

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted workshops on *Public Speaking, Handshake, and LinkedIn*. We also hosted a professional development workshop facilitated by **Tammy Motov, Director of Nursing for Emergency Medicine at Maimonides Hospital**, which focused on resumes, interviews, and successful tips in the nursing field.

Partnered with the **Transfer Manager, Juliana Dorcelus**, to **facilitate the Career Pathways Through Education panel on Fashion Design**. Students learned what it takes to get into and succeed in the field and transfer options available to fashion designers. Guest speakers included **Professor Sharon Parker, Taylor Freeman, Kaelyn Haynes** (KCC Alumni), **Sabrina Guillame-Bradshaw** (Costume Designer), and **Katie Camuso** from LIM College's Admissions Department. Students were engaged and grateful for the experience, and we thank the panelists for their insights and transparency during the session.

We completed our **2-day Leadership Seminar**. **Eleven (11) students** learned about leadership styles, conflict management, active listening, growth mindset, and delegation skills and, as a result, developed leadership skills that employers seek in candidates. **Alumnus Lavar Thomas** also facilitated a session on growth mindset and public speaking. Many thanks to **Shamika Weekes for coordinating the seminar**, and **Nympha Pierre, Eve Likourezos, and Sonya Thorne** for co-facilitating the sessions. Thank you to the **ASAP Program, Student Government Association**, and the **Office of Student Life** for co-sponsoring this seminar.

The Center also partnered with the **Criminal Justice Program** for a **Resource Fair**, which hosted **20 city, state, federal, and non-profit organizations** that hire criminal justice professionals in **uniform and non-uniform positions**. Students learned about various career paths and potential internship and job opportunities.

Please continue to visit **Linktree** for upcoming events/workshops: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The **virtual front desk hours** are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. We are **piloting evening virtual hours** from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on the following **Mondays: November 4, 18, and December 2**. Please encourage students to take advantage of these additional hours.

Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email us at career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm & Garden

On **October 10th** the **Community Farm and Garden** hosted a **Rebranding Ceremony** that included student volunteers, funders, and local partners to celebrate the rebranding of Kingsborough Community College's farm as it completed the final phase of a major renovation.

Volunteer hours will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm.

Faculty interested in a **class tour of the farm or hydroponics lab** can click on “**Your Request Form**” button here: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/index.html.

To learn more about these opportunities, please email Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu

Grant Proposals

The division submitted a **\$350,000 proposal to the New York State Department of Labor's Work Readiness Training grant program**. If awarded, we will provide 45 individuals with work readiness classes in soft skill development, professionalism, job searching and application writing, resume and cover letter writing, networking, digital literacy, and financial literacy. This program pulls together some of our best practices in student support and employment readiness from our 15+ years of experience delivering occupational skills training.

Student CEWD Scholarship Fund

Please continue to support our students by donating here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/advancement/DonateNow.html>; then go to Designations and select Other, and in the comment box, add Continuing Education “**CEWD Scholarship**.” Our students send a big thank you

Workforce Trainings

CUNY Fatherhood Academy College and Career Prep will begin in January. This program provides credit-bearing college courses, career readiness, parenting workshops, and men's groups to 18-30-year-old fathers and expectant fathers with a GED or HS diploma. Interested applicants can sign up here [KCC's CUNY Fatherhood Academy - CEWD](#)

The **Maternal Health and DONA Doula training** began on **October 16 with forty-eight students enrolled**. Students will train to become birth doulas and, upon completing the training, earn certificates of completion from DONA and Kingsborough. The next Birth Doula training will be offered in the spring. Interested applicants can sign up for the waiting list here https://kccjobcorps.formstack.com/forms/doula_training_intake_form

Professional Development/New Team Members

Kymel Yard, Director of CUNY Fatherhood Academy, was invited to attend the **Aspen Institute Opportunity Youth Forum in Aspen, Colorado**. The Convening focuses on reviewing the constructs of Belonging, Meaning, Well-being, and Purpose, helping leaders further develop and deepen their community of practice and advance youth-led change locally, statewide, and nationally. Kymel was recently elected **Co-Chair of YES Bed Stuy (YBS)**. This cross-sector partnership provides meaningful education and employment opportunities to create financial

security and economic mobility for participants around Bedford Stuyvesant. Kymel has been YBS secretary since 2022 and Youth Committee co-chair since 2020.

CUNY Fatherhood welcomes **Michelle Lewis, Program Assistant**.

We welcome two experienced and dedicated instructors to our division, **Adam Streeter** (CLIP) and **Gordon Roecker** (Pre-CLIP).

Awards and Recognition

The **Continuing Education Association of New York** has awarded the **CUNY Bridges to Offshore Wind program**, led by the Division, the **James C Hall Exemplary Non-Credit Program award** for its innovative design and the outcomes achieved to date. **Robert Zandi**, associate director of renewable energy trainings, will attend the conference in November to accept the award on behalf of the CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network.

Linda Livingston, a **Maternal Health and DONA Doula Program Graduate**, has been awarded the **Charles A. Burns Outstanding Adult Student Award**. This award recognizes adult students who have achieved excellence by demonstrating persistence, drive, and success in overcoming obstacles to achieve their educational goals. Linda will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for this achievement.

Continuing Education

Check out the **Fall 2024 catalog**, which includes new, revised, and existing course and program offerings: kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/Fall2024CatalogFinal.pdf. Stay tuned for the release of the Winter 2025 catalog in mid-November.

For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu

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

Thank you.

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