The Campus Community,

We want to share some updates regarding our work within the division.

**Community Farm and Garden**
Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus, District 46 awarded us **$125,000** to support infrastructure improvements and transportation to help facilitate the distribution of the produce to the Community Farm and Garden. We are thankful to the generous support and look forward to showcasing our reimagined space with the college community as the work continues throughout the year. Read full announcement here: [https://shorefrontnews.com/2021/05/18/frontus-secures-funding-for-programs-across-her-district/](https://shorefrontnews.com/2021/05/18/frontus-secures-funding-for-programs-across-her-district/)

Please join us for a **Community Farm and Garden Conversation** on Monday, June 7, at 3:00pm via zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400717604](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400717604). We will share the findings of the Reimagined Farm Committee and updates. We look forward to seeing you.

**Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**
The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted recruitment week during in April that allowed students to meet with employers regarding job and internship opportunities. The employers included were St. Dominic’s Family Services, Apex Therapeutic Services, ScribeAmerica, NYC Parks, Skechers and NYC Ferry and 16 students participated. The Center also served 35 students with additional information sessions hosted by City Year, YearUp, Kitamba and Workforce 1.

New employer partnerships include One Brooklyn Health (entry level, non-clinical opportunities at Kingsbrook, Interfaith and Brookdale Hospitals), START Treatment & Recovery Center (nursing, substance abuse and IT opportunities) and Maximus (outreach and call center opportunities). The Center is always looking to develop new relationships with faculty to incorporate career readiness competencies into the curriculum. Please reach out regarding workshops and/or opportunities that your students can benefit from. The staff is happy to collaborate with academic departments and are willing to tailor the resources based on the needs of the course.

Please be reminded that staff is available at the virtual front desk Monday to Friday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Monday & Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Students can receive immediate assistance and possibly meet with an advisor, if time allows. Visit us here: [https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer](https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer)

**Best of Brooklyn Winner**
Dime Savings Bank - Best of Brooklyn Winner- for the second year in a row. We are proud to have been named the **Best Adult Continuing Education Program in Brooklyn**! See official announcement here: [https://www.bestofbk.com/best-adult-continuing-education-program-in-brooklyn/](https://www.bestofbk.com/best-adult-continuing-education-program-in-brooklyn/)

**Free Community Workshop Series**
**Free Community Workshop Series** featured a discussion on Medicare 101 with Jim Farnham. The conversation simplified the choices the 65+ population need to make and explained what Medicare means for them. To sign up to facilitate a session for our upcoming series, click here: [https://forms.gle/iBPP2w2xPqjlNGgkx9](https://forms.gle/iBPP2w2xPqjlNGgkx9)

**Food and Beverage Workshop Series**
Support our local Brooklyn restaurants by attending these deliciously tasty online cooking workshops! Check out the first in our series by Jam’it Bistro with Chef Dawn Skeete. This cooking demo
will consist of teaching you how to use “Jamaican Jerk” to add variety to your plate with the highlighted recipe Jerk Salmon Rasta Pasta. To register, call 718-368-5050/5052 or email conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

**Program Updates**

The **Maritime Technology Apprenticeship Program** (MTAP), the first DOL-approved apprenticeship program for marine mechanics in the nation is seeking applicants for the fall semester. Students will participate in workshops to explore the maritime industry and will be provided a dedicated student advisor who will help them navigate barriers that interfere with their success. They will also receive up to 16 credits toward their KCC Maritime degree. Students must be at least 18 years old; enrolled at Kingsborough; eligible to work in the US; interested in the maritime industry; and must attend an information session. Click here for more information.

**Job Corps Scholars** is now offering Energy Industry Fundamentals (EIF), a 40-hour course that prepares students for the Energy Industry Fundamentals Certificate. Recipients of the EIF certificate will have a foundational knowledge and understanding of the utility industry. EIF was developed by the Center for Energy Workforce Development. KCC’s Energy industry partners include National Grid and Con Edison. Job Corps Scholars are very excited to learn about the electric and gas utilities industry. The opportunity to acquire knowledge regarding the energy industry piqued a number of Job Corp Scholars' interest. Gaining proficiency in energy business models, regulations and electrical conversion type (i.e. electric power) as well as having the chance to explore careers related to the field has been a major selling point in course enrollment.

Job Corps Scholars is recruiting for Summer 2021. If you know an 18-24 year old who has a High School diploma/HSE/TASC and is not currently enrolled in college and wants to attend training in health, business or trade, please contact us here (additional eligibility requirements apply).

We are seeking licensed social workers and mental health counselors to propose and teach **Continuing Education (CE) courses** for fellow mental health professionals who are earning their CE hours towards their NYS licenses. Please use this link to contact us if you are interested in teaching and/or propose a course/workshop.

The **Academic/ESL Program** office, in conjunction with the office of Enrollment Management, hosted two extremely well-attended informational sessions for CLIP students. The sessions included representatives from the Admissions Information Center, English Department, Career Development and Financial Aid, in addition to speakers from the Academies: Education and Justice, Business, Liberal Arts and STEM. Students were provided an opportunity to learn about the enrollment process and credit programs in their fields of interest, ask questions and receive valuable information from colleagues within the various departments and offices. We extend our sincere thanks to the faculty and staff who participated and to all the student attendees.

**Summer 2021 Course Offerings and Open House**

Classes will begin on July 6 and students started registering on May 24. For more details on course and program offerings, click here: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html.

We hosted another successful open house event on May 26 that highlighted the course and program offerings with over 100 registered in the two sessions. Register for the upcoming June 22 session at 12 noon: JUNE 22nd at 12pm or at 6:00pm: JUNE 22nd at 6pm. Be sure to attend the open house and receive an exclusive code to get 10% off all courses!
Contact information: Zoom Virtual Front Desk (https://zoom.us/j/2151731780 (Monday–Friday, 10:00am–12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm); Phone: 718-368-5050, or Email: conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

**Personnel Update**
Please join us in saying farewell to Patricia D’Agosta, Registration Manager, in the Office of Continuing Education, after proudly serving the College for 29 years. With gratitude and appreciation, we wish her the best on her retirement. Let’s celebrate Patti on June 24, at 4:00pm: https://zoom.us/j/96983404923?pwd=aExpR3dmnbmbabVpJcCthWjBVZ215Zz09.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and continue to stay healthy and safe.

Kind regards,

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