

Dear Campus Community,

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

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

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** closed the semester with a virtual information session hosted by **AdvantageCare for Nursing graduates**. **Twenty (20) participants** learned what to expect when working with the organization, employee benefits, and how to apply to available opportunities.

The **New York Police Department Cadet Corps**, the **Fire Department of New York**, and the **Brooklyn Navy Yard** also visited the campus to recruit students. **On-campus recruitment will resume on January 7**. Please click [here](#) to see which organizations will visit the campus to recruit students.

We are currently developing the spring calendar. If you want to collaborate with the Center, please email Marisa Joseph at [marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu).

The virtual front desk hours are Mondays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, using this link: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email us at [career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu).

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

### **Community Farm & Garden**

The **Community Farm and Garden** 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 the "**Your Request Form**" button here: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban\\_farm/index.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/index.html). To learn more, please email [Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **Grant Proposals**

The NYS **Office of Cannabis Management's** (OCM) Community Reinvestment Grants Program was created to reinvest in communities disproportionately affected by past federal and state drug policies through monetary awards. The OCM and the **Cannabis Advisory Board (CAB)** aim to support organizations serving youth in designated priority geographies and within communities that faced harms associated with prior drug policies, disproportionate enforcement, and incarceration. Proposed programs do not have to be affiliated with cannabis-related activities. Working with the **Maritime Technology Program**, the Division submitted a **\$100,000 proposal** for a **Marine Mechanic Training program**. This program will develop a noncredit workforce program using the **Yamaha Marine Mechanic Training Program curriculum** if awarded. This program will **conduct outreach to local stakeholders, convene a meeting of the Maritime Advisory Council, create a Bridges to Maritime Technology module,**

contextualize the Yamaha curriculum, purchase equipment and materials, and launch a pilot of 12 students.

### **Workforce Trainings**

**CUNY Fatherhood Academy - ten (10) students successfully completed** the GED program on December 19. Students prepared for and took the GED, participated in Parenting Groups, and received college and employment readiness support. CFA is recruiting for College and Career Prep. Please refer 18-30-year-old fathers and expectant fathers who have their High School diploma or GED and are seeking college and career readiness to apply here: <https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/>

**Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training program - forty-two (42) students** successfully completed the program on December 18. Students earned their **CUNY Certificate of Completion and DONA Certificate of Completion in Birth Doula Training, Introduction to Childbirth and Lactation Education**. Find more information about the program here: <https://cewdkbcc.com/maternal-health-doula/>. We will be offering a **Spring 2025 training (dates TBD)**. Please [sign up for the waiting list](#) to be notified about the Spring 2025 schedule.

**Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) CompTIA A+ and Network+** cohorts successfully completed their courses on December 10. Students were prepared to take the CompTIA certification exams and received employment and career readiness workshops and 1:1 support. The US Department of Labor funded SCC, which will conclude on January 31, 2025. **Special thanks to Alita Maristany, Program Director, for her tireless work marketing, recruiting, and administrating the grant since its inception.**

**ESL Contextualized HHA and Contextualized Construction** - the second cohort of the **Contextualized ESL Home Health Aide (HHA)** and the first cohort of the **Contextualized Construction** training program completed this month. The training program provided practical and English language skills required to become a certified Home Health Aide and Certified Construction professional to 75 students. Participants improved their English language competency and developed new skill sets to secure future gainful employment. Each student received incentives such as MetroCards, food vouchers, textbooks, uniforms, and access to on-campus wraparound resources such as the career service center, on-campus food pantry, health and wellness centers, screening for public assistance, and accessibility services.

**This semester, the new Construction Lab Workforce Training Program collaborated with industry partners and community Board Organizations** to complete training for four cohorts. The training began in October/November 2024, enrolling just shy of 100 students into 4 comprehensive construction cohorts. Participants earned several certifications, such as **endorsements from the Department of Buildings OSHA 30 / SST 40, the National Center for Education and Research (NCCER), and the Bridges to Renewable Energy / Sustainable Technology (OSW)**. In addition, 27 of the 97 participants gained industry knowledge and hands-on training in electrical, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and HVAC. All students received

support services such as MetroCards, food vouchers, books, and the opportunity to attend career fairs and network with potential employers. For more information regarding construction training, please contact **Alliah Asramon** via email at [Afealliah.Asramon@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Afealliah.Asramon@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP**

**Please click on the link and take a moment to meet Zilola Vakhobova**, a Kingsborough success story who started with Continuing Education's part-time and Adult Literacy programs and whose semesters as a **CLIP student led to college and a Bachelor of Arts, then a Master of Science degree, and to an exciting career in Education.**

<https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/zilola-vakhobova.html>

For more information about the Adult Literacy grant program and the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP), which helped Zilola achieve her educational and professional dreams, please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office at (718) 368-4870 or visit our **Virtual Office**: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610); <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610> Passcode: 667012.

Please also ask about our many other program offerings, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the High School Equivalency **HSE-70** program, the 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)—and work to achieve your own dream career!

### **Community Partnerships**

In Fall 2024, the division hosted several activities and events supporting the community. The semester's events resulted in many new partnerships, collaborations, and hopes for new support for the college. A few highlights:

Representatives from the division attended meetings at the **Central Brooklyn Public Library**, **Eastern Parkway Partners**, **Sheepshead Bay Community Fair**, and the **Trana Relief members in Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union**. Guests participated in the college tour, which included a one-hour session with representatives from various departments.

The **KCC College Experience Initiative** hosted adult learners at several adult learning centers in **Brooklyn-New Lots Library**, **Eastern Parkway Library**, and the **Sheepshead Bay Library**.

On November 20, politicians, business leaders, community partners, and students gathered to celebrate the 3rd Annual Community & Business Partners Luncheon at Kingsborough Community College (KCC) 's Oceanview Restaurant. The event was a collaboration between **New York State Assembly Member Michael Novakhov**, representing the 45th Assembly District—which includes portions of Sheepshead Bay, Midwood, Manhattan Beach, Gravesend, and Brighton Beach—and KCC's Office of the President, Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships, Institutional Advancement, and the Culinary Arts program. More than 30 business and community partners attended.

For more information about these activities, please contact Anna Geller via email at [Anna.Geller@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Anna.Geller@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **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.

### **Continuing Education**

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