

Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships
February, 2023

Dear Campus Community,

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning hosted information sessions with **America Needs You, Break Through Tech AI** and **Shivoo** serving 16 students. The Center is preparing to host a variety of recruitment/career exploration events for the spring semester. Please be on the lookout for additional information so that you can share these events with students.

A reminder, that the deadline to donate new and/or gently used professional clothing is **Friday, March 3**. Please drop off your donations to Room C-102.

The **Spring Job Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, March 29 from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. For a list of participating employers, please visit here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y1PXTUAXjyiyMVAeAiVSYMkdAiVQtPBWFBTiN3HIrm4/edit?usp=sharing>

Virtual front desk hours are on Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115 or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@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”. Our students send a big thank you.

Community Farm and Garden

The **community farm and garden** will be closed between March and April due to **renovations**. Any faculty member considering reserving a class bed for one of their courses in late spring/summer or using the farm as a lab space for growing or research with students can apply by using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xr3siAGrMnZ1678wm9nVp1Tn6C7uZlZ-187yiUslQ6M/edit?ts=6390cfce> . For those who want to schedule a tour for late spring (May), kindly reach out to Emily.Agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu for more information.

Grants and Awards

In collaboration with **New York City College of Technology** (City Tech), we were awarded **\$1 million** to develop and deliver **From Cannabis to Cuisine: Credentials and Microcredentials for the Culinary Cannabis Industry**. The microcredential will be developed using the [AFC Specialized Certificate in Culinary Cannabis and Edibles](#), with oversight from KCC and City Tech alongside local employers including Baked in Bushwick and Fresh Taste Bakery, among others. Once developed, this program will target and train NYC residents with previous marijuana-related convictions, under and un-employed individuals looking to enter the culinary cannabis industry, and current food-service workers looking for upskilling opportunities.

Program and Partnership Updates

In partnership with **Black Women's Blueprint, Restore Forward Institute, Young Men's Initiative** and **CUNY**, we will offer a **FREE non-clinical Doula certification training program**. This training is an intensive series of workshops and lectures, hands-on skill development, role-playing, group discussions & activities, guest speakers, and much more. The program will recruit, train and support people of color and allies as community-based doulas and provide holistic, culturally affirming doula support to address the inequalities in parental and infant health outcomes. This training will begin in May and meet twice per week for 5 weeks (90 minute per session) and will include three (3) in person doula shadowing experiences. It will be offered live online via zoom. Students will receive a \$300 stipend for their participation. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please email Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Cypress Hills Satellite hosted 39 students and staff from Multicultural High School who are interested in attending the SD11 course and take classes at the college. One of two SD11 classes started last month and the other section will start on Friday, March 3. The site welcomed **Keith Kinch, General Manager and Co-Founder of BlocPower** with **President Claudia Schrader**, and **Dr. Simone Rodriguez** for a tour of the facility. For more information about Cypress Hills, please email Angela.King@kbcc.cuny.edu.

User Experience (UX) - Hillary Stackpole, Christophe Drayton and their team rebranded the **BPL BKLYN** Incubator program from **Hackathon to Flex Into UX!**, created a website (FlexIntoUX.com), and placed a call for industry volunteers. Flex Into UX! is designed to help Brooklyn residents learn and gain experience in the tech industry, specifically in the User Experience field. The program will offer Brooklyn residents who are underrepresented in tech the opportunity to try a training program and raise awareness of KCC's free tech training programs. The program will consist of three themes, each with three workshops/lessons (for a total of nine), culminating in the hackathon. If you or someone you know has experience in any UX area (Design, Research, Architecture, Strategy, etc.) and are interested in volunteering (leading a workshop, giving a lecture, mentoring participants), please email Hillary.Stackpole@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Seth Martinez, **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** graduate was featured on the CUNY Alumni page discussing how his experience in the program helped him get on the path to college and career: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dooVhRd7Wz8>

The **CLIP Program** worked closely with Enrollment Management and the Advisement Academies to develop a streamlined process to register the students, and to transition exiting students to matriculated programs at Kingsborough. We are proud to announce that fifty (50) CLIP students who were tested and recommended for college placement were invited to a dedicated registration day on February 21, and are transitioning to the college for the Spring 2023 semester.

ESL/HSE/SNAP programs are currently registering students in full-time ESL and HSE programs for the Spring 2023 semester to prepare for college and career pathways. Please direct prospective students to [CLIP registration](#), [HSE registration](#) or [ESL registration](#), and refer SNAP recipients seeking employment and potential training opportunities to [SNAP Program Info](#).

Spring 2023 Catalog

The Spring Catalog can be found here:

<https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/spring2023/catalog.pdf>. Look for new and continued offerings. 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, please call (718)-368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

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

Kind Regards,