

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for June 2024.

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

The **Center for Career Development** partnered with the **Office of Student Life** to host a **Commencement Job Fair** as part of KCC's Graduation Fair. Students picked up their caps and gowns, met with employers regarding employment opportunities, and accessed resources from **Alumni Affairs, Registrar, and Transfer Services**. **Thirteen (13) employers attended, and over 440 students** participated in the fair.

The Center also collaborated with the **Access Resource Center** to host a **Financial Health Conference** facilitated by **JP Morgan Chase**. Workshop topics: Budget/Savings & Credit, Investing 101, and included a career panel.

The office will be open throughout the summer to support students' career-related endeavors. Employers will recruit in the Breezeway while classes are in session. Please continue to visit our **Linktree** for details regarding who we will host: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>.

The **Virtual Front Desk** hours are Mondays from 10:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 4:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email [career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu)

### **Community Farm & Garden**

Weekly **Vegetable Distributions** will continue this summer. The days alternate; please follow us at **KCC\_CFG on Instagram**, where we will post the schedule. Remember to bring a reusable bag with you!

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at [Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates, follow **KCC\_CFG on Instagram**.

### **Grant Proposals**

The Division was invited to submit two proposals to the **Mother Cabrini Health Foundation** grant program:

- **Maternal Health and Doula training (\$100,000)** builds on our highly successful tuition-based Doula training. This comprehensive course provides the foundation to understand the field of maternal health and training to become birth doulas and teaches students how to apply basic skills and competencies in various community settings. Students will be eligible to earn DONA Certificates of Completion in "Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas" "Lactation Support Education" and "DONA International Birth Doula Training". If funded, the course will be offered to 135 students over 18 months, free of charge.
- The **Kingsborough-Cabrini Foundation Healthcare Scholarship program (\$150,000)** will provide full scholarships to low-income, high-

need students in the **Certified Clinical Medical Assistant** and **Certified Central Sterile Technician** programs. In addition to the scholarships, students will receive free case management and employment assistance. If awarded, we will distribute 20 scholarships over two years.

We submitted a **\$120,000 proposal** to the [DeWalt Foundation Grow the Trades](#) grant for a **construction training**. This training program will prepare students for the **National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core and Construction Site Safety** training, teaching entry-level masonry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry knowledge. The training will include skills in safety, laws and regulations, construction-related math skills, equipment and tools, materials and material handling, blueprint reading, repair and restoration, budgeting, environment and sustainable practices, and other skills needed to begin construction-related jobs. In addition to the training, we also submitted a **\$25,000 DeWalt tool Wishlist** that will supply and restock tools and equipment required for this training and maritime and offshore wind programs.

Another submission in the amount of **\$60,000** to the **Con Edison Foundation** for the **KCC-Con Edison Clean Energy Academy's Weatherization Technician program**. This program will prepare students for the Fundamentals of Weatherization certification exam from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (**NCCER**). Students will also enroll in **Bridges to Offshore Wind** and Trade Pathways and Career and Life Planning to explore clean energy-related industries. As with all of our programs, students will receive a comprehensive suite of wrap-around services to help support their personal, educational, and employment needs and address barriers if/when they arise.

### **Community Partnerships**

**Anna Geller**, along with staff from the **ESL Full-Time (Tatyana Rabotneva)** and **Part-Time programs (Larisa Kabbaj)**, represented the college throughout the borough in collaboration with our community partners who participated in a variety of events and made a substantial impact as a team.

**Community Fairs:** **Ukrainian refugees in Sheepshead Bay; Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; Brooklyn Public Library-Brighton Beach Library;** and the **Glory of Spring music festival in Sheepshead Bay**. We continued our work with **Catholic Charities** and were invited to represent the college at the **Cyclone Stadium** during the **Eastern European** event. We partnered with the **Trana Relief**, culminating in a campus tour with over 30 participants. Lastly, we worked with the President of the **Brighton Neighborhood Association** and will participate in the **47th Brighton Jubilee Festival on August 25th**.

