

Dear Campus Community,  
Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for May 2024.

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

The **Center for Career Development** hosted workshops on internships, public speaking, and LinkedIn with **Shivoo**, **Menorah Nursing Home**, and **Glaelle Mathurin**, which served 57 students.

**Juliana Dorcelus**, Transfer Manager, facilitated a second **Career Pathways through Education** panel focusing on the social services field. Students learned about various options available in the field if they pursue that career path. Guest speakers included KCC alum **Philippe Turenne**, Program Director **Dr. Lakeia Murray**, and Hunter Admissions representative **Irina Amanatidis**.

The **Media Arts Department** hosted a panel on **Women in Media**. Students learned about various employment opportunities from experts in the field. The panel was facilitated by **Tema Staig**, Executive Director of Women in Media, and included **Jennifer Smith** (Music Supervisor), **Sinead Clancy** (Production Designer), **Rachael Hastings** (Cinematographer/Director of Photography), **NAOE** (Cinematographer/Director of Photography). Many thanks to **Professor John Acosta** for the partnership on this event.

Eighteen (18) students participated in **Junior Achievement's Teach for a Day** and worked with 5th-grade students (6 classes) to teach lessons at a local elementary school. The topic for this year was **JA Our Nation**. The lessons entailed concepts regarding starting a business, career planning, skills needed for a successful career, and how businesses connect to a global economy. Students networked with their peers and improved their public speaking and communication skills as a part of this service project. Thank you to **Frances Samuel** for coordinating the program and **Eve Likourezos** and **Sonya Thorne** for their support.

One **final internship orientation workshop** is on Monday, June 3rd, at 10:20am. Please encourage students to attend.

Please continue to visit our **Linktree** for additional events/workshops scheduled for this semester: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The **virtual front desk** hours are Mondays from 10:00am to 12:00 pm 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**

Faculty interested in **class tours** of the farm or hydroponics lab, please complete this form: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban\\_farm/farmtourform.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/farmtourform.html).

**Volunteer hours** are Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm.

We are hiring **work-study students to join us this summer**. If interested students want to join our team, please share this with them and have them search for Urban Farm Assistant through the work-study portal.

Weekly **vegetable distributions have begun!** We will continue to distribute over the summer semester. The days alternate, please follow us at [KCC\\_CFG on Instagram](#) where we will post what day we will distribute for that week until we set a 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 Awards/Proposals**

The Division was **awarded a \$177,000 grant** for the *CUNY Future of Work Center* to support expanding our workforce-eligible programs, including creating a **Welding TAP for Workforce Microcredential Pathway**. This funding will include the development of a noncredit-to-credit articulation agreement with the **Maritime Technology** program and support three student cohorts. The pathway will combine two existing credit courses, MT5200 - Welding and MT5800 - Advanced Welding, with the American Welding Society (AWS).

In collaboration with the **Office of Collaborative Programs** and partnership with **NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health** and **Brooklyn's Community of Care**, the Division submitted a **6-year, \$4.1M proposal** to the **Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) Train & Earn program**. If awarded, Kingsborough will train out-of-school, out-of-work (OSOW) young adults (18-24) in three high-growth healthcare industry jobs: **Central Sterile Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, and Medical Billing & Coding**. Students will be supported by a team of case managers, a mental health professional, and a large suite of supportive services to ensure they succeed in the classroom and on the job.

The Division submitted a **\$60K proposal** to the **Con Edison Foundation** to support the creation of the **KCC-ConEd Clean Energy Academy**. The Academy aims to provide career exploration in **Weatherization Technician** training. We will target NYC residents who live in environmental justice and disadvantaged communities, specifically people who might not have considered careers in clean energy. This program adds to our growing portfolio of clean energy and offshore wind training and shows our commitment to expanding the NYC clean energy and sustainable workforce.

### **Workforce Trainings**

**Kymel Yard, Director of KCC's CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA)**, was invited to **Aspen Institute's Opportunity Youth Forum (OYF)** for a second year to represent YES Bed Stuy

and the program. The OYF convenes its network of national, state, and local community partners, youth leaders, organizers, philanthropic partners, technical assistance partners, and artists to align on their collective vision and deepen their commitment and shared mission for expanding justice, advancing racial equity, narrative change, healing, belonging, meaning, well-being, purpose (BMWP) and protecting our democracy and ensuring it works for all.

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** was invited to apply to become a **Good Plus Foundation** partner, and our application was approved. Good Plus Foundation is a leading national non-profit that works to dismantle multi-generational poverty by pairing tangible goods with innovative services for under-resourced fathers, mothers, and caregivers, creating an upward trajectory for the whole family. Partnering with Good Plus will make resources such as cribs, strollers, and other necessities available to fathers enrolled in the program and, by extension, their families. Good Plus believes that stronger fathers build stronger, more resilient families, which are the backbone of thriving communities and found that 93 percent of fathers receiving donations found that their relationship with their children improved, while 82 percent of fathers reported improved relationships with their children's mother and/or other relatives.

