

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for April 2025.

Grant Proposals and Awards

The **New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID)** in Staten Island invited the division to be part of the **NYS Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Offshore Wind Training Institute** grant application. We proposed **Deckhand, Welding, Snap-on Precision Measuring, and USCG-approved Able Seaman and Lifeboatman training**, totaling over **\$680,000 annually**. This project is in collaboration with **MayShip Repair, Youth WINS, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Staten Island Economic Development Corporation**, and the **Staten Island Industrial Alliance**.

The division **submitted a \$458,000 proposal** to the **Cabrini Foundation** to support **Bring it Home**, a Community Farm and Garden program that provides students with the tools and confidence needed to take control of their health through cooking nutritious plant-based meals. This funding will support **pop-up cooking demonstrations** during produce distributions and **six-week-long community cooking workshops**. It will also provide paid internships for students to lead cooking demonstrations and develop public health messaging campaigns.

In collaboration with the **NYC Department of Small Business Services**, the division will offer the **Healthcare Accelerator Program**, which is designed to support individuals who may otherwise lack access to training, which can lead to impactful careers in the sector. Eligible participants can benefit from ***no-cost tuition** (though other expenses may still apply) and will receive job search assistance. To view eligibility requirements and programs, [Click here](#).

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted **thirty-eight (38) employers** for the spring job and internship fair in early April. Employer participants included the **NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bank of America, Block Institute, NYC Health + Hospitals, NY State Police, MTA, Midwood Ambulance Service, Ugly Dumpling, Workforce1, and 1199 Employment Center**, to name a few. A total of **two hundred thirty-six students (236)** attended the event.

In preparation for the job and internship fair, the **Center hosted a Prep and Resume-athon workshop, serving 25 students**. In collaboration with **Student Life**, the center also hosted a **Dress for Success Boutique**, where students received new and gently used professional clothing free of charge. **Two hundred and ninety-seven (297) students visited the boutique, and two hundred and twenty-four (224) of those students received items**. We will share the fall boutique dates in September.

In collaboration with the **Transfer Manager, Juliana Dorcelus**, the Center **hosted a Career Pathways Through Education Panel on the field of Technology**. Panelists consisted of **Asif Hussain (AVP/CIO at KCC), Soraya Limage (Senior Application Analyst), Naveed Husain**

(CEO, Sugar Hill Consulting), and Lucy Samuels (CUNY Tech Prep). **Thirteen (13) students participated in this session**, which provided incredible insight and exposed students to a variety of potential career paths in the field.

The Center hosted Deloitte staff, who facilitated a hybrid **Accounting 1.0 workshop for students interested in business and accounting careers**. **Sixty-one (61) students** attended and were guided through a reflection on who they are today and who they aspire to be in 10 years. In addition, they were exposed to many career options. We look forward to hosting similar sessions with Deloitte in the future.

We recently concluded a successful **2-day Leadership Development Seminar**, in which **ten students** engaged in presentations, group activities, conflict management exercises, active listening, and delegation skills, among other topics. Each student received a certificate of completion along with KCC swag. This experience was co-sponsored by the **ASAP program and Student Life**. Feedback from all surveyed students indicated that they would recommend the seminar to others and felt that their leadership skills improved significantly due to their participation. Special thanks to **Shamika Weekes, Senior Career Advisor**, for coordinating this program.

The **virtual front desk hours** are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Evening hours will also be available on May 12th and June 2nd. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu. Please continue to check our **Linktree** for details regarding any upcoming events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden volunteer days/hours**: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm. **Vegetable distribution** will resume mid-May, weather permitting.

We are excited to announce that we will serve as a **Summer Youth Employment site (SYEP) for 16-to-24-year-old high school and college students**. KCC students are also eligible. While the application deadline has passed, students who applied and won a slot through the SYEP lottery can choose [Brooklyn Community Services](#) as their site and **apply to work at the farm!**

Join the new **COM 180 - Hydroponics** course on Saturdays, 10:00am-5:00pm, starting May 24 and ending July 12. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, or to request a class bed, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **KCC_CFG** on Instagram.