The **College Experience** was offered to various **Brooklyn Public Library branches** and targeted classes for adult learners at **New Lots, Eastern Parkway, Central, and Sheepshead Bay**.

The **Spring College for Kids (CFK)** ended with students enjoying basketball, forensic detective, and graphic design courses in a four-week program. We are still accepting students for the **Summer CFK** program, which starts on July 8th.

In partnership with CAMBA, we offered an **Accounting and QuickBooks Certificate** for 20 non-native English-speaking students. The curriculum covered critical Accounting Fundamentals and QuickBooks Online concepts, preparing students for the **National Association of Certified Public Bookkeepers (NACPB)** certification exam. In addition, we provided a **Home Health Aide** program to 20 non-native English-speaking students, where they will successfully earn a state licensure. A new community partner, **New Jewish Home**, enrolled 14 students into the **Certified Nursing Assistant** program and they are now prepared to take the National Healthcare Association certifying exam. A similar training was offered to a fifth cohort of our long-standing partner, **Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation**. For more information regarding our healthcare programs, please contact **Faye Kourouklis** via email at [Fotini.Kourouklis@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Fotini.Kourouklis@kbcc.cuny.edu).

We provided a variety of courses to almost **75 Multicultural High School students** in Make-up Applications, Hair Braiding, Sewing for Beginners, and SD11 Career Exploration. The graduating students had the monumental opportunity to put their new makeup application skills into practice on June 5th as they prepared for their senior prom.

### **Workforce Trainings**

The **UX Design Upskilling** program concluded on June 14. **Twenty-three (23) students** completed the training and received employment readiness and career advancement support. The division is currently pursuing funding to offer a future cohort.

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** GED cohort ended on June 27. Students are taking the GED exam, receiving employment readiness support and ongoing case management services. We are recruiting for the next cohort set to begin in Fall 2024. Please refer all eligible candidates to sign up for information here: <https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/>. On June 26, the **NYC Council** honored the **CUNY Fatherhood Academy with a proclamation**.

The Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) **CompTIA Program** concluded the **spring 2024 A+ and Network+ training programs** and launched IT Fundamentals. We are recruiting for the final A+ and Network+ cohorts scheduled for Fall 2024. Please refer eligible candidates to sign up for information here: <https://cewdkbcc.com/comptia-training/>

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

Increased enrolment in the **CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)** for summer 2024 necessitated hiring three additional CLIP faculty members to support the program's expansion. New instructors **Aylin Bardavit** and **Rohini Parikh** will teach two of the expanded six levels during the day; **Michelle Straussberg** will provide coverage for **Marina Khusid's** evening section during the summer semester.

**CLIP** also has an expanded presence on social media, courtesy of a collaboration between CLIP instructor **Joao Da Silva**, and the Department of Communications and Performing Arts. **Professor John Acosta, Director of Media**, produced a promotional video featuring interviews with CLIP **Director Natalie Bredikhina** and **Assistant Director Grant Harvey**,

discussing the program's advantages for CUNY students who need additional English language support before commencing college credit programs. **Please view the link to the clip here:** <https://youtu.be/LGpZ6mtKLf8>

For more information about CLIP and ESL70, and other programs, including the **High School Equivalency HSE-70, Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP), Diploma Now**, and grant programs (Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers certificate training program, and Venture V for SNAP Participants program), please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870.

### **Continuing Education**

**Summer 2024 catalog** is available. Look for new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/Summer2024Catalog.pdf>  
For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at [conted@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu)

**College For Kids registration is ongoing until July 5th with *Flash Sale pricing* for faculty and staff discounts! The brochure can be found [here](#).** The ***Summer College for Kids*** (CFK) program offers various academic and recreational courses for children aged 5-13. Again, we offer our unique tech courses, instructed by live teachers, through our continued partnership with the Black Rocket digital program. Whether Minecraft, Roblox, Digital Design, AI, or YouTube, we offer fun and interactive one-of-a-kind classes you can pair with our traditional CFK programming- the best of both worlds! Contact our office at (718) 368-5052 or [conted@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu) to learn more!