

November Campus Update

The Campus Community,

We want to share some updates with you regarding our work within the Division.

DesignWorks User Experience (UX) 2.0: The Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education was awarded a \$320,000 grant for **DesignWorks User Experience (UX) 2.0**. Design Works will offer a robust, industry responsive training program, that supports participants with relevant curriculum and career readiness services. This technology career pathways program was developed in response to the NYS Workforce Development Initiative, a part of Governor Cuomo's \$175 million initiative. Participants will develop hands-on skills that prepare them to succeed as junior UX designers, entrepreneurs should they pursue freelance opportunities, and design an e-portfolio upon completion of the training.

Center for Career Development: The Center has worked with faculty and special student populations to host career development workshops on topics including resume writing, career exploration, and professional resources and programming. The team continues to partner with employers to host information and recruitment sessions for students. Sessions have already been held with Dataminr, FDNY and Primark and they plan to host Macmillan Publishing, US Secret Service and Coney Island Workforce 1 in the coming month. Visit the website for more details:

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

Social Work/Mental Health Continuing Education Program: The College was approved by NYSED as a Continuing Education provider for licensed social workers (LMSW & LCSW) and mental health counselors (LMHC). In collaboration with the **Mental Health and Human Services Program**, our first CE offering titled "Addressing the Need for Awareness and Prevention of Family and Community Violence" was fully enrolled, drawing community, college faculty and staff mental health professionals. The day-long workshop provided 7 CE hours required for SW and MHC licensing as well as resources and skills needed to better support clients and students in domestic violence and abusive situations. To learn more about our offerings, please call 718-368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Personnel: Please join us in saying farewell and thanks to Cris Izaguirre, the Manager of the **Urban Farm**. After Hurricane Sandy, Cris went to Santa Cruz, CA to complete the Ecological Horticulture Apprenticeship to share best practices with the team. Cris has since worked passionately, not only on organic farming, but teaching students from seed to harvest through a social justice lens. We wish him much luck and success on their future endeavors.

During this time, Maya Stansbury will serve as the Administrator on the Farm while the team work on turning the beds and closing the farm for the winter. All activities will resume in March for the new harvest season. The Food Pantry will continue to provide *Grab and Go* bags to all students each week on Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm with pick up at the main entrance. The bags include food items for families to make three (3)

balanced meals and snacks. For more information, please contact the Access Resource Center *formerly* Single Stop at 718-368-5411/6713 or via email at arc.kcc@kbcc.cuny.edu.

We welcome two new staff members (Afealliah Asramon as the Program Coordinator and Amy Rothenberg as the Employment Specialist) to the recently awarded **Job Corps Scholars Program**, funded by the US Department of Labor. The Program will provide 80 at risk youth, aged 18-24 years old, with supportive wrap around services while they attend a certificate training program within continuing education and then enrolling in college and/or employment.

Congratulations to Margarita Vodopyanov, College and Career Counselor from the CUNY Fatherhood Academy for being awarded the **Continuing Education Association of NY 2020 Outstanding Continuing Educator award**. This award acknowledges individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the general field of continuing education on a state, national, or international level.

Winter 2021 Course Catalog: The **Winter Catalog** is now available and registration begins on November 2. For more details here, click here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. Contact information: *Zoom Virtual Front Desk* (<https://zoom.us/j/2151731780> (**Monday–Friday, 10:00am–12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm**); *Phone:* 718-368-5050, or *Email:* conted@kbcc.cuny.edu. We look forward to seeing you.

Please continue to stay healthy and safe.