

Dear Campus Community,

Below are some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for February 2024.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

- **Dress for Success Boutique** Monday, March 18th-Thursday, March 21st @ 10:00am-12:00pm
A reminder that we will be accepting any new and/or gently used **professional attire** that will help students prepare for interviews and internships until Friday, March 8th. Please drop off your donations to **Room C-102**.
- **Spring Job Fair** on Tuesday, March 26th @ 11:00am-2:00pm, MAC Rotunda
- **Service Fair** on Wednesday, April 17th @ 10:00am-1:00pm

For updates regarding events and offerings, please visit Linktree

here: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The **virtual front desk** hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00-4:00pm: <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 & Garden

- The Farm is in the process of completing renovations and will be fully operational by the spring.
- We are seeking **Student Officers** for the “**Farm to Kitchen Club**”. Currently, the club meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm. Interested students should email CFG.KCC@Kbcc.cuny.edu for more details.
- Faculty interested in **class tours** of the farm or hydroponics lab, please complete this form: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/farmtourform.html.
- **Volunteer hours** will resume on Monday, March 4th. Hours will be: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00am-11:00am & 2:00-5:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am & 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm.

Please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for faculty questions, research, and collaborations. Follow **KCC_CFG on Instagram** for updates.

Grant Proposals

The Division was **awarded \$250,000 for a new program, Contextualized Industry Training in Healthcare and Construction**, as part of the **CUNY English Language for Work Initiative**. With this funding, we will develop a contextualized job training curriculum in two sectors – Healthcare and Construction – for participants with limited English language proficiency. This new curriculum will follow the I-BEST model in KCC's highly successful Steps to Success and Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers Program. Students will receive ESL instruction and industry training, case

management assistance, metrocards, food vouchers, and class supplies. We will serve 75 participants between now and March 2025.

We **submitted a \$580,000** proposal to CUNY's Workforce Development Initiative grant program for **KCC's Design Path – Careers in UX Design and Artificial Intelligence**. This program will build upon our successful UX Design program by developing an AI for UX Designers module. This curriculum will be developed by a longtime UX Design instructor, a member of the division's **Tech Advisory Board**, and will feature a Hack-a-thon in partnership with the college's **Graphic Design & Illustration** program. We will serve 100 students in 4 cohorts over 2 years if awarded.

The **Community Farm and Garden (CFG)** submitted a proposal to the **City Gardens Club of NYC** to fund the creation of a new **composting system**. In 2022, the CFG was awarded a grant by the City Gardens Club to fund the creation of a designated children's space on the farm.

Workforce Trainings

CUNY Fatherhood Academy: Two alumni from cohort 16 received their GED diploma, and one alumnus applied to attend Kingsborough. Five students enrolled in the College and Career Prep cohort. We are currently recruiting for the upcoming GED cohort. Please share this application link with eligible candidates (18-30-year-old fathers and expectant fathers): <https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/>

The **Maternal Health and Doula Training Program** started on February 5 with 50 students enrolled, and 20 are from the Community Health or Nursing departments seeking to complement their degree programs. The program is taught by a DONA certified trainer and students will receive their CUNY Certificate of Completion and DONA Birth Doula Certificate of Completion. The course includes 27 hours of Doula training (including Lactation and Childbirth Education) and 21 hours of Maternal Health education. The next training will be conducted in the summer of 2024. Interested candidates can apply here: https://kccjobcorps.formstack.com/forms/doula_training_intake_form

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) is a highly successful **ESL program** that provides non-native speakers of English who have been accepted to a CUNY college an opportunity to improve their English language skills (for up to four semesters) in an intensive, full-time ESL program. Upon completion of CLIP, graduating students transition to college, better prepared to successfully meet the demands of college coursework. The **winter 2024 semester concluded in February with over sixty eligible students successfully completing and testing to matriculate into college credit programs.**

Free Adult Literacy and Food Handlers certificate training programs are available to non-native speakers who want to improve their English language skills and pursue further study and employment opportunities for the **Winter/Spring 2024 semesters**. For

additional information about the program and other offerings, please refer inquiries to **Program Coordinator Tatyana Rabotneva** via email Tatyana.Rabotneva@kbcc.cuny.edu or call (718) 368-4870.

Continuing Education

Spring 2024 Catalog

The **Spring 2024** catalog is now available. Look for new, revised, and existing course and program offerings

here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/SpringCatalog2024.pdf>

For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Spring Information Sessions

Join us on **March 26th at 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm** for an **information session** where you will hear from program directors about our current offerings, ask questions, and receive a **\$25 off promotional code** for all eligible courses! Registration links are below:

12:00pm: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aLNZrKkuQmObTKcO19-mRQ

6:00pm: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IoLLyxIzQZePVwvtQoXL4A

College for Kids

When you sign your child up, you can save \$60! **Reminder: the \$25 registration fee is waived for all KCC staff and faculty!** For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Summer registration has begun with amazing early bird discounts for all who register before April 11th, see the webpage [here](#) to learn more.

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

Thank you.

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