Dear Campus Community,

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center thanks all who supported the **Dress for Success Boutique**, whether by donating clothes, volunteering time, or promoting to students. Your support served 201 of our students.

On September 27th, more than 25 employers recruited and discussed career and internship options with 126 students during the **Job & Internship Fair**. Please encourage students seeking career advice and counseling to visit us for support. For updates regarding our events and offerings, please visit **Linktree**: https://linktr.ee/kcccareer. Students can also visit **Handshake** to apply for open positions, internships, and for updates here: https://kingsboroughcc.okta.com/ and use their KCC login credentials to access the site.

The virtual front desk hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer. Also, students can visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm and Garden

Volunteer Days and Student Engagement - We will resume volunteer hours in the fall once the new beds and soil are in place. Please follow KCC_CFG on Instagram for updates or contact Emily.agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu to be added to our volunteer mailing list.

Please contact <u>Emily.agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu</u> to sign up and <u>Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu</u> for faculty questions/research/collaborations.

Program and Partnership Updates

The Job Corps Scholars (JCS) is sunsetting after 3 successful years of serving 18–24-year-old young adults who were out of school and out of work. One hundred and eight (108) students were enrolled in career and technical education training, and provided with employment, academic and personal support by a stellar team comprised of Alliah Asramon, Program Director; Angela King and Amy Rothenberg, Employment Specialists; Cindy Ezcurra, Personal and Career Counselor; and Cristina Nava-Sosa, Program Administrator. Kingsborough's JCS program was considered a leader among the 26 nationwide grantees, often being called upon to share best practices around recruitment and retention. JCS was awarded with the "Dr. James C. Hall Exemplary Non-Credit Program" by the Continuing Education Association of New York in 2022.

Kingsborough Bridges to Opportunities Network - In September, Hillary Stackpole initiated conversations with Sunset Park organizations, including Raising Health, Center for Family Life, Voces Ciudadanas and Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation.

These organizations are partnering with the college to share program information, refer students, and potentially collaborate on programming at their locations. Hillary continues her outreach efforts in Coney Island by attending community events, sharing program information with

CBOs, and meeting with community members every other Tuesday at Alliance for Coney Island, located at 1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

Flex Into UX!, our collaboration with Brooklyn Public Library, continues to connect with Brooklynites and has had 272 interactions with participants in both virtual and in-person sessions. The September 30th Design-A-Thon had six teams of four members each, working on solutions for Brooklyn problems related to sound pollution, irresponsibly driven scooters and ebikes or challenges of finding on-street parking. Winning designs will be on display at www.FlexIntoUX.com. News 12 mentioned KCC in a recent news segment titled, "Got a problem? The Brooklyn Public Library's Flex-into-UX team may have a solution."

CUNY Fatherhood Academy started Cohort 16 with 12 students. An alumnus of the GED and College and Career Prep program, who enrolled at KCC and graduated, enrolled at John Jay to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Also, we are hiring a Part Time Student Recruitment Support Specialist who will raise program awareness. For more information, please contact Kymel. Yard@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Maternal Health Certification with Doula Training Program kicked off on September 26 with 45 students enrolled. This course will provide a comprehensive foundation to understanding the field of maternal health. Students will receive birth doula training and be qualified to pursue the DONA certification process upon completion. Students will learn how to apply basic skills and competencies in various community settings and understand the basics of childbirth education, breastfeeding and support skills, among other skill sets.

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) launched A+ and Network+ courses with several students, including Ukrainian refugees referred by Marks Jewish Community House (JCH) of Bensonhurst, a longtime partner. Our division is in the process of applying for SCC round 4 funding through the United States Department of Labor to offer new and expanded training opportunities in partnership with the **CUNY Community College Consortium**.

ESL/HSE/SNAP is pleased to announce that due to increasing registrations for the Fall, 2023 semester, the Kingsborough English Language Institute (KELI) program appointed an additional instructor. Both KELI and the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) – Continuing Education's full-time, intensive academic ESL program offerings – have near-capacity numbers of students, which bodes well for the continued growth of the programs and mission to serve the students in our local communities. For more information, please call (718) 368-4870.

Fall 2023 & Winter 2024 Catalog

Fall semester started with several offerings still available for registration this month. Please view the catalog here: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html.

Winter 2024 catalog will be released in November for courses starting in January, 2024. Information sessions are scheduled for November 21st and December 19th. Links to register for these sessions will be available shortly. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.