The summer **CompTIA ITF+** course will begin on June 3, 2024, and we are currently accepting applications for the Fall A+ and Network+ courses ([Apply Here](#)). Our recent Network+ course ended on April 24, 2024, and the A+ course will end on June 6, 2024. Spring 2024 students participated in professional development workshops led by **Roberto Dockery**, Vice President of Security Operations at Morgan Stanley, and **Craig Russon**, Senior Academic Consultant at CompTIA.

**Do you know someone who wants to be a helping professional?** Do they want to help individuals reach their goals and achieve milestones? Or help individuals and families live more fun and fulfilling lives? Tell them about the **Community Habilitation/Direct Support Professional training program** starting July 8 and running for 6 weeks on Mondays-Thursdays from 6:00-9:00pm live online via Zoom. Students will earn CPR, Mandated Reporter, Choking Prevention Certifications, and a CUNY Certificate of Completion. (CPR Class will occur on campus on 8/15 from 10:00am-6:00pm). [Apply here: https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=121949](#)

**The Maternal Health/Doula Training Program** will begin on July 1. Students will receive a comprehensive course that provides the foundation to understand the field of maternal health, become trained as Birth Doulas, and learn how to apply basic skills and competencies in various community settings. Students will earn 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 upon successful completion of training. [Apply here: https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=121818](#)

**Do you have a child with ADHD in your life?** Join us on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:00pm for an empowering workshop for parents of children with ADHD. Gain the knowledge, tools, and support you need to help your child thrive and bring harmony to your home. **Unlock Your**

**Child's Potential: ADHD Parenting Workshop** will cover understanding the ADHD brain, effective parenting strategies, building strong relationships, supporting academic success, and promoting well-being. Participants will learn to end the power struggle and create a more peaceful home environment, improve your relationship with your child through better understanding and communication and guide your child towards happiness, success, and fulfillment. [Register here: https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=122407](https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=122407)

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

Following the trend of recent semesters, the **Academic/ESL Program Office** has registered more students for the Spring and Summer 2024 semesters. This summer, we will offer two upper-level sections within the **CLIP program** to promote the expedited transition of CLIP students to the College. The growing enrolment has necessitated an official search for additional CLIP faculty to support the program's expansion. Additionally, in response to an increasing enrolment in other programs, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute ESL70 program and grant programs, the ESL Program office is also looking to hire additional office staff to assist in administrating the expanding programs.

For more information about the intensive, full-time academic **CLIP** and **KELI ESL** programs, the **High School Equivalency HSE-70**, and **Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP)** program, **Diploma Now**, and the grant programs: the **Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers** certificate training program, and the **Venture V for SNAP** participants program, please refer inquiries to the ESL/HSE/SNAP office, at (718) 368-4870.

### **Continuing Education**

#### **Summer 2024 Catalog & College for Kids (CFK)**

The **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 live, and faculty and staff discounts are available! The brochure can be found [here](#).

The **Summer College for Kids (CFK)** program offers various academic and recreational courses for children aged 5-13. We are again offering our unique tech courses instructed by live teachers through our continued partnership with the **Black Rocket digital** program. These tech courses are precisely what your 8-13 year old loves to take part in. 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 offices at (718) 368-5052 or [conted@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu) to learn more!

### **Staff Presentations and Recognitions**

On May 8th, **Robert Zandi, KCC's Associate Director of Renewal Energy Programs**, presented at NYC Economic Development Corporations (NYCEDC)

headquarters for the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) **New York Offshore Wind Academic Symposium**. KCC presented its Maritime and Offshore Wind Energy related training, programs and, apprenticeships, as well as the **CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network (OWAN)**, a consortium with LaGuardia Community College, College of Staten Island, City Tech and, KCC, in which KCC is the lead. Each school provides the OWAN's **Bridges to Offshore Wind** workshop to environmental justice and disadvantaged communities to educate and empower participants on the science, history, jobs, and future of this industry, as well as the wide variety of training and programs related to Offshore Wind Energy. The event was a huge success and generated tremendous interest from the Department of Labor, various Community-Based Organizations, environmental justice organizations, NYCEDC, NYSERDA, other schools in NY, and a variety of Offshore Wind Energy developers, which has the potential to lead to further support of KCC's programs, as well as develop additional partnerships to expand the KCC's offerings.

KCC was part of the **NYSERDA Offshore Wind Environmental Justice Technical Working Group (EJTWG)** to meet with Offshore Wind developers, Local 1-2 Union, Community-Based Organizations, Environmental Justice Organizations, community leaders, and community members at the **Ravenswood Power Plant** to discuss ensuring a transition from fossil fuel power generation to the future of clean and renewable energy that directly benefits environmental justice and disadvantaged communities. The NYSERDA EJTWG plays a vital role in ensuring a just transition by helping to inform and shape development practices through data sharing, collaboration, advice, and guidance from the community to help steer NY's efforts. Ravenswood Power Plant was an excellent site for this meeting because it is working on decommissioning its traditional fossil fuel power-generated power plant and is becoming a 100% renewable energy power station.