023 & Winter 2024 Catalog

Fall semester started with several offerings still available for registration this month. Please view the catalog here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Winter 2024 catalog will be released in November for courses starting in January 2024. Information sessions are scheduled for November 21st and December 19th. Links to register for these sessions will be available soon. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.