Dear Campus Community,

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

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 2:00pm-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 and Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden** is in the process of completing renovations and will be fully operational by the spring.

The new **Hydroponics at KCC (H-KCC) Learning Lab** started providing the **Culinary Arts program** with weekly harvests for use in their winter courses. We will offer access to a pilot cohort in April and open to the general public in late spring (details to follow). The **lab can be visited in Spring 2024** as part of a class tour. For more information, email CFG.KCC@Kbcc.cuny.edu or call (718) 368-6578.

New team member **Aidan Schoff** joined us as the **Hydroponics Lab Manager**. He has extensive experience in building and running hydroponics units, urban farming and composting, as well as a background in culinary arts and event management.

We are seeking **Student Officers** for the "**Farm to Kitchen Club**". Currently, the club meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm. Students who are interested should email CFG.KCC@Kbcc.cuny.edu for more details.

Faculty interested in **class tours**, please complete this form: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/farmtourform.html.

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

Grant Proposals

The **CUNY Direct Support Professional Alliance** (the DSP Alliance) – in partnership with New York City College of Technology, submitted a **$1.2 million proposal** to the **CUNY Workforce Development Program** for a Direct Support Professional (DSP) training program. DSPs provide support to people with developmental disabilities so they can live and work independently. If awarded, we will **train 200 students** over two and a half years. Upon completion, graduates will earn a CUNY DSP Alliance **digital badge, receive up to six industry certifications**, and **eligible to apply for employment with one our partner agencies**.

CUNY Clean Energy Consortium (CEC) led by **Bronx Community College** with **Kingsborough**, **Queensborough** and the **Borough of Manhattan Community Colleges** submitted a **$1.5 million proposal** to the **Families & Workers Fund**. This program will scale workforce development trainings for green jobs in the clean energy sector. If awarded, Kingsborough will **deliver a deckhand training paired with the Global Wind Organization (GWO) – Basic Safety Training, preparing people to work in the local maritime offshore wind industry**.

Workforce Trainings

CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA)

CFA launched a **College and Career Prep** cohort and participants will be enrolled in SD11 and SD12 courses as they prepare for college enrollment and/or employment. The program will launch a GED cohort in March with 18-30-year-old fathers and expecting fathers, and participants can apply here: https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/

Strengthening Community Colleges (SSC)– CompTIA program

SCC launched a **CompTIA A+** and **CompTIA Network+** cohort. Students in this grant funded program will be provided with exam preparation and employment readiness services and well as the opportunity to participate in a 25-hour paid internship.

User Experience Upskilling program

The **User Experience (UX) Upskilling** program launched its second cohort. Students in this program will take Visual Design, Human Centered Design and Enhanced Coding for Designers classes and will receive employment readiness support to enter the field of User Experience Design.

Meta Spark Augmented Reality UX Design Program

The **Meta Spark Augmented Reality (AR) UX Design program** concluded on Saturday, January 14th with a showcase and closing event designed to display students' skills by building augmented experiences intended to address a particular need or challenge. The division provided a **6-week, cohort-based Augmented Reality Training program experience** combining Meta Spark curriculum, creation, and career exploration for UX professionals.

During the one-day culminating event at the **Brooklyn Public Library**, students presented their projects, which were judged by industry experts who evaluated and

provided feedback on their projects. The theme of the showcase was "**Local Businesses, Tech for Good.**" Student groups identified local businesses and produced an idea for a product built in Meta Spark Studio that will benefit the business with a goal of using AR to address the needs of customers. Students who successfully completed the program, will automatically be invited to join the **Meta Career Programs** job board. From there, they have the option to take the Meta Spark certification exam which will grant them access to **Meta's Train the Trainer Partner Network** allowing them to share their knowledge with industry peers. Thank you **Alliah Asramon** for directing this successful program!

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture Programs

Free Adult Literacy and Food Handlers certificate training programs are available to non-native speakers who want to improve their English language skills, 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.

Winter 2024 Catalog, College for Kids and Spring Information Session

Winter 2024 Catalog

Continue to review the **Winter 2024** catalog for new, revised and existing course and program offerings:
https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/WinterCatalog2024_Updated.pdf

College for Kids

College for Kids (CFK) is still accepting registration for Saturday sessions and winter break! Click here to see the course lineup and to register: College For Kids. When you sign your child up for both, you can save $60! **Reminder--all KCC staff and faculty save even more with a waived $25 registration fee!** 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.

Spring Information Session

The first **Spring Information Session** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th at 12:00pm and again at 6:00pm. These sessions are for individuals interested in learning more about our programs. Early bird rates for Spring will be in effect until March 8th. 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.

Thank you.