

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.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning is looking forward to reviving the **Dress for Success Boutique** in collaboration with the SUIC, Access Resource Center and CUNY Edge this fall. They are currently accepting new and/or gently used professional clothing for the boutique. If you have any donations, please drop them off in Room C-102.

The **Fall Job Fair** is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will update the campus community with employer participants in September.

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 or phone at (718) 368-5115.

Grants and Awards

We submitted a proposal in response to the CUNY's Adult and Continuing Education Upskilling Initiative, a program that helps New Yorkers enter into gainful and sustaining careers. Our 2-track program will train new and upskill existing employees for jobs as Community Health Workers and Health Coaches. KCC will be working with NYC REACH (a program of the NYC DOH), the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, and Maimonides Medical Center to provide internship, employment and other work-based learning opportunities.

Community Farm and Garden

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 for more information.

Student CEWD Scholarship Fund

Please continue to support our students by donating here: <https://21409.thankyou4caring.org/online-donations> then go to *Designations* and select *Continuing Education "CEWD Scholarship"*. Our students send a big thank you.

As part of this scholarship, we are accepting student applications for those experiencing financial challenges to pay their tuition. Kindly find the application and eligibility requirements here: <https://forms.gle/vuv6AS9PrrwAagWp7>

Program Updates

Job Corps Scholars (JCS) student Katherine E. worked closely with the JCS team to overcome personal challenges to successfully complete the EMT course and enter employment at Centers Plan for Healthy Living as a Home Care Relationship Liaison in Business Development. She credits Employment Specialists Ms. King and Ms. Rothenberg for helping her choose the EMT course and prepare to enter employment, and Personal Counselor Ms. Ezcurra for managing her expectations for herself and her employer. Katherine is thankful for the support provided by Job Corps Scholars and intends to work as an EMT alongside her current job. We are currently recruiting for limited spots for Fall 2022. Candidates can [apply here](#).

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) CompTIA Program developed a brand new partnership with Agilant Solutions, an IT company that serves as an international provider of digital transformation and managed lifecycle services. Agilant Solutions offered 25 hour internships to eight students. During the week of July 18, two students completed the Field Technician internship, and two students started the Installation Technician internship on July 25. The Field Technicians reported to University Prep Charter High School in the Bronx and ran diagnostics on computers and tablets and recommended repairs. Program Director, Alita Maristany, coordinated the partnership and supported CompTIA A+ program completers in entering paid internships. We are currently recruiting for the [Network + training program](#) scheduled to begin in early September.

Edwin Toussaint, **DesignWorks User Experience** training completer was interviewed by the Haitian Times about his experience in the program in an article about immigrant students pursuing degrees in career and technical education. Edwin told the Haitian Times that “Technical education is amazing, because with all the tech jobs that are available now, it makes you mobile. This program gave me a lot of skill sets where I help businesses start up and I’m glad to see most of my clients are Haitian.”

Conferences/Networking/ Professional Development/New Staff

Alissa Levine and Jessica Cinelli were interviewed by [evoLLLution](#), an online newspaper dedicated to understanding and re-imagining higher education. They talked about how the division collaborates with local employers to create programs that benefit the students they serve and the initiatives they champion. Read the article here: [Tandem Time: How Community Colleges and Workforce Development Programs Go Hand-in-Hand](#)

ESL/HSE/SNAP Program

The ESL/HSE/SNAP program is currently registering students for full-time 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 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 the program coordinator, Tatyana Rabotneva, or call 718-368-4870 or visit our [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 5:00pm.

Fall Catalog

The **Fall Catalog** can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. Some exciting new offerings in Real Estate and Home Inspection.

We are a training site for **DC37** employees seeking to complete a high school diploma. Kindly contact us at 718-368-5051. See more details **here**: https://www.dc37.net/benefits/education/offerings/highschool_equivalency_exampr_ep_kingsborough

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
- Email: conted@kbcc.cuny.edu

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

Kind Regards,

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