MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

KCC Students,

This week’s WAVE WIRE highlights events regarding CONCERNS ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE and CANCEL CULTURE, along with information on student RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES. We are looking for students to participation in STUDENT GOVERNMENT, if you are interested please email studentlife@kbcc.cuny.edu Lastly, I will be hosting a DROP-IN WITH THE DEAN session on Monday, please see the information below.

As a reminder, all new Spring 2021 Freshman and Transfer students are required to complete the Sexual & Interpersonal Violence Prevention And Response Course – SPARC via Blackboard. For more information, contact studentconduct@kbcc.cuny.edu. Registration is open, please contact your advisor for more information. If you still need a LAPTOP, DEVICE, or HOTSPOT, click HERE for instructions on how to reserve a device through INSIDE KCC.

You can review previous editions and the latest edition on our STUDENT AFFAIRS WEBSITE.

Please continue to check your KCC email for upcoming events and information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at brian.mitra@kbcc.cuny.edu or student.affairs@kbcc.cuny.edu. Visit our homepage HERE.

Dr. Brian R. Mitra
Dean of Student Affairs
NEWS AND UPDATES

TODAY - ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE!

Brooklyn College invites the KCC community to join experts and community leaders as they answer our questions about vaccine effectiveness, access, and equity in New York City. If you are wondering if the vaccine is right for you or a loved one, come and ask your questions at the Addressing Your Concerns about the COVID Vaccine event.


Panel speakers include:

Lois Jeannine Bookhardt-Murray, MD
Morris Heights Health Center, Bronx, NY

Donald E. Moore, MD
New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

Co-Sponsored by Brooklyn College Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences, BC Health Clinic, PHaM Student Club, and the Center for Health Promotion.

TODAY – RESOLVING PRACTICAL & LEGAL CHALLENGES FOR NON-CITIZEN STUDENTS

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**RESOLVING PRACTICAL & LEGAL CHALLENGES FOR NON-CITIZEN STUDENTS**

- **TUESDAY APRIL 20, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - COVID Relief for All: Vaccinations, Benefits & Payments for Non-Citizens
  - What is new in temporary protective orders?
  - What are the new requirements for a vaccine?
  - What benefits are available?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/COVIDCUNY)

- **TUESDAY APRIL 27, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - Health Care Options for Non-Citizens in New York
  - What type of health care plans are available?
  - Do I qualify for Medicaid?
  - Do I qualify for Medicare?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/AccessToHealth)

- **WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - Non-Citizens, Food Security, Cash Benefits
  - What are my options for SNAP/TANF?
  - What are my options for food stamps?
  - What other resources are available?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/FoodSecurityNYC)

- **WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - Paying Taxes, Getting an ID & Accessing Credit
  - What resources are available for paying taxes?
  - How can I get a social security number?
  - What assistance is available for other expenses?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/TaxesDoAndYou)

- **THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - Housing for Non-Citizens and all New Yorkers
  - What are my rights as a renter?
  - What are the new protections?
  - What resources are available?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/RenterNYC)

- **THURSDAY APRIL 29, 2021 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
  - Earning a Living as a Non-Citizen
  - What are the new protections?
  - What are the new benefits?
  - What resources are available?

  [Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/EarningALiving)

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND THE KINGSBOROUGH LEARNING CENTER**

Find out more about Research Opportunities and the Kingsborough Learning Center

The Student Union and Intercultural Center held virtual events to introduce students to the [Kingsborough Learning Center](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/suic/everything.html) as well as research opportunities at KCC such as [CRSP](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/suic/everything.html) and [CSTEP](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/suic/everything.html).
**PHI THETAT KAPPA INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony is scheduled to be held virtually on May 26th at 6pm. If you are not yet a member, you have until May 14th to do so. You can check your eligibility here: [https://sites.google.com/view/m377/home/check-for-ptk-invitation-codes?authuser=0](https://sites.google.com/view/m377/home/check-for-ptk-invitation-codes?authuser=0) and sign up to become a member here: [https://join.ptk.org/](https://join.ptk.org/)

A formal invitation to all members will be sent to your email soon.

If you have any questions, please contact hnasser@kbcc.cuny.edu

**TOGETHER WE’LL MAKE IT SERIES**

Every Monday from 12:00-12:30pm

The Student Union and Intercultural Center, the Office of Student Life, and colleagues from the Art Department would like to invite you every Monday to join us as we build community while building new skills and learning new things.

All activities are open to beginners for all KCC students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Upcoming Schedule:

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To Join (same link every Monday):
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012974587?pwd=b21yZlhBUkVNamJ0ZGJoTmNycWFVZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012974587?pwd=b21yZlhBUkVNamJ0ZGJoTmNycWFVZz09)
REMINDERS

3-K & PRE-K REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021 AND WINTER 2022 BEGINS!

Registration for Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 begins this week! You will also be able to make adjustments to your Summer 2021 schedule. Check your CUNYFirst for your specific registration date. Classes for Fall 2021 will be offered online, hybrid, and some in-person. Please check the designation in CUNYFirst carefully when selecting classes/sections.

