

# Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships

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Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division in the month of May.

## **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning hosted a public speaking workshop that provided students with tips to develop their verbal communication skills. In addition, we welcomed alum, **Dean Forbes**, for a virtual session on **Entrepreneurship** in partnership with the **Alumni Relations office**. The Center has also resumed working with employers to table in the Breezeway and share information about available job opportunities. So far, over 55 students have participated by stopping at the tables and speaking with employers.

Eight (8) students were selected to participate in the **Meta/Facebook's Career Connections Program**. Participants will have access to competitively paid summer internships, receive exclusive training on social media and digital marketing, and one on one mentorship opportunities. Thanks to all who assisted in sharing this opportunity with students.

The staff is available virtually on Mondays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00-4:00 pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Otherwise, students should visit Room C-102 or contact via email at [careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu) or phone at (718) 368-5115.

## **Community Farm and Garden**

We have made substantial progress in preparing for the summer season and propagated and planted eight (8) beds of warm weather crops and class beds. We built and replaced six beds in the community space and worked consistently to keep the weeds in check while we await wood chip delivery from the city. The volunteers have done a tremendous amount of work in the past month and the space is starting to look amazing.

Please help us **reimagine the Community Farm and Garden logo**. The **competition** is open to all students and alumni, and we encourage you to participate. A redesign committee will review the proposals and the creator of the winning logo design will be announced and featured on the website. The deadline for submission is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more details, click here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/farmlogocontest/index.html>

Faculty, staff and students started planting gladiolas and other perennial flowers, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, carrots, and radishes. We are building a strong sense of community and invite more people to join us over the summer to continue with the momentum.

Please reach out if interested in a tour/visit for your students or club. We are also looking to support faculty in research projects as well as for those looking to host an educational or club event in the space. Contact [Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu) for more information.

## Grant and Award Updates

### St. Nicks Alliance

The **St. Nicks Alliance** received a grant from YouthBuild, a program of AmeriCorps, to provide training to local young adults in construction and other high-growth industries. As a program partner, we will provide construction (including OSHA and Site Safety Manager) and healthcare (certified nurse assistant, medical assistant, etc.) training classes to their students. This program will run through 2024.

### Youth Careers & College

The division submitted a proposal to the **New York State Workforce Development Initiative Fund** for a program that will train disconnected young adults in high-demand and high-growth industries. The program is modeled after our successful Job Corps training program, but will offer additional training opportunities and supportive services. The proposal is for **\$1.3 million** for a 3-year program.

President Claudia Schrader awarded funds to the **It's Not Just WHAT You Know, It's WHO You Know: The Importance of Relationship Building** workshop submitted by Afealliah Asramon, Kymel Yard and Alissa Levine. This initiative is part of the KCC's *Promoting A Sense of Belonging* focusing on student-centered activities in the next academic year.

## Program Updates

The **ESL/HSE/SNAP** program office is currently registering students for full-time Summer ESL and HSE programs to prepare for college and career pathways. Please direct prospective students to [HSE registration](#) or [ESL registration](#).

The Venture V for SNAP Participants program is also accepting registration and referrals. The program provides essential services to help low-income SNAP recipients increase their employment skills and obtain jobs. Please contact program coordinator, Tatyana Rabortneva, or the Academic/ESL Program Office for further information. For all program information or questions, please call (718) 368-4870 or visit the [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm.

**CUNY Fatherhood Academy's** GED program is now in session. We are recruiting for the Fall 2022 cohort. Sign up here: <http://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/application-sessions/>

**Job Corps Scholars** - We are recruiting for Summer 2022. Sign up for an information session [here](#) and learn more about the program by contacting [KCCJob.Corps@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:KCCJob.Corps@kbcc.cuny.edu).

**CompTIA** - This is a free program for individuals interested in information technology, PC hardware and software. Recruiting for Summer 2022. Sign up for more information about the program [here](#).

In partnership with **Good Shepherd Services**, we trained 19 students in an express Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program over six weeks. Students received CPR training, (including in person lab and clinical experience) and will prepare for the CNA exam. This is the second training conducted in partnership with Good Shepherd Services.

### **Conferences/Networking/ Professional Development/New Staff**

**Alissa Levine**, Director of Workforce Development Programs attended the **Aspen Institute Opportunity Youth Forum** in San Francisco, CA. She was invited by Jobs First NYC to represent YES Bed Stuy, a partnership of 13 agencies and organizations serving out of school and out of work youth in Bedford Stuyvesant. The conference brought together youth leaders representing school systems, higher education, CBOs, foundations and government to share promising practices and innovations that are reconnecting youth to education and employment pathways.

Congratulations to **Shamika Weekes** on her new role as **Senior Career Advisor** in the Center for Career Development and Experiential Learning. In this new role, Shamika will be responsible for employer relations, including establishing new contacts, strengthening current relationships and planning employer events.

Welcome, **Alona Lensky**, new gardener in the Community Farm and Garden. She has extensive gardening experience with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. She will join us this month.

### **Summer Catalog & Xenegrade**

The **Summer Catalog** can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. This semester, students will be able to register for new and exciting courses (*Medical Office Manager, Dental Assistant, Physical Therapy Aide, Certificate in Food, Nutrition and Health, Certified Documentation Specialist, Medical Scribe, Business Budgeting for Beginners, Life, Accident & Health Pre-Licensing, Property and Casualty, Blockchain Fundamentals, and Childcare Administration*) to name a few.

Welcome to our new **registration platform** – **Xenegrade** <https://registration.xenegrade.com/kbcc/search.cfm>. This web-based platform is student friendly and takes a few minutes to complete the registration process. We look forward to seeing you soon this summer.

For more information, Zoom Virtual Front Desk (<https://zoom.us/j/2151731780> (Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00–3:00 pm); Phone: 718-368-5050, or Email: [conted@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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