

Dear Campus Community,

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 continued its collaboration with the Transfer Office to host the **Career Pathways Through Education Panel** virtual series with sessions on education, healthcare and criminal justice, serving over 40 students. There is still one more **panel on public service scheduled on June 1**. Please encourage students to participate by registering here: <https://bit.ly/3IXrmSQ>.

In addition to the panel, we hosted an internship application workshop with **Deloitte Accounting 1.0**, information sessions with **Shivoo** and **Bank of America**, and Career Conversations with **Hannah Klinger (CBS Reporter)** and **Michelle Stoddart from Resorts World**. Over 60 students participated in these events.

Effective on June 5, Simplicity will be replaced by our **new job search platform Handshake**. It is more user-friendly and will give students access to a **wider network of employers for job and internship opportunities**. Students will have the ability to connect with employers more easily and build relationships virtually and in person. Please share this information with your students. They will receive an official invite on Monday, June 5th to claim their accounts. We look forward to using this system to expand opportunities for our students.

Resume Walk-ins have resumed on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Room U-113. Please continue to read the weekly emails with the **Career Buzz newsletter** for information to share with 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

We participated in the **Eco Eats** event on May 17 by hosting a table and sharing information and recruiting volunteers.

On May 24, we attended the **NY Sunworks Youth Conference** at the Javits Convention Center to promote volunteer opportunities and recruit for **future hydroponics** training cohorts.

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.

Grants and Awards

The division submitted a **\$122,000 proposal to the Cigna Foundation for a Community Health Worker - Maternal Health program**. This program will combine our highly successful Community Health Worker training with KCC's new Maternal Health certificate training. The

training will be facilitated by instructors who can teach students to become advocates in their professions and communities. This 27-week pilot program will enroll 20 students, and will provide didactic training, workplace skills and professionalism, pathways to employment, and case management support.

On May 24, the division was invited to attend the announcement of **Citizens** investment in the **Education Design Lab's Community College Growth Engine** (EDL) with an additional **\$400,000 in funding to benefit four CUNY Community Colleges** – LaGuardia, Borough of Manhattan, Queensborough and Kingsborough– in the amount of \$100,000 each (<https://www.harlemworldmagazine.com/citizens-expands-investment-in-education-design-lab-to-benefit-cuny-community-colleges/>). We partnered with EDL for the past 3 years to create and offer microcredentials in UX Design and Health Coach. This funding will support the creation of a **new pathway in Hospitality and Customer Service** to be offered in the Fall of 2023. This program will be free to participants looking for a career in the Tourism and Hospitality industries.

Program and Partnership Updates

Flex Into UX!, KCC's introductory program in partnership with **Brooklyn Public Library**, has information sessions scheduled in June, both virtually and in-person, at BPL's Central Branch. The program is also calling for UX professional volunteers to facilitate workshops with provided curricula. Visit <https://www.flexintoux.com/> for more information, or contact **Hillary Stackpole** at hillary.stackpole@kbcc.cuny.edu.

The **ESL/HSE/SNAP** team have been busy participating in off-campus visits to the Brooklyn Public Library at Sheepshead Bay, to promote ESL, HSE and Venture V for SNAP participants. These visits were followed by a recruiter from **Five Star Nursing** who engaged students enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant training program about placement opportunities in local healthcare facilities.

Staff members are also planning a series of visits to local **Brooklyn high schools** to promote both the **CUNY Language Immersion Program** (CLIP), and **Diploma Now**, an alternative high school equivalency program for eligible students who may benefit from this program. For more information, please call (718) 368-4870.

Over the last few weeks, the **ESL class at Cypress Hills** have seen consistent attendance, and gradual improvement of students' language skills. More importantly, two of our students, applied to the CLIP program seeking entry into the medical field, given that they are both doctors from their native country, Dominican Republic.

On May 1, the **User Experience (UX) Design refresher** course started with 12 students who are currently unemployed in the UX field. The course provides career preparation as well as customized lessons in response to students' interest and needs around entering employment in the field. This grant funded pilot program was designed by UX program director **Hillary Stackpole** and UX instructor **Christophe Drayton** in response to alumni requests for additional career preparation.

On May 24, **Hillary Stackpole** represented the college at the **Coney Island Amusement District Recruitment Fair** to provide information about academic, workforce and continuing education offerings, and employment readiness support to those interviewing for summer jobs. The event, coordinated by **Workforce 1** and the **Alliance for Coney Island** served 328 employment candidates. Six amusement district businesses participated including **Live Nation, Deno's Wonderwheel, Nathan's** among others.

On May 25, **Hillary Stackpole** (KBON), **Suet Lee** (Maritime Tech) and **Rudy Muradov** (AIC) attended the **All-Star Trades & Career Night @ Brooklyn Cyclones**, engaging with 221 NYC high school students. They distributed information on KCC's non degree and academic programs to the students and other Cyclones fans. As a result of KBON's efforts thus far, 1 new student has enrolled at KCC, and at least one is in the process of enrolling for fall 2023.

Conferences/Professional Development

Jessica Cinelli represented the college at the **STEM Career Workforce Development conference at the NY Aquarium** on May 19th. This session brought together educators, students, CBOs, NYC DOE, and employers to discuss STEM education and workforce development. While the primary focus was ecological monitoring ahead of NYC's offshore wind development, topics of conversation included gaps in local STEM programs, barriers to success, resource investment, and how to move regional and local initiatives forward.

Summer Youth Program Offerings

The **College for Kids** (CFK) program is back on campus! The exciting children's (age 5-13) program relaunched on Saturday, March 4 with more than 30 children enrolled. CFK offers a variety of academic and recreational courses and is designed to provide opportunities for them to enjoy the satisfaction of accomplishment through personal achievement and mastering certain skills. Currently, enrollment for the **Summer is open**; call 718-368-5052, or visit <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html> to register a young student today! Faculty and Staff discounts are available. See the flyer [here](#).

Youth Engagement Summer STEM at Sea Program (YESSS!)

Join the division and the Maritime Technology program for a collaboration with BioBoat, this Summer for a **FREE 4-day** (Monday-Thursday) **Summer at Sea adventure**! Seats are filling up fast for the **YESSS program** for children entering or attending Middle School and/or High School. This program was generously funded by **Assemblymember Jaime Williams** of the 59th district and **Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer Amato** from the 23rd district. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/j3JzrqPswbgDCbh6A>

Summer 2023 Catalog

The **Summer Catalog** can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. Now is the time to take advantage of the early bird discount, which is valid until Friday, June 2nd. Next **open house event will be June 20th at 12pm and 6pm** where a special discount code will be

provided. Interested students can register for the open house by visiting our site here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/>. 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,