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**Subject:** Campus Update\_ Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships

Dear Campus Community,

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

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

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning celebrated **Career Development Month** with a variety of activities for students. With over 75 student participants, we hosted resume, interview, internship, workplace etiquette and teamwork workshops; information sessions with YearUp, Deloitte, Bank of America, America Needs You and NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) as well as a careers in technology panel.

As we wind down for the semester, we are already working on the **spring calendar**. Do you have interest in collaborating with us? Please let us know by emailing Marisa Joseph: [marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Virtual front desk hours are on Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115 or contact us via email at [careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **Community Farm and Garden**

The community farm and garden is closed for the winter. The beds are filled with compost and crops planted to replenish soil nutrition and to avoid soil erosion. The front of the space has been cleared to prepare for building of the children's beds in the coming weeks. We will be filling the new beds with the remaining compost and begin planting in the spring.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of hosting the final **Diversity Symposium Food Day** event Promoting a Sense of Belonging Through Food: Tradition, Culture, and Education. We hosted 168 visitors who enjoyed a wonderful meal together, learned about microgreens with our intern, watched **Chef Naxielly Dominguez** do a wonderful cooking demonstration, shared volunteer information, and visited the Access Resource Center's table. The attendees enjoyed a slideshow of various pictures of the farm, student photography, and images from student visits to urban agriculture sites across NYC. The Leon Goldstein High School farm volunteers also joined to celebrate all their hard work over the past two semesters. Research posters by the **Community Health Club**, **Dr. Tanizina Ahmed**, and **Dr. Shannon Caravello** were on display discussing food insecurity, impacts of growing fruits and vegetables and dietary intake, and plant-based diets.

**Volunteer days** are ending on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will resume in the spring. If you know your schedule and are interested in signing-up, please use this link here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r8CeNuRtvY85eQ0EkIh5zJlkydABbA5lxm6p3bFExg/e/dit>.

We are also looking to support faculty in research projects on the farm. Please email Dr. Shannon Caravello if you plan on bringing a class: [Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **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/vuv6AS9PrwAAgWp7>

### **Program and Partnership Updates**

We distributed a **Workforce Development and Continuing Education Alumni Survey** to recent alumni to find ways to better support our students along their job training and educational pathways. The feedback has generally been positive, but we have found room for improvement. We are developing resources and materials to connect the non-credit students to job- and career-related services.

**CompTIA A+** is starting in January 2023. Applicants must be 18+ and have their HS diploma/GED. [Apply here](#) for the FREE training program made available through the Strengthening Community Colleges grant.

**CUNY Fatherhood Academy** is recruiting for College and Career Prep (applicants must be 18+, have their HS Diploma/GED, and be fathers or expectant fathers) and GED (applicants must be 18+ and be fathers or expectant fathers). [Apply Here](#).

We are launching two new programs: [Cyber Security](#) and [UX Design Fundamentals](#). These affordable classes are being made available through Continuing Education live online via zoom.

**Cypress Hills Satellite** started its first KCC course in Certified Nursing Assistant with 16 students. In addition, several students participated in a presentation on Best Practices in Developing and Maintaining Partnerships with team members from the division. The staff is planning a career exploration activity where students will tour the college and participate in workshops on resume writing and engage with guest speakers from various departments. More details to follow. For more information, please call (718) 368-5116 or via email at [angela.king@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:angela.king@kbcc.cuny.edu).

**ESL/HSE/SNAP Program** is currently providing registration information to 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 program is currently accepting registration and referrals. It provides essential services to help low-income SNAP recipients increase their employment skills and obtain jobs. Students participated in the DOL virtual job fair taking advantage of an additional opportunity to meet with employers offering full-time and part-time internship and

employment. For all program information or questions, please call (718) 368-4870 or visit the [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 5:00pm.

### **Conferences/Networking/ Professional Development**

**Christine Zagari LoPorto**, Assistant Dean, was appointed as the **Vice President/President elect** for the **Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY)**. The association, since 1972, has dedicated itself to the promotion and support of quality programs of public continuing higher education in New York State. The Association serves as an advocate for the postsecondary adult learner and encourages the professional development of its members.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Job Corp Scholars program** received the Exemplary Non-Credit Program Development award from CEANY at their annual conference in Rochester, NY. The Job Corp Scholars program was awarded this prestigious award for being recognized as a creative, successful and innovative program that has provided new direction at the college and allowed the program to serve a population of students into pathways for health, trades and business. Alissa Levine accepted the award on behalf of the Job Corps Scholars team, led by **Afealliah Asramon** and supported by **Angela King, Amy Rothenberg, Cindy Ezcurra** and **Cristina Nava-Sosa**.

**Jessie Cinelli** and **Alissa Levine** facilitated a presentation titled "So You Want to Start an Advisory Board" at the CEANY conference. The session provided an overview of how Kingsborough's Tech Advisory Board was formed in 2021, and provided attendees with the opportunity to brainstorm their own potential advisory boards individually and as a group.

**Afealliah Asramon** successfully completed the Understanding Grief and Loss: Supporting Bereaved Community Members course, offered by the Academy for Community Behavioral Health through CUNY School of Professional Studies. This six-week course covered contemporary approaches to grief and grief counseling, identifying when a bereaved community member needs further help/support, and providing emotional support to bereaved individuals. Afealliah will share the learnings with the Job Corps Scholars staff members in order to support students and alumni of the program.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the division hosted a live webinar for the KCC community titled "The Best Practices for Developing and Maintaining Partnerships". **Karolina Bizik, Alissa Levine, Jessie Cinelli, Angela King** and **Marisa Joseph** hosted the informative workshop, individually sharing their approaches to developing and maintaining partnerships along with insightful lucrative success stories.

### **Condolences**

Our division mourns the passing of **Jonathan "Hovain" Hylton** who developed and facilitated the "Business of Music" class. Hovain joined our team in 2021 and facilitated the class online for young adults residing in Administration for Children Services custody. He later adapted the class to be offered through Continuing Education for adult learners. He wanted to share his expertise and connections with students aspiring to enter the music industry and was proud when students used what they learned in the class to achieve their dreams in music and media. He was excited

to be part of the Kingsborough Community College team, and to bring this unique offering to students in his hometown of Brooklyn.

### **Winter 2023 Catalog**

The **Winter 2023** Catalog can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. Now is the time to take advantage of the \$25 waived registration fee plus the early bird discount registration. Register before December 16 for courses totaling over \$200 and save \$25 by entering discount code **EARLYBIRD** at checkout. Registration is now open. For easier access to our catalog, please click here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/winter2023/catalog.pdf>.

The division's **College For Kids (CFK)** program has been slated for a soft-return. Registration and full program details are available on page 31 of the course catalog. The program is open to children age 5-13 offering a variety of courses from technology, academic skill development, sports and more.

For more information, please call (718)-368-5050 or contact us via email at [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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