

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** replaced *Symplicity* with **Handshake**. It is a new job search platform that is user-friendly and gives students access to a wider network of employers for job and internship opportunities. Students have the ability to connect with employers more easily and build relationships virtually and in person. All students received an official invite in early June to claim their accounts. They can also go to <https://kingsboroughcc.okta.com/> and use their KCC login credentials to access the site. Please feel free to refer students to the Center who have any questions.

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 contact 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 proposal in the amount of **\$99,000** to the **American Association of Community Colleges – the Metallica Scholars Initiative** titled "**Career Pathways in Customer Service**" to serve a cohort of 30 students. The program will introduce students to the long-term possibilities for careers in hospitality and open opportunities for college enrollment, especially for people who might not have considered advanced education. Our program will pair KCC's newly developed **Customer Service microcredential** with a Tourism and Hospitality Access to Pathways for Success (APS) module.

Program and Partnership Updates

Anna Geller represented the college throughout the borough in collaboration with our community partners. We participated in a variety of events and made a substantial impact as a team. The Job/Education fair at the **Brooklyn Public Library at Eastern Parkway Adult Learning Center** had 35 adults in attendance, and the **Community Resource Fair for Ukrainian refugees at Shorefront YM-YWHA**, had 250 participants. We took advantage of a complimentary offer and attended the Job and Recourse Fair at **Brooklyn Cyclones Stadium**, where we engaged 221 people, and the event was followed by a baseball game for over 1,000 young people from Brooklyn. **Liberation High School** students visited campus for a tour, where 30 students participated and **Sheepshead Bay Library** with over 100 participants.

The **Hospitality Board** meeting, with members from **Tao Hospitality Group, Resorts World, Alliance for Coney Island, NYC Hospitality Alliance, Serefina Restaurant, Swiss School of Hotel Management,** and **Hunt and Fish Club,** was formed to advise on the trends and needs of the Hospitality industry in order to create training programs. The board consists of both domestic and international experts and business owners. More to come in the fall semester.

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** will have five students completing the GED Readiness program, and all five will test between June and July for the GED. The **CompTIA A+ Training** program ended on June 28. Students learned how to troubleshoot and problem-solve various IT issues, ranging from networking and operating systems to mobile devices and security. Thirteen (13) students are expected to take the exam, qualifying them for many job roles in the field.

The **Doula Program** successfully trained thirty-six (36) students, which included three (3) in-person shadowing experiences. Students are now prepared to provide non-clinical doula services. A maternal health certification is under development which will be offered through Continuing Education in the fall. The program will provide a foundation for understanding the field and applying basic skills and competencies in various community settings.

Conferences/Professional Development

In partnership with the **NYC Economic Development Corporation, WhyMaker** hosted a professional development day on June 22nd to discuss Offshore Wind (OSW) for high school CTE Teachers. **Associate Dean Christine Zagari-LoPorto** attended this event at the College of Staten Island to discuss the CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network, which comprises Kingsborough, LaGuardia, New York City College of Technology, and College of Staten Island. She also promoted the Maritime Technician Apprenticeship Program and the OSW initiatives at the college.

Summer Youth Program Offerings - 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!** A few weeks are still available for the **YESSS program,** which is available to 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>. 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.