

# Transitions

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## C-102 OFFICE WHAT WE DO

The Office of Career Development, Transfer/New Start, Scholarship Opportunities and Service-learning aspires to be recognized as a premier resource for students, providing services, programs and events to enhance student learning and development in the areas of career exploration, transfer services, service-learning, scholarship opportunities and academic advisement.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Center offers various resources to assist students with their job search and career exploration. Assistance is available for you to develop your career goals including help with choosing a major, workshops, internships, job search assistance, and self-assessment. Counselors also assist with resume review and interview preparation.

### TRANSFER

Our Transfer Center offers various resources to assist you in taking your next step towards your college education. Transfer Counselors are available to meet with students who are looking to transfer to a senior college. Events are held throughout the semester, such as Transfer Fairs, Brooklyn College Visits and On Site Admissions Days, that students can benefit from. Stop by C-102 for more info!

### SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-learning creates opportunities that allow you to make connections in the community and become active learners to gain experience, help the community and reflect on personal and social change. To stay connected, follow our blog at [www.meaningfulearning.wordpress.com](http://www.meaningfulearning.wordpress.com).



# Congratulations to our Graduating Career Peer

## Yosef Bagdadi

In February 2012, I was registered for my first semester at KCC. I was an international student, learning for the first time about the American academic system. Despite the many challenges and difficulties I have encountered while trying to adapt to numerous changes, I now know that KCC was the best academic choice for me. It is an institution in which one can ask for help, seek career advisement and expect to receive all of the attention and support needed.



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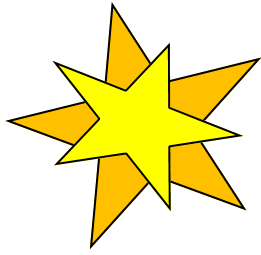
During my first year at KCC, I spent most of my time focusing on my college work. I would go to class in the morning, return back home, and do my homework, never paying attention to the many services, and activities offered by the school. At the end of the academic year I was satisfied to see results of my hard work as I received my grades. Yet, I was missing a significant aspect of being an active student at the college. This changed only when I was accepted to work as a career peer in C-102 and spread the word about the many resources offered by the office.

Working as a career peer I was responsible to communicate with different professors and visit various classes to present about the Office’s unique services. In addition, I learned how to review and help students with creating a proper resume. Being part of the office staff I have also had the chance to be the first hearing about new Job and scholarship opportunities. With the help of different advisors I was hired for a part time job. After a year working as a career peer I learned many important career planning tools, tools that will be useful and can be applied everywhere throughout my future career.

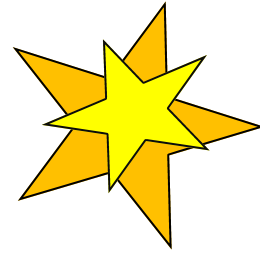
I will be graduating after the summer semester and will transfer to Baruch to pursue my Bachelor Degree in finance. Equipped with the academic and professional experience I acquired at KCC, I am sure that my path to success in receiving my degree and obtaining a professional career is guaranteed.

### What is a Career Peer?

*Career Peers convey information between the Office of Career Development, Transfer, New Start, & Scholarship Opportunities and Kingsborough students. Career Peers may earn credit toward their degree, develop networking skills, and explore new job search opportunities.*



# BE A LEADER! APPLY TO BECOME A CAREER PEER!



CAREER PEERS are trained liaisons between the  
Office of Career Development, Transfer/New Start,  
& Scholarship Opportunities  
and Kingsborough Community College students



## Responsibilities:

- ◆ Advise students on job search skills including creating a proper resume, cover letter and preparing for a professional interview.
- ◆ Arrange and facilitate various workshops
- ◆ Develop and assist with special learning projects
- ◆ Promote the services and resources of the Office through class presentations, and dedicated blog posts



## Qualifications:

- ◆ Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- ◆ Ability to take initiative and reliable
- ◆ Excellent organizational and multitasking abilities
- ◆ Full-time KCC student, in good academic standing (2.5 GPA & up)
- ◆ Able to work 5-10 hrs/week for the 2014-2015 academic year



## Benefits:

- ◆ Receive training on career exploration and job search techniques
- ◆ Strengthen public speaking and presentation skills
- ◆ Be the first to learn about scholarship & job opportunities
- ◆ Earn 2 academic credits!!!
- ◆ Advise students on various topics
- ◆ Be eligible for a book voucher
- ◆ AND MUCH MORE!

For more information and an application,  
visit C-102 or Call 718-368-5115.

Deadline: Thursday, July 17, 2014





I am a KBCC graduate with an A.A.S degree in Media & Technology Management. I expect to graduate Fall 2015 with a B.A. in TV & Radio. My current position is at SiriusXM radio, in the Programming Dept. for the 'Covino & Rich' show on the Talk/Entertainment channel. I'm currently undergoing a production internship for CBS television. Before this I was at 'Good Day New York' working on WNYW-FOX5 a summer, getting television production experience. While working in television during the wee hours of the morning, I was also working late evenings in radio, running the broadcast for the Brooklyn Cyclones, a minor baseball team of the New York Mets. My journey started with the love of music and entertainment, and the lifestyle it came with; I felt I breathed the culture. While seeking a college degree, I kept my options open to gaining the career experience away from campus, on my own personal time. Every decision I made to land a great opportunity was driven by my hunger and passion. Persistence can't be taught, and I had it mastered along with some work-force skills to match.

