

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for November 2024.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted an information session with **Shivoo**, *a hiring platform that supports caregiving for intellectually disabled individuals and their families*. It also hosted a professional development workshop with guest speaker **George Likourezos**, *a patent attorney*, which focused on resume and interview tips for success in the legal field. Students also had the opportunity to participate in an **internship application session**, where they applied for opportunities that had immediate openings.

The Center partnered with **Juliana Dorcelus**, transfer manager, to facilitate the **semester's second Career Pathways through Education** panel, which focused on **Healthcare**. Guest speakers included **Wendy Zhao (KCC Alumnus, RN)**, **Dr. Shella Saint Fleur (Alumnus/Oncologist)**, and **Benjamin Stewart (Pre-Health Professions Program Director at Brooklyn College)**. Students learned what it takes to get into and succeed in the field and the transfer options available. We thank the panelists for their insights and transparency during the session. Students were very engaged and grateful for the experience.

The Center also partnered with the **Art Department** to host a **virtual job fair for Graphic Design, Animation, and UX students**. Utilizing the **Handshake** platform, students met with employers regarding internship opportunities. Many thanks to the faculty members who helped prepare their students and provided support with identifying employers.

The Center collaborated with the **Access Resource Center** to host a **Financial Health Conference facilitated by JP Morgan Chase**. Workshops included Budget/Savings & Credit and Home Buying. A career panel allowed participants to learn about potential career paths within Chase. The workshop had over 40 participants and was open to students, faculty, and staff.

Student Highlight

Since Fall 2022, **Bank of America** has been a very **strong employer partner**, offering **internships** and **job opportunities** and **hosting professional development workshops for KCC students and alumni**. We want to highlight a recent **Business Administration graduate, Joanie Jason**, who Bank of America **hired in July 2024 as a Relationship Banker**. In her role, she is responsible for building relationships with clients, helping clients manage their accounts, working at the teller window, reaching out to clients, and uncovering their financial needs. Joanie is thriving in her current role, and we wish her continued success. Please continue to visit **Linktree** for upcoming events/workshops: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email us at career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm & Garden

The team is preparing the farm for the **winter** by removing the dripping irrigation and plants and covering crops planted to protect the soil surface.

The **Hydroponics at KCC (H-KCC) Learning Lab** began working with **Cohort #1**, which will run for six sessions. The next cohort will be open to the general public in late January. More details will follow.

Twelve (12) work-study students joined the team this semester and will continue through Spring 2025. We will resume accepting applications in February for the Spring 2025 semester, where students will log in to work-study jobs and search “Farm Assistant” to apply.

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, please email Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Grant Proposals

The division was awarded **\$160,000** from the **Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to fund a Kingsborough-Cabrini Healthcare Scholarship fund**. Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students enrolled in the **Central Sterile Technician (CST)** or **Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)** programs. In addition to tuition, this scholarship will cover a **paid 400-hour CST externship totaling \$7,200 per student**. The externship is required for certification from the **Healthcare Sterile Processing Association** and has been a roadblock for many students who need to earn money while in school.

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

Maternal Health and DONA Doula program graduate Linda Livingston was awarded the **Continuing Education Association of New York Outstanding Adult Continuing Education 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 is a mentor to her classmates and program graduates, an active doula who has helped deliver over ten babies since graduating, and a lifelong learner committed to gaining additional training to serve her clients.

We are recruiting for a special **Maternal Health and DONA Doula** training starting January 6. This training is open to **currently enrolled Health and Human Services majors**. Students will receive this training for free. Space is limited, and students must apply using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO6eGKvXv-JZKmEA234CpIj962rTcuucgMvebM8fFRuJKHnQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Three cohorts of students successfully completed **Construction Careers training in partnership with Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow**. Students earned their OSHA 30

certificates, Site Safety Training 10-hour certification, flagging certification, and a certificate of completion for Bridge to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology training. **Two cohorts** of students also received the **National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core** and **Introduction to Electrical training**, which prepares students with information about the basic skills and knowledge needed to become certified construction workers. To learn about this training, please contact **Alliah Asramon** via email at Afealliah.Asramon@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to **Christine Zagari-LoPorto**, Associate Dean for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, on her **unprecedented re-appointment as the President of the Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY)**. In 53 years, no other president has been re-appointed as president. Her term will extend through 2027. Under her leadership, CEANY **experienced significant growth**, welcoming nearly 80 new members and six new schools and introducing a new membership tier for corporate members, successfully attracting three new corporations. CEANY is dedicated to advocacy and professional development in workforce development and continuing education. They are champions of the belief that **continuing education is a vital component of higher education**, significantly contributing to the state's economy and workforce. To learn more about the organization, visit www.ceany.org.

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Simone Rodriguez, Christine Zagari, Alissa Levine, Jessica Cinelli and **Robert Zandi** attended the **Continuing Education Association of New York's Annual Conference 2024** in Saratoga Springs. Alissa and Jessica's presentation **"The Pursuit of Wellness and How to Avoid Burnout"** was an open conversation about the causes and signs of burnout and its effects on one's personal and professional life.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Following the success of the **Pre-CLIP pilot program**, we will offer a second cohort to prepare students to enter the program, which provides ESL students accepted to a CUNY college up to four semesters of additional intensive, academic English language skills development to meet the demands and challenges of college coursework. Most students graduating from the Pre-CLIP pilot offered this fall will participate in the Winter 2025 CLIP program.

For more information about Pre-CLIP and the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP), in addition to other programs, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the High School Equivalency **HSE-70**, and Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, **Diploma Now**, and grant programs (Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers certificate training program, and the Venture V for SNAP Participants program), please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our [Virtual Office](#):

Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 5pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610);
<https://zoom.us/j/85743477610> Passcode: 667012.

Continuing Education

Check out the **Winter 2025 catalog**, which includes new, revised, and existing course and program offerings: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cc/courses.html>, then click on Winter 2025 Catalog. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.