The earlier you register the better the choice of classes, times and modalities!

Contact your Advisor. Advisors are available via phone, email and Zoom. Schedule your appointment through Starfish. Don’t know who is your advisor? Check CUNYFirst or contact the Academy pertaining to your major:

Business Academy

Education & Justice Academy
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – APPLY TODAY!

The **KCC Foundation** offers a variety of scholarships year-round for eligible students in need of direct financial assistance. Average scholarships are $250 and may be awarded only once per semester.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Must be a matriculated Kingsborough Community College student
- Registered for the current semester
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Must submit a typed 500 word personal statement that describes: why you chose your current major and what career you plan on pursuing. Any financial obstacles you are facing. If awarded, how do you plan on using the funds received? Lastly, please provide a “plan of action” for you intend to cover these expenses moving forward.

Average scholarships are $250 and may be awarded only once per semester. Please note: these awards will go towards tuition balances

Fill out the application HERE:
[https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/admission/documents/application_for_grant.pdf](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/admission/documents/application_for_grant.pdf)

**Student Emergency Funds** are available to qualifying KCC students.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Be a matriculated Kingsborough Community College student
- Be registered for the current semester
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Submit official application
- Submit a typed 500-word personal statement that includes:
  - A summary of the financial obstacles you are facing
  - A description of how you would use the funds if awarded
  - A “plan of action” for how you intend to cover these expenses going forward
You will need to provide documentation to support your emergency request. Examples of acceptable documents include rent statement/lease, medical bills, utility bills, a letter from your employer stating your loss of job, police report for theft, etc.

**NOTE:** If you have already received a Student Emergency Fund Grant in the current semester, you are not eligible to receive an additional emergency grant at this time.

Fill out application here:

Email completed applications, essays and documentation to Scholarships.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu

**KOGNITO FOR STUDENTS IS HERE!**

Kognito is a mental health educational program, simulation-based, online that allows users to practice conversations designed to help students build resilience, strengthen relationships, and develop connections with campus resources.

Get Started – **CLICK HERE**

- If you are a returning user, sign in using your email and password.
- If you are a new user, visit the website and choose “Click here” in the upper right hand corner of the sign-in box to create your account.
- Enter your Information. We recommend using your Kingsborough e-mail, but you may also use a personal e-mail address.
- If you are a student, enter enrollment key: ‘kbccstudent.’
- Click “Next Step” and follow on-screen instructions to access the simulation page.

**SAVE THE DATE – CUNY WELLNESS FESTIVAL**

![CUNY Wellness Festival Poster]

April 27, 2021
BECOME A MRC PEER MENTOR

Get paid to help others. This is a paid position and we are hiring students immediately. If you are interested click the link below and complete an application. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Director, Dr. Michael Rodriguez at michael.rodriguez@kbcc.cuny.edu. The application to be a mentor link: https://bit.ly/3blzDAy

CUNY CRISIS TEXT LINE
CAREER BUZZ

Please find the latest issue of CAREER BUZZ HERE

TAX APPOINTMENTS

Tax appointments are currently being placed on the waiting list. The first day to file your return is February 12th.

Please send your:
1. Full Name
2. Phone contact
3. Email contact

To:
1. Hattie.elmore@kbcc.cuny.edu
2. Ashanti.thompson1@kbcc.cuny.edu
2021 TAX VIRTUAL SERVICES FOR KCC COMMUNITY!

Did you make $68K or less? If so you are more than welcome to participate in this FREE service.

ARC is starting their 2020 Tax season waiting list. Taxes will begin on January 25, 2021. Once the Tax Season starts you will be contacted to receive a secure dropbox link. An IRS Certified Tax Preparer will contact you to complete your taxes remotely.

Documents Needed:
- Original social security cards for all family members
- Birthdays for all family members
- Government state picture ID
- Wages - W2, W2-G, 1099 R, 1099 Misc
- 1099-T - Tuition
- Childcare Expenses & Provider Information
- Direct Deposit – confirm routing & account numbers
- IP - PIN - IRS Identify Fraud assigned number
- Unemployment Statement - available online only
- Notice 1444 - Economic Impact Payment Statement
- Health Insurance 1095

TUTORING AVAILABLE
VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS WITH NURSE DOTTIE

You and your students are invited to zoom in weekly to chat with Nurse Dottie and ask any questions you have. Please see the dates and Zoom information below.

Topic: Virtual office hours with Nurse Dottie
Time: Thursdays 10AM-12PM

Apr 22, 2021 10:00 AM
Apr 29, 2021 10:00 AM
May 6, 2021 10:00 AM
May 13, 2021 10:00 AM
May 20, 2021 10:00 AM
May 27, 2021 10:00 AM
Jun 3, 2021 10:00 AM
Jun 10, 2021 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88176852727?pwd=MWVTRjNDcTVhSWxkK3Nvb0lDektHdz09

Meeting ID: 881 7685 2727
Passcode: 684605
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+13126266799,,88176852727# US (Chicago)
STUDENT WELLNESS CHECK-INS

Student Wellness Check-In:
The Counseling Center hosts wellness virtual check-ins to help students faster connect to support and resources. No appointment necessary for a check-in session.

