

Campus Update Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Dear Campus Community,

Happy New Year and hope you had a restful, healthy and safe holiday season. Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for December 2023.

Professional Development/Networking

On December 14, **City and State New York** named **Dr. Simone Rodriguez** (VP Rodriguez) to their **2023 Responsible 100 list** of New York City leaders, who exemplify what it means to be socially responsible. See complete list here: https://www.cityandstateny.com/power-lists/2023/12/2023-responsible-100/392584/?oref=csny_firstread_nl

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning is currently working on the Spring 2024 calendar. ***Do you have an interest in collaborating with us?*** Please let us know by emailing **Marisa Joseph** (marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates regarding events and offerings, please visit Linktree here: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The virtual front desk hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Also, students can visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm and Garden

Please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for faculty questions, research and collaborations. Students can contact **Emily Agosti** at Emily.Agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu for more information on joining the Community Farm and Garden club. Please follow [KCC CFG on Instagram](#) for updates.

Winter 2024 Catalog & College for Kids

The Winter 2024 catalog is now available here: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/WinterCatalog2024_Updated.pdf.

The fall **College for Kids (CFK) Winter 2024 program returns on Saturdays**, including a special during President's Week. Click his link <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/cfkt.html> to see the course lineup and to register. At this time, when you sign your child up for Saturday and President's Week, **you can save \$60! Reminder: all KCC faculty and staff save even more - no \$25 registration fee!** For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Program and Partnership Updates

Fall 2023 was a productive semester building partnerships and representing Kingsborough throughout the borough in collaboration with our community partners.

We were able to reach our community members through a new partnership with **Catholic Charities of New York**. We hosted multiple events targeting **newly arrived immigrants** who were interested in a variety of continuing education programs and certifications. We also ran workshops with many social workers and job developers to equip them with all appropriate information and contacts for their patrons.

We participated and attended **Mayor Eric Adams "Breaking Bread Building Bonds"** event at SkyWise Restaurant in Sheepshead Bay. The event was geared towards community bonding and to discuss improvements for NYC.

We reestablished a relationship with the **Brighton Neighborhood Association**, and discussed our participation in the annual **Brighton Jubilee 2024** festival that hosts over 100K people in the neighborhood. We also discussed hosting workshops to recruit students into Kingsborough for a variety of programs.

On October 17th and October 24th, the **College Experience** ran twice at **Sheepshead Bay Library with over 100 participants**. The event expanded regular programming to include representatives from the **ESL department** to introduce different programs available for English learners. We created several marketing materials in Russian to meet the demand of the **heavy influx of Russian speaking immigrants**. For more information regarding these programs, please contact **Anna Geller** at Anna.Geller@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Workforce Trainings

CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA)

On December 15th, the CUNY Fatherhood Academy held an acknowledgement ceremony for the current GED cohort. **Nine students successfully completed the 16-week GED prep program** and are in the process of testing and/or applying for jobs and college. We are currently **recruiting for the College and Career Prep program** for 18–30-year-old fathers who hold their GED/HS diploma. Interested candidates can apply here: [College and Career Prep Application](#).

In addition, on December 18th, the members of the **Brooklyn Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity** presented participants with holiday presents for their children. This annual event was coordinated by **President Claudia Schrader's office** and provided students with the opportunity to network and discuss their anticipated academic and career pathways.

SNAP Venture Program

The **New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)** provided the division with an additional **award of \$212,500** for a third year of the SNAP Venture V Program. The continued funding will enable the program to provide job placement and support services to eligible **SNAP recipients** in our community. For additional information about the program and other offerings, please refer inquiries to the coordinator **Tatyana Rabotneva** at Tatyana.Rabotneva@kbcc.cuny.edu or (718) 368-4870.

User Experience (UX) Upskilling

User Experience (UX) Upskilling is **recruiting for Cohort #2** set to begin in January 2024. All courses will be virtual, synchronous and led by a LIVE instructor on weekday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00pm. Students will work with our in-house employment specialist for career services and job placement assistance. **Program completers can receive 9 college credits** for the Kingsborough's Graphic Design & Illustration, UX concentration degree program. This training is free to qualified candidates who must be 18+, NY resident, unemployed or underemployed, provide a social security number and have access to stable internet. Interested candidates can apply by clicking this link: <https://sites.google.com/view/kcc-ux-upskilling/home>

Maternal Health and Doula Training program

Maternal Health and Doula Training program will be offered from Monday February 5- Monday April 1 (Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm, live online via zoom). Payment plans and limited scholarships are available. **Click this link to register today:** <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/coursedisplay.cfm?schID=108739>

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

Thank you.

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