**Most of my work experience** was equivalent to what I was being educated for, and practicing, at KBCC. At school we had a TV studio, and a fully functioning radio station (WKRB 90.3FM), which is FCC regulated. When I left, a week later I was in the same type work environment, but on a larger scale; "out in the real world," as they call it, with people who had decades of experience -- far beyond me, but they were impressed by my knowledge and skill. At FOX5, it only took me a few days to adjust to the crazy hours, along with understanding of the chain of command in departments to operate the channel. My first lasting experience was day one, when I learned

## Jason Jeter

that in business, at the drop of a dime, a schedule can change. As a team player you have to be ready to take on whatever's thrown your way. Here I was about 40 minutes into my first day working on the show, and the executive producer was pulling me to go out into the NYC streets to get footage with my cellular phone for a featured segment because he was short a photographer. Little encounters like that kept me on my toes, and stick with me today. No two days were the same in radio/television, so having the ability to adjust was a natural feeling to me, thanks to some of the pointers the staff at KBCC gave me. Some days you're leading the work flow, and other days you're assisting. The best way to gain skills when doing an internship is to get to know the people, and what they do. I made sure that every week I was doing something different so when I left, I had a learning experience outside the class room. When I would go out in the field with a reporter, I had them show me their format of writing before delivering communication on air, and had the camera-men show me their way of shooting. I would shadow producers by playing wingman; anything I could do to make their job lighter, I offered. By no means was I a minion, but I knew being a fly on the wall to see certain things would build my character. Being observant is the greatest attribute one can bring to the table because employers like to know they're investing in one who can decipher right from wrong when it comes to completing projects.

**Now that I'm at SiriusXM & CBS,** I operate mostly unsupervised. The trust is there; they know I'm capable. Because of past internships and work experience, I'm treated equally, with the same expectations as seasoned individuals who've put in

years doing what I've just started to do. Most of all...I'm having fun!

**My most important lesson learned** from work experience while in college was to participate in any extracurricular clubs that pertained to my degree. Everything gained from the WKRB 90.3FM radio station, to the KBCC Focus television magazine has been used since leaving. I look back and think that if I hadn't been exposed to that creative environment that my journey to where I am now would be a tad challenging. I'm forever thankful for Rob Hertklotz of WKRB 90.3FM for being great guidance, and believing in me to deal with radio. Being observant & detail oriented is a key to consistently winning, so I put in those extra hours at workshops to become adept. I used my instructors' experience and know-how as a basic start-up format to follow what I envisioned for myself. Aside from using positive figures to the best of your ability, being around a select few of people who are as serious as you is great. I've learned from students older and younger than me. Each time it felt genuine because we shared visions. Wasted time can't be replaced; the clock is always running.

**The best career-related advice** I would give is to never burn your bridges, because the world runs on six degrees of separation. No matter what career choice you may have, you will find that people move through different companies, and eventually you'll meet someone that knows who you know, or meet someone who knows someone working where you're trying to work. Most importantly, never wait for an opportunity because the world owes you nothing, so nothing will be given; go out and get it. [F]ace all [O]bstacles & [C]hallenges of your [U]prising [S]uccess.



**Some things changed in my life** and I decided to do what I needed to move forward into something better. I set some goals that I could accomplish. One of my goals was to enroll in college. My major is Office Administration and Technology. I chose this field of study because I like working with people and Technology. I have already taken various courses that I enjoyed and did very well in. I look forward to completing my studies at Kingsborough by December 2015 or June 2016.

**I was doing so well** with my courses and I wanted to challenge myself further and overcome my fear of speaking in public, so another goal I set was to participate in the Internship Opportunity program funded by JP Morgan Chase if accepted. During the application process we were assigned various tasks, like boot camp. I am happy to say that I was accepted and I was prepared to commit to an internship opportunity. I met with my Career Development counselors and discussed my schedule availability with them. My schedule was somewhat flexible, so I had the unique experience of being an intern at two job sites at the same time.

**One of the sites I interned** with was Street Wise Partners. At StreetWise Partners my technology skills were enhanced by using MS Word and Excel and Google apps. I entered paper applications into

## Annette Sumpter

online web form, I maintained scheduling for interview days, set up required interview documents, set up trainee questionnaires, and other tasks as assigned. The other site I interned with was Hand in Hand Development. At Hand in Hand Development I assisted office staff in maintaining files and databases, prepared reports, memorandums, scanning documents, assisted with quality assurance protocols every week. I was able to apply what I learned at the boot camp sessions in preparation of the internship program and what I learned while at Kingsborough. Because of my ever changing schedule I sometimes forgot what site I was scheduled to report to. I immediately solved that dilemma by posting an enlarged copy of the work schedule on my refrigerator. After a few days I memorized my schedule. I was able to alternate each week without confusion and I was doing well at each job site. The tasks assigned to me were just the challenge I needed to prepare me for my career field. My skills were expanding each week. No task was too difficult. I asked questions and took initiative whenever necessary.