Monday: 10:30-11:30am and 3-4pm
Tuesday: 4-5pm
Wednesday: 4-5pm
Thursday: 2-3pm
Friday: 1-2pm

• Learn about the benefits of counseling
• Make an appointment to speak with a mental health counselor
• Take brief mental health screening: https://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/kbce
• Connect with campus resources

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://zoom.us/j/91901374136?pwd=OFZGQ3ROVnl0bU1htUJJTeVkcSTY4dz09

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

EVENTS
Success is about learning how to bounce back when things don't go your way. Learn about current productivity trends and how to apply them towards your success. Get your personalized success strategy plan from our center team and staff. Join us via Zoom on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. To access the space please use the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86319736991?pwd=anB4c2lXZnNydVp0Wnp4YW1xQ0ZpQT09

Meeting ID: 863 1973 6991 Passcode: 585386
The Locker Room: Masculinity in Gaming & Media Support Space
Come join the Men's Resource Center in a weekly support space to discuss masculinity and male gender identity in gaming and media. Facilitated by Gerald Maitre, MSW and Neel Sawhney students will engage in open discussions about what it means to be a man in a world of mixed messages. The space will be held via Zoom on Thursdays from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. To access the space please use the following link: http://bit.ly/MascGame

CANCELATION OR ACCOUNTABILITY? “CANCEL CULUTRE” AND PROGRESSIVE CHANGE – 3pm

Cancellation or Accountability? "Cancel Culture" and Progressive Change
Presented by Safe Zone & Student Life

Preregistration and a Zoom account are required.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-GvrD0qHdMlwvXpldqJUoAvnxVxSzsJ

In this online workshop, participants will learn the history of "cancel culture." In contrast to cancellation, we will explore accountability as a challenge to privilege and the oppressions on which various privileges are based. It promises to be an open and lively discussion on when to cancel, and when to hold each other accountable in pursuit of inclusive civic belonging and academic equity. The workshop will be facilitated by S. Leigh Thompson, a non-binary trans, white and Native queer with disabilities, who is originally from Omaha, Nebraska. Leigh has worked for the ACLU, GLSEN, Race Forward, and the Center for Racial Justice in Education and has been a campaign strategist, a social justice educator, and a federal lobbyist.

MONDAY– APRIL 26TH
DROP-IN WITH THE DEAN – 3pm

Stop by and chat with Dean Brian R. Mitra, ask questions or just drop-in to say hello! I will be hosting these weekly, look forward to seeing you!

CLICK HERE to drop in!

MRC DISCORD SERVER HANGOUT – 4pm

Join the MRC every Monday at 4:00 pm to meet folks, hangout, chat, play games, swap stories & memes and plan events together like game and movie nights.

MRC Discord Link: discord.gg/9qwnt8KyF5

WEEKLY STUDENT WELLNESS SESSIONS

NEW - ESL Conversation & Support Group Mondays at 4 p.m.
Gather in a safe and supportive environment and connect with fellow students. Realize that you are not alone in feelings of isolation, stress, and anxiety. Learn concrete coping skills to deal with stress and anxiety.

Casual Chat offered weekly on Tuesday @ 1 p.m.
Join us for an open discussion about anything that is important to you. There is no agenda to this group. If you are in between classes or just need a break, stop by and free your mind.

Self-Care Lunch Hour, offered weekly on Thursdays @ 12 p.m.
During these uncertain times, it is essential to carve out time to feed our mind, body and spirit. Let’s sit and share nourishing tips and thoughts to help build a well-balanced emotional Self. Bring your lunch!

Student of Color Support Group on Thursday 3/11 & 3/25/2021 @ 4 p.m.
Safe space for students of color to have open discussions about issues that are most important to you. This is judgement free zone so you can feel free to express yourselves as you wish.

**New! Current Happenings: Discussing the Difficulties of COVID Vaccination, Fridays, 10:15-11am**

Kingsborough Community College students are invited to a weekly discussion space to express feelings, thoughts, and reactions to current goings-on in our community and world. The meetings, hosted by the Men's Resource Center and the Wellness Center, offer a space to share on the ongoing COVID vaccination rollout and vaccination concerns.

To access the space, please use the following link: [http://bit.ly/3oWUuO2](http://bit.ly/3oWUuO2).

To participate in these sessions:

- RSVP to Counselingandhealth.Services@kbcc.cuny.edu from your KCC email.
- Please include your CUNY Empil ID#. We will send you Zoom link with meeting ID and password.
- Sign-in with your KBCC email and join the meeting.
- Enter the meeting ID and password that was sent to you by Counselingandhealth.services@kbcc.cuny.edu. You will use this info for each bi-weekly session.