

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for February 2026.

Grant Proposals and Awards

In February we submitted 2 proposals:

A **\$133,000 proposal** to **CareerWise New York** for their **Summer Youth Apprenticeship Program**. If awarded, we will develop and teach a **Bridges to Technology and Business Operations** pathways class teaching students about collecting and using data, digital tools and AI, project and work management, and professional communication.

A **\$388,000 proposal** for the **Education Design Lab's - Advancing Workforce Mobility initiative**. Our program will convene an advisory board that will help us strategically review our **noncredit Community Health Worker training program** and make recommendations that will align our curriculum with industry needs and lead to improved employment outcomes of our graduates. For this program, we will partner with the **Family Health Centers at NYU Langone**, the **Community Health Worker Research & Resource Center at NYU**, and other local CHW stakeholders.

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden** will celebrate its **15th anniversary!** We broke ground on March 30th, 2011 with a small crew of staff and volunteers. Since then, we've grown in size and scale, and have provided more produce and programs to our community. We look forward to another 15 years.

The CFG will **resume operations and volunteer days**, weather permitting. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00-5:00pm. **Vegetable distributions** should resume in mid to late April 2026. We are currently hiring Work Study students; apply by searching for "Urban Farm Assistant" in the Work Study Portal.

For **faculty inquiries, research, collaborations**, or to request a class bed for spring 2026, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow [@KCC_CFG](https://www.instagram.com/kcc_cfg) on **Instagram**.

Workforce Trainings

A formal partnership with **UPROSE, Brooklyn's oldest Latino Community-Based Organization**, was approved to further promote KCC's offerings, increase enrollment, and deliver the **Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainability Technology (Bridges to REST) training program** to Sunset Park community members. UPROSE is nationally recognized for advancing sustainability through community organizing, education, leadership development, and cultural and artistic expression.

On February 3, more than 25 participants in the **RETI Center's** new training program covering **Solar Energy, Electric Vehicles, and Battery Storage** attended the **KCC Bridges to REST presentation**, which offered a range of training and employment resources and opportunities.

On February 11, the **Deckhand Training program**, in partnership with the **Brooklyn Workforce Initiative**, concluded with **10 graduates**. The training provided participants with valuable certifications and support services to launch their careers in the maritime industry. **Thank you to our employer network! 50% of our graduates have already been hired as deckhands.**

The **Excelsior Generation: Pathways to Offshore Wind** training program, supported by our partner **Vineyard Offshore, Inc.**, has concluded. This curriculum was designed specifically for high school students in **NYC's environmental justice and disadvantaged communities** and was offered to **899 students across NYC's 5 boroughs!**

Sixteen (16) students completed the Direct Support Professional (DSP) training. Students earned their CUNY Certificate of Completion and completed training in **OPWDD Prevention of Choking and Aspiration, HIPAA & Professional Boundaries Compliance, and fire safety awareness.** Now, students will work with the Center for Career Development and Experiential Learning to develop resumes, apply for jobs, and connect with employers in the field. CUNY Health and Human Services students received scholarships for this training from the CUNY Dean of Health and Human Services, Maureen Becker.

Students enrolled in KCC's Health and Human Services degree program can apply for spring 2026 healthcare trainings through Continuing Education. A **limited number of scholarships** are available to currently enrolled Health and Human Services students for **EKG/ECG, Central Sterile, Maternal Health, Doula, and Basic Life Support training**: <https://forms.gle/2EVzsRTgxPzEWZv8A>

We have several new spring offerings for **Mental Health and Maternal Health professionals.** Click on the links below to register.

- [Maternal Health Certification with DONA Doula Training](#)
- [The 4th Trimester: A Clinical Guide to Perinatal Mental Health](#)
- [Transition to College 101: Practical and Effective Support for Students with Disabilities](#)

Are you an **LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC interested in proposing and teaching a Continuing Education (CE) workshop** for fellow mental health professionals? Please contact Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu.

On February 3, in collaboration with **Resorts World New York City**, the Division launched the inaugural cohort of the co-developed course: **"Introduction to Gaming Operations," with 60 enrolled students.** **Karolina Bizik, Director of Continuing Education**, represented us at a student graduation ceremony on February 28. Also in attendance were **Robert DeSalvio, President of Genting New York State**, and various New York State government officials. A second cohort is expected in April.

On February 4, we hosted a free webinar titled **“How to Take a Love of Pop Culture and Turn it into a Career.”** The unique seminar, led by **Professor Patrick Hickey, Director of the KCC Journalism program**, drew 30 students. Students learned the tools to turn a passion for gaming, comics, and writing into a career they would love.

In collaboration with **JPMorgan Chase**, we are offering a series of **free Financial Literacy workshops**. The Improving Credit and Managing Debt session drew 18 attendees. Additional sessions will be led live on Zoom by field experts. Please register here <https://tinyurl.com/4pkcrbau>.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

At the end of the **Winter 2026 semester**, **63 CUNY Language Immersion Program graduates** took the Accuplacer test, and 57 students attended the dedicated CLIP college counseling sessions. The total number of CLIP students transitioning to KCC for the Spring 2026 semester is 94! Additionally, five students will register for the Fall 2026 semester. We wish all our CLIP program graduates continued success in their college studies!

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

Spring 2026 Catalog

The **Spring 2026 Catalog** is now available. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Additionally, we are recruiting students for a variety of **NO-COST programs** and scholarship opportunities for programs scheduled to begin soon! Please share! No-Cost

[No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program](#)

[Free Introduction to Gaming Operations](#)

[Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program](#)

[Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program](#)

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