**I am glad that I had the experience** of both of my internships. I gained a greater confidence about my job prospects. I knew that no matter how things worked out that

that new opportunities would be made available to me. I had the necessary tools to succeed; I just needed the right connections. The connections that I had made would be my support and my mentors were there for me. I interned at each job site for a few months. Time went by so fast. I was saddened when the internships were coming to an end and yet I was hopeful at the same time.

**My final goal was to do well** at both internship sites in hopes of possibly being hired. I was rewarded for the time, hard work, and diligence that I put in at each site. I am pleased to say that at the end of my internship I was offered a full time position at Hand in Hand Development. My success does not stop there. I look forward to resuming my studies at Kingsborough Community College, graduating and I look forward to continuing my education to further enhance my career. I could not have been successful without the support of my network and mentors. I continue to strive for excellence and look forward to a successful future. The advice I would give to interns would be to maintain your integrity, strive for excellence, take full advantage of the resources that are made available to you, and don't be afraid to take risks that will benefit your future success.

## Congratulations

### New Start Award for GPA

**MERLIN FERATOVIC**  
Major: Business Admin  
GPA: 4.0

**JOSE SEGURA**  
Major: Liberal Arts  
GPA: 3.941



### The Dream US Scholarship

**MARYEM BENJELLOUN**  
Major: Accounting

**JODY ST. BRICE**  
Major: Biology

### Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

**KAZAF CHEN**

**RACHEL LAZAR**

### APIASF Scholarship

**MEKUT BEGUM**

# The Real World of Work

## New York Supreme Court and New York Methodist Hospital

During the academic year, the Career Development Center arranges visits to various New York City companies. Students have the opportunity to meet current employees, tour facilities, and familiarize themselves with professional environments.

This spring, the Office of Career Development helped students explore diverse work environments through its Real World Visits. In March, students visited the **Supreme Court of the State of New York** and had an opportunity to gain valuable information about careers in law and the court system and also to explore some of those careers. In April, students met with the Human Resources Manager at the **Marriott Hotel at Brooklyn Bridge**, where they were taken on a comprehensive tour where students were able to see the hotel facilities and speak to staff within various departments including Human Resources, Housekeeping, and the Kitchen. In early May, students met with the Assistant Director of Public Relations at **New York Methodist Hospital**, where they were able to tour and meet with hospital staff within the Laboratory, Pharmacy, and Physical therapy departments.



New York Methodist Hospital Visit

# The Real World of Work

## Marriott Hotel at Brooklyn Bridge and 1010 Wins Radio



Marriot Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge Visit

To end the spring season of Real World Visits, students visited **1010 WINS Radio Station** and were able to obtain a close look at how a radio station works by speaking to staff and seeing radio equipment. Students heard insightful information and were able to ask diverse questions about radio broadcast news and getting started in the business by speaking to the Director and Assistant Director of News and Programming. Through the Real World Visits, students have been able to network with diverse staff and gain real world insights about working in different industries. We thank the Supreme Court, Marriott

Hotel at Brooklyn Bridge, New York Methodist Hospital, and 1010 WINS for being gracious hosts and providing time and invaluable information to our students.

Please visit C-102 to learn about upcoming visits!



1010 Wins Radio Station Conference Room



# Non-profit Internship Opportunity Sponsored by Chase

This past March, we welcomed our second new class of interns under the Non Profit Internship Opportunity funded by JPMorgan Chase. It was an inspiring day as we brought 18 committed students together to deliver the full promise of the extraordinary internship program and realize their career potential. Thank you Lyster Engi, Nishat Ferdous, Shelly Smith, Eric Wong, Cyndie Philippe, Stephon Moulterie, Kumar Ramlakhan, Brian Suckie, Shashorna Bailey, Anastsiya Pazhun, Shahzod Saydaliev, Salma Kashem, Marsha Amanda Guerrier, Nancy Bello, Ibrahim Bhuiyan, Ruben Montanez and Phelisse Gonzales for your hard work and dedication!

## New York Needs You

The New York Needs You Fellowship Program has accepted 8 students from Kingsborough Community College to be a 2014 New York Needs You Fellow. Congratulations to Jean Max Mezalón, Mukta Begum, Yolanda Watson, Shantae Dodd, Todd Granados, Nathanael Philemont, Rustam Azimbaev and Shahzod Saydaliev. We are excited about witnessing all your accomplishments over the next two years.

--Natasha Lauriston

## Transfer Office

*Individual and Group  
Sessions are available!*

*Sign up in C-102*

*Call 718.368.5115*

### Transfer In

- Offers info about KCC requirements and procedures
- Explains how courses taken at previous college will transfer to KCC
- Registers incoming transfer students

### Transfer Out

- Offers info about CUNY, SUNY and private college
- Guides students through the transfer application process
- Provides information about transfer credits
- Provides transfer scholarship info



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9am–8:30pm Tues. thru Thurs.

Closed Fridays July 1 to Aug. 12

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