

Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships August, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

This summer, we had 43 students participate in the **CUNY Career Launch** program, which allowed them to obtain paid internships at businesses across NYC. One of those students, **Chouaib Fadili**, was featured in a promotional video about his experience working with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. You can check out the video here: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/ChC5PVEjUMP/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

The Center will host an in-person **Fall Job Fair** on Thursday, September 29, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please share this information with students and encourage them to register in advance here: <https://bit.ly/KCCCFallJobFair>. You may also access the list of participating employers here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y1PXTUAXjyiyMVAeAiVSYMkdAiVQtPBWFBTiN3Hlrm4/edit?usp=sharing>

A reminder that our virtual front desk hours are on Mondays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00 pm-4:00 pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Please encourage students to visit there for virtual assistance. Otherwise, students should visit Room C-102 or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu or phone at 718-368-5115.

Grants and Awards

The division was awarded **\$110,000** for a workforce development **healthcare** program from CUNY's Adult and Continuing Education Upskilling Initiative. Our 2-track program will train new individuals as Community Health Workers and upskill existing employees as Health Coaches. We will work with NYC REACH (a program of the NYC DOH), the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, and Maimonides Medical Center to provide internship, employment, and other work-based learning opportunities.

In collaboration with New York City College of Technology, we submitted a proposal to CUNY for a **Cannabis Workforce Development grant program (\$1 million)**, for the creation of a culinary cannabis training course. The specialized ***Certificate in Culinary Cannabis and Edibles*** from the American Culinary Federation (ACF) will prepare people with the skills, knowledge, and competencies for safely handling culinary cannabis and edibles. Topics will include plant anatomy, storing and cooking, concentrates and extracts, endocannabinoid systems, terpenes, math and potency, and safety. Funds will support course development, training of instructors to teach the course, and training for approximately 250 students over a 3-year period, including a stipend.

In partnership with the College of Staten Island, LaGuardia Community College, and New York City College of Technology, we submitted a proposal for **\$3.2 million** to the New York Economic Development Corporation's Offshore Wind (OSW) Design Sprint. The Advisory Network is the most recent initiative that KCC has been part of to strengthen CUNY's position as the City's preeminent OSW advisory and training entity. Through this funding, KCC will hire personnel who will manage the college's Maritime OSW initiatives including the construction of training facilities, industry partnerships, program/curriculum development, and training.

Hillary Stackpole and **Tamika Twiggs-Jennings** of the DesignWorks program were invited to participate in the **BKLYN Incubator**, sponsored by the **Brooklyn Public Library** (BPL). Brooklyn Public Library received 80 letters of interest (LOIs) for Round 9 of BKLYN Incubator, and we were selected by their Business & Career Center to join the cohort of 15 teams for this round. Aimed at engaging typically underrepresented people in technology, this project proposes hosting a hack-a-thon and related workshops, providing exposure to UX Design while detailing resources available that make tech careers accessible. These teams work together to develop new ideas to serve our communities. The program provides a curriculum, mentorship, and coaching through a competitive process, and winning ideas will earn up to **\$10K**. The proposal is due November 16. More details to follow.

Community Farm and Garden

We completed several limited vegetable distributions in collaboration with the Access Resource Center. This will continue each week on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm until production ends.

The **logo contest** was extended with a new submission deadline of September 30 - see details here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/farmlogocontest/index.html>

We successfully hosted a visit with **Senator Roxanne Persaud**. She harvested vegetables with **President Claudia Schrader** and **Vice President Simone Rodriguez**, while spending quality time with the staff and volunteers tasting vegetables and participating in meaningful conversations about the importance of gardening in our local communities.

We had another successful visit with KCC Foundation board member and Manager of the Brooklyn Corporate Affairs at Con Edison, **Juliet Lewis**, who toured the space as part of a grant application. We continue to be grateful for the continued support of the community farm and garden.

In collaboration with **NY Sun Works**, we are working on a proposed **hydroponics lab** and preparing to submit a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support this project. More details to follow.

Despite the summer heat wave, we had KCC and high school students, My Turn, alumni, and staff members **volunteer** on Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00-4:00 pm. They assisted with plant maintenance, weeding, planting, and harvesting activities. Kindly email cfg.kbcc.cuny.edu if interested in volunteering.

We continue to support **faculty in research projects** and those looking to host an educational or club event in the space. If interested, contact Dr. Shannon Caravello via email at shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Student CEWD Scholarship Fund

Please continue to support our students by donating here: <https://21409.thankyou4caring.org/online-donations> then go to *Designations* and select Continuing Education “**CEWD Scholarship**”.

Program Updates

DesignWorks cohort 2 ended this summer with 21 students receiving certificates of completion, nine (9) students starting internships, and 3 students starting new jobs. Feedback from graduates includes: "Thank you so much for the opportunity and support!!! Proud DesignWorks alumni" and "Thank you so much. I am really overjoyed to have been part of this program, and I appreciate the opportunity. It's already changed my life."

Job Corps Scholars (JCS) is currently recruiting for limited spots for Fall 2022. Candidates can [apply here](#).

CUNY Fatherhood Academy is recruiting for cohort 14 GED/Parenting/Employment and College Readiness program, scheduled to begin in September. [Apply here](#).

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) CompTIA Program - two (2) students were hired by Agilant Solutions upon completion of their internships. Program Director, Alita Maristany, coordinated this partnership and supported CompTIA A+ program completers in entering paid internships which led to full-time employment. Three (3) students were hired by Agilant Solutions upon completion of their internships. Currently, we are recruiting for the [Network + training program](#) scheduled to begin in early September.

Fall Catalog, New Offerings, Open House

The Fall Catalog can be found here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Some exciting new offerings in **Public Speaking, Childcare Administration, Business Budgeting for Beginners, pre-assignment and on-the-job training in Security Guard, Red Cross Certifications-Bloodborne Pathogens, Babysitting Basics, Advanced Childcare, Cat and Dog First Aid, First Aid for Opioid Overdoses, and Anaphylaxis & Epinephrine Auto-Injector.**

Register for the upcoming **Open House** here:

September 13 at 12:00

PM https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0EAhaO5cQCOC_xewSKghpQ

September 13 at 6:00 PM

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ge5E4PkFTWOMrTLFSqPz-Q

We strive to provide students with **flexible payment plans**. Please contact us, and we will assist you in making the right choice.

For more information: Zoom Virtual Front Desk (<https://zoom.us/j/2151731780> -Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00-3:00 pm) · Phone: 718-368-5050 · Email: conted@kbcc.cuny.edu

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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