Faculty interested in a **class tour of the farm or hydroponics lab** can click on the **“Your Request Form” button** at https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/index.html.

Workforce Trainings

In partnership with the **KCC Mental Health and Human Services Program**, we are facilitating six (6) free workshops for degree students. Topics include **Mental Health First Aid, Motivational Interviewing, Careers in Mental Health, Young Adults and Mental Health Care, Community Mental Wellness and Resilience**, and **Direct Support Professional training**. Students will receive certificates of completion and digital badges.

In collaboration with **NYU Langone**, a cohort of students completed the **Community Health Worker** training, which comprised four classes (**Introduction to Community Health Service, Critical Issues in Community Health, Concepts of Wellness, and Community Health Interventions**). Students received employment readiness and supportive services through NYU Langone and are eligible to earn up to 12 credits upon completion, applicable towards the Community Health Program at Kingsborough.

NEW COURSE: The first **Postpartum Doula** training **starts July 7th**. Applicants can [sign up for the interest list here](#), and when registration opens up, they will receive the link to apply. This **21-hour training is the first at Kingsborough and CUNY. It will prepare students to support families as they navigate the early stages of parenthood, ensuring they feel informed, supported, and confident in their new roles.**

The division participated in the **Coney Island Community Climate Resilience** workshop (organized by the **New York Aquarium, Coney Island Beautification Project**, and **Cornell University**) by presenting and showcasing our various renewable energy and sustainable technology-related training programs.

On April 3rd, we launched the first **10-week ConEd-sponsored Weatherization & Clean Energy** academy. The training includes Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology, NCCER Weatherization training, stipends, metro cards, and other student support services.

The **fourth Deckhand cohort graduated on April 11th**. It provided students with the following certifications and support services in the maritime industry: Deckhand, Food Handlers, CPR/Basic Life Support, Basic Shipboard Fire Safety, Bridges to Offshore Wind, Transportation Workers Identification Credential, resume/ career navigation services, and connections with various employer partners to secure interviews for their first jobs as Deckhands. The **fifth Deckhand cohort** started on April 29th, providing the students with the same training, certifications, and resources listed above.

We joined forces with **JobsFirst** and several other organizations throughout NYC to form the **Employer Partnership Task Force**. This group is developing a playbook for organizations across NYC to engage with and foster stronger relationships with employer partners. The goal is to ensure that we are providing graduates with more meaningful and concrete employment opportunities after they complete our training programs.

Robert Zandi, Associate Director of Renewable Energy Programs, was interviewed on the **Uptown Talk Radio Show, hosted by WEACT for Environmental Justice**, in an episode

about wind energy as part of their "Right Direction" mini-series. The show discussed offshore wind workforce development and promoted the wind energy training programs offered by the **CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network schools (Kingsborough, College of Staten Island, LaGuardia, and New York City College of Technology)**.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Fifteen (15) students graduated from the winter 2025 **ESL/Food Handlers Certificate** training program and achieved the nationally recognized Department of Health and Mental Hygiene card credential.

We invite referrals to the **High School Equivalency (HSE-70)** and Alternative High School Equivalency (HSE-71) **Diploma Now** programs. Both programs prepare students to complete the High School Diploma, and Diploma Now specifically caters to out-of-school youth ages 17 ½ – 20. All interested students are welcome to contact the office to receive the registration link for enrollment in these outstanding programs.

For more information about the ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program, Pre-CLIP and CLIP, in addition to other programs, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the High School Equivalency **HSE-70**, and Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, **Diploma Now**, and the **Venture V for SNAP Participants** program, 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); <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610> Passcode: 667012.

Spring 2025 Catalog

The **Spring 2025 catalog** is available. You can find new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu. The **summer 2025** course catalog will be available in the next few weeks.