

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for March 2026.

### **Grant Proposals and Awards**

We submitted a **\$5 million proposal** to the **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Career Awareness Program**. The **Kingsborough Clean Energy Educator Training (CEET)** program will **equip P–12 educators with foundational clean energy knowledge** and tools to integrate it into their classrooms. It features **Bridges to Clean Energy**, a curriculum modeled on our Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology program. The goal is to introduce students to clean energy early and support informed education and career choices. If awarded, we will partner with at least **20 CUNY and SUNY colleges to train at least 2,000 educators statewide**.

### **Community Farm & Garden**

The **Community Farm and Garden** will resume operations and volunteer days, weather permitting, this month. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00 to 5:00pm. **Vegetable distribution is expected to resume in mid to late April 2026.**

For **faculty inquiries, research, collaborations**, or to request a class bed for spring 2026, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at [Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates, follow [@KCC\\_CFG](#) on **Instagram**.

### **Workforce Trainings**

**CUNY Fatherhood Academy: The Spring Cohort 21 began in March with 10 students.** Participants will receive GED preparation, men's and parenting groups, individual support for college and careers, and incentives.

**Doula: Thirty-eight (38) students successfully completed the Maternal Health and DONA Doula training program on March 23.** Students earned a CUNY Certificate of Completion in Maternal Health and **DONA Certificates of Completion in Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas, Lactation Support Education, and DONA International Birth Doula Training**. Students can pursue DONA International Certification and/or become a Medicaid provider.

**Construction:** In partnership with **Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT)**, **twenty-six (26) students completed the Construction Trades** program. Students earned their **OSHA 30 and Site Safety 10-hour certifications**, as well as **Scaffolding and Flagging certifications**. They received three weeks of hands-on training in carpentry, electrical, and plumbing trades. OBT will assist them with internships and job placements.

**Community Health Worker:** Cohort 6 **completed on March 30th** in partnership with **NYU Langone**. Students took courses in Introduction to Community Health Services, Critical Issues in Community Health, Concepts of Wellness, and Community Health Interventions. They are encouraged to apply to Kingsborough with the **12 college credits earned toward a degree** in Community Health.

The **NYC Small Business Services Healthcare Accelerator Training Program**: In partnership with NYC Small Business Services (SBS), Kingsborough is offering its second year of **healthcare training at no cost** to eligible applicants. Applicants must meet certain **eligibility requirements** including: a NYC resident, 18 or older, authorized to work in the U.S., compliant with Selective Service (if applicable), possess a high school diploma or HSE, have basic computer skills, have an annual income under \$62,000 (if employed), and provide documentation for all eligibility criteria.

Applicants can [apply for one of the following programs at this link](#):

- Certified Nurse Aide Intensive + Basic Life Support (Hybrid)
- Pharmacy Technician Intensive (Online)
- Central Sterile Technician (Online)
- Electronic Health Records (Online)
- Phlebotomy Technician + Basic Life Support (Hybrid)
- Patient Care Technician + Basic Life Support (Hybrid)
- Direct Support Professional (Online)
- Community Healthcare Worker (Online)
- EKG/ECG Technician (Hybrid)
- Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (Online)
- Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training (Online)

Learn more about the program here: [SBS Healthcare Accelerator Training Program](#).

**CUNY Health and Human Services Offerings**: Students in CUNY's Health and Human Services programs can apply for the Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training or a healthcare certificate program. Please share these links with students and encourage them to apply now!

**CUNY HHS Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training**: <https://forms.gle/wZ6jd9XwujcCjBr48>

**CUNY HHS Healthcare Training Program**: <https://forms.gle/U4DyMxUgQYM3CUXk6>

**Are you an LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC interested in proposing and leading a Continuing Education workshop for fellow mental health professionals?** Please contact [Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu).

In collaboration with **JPMorgan Chase**, we are hosting a series of free Financial Literacy workshops. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4pkcrbau>.

On March 17th, the department, together with the Maritime Technology department, visited **Hornblower/NYC Ferry** at the **Brooklyn Navy Yard** to examine their assets, meet their team, and collaborate further on the upcoming **Maritime Diesel Technician training program** that the department plans to launch in fall 2026.

### **Staff Presentations**

On March 19th, the department participated as a panelist in the **Community Colleges and Climate Futures** webinar titled **“Climate Education: Adaptive Workforce Development for Changing Climate Needs.”** The panel and webinar were sponsored by CUNY and featured panelists from **Robert Zandi, KCC’s Associate Director of Renewable Energy Trainings**, Merced College (CA), which leads programs for farmworkers promoting more sustainable agriculture, and Tribal

Stewards (WA), working on climate solutions programs for the technical and tribal college system. The panel focused on solutions that workforce organizations have been implementing to help program participants succeed in their training and thrive in their careers.

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

**Kingsborough English Language Institute's ESL-70** program offers an immersive, full-time, theme-based experience for **non-native English speakers** to improve their language skills for college or work. ESL-70 is **available to all students, including F-1 visa holders**, and features an engaging, academically focused program that emphasizes written and spoken language, grammar, vocabulary, and the development of critical reading and comprehension of diverse materials.

But, as a former ESL-70 student, current KCC student, and managing editor of Scepter, **Anastasiia Haraieva** recalls, the experience is so much more! Learn how Anastasiia discovered the **“real meaning and beauty behind American traditions”** and found a wonderful sense of community in the classroom. Click the link to read Anastasiia's story on page 3 in the **March 2026 edition of Scepter**, the students' voice online:

<https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/studentpublication/scepter/index.html>

For more information about our many program offerings, including the **ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program**, **Venture V for SNAP Participants**, **Pre-CLIP**, **CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)**, **Kingsborough English Language Institute's ESL-70** program; and the **High School Equivalency HSE-70**, and **Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, Diploma Now**, 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 2026 Catalog**

The **Spring 2026 Catalog** is now available. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Additionally, we are recruiting students for a variety of **NO-COST programs and scholarship opportunities** for programs scheduled to begin soon! Please share!

**[No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program](#)**

**[Free Introduction to Gaming Operations](#)**

**[Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program](#)**

**[Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program](#)**

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