

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for May 2025.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning hosted information sessions with the **CUNY Office of Careers and Industry Partnerships** (MTA Internship Program) and **The Watermark at Brooklyn Heights**. In addition, staff facilitated the following workshops: **Internship Orientation, Public Speaking, and Career Planning in a Tough Economy**. **Forty-two (42) students** participated in these sessions.

The Center collaborated with the **Access Resource Center Director, Hattie Elmore**, 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 conference was open to students, faculty, and staff; over **40 people attended**.

In collaboration with the **Transfer Manager, Juliana Dorcelus**, the Center hosted a **Career Pathways Through Education Panel on Addiction Studies**. Panelists consisted of **Monica Joseph (KCC Associate Professor)**, **Evgenia Sherystuk (KCC Alumnus)**, **Joseph Nader (SUNY Empire Admissions)**, and **Thalia MacMillan (SUNY Empire- Addiction Studies & MHHS Program Director)**. **Thirteen (13) students** participated in this session, which provided incredible insight and exposed students to potential career paths.

Twenty-two (22) students participated in **Junior Achievement's Teach for a Day and worked with 4th-grade students (7 classes)** to teach lessons at a local elementary school. This semester's topic was **JA More than Money**. The lessons introduced 4th-grade students to financial literacy and entrepreneurship, a practical approach to starting a business, and social studies objectives such as money management, goods and services, and global markets. Kingsborough students were able to network with their peers and improve their public speaking and communication skills as a part of this service project. **Thank you, Frances Samuel, KCC's Perkins CTE Assistant Grant Manager**, for coordinating this project.

Funding from the **CUNY AAS Redesign** supported the **Culinary Arts students** for the **Mis En Place II event**. Students learned about **LinkedIn** and **Culinary Agents**, online platforms that would help them with networking and their job search. They received tips regarding perfecting their resumes, took a professional headshot using a Popcam, and updated their Handshake accounts. Many thanks to **Alejandro Cantagallo** for coordinating the event.

The virtual front desk hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kccccareer>. Evening hours will also be available on June 2nd. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email

career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu. Please continue to check our Linktree for details regarding any upcoming events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden volunteer days/hours**: 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. **Vegetable distribution** will resume mid-May, weather permitting.

We are excited to announce that we will serve as a **Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) for 16—to 24-year-old high school and college students**. KCC students are also eligible. While the application deadline has passed, students who applied and won a slot through the SYEP lottery can choose [Brooklyn Community Services](#) as their site and **apply to work at the farm!**

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, or to request a class bed, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **KCC_CFG** on Instagram.

Class Tours are on hold for the summer and will resume in Fall 2025.

Workforce Trainings

Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training started on **May 7th with 47 students**. We will launch our first **Postpartum Doula Training** in July, and applicants can register here: <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=126328>

New York State approved Kingsborough to provide **77-hour Real Estate Salesperson training** and **75-hour Real Estate Broker training**. Our first class will begin in July: 77-Hour Real Estate applicants can register here: <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=128206>

The **Culinary Cannabis program** celebrates its final two cohorts with an in-person event in June at *Marie's*, an Italian-inspired restaurant run by celebrity cannabis chef and Advisory Board Member [Miguel Trinidad](#). Our team was also overjoyed to present at the "Uplift the Community Summit" on May 17th, a free in-person event hosted by our community partner, [Cannaware](#), at the Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza. At this event, Career Counselor [Tiffany Walters](#) and Demo Instructor [Rhiana Hernandez](#) shared about the culinary-canna industry and how to infuse various food items safely, and they also made fresh curry popcorn for participants. Program alumni [Henry C. Brown](#) and [Lora Rosado](#) also served infused treats from their new cannabis businesses, [World on Juice](#) and [Hii Cream Treats](#).

We are proud of our program alums operating their businesses; Henry and Lora are just 2 of over 20 entrepreneurs who have launched their culinary cannabis product line since taking this course! A new course, [Cannabis Health Advocate](#), will start in September 2025. Our current instructor and cannabis wellness coach, [Takisha Carter](#), who just released a new [e-book titled "The Reclaiming,"](#) will design the curriculum and lead this brand-new course. Join the [waitlist by clicking here](#).

We participated in the **NYCEDC's 6th Annual Offshore Wind, Maritime, and Freight Logistics Career & Awareness Fair at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal at Pier 12 on Friday, May 9th**, by tabling **alongside the KCC Maritime department**. The event was a massive success, with over 500+ high school students and 80+ industry professionals. It generated hundreds of connections with new and prospective students and strengthened relationships with industry and employer partners.

The **Uptown Talk Radio Show, hosted by WEACT for Environmental Justice, aired on May 26th** and featured an episode about wind energy as a part of their **"Right Direction" mini-series**. The episode met with KCC Robert Zandi to discuss offshore wind workforce development and promote the variety of wind energy training programs offered to students in our communities and the CUNY OWAN schools. Please listen to the episode here: <https://uptown-chats.castos.com/episodes/wind-energy>

Twenty-five (25) students enrolled in the **"Introduction to Construction Trades Training"** in partnership with **the Consortium for Worker Education (CWE) and HRA**. They have completed **OSHA 30** and **SST 10 training** and will participate in NCCER CORE until the end of June. **NCCER CORE** will provide them with fundamental training that introduces them to the foundational skills and knowledge required for a career in construction. It is a prerequisite for other NCCER Level 1 craft training, covering essential topics like safety, hand and power tools, math, and communication.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

On May 9th, instructors, staff, and administrators from the nine CLIP programs across the CUNY campuses celebrated the 30th anniversary of the CUNY Language Immersion Program at the annual ALL-CLIP day, hosted at the BMCC campus in Harlem, NYC. Kingsborough faculty and staff participated in invaluable professional development sessions, networking and resourcing opportunities, and the chance to share the **reflections of keynote speaker Dr. Leslee Oppenheim, founding Director of Language and Literacy Programs at CUNY**.

Although registration for the Summer 2025 CUNY Language Immersion Program sessions closed, the program accepts registration for the eight-week **Pre-CLIP** class. Pre-CLIP, a CLIP feeder program, began at Kingsborough in the Fall of 2024 in response to the demand for a preparatory program for those students who have been accepted to a CUNY college but who require additional ESL support to develop the necessary basic speaking, reading, and writing skills required to register for CLIP. The Pre-CLIP program completers accepted into the CUNY Language Immersion Program can study up to four additional semesters of intensive, academic English in CLIP to meet the demands and challenges of college coursework.

For more information about **CLIP and Pre-CLIP**, or numerous other programs, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the High School Equivalency **HSE-70**, the Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, **HSE-71 Diploma Now**, the ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program, and the Venture V Program for

SNAP Participants, please refer inquiries to the [ESL/HSE/SNAP](#) Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>

Spring 2025 Catalog

The [Summer 2025 catalog](#) is available. You can find new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.