

# Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships

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 an information session with the **New York Hall of Science** for students interested in participating in their **Explainer program**. The program encourages and engages visitors at the interactive science and technology exhibits. Please refer students to our office to learn more about the application process.

The Center has also started to welcome incoming students at virtual events to learn about the importance of planning their career from the start at the college.

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](mailto:careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu).

## Grants and Awards

The division provided **Letters of Intent (LOIs)** to **Offshore Wind stakeholders** (Equinor/Empire Wind, Vineyard Wind, Leading Light Wind and Sunrise/Orsted) who are each applying for the RFP to purchase offshore wind renewable energy certificates through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA"). The solicitation is regarding the 2,000 megawatts to 4,640 megawatts of offshore wind generation coordinated with local and private investments in New York-based offshore wind supply chain infrastructure. KCC provided these LOIs to become the educational training provider to traditionally marginalized communities who once trained will receive employment opportunities with the winning stakeholder.

Also, we received funding from the **CUNY Upskilling** to provide 25 students test preparation training for the **Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) exam**. This training is designed to help individuals pass the SIE exam and jumpstart their careers in the finance and securities industry. The course will cover all of the key concepts and information tested on the SIE exam and led by an experienced industry professional who has a deep understanding of the material. Additionally, the course will include the Kaplan practice exams and test-taking strategies to ensure that students feel confident and prepared on exam day. The course will begin on March 6 through April 14: to apply, click here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDJngfVzxq\\_BB\\_8P\\_C5Hgwizsiz64hnmnTCyewKVqHDX8-rQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDJngfVzxq_BB_8P_C5Hgwizsiz64hnmnTCyewKVqHDX8-rQ/viewform). For more information, please call (718)-368-5051.

Kingsborough was selected to participate in the **Advancing Community Equity and Upward Mobility (ACE-UP) Community of Practice!** This group, made up of 17 colleges and industry partners across the nation, will come together to design tangible strategies that align education and training, increase access to employment, and advance equitable employment outcomes. You can read the full press release here: <https://skilledwork.org/news/ace-up-participants-announced/>. Our industry/employer partners will be members of the Tech Advisory Board (**Meta-Facebook, Boston Dynamics, Tribe AI, and Austin Urban Technology Movement**). Diversity in tech is a prominent topic of discussion during our meetings. As such, we are excited to work on a project that could have a tangible and meaningful impact on programs and students. This team will be led by **Dr. Simone Rodriguez, Alissa Levine and Jessica Cinelli**.

### **Community Farm and Garden (CFG)**

Currently, the farm and garden is closed for the winter and the remodeling project started this month. We look forward to sharing the new space with you. The volunteer days will resume in March and all interested should email: CFG.KBCC.CUNY.EDU for more information. In the Spring, we will start the CFG student club and finalize a new name (formerly the Community Cultivation Project) and elect officers. Interested students should email [Emily.Agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Emily.Agosti@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Faculty who want to reserve a class bed and use the farm as a lab space for growing or research can apply using the following

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xr3siAGrMnZ1678wm9nVp1Tn6C7uZIZ-187yiUslQ6M/edit?ts=6390cfce>

### **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.

### **Program and Partnership Updates**

Students enrolled in the Continuing Education classes for Community Health Worker, Health Coach and EMT are now eligible to apply for **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for Workforce** to cover their tuition. We are working with the State and CUNY to offer this opportunity for other credentialed programs. For more information, please call (718)-368-5050. Eight (8) students graduated from the [CUNY Fatherhood Academy](#)'s 14th HSE/GED cohort and celebrated with an in-person ceremony, the first since the pandemic. Eleven (11) participants from cohorts 13 and 14, and their guests attended the event. Students will receive college and career readiness preparation and support and assistance with college enrollment and training opportunities over 10 weeks.

[Strengthening Community Colleges](#) program launched CompTIA A+ training on January 23. Thirty (30) students are enrolled in this 20-week training and will receive instruction live online and be prepared for the CompTIA A+ exam. The Network + cohort ended this month. Thirteen (13) completed the program and are preparing for the CompTIA Network + exam.

Curriculum for **Introduction to Careers in Engineering** and **Introduction to Careers in Automotive Technology** were created, and will be taught to young adults residing at Crossroads Juvenile Center and Horizons Juvenile Center operated by NYC Administration for Children's Services. The program aims to introduce young adults to potential career pathways and provide information about training, education and experience needed to enter the field.

The **ESL/HSE/SNAP program** is currently providing registration information to students for full-time ESL and HSE programs to prepare for college and career pathways. Please direct prospective students to [HSE registration](#) or [ESL registration](#).

### **Conferences/Networking/ Professional Development**

**Christine Zagari-LoPorto**, Associate Dean, was appointed **President of the Continuing Education Association of New York (CEANY)**. CEANY dedicates itself to the promotion and support of quality programs of public continuing higher education in New York State. The Association serves as an advocate for the postsecondary adult learner and encourages the professional development of its members. Since 2006, the division has been a proud member of this association.

**Kymel Yard** assumed the position of Co-Secretary for **YES Bed Stuy**, a cross-sector partnership that provides meaningful education and employment opportunities with the goal of creating financial security and economic mobility for our participants. YES Bed Stuy provides out-of-school and out-of-work young adults in the Bed Stuy neighborhood ages 18 to 24 years old with essential skills training, professional credentialing, wraparound services, and meaningful employment opportunities. YES Bed Stuy is a partnership convened by [JobsFirstNYC](#).

The **ESL70 Kingsborough English Language Institute (KELI) program** is pleased to announce the addition of two new instructors (**Sharon Ali** and **Loretta Clemente**) at the beginning of the Winter, 2023 semester, reflecting a continuing trend of increased student registration over the past two semesters.

### **Winter 2023 Catalog**

Now is the time to take advantage of the waived \$25 registration fee for **Winter 2023**. For easier access to our catalog, please click here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/winter2023/catalog.pdf>.

The **College For Kids (CFK)** program is returning on campus this March! Take a look at the fun and educational course line-up options planned and register soon to save your child's seat. Exciting course options include sports, technology, writing, math, science and art! See page 31 in the Winter 2023 course catalog for all CFK details. You can **register online [here!](#)**

Additionally, we continue to offer unique tech courses which are instructed fully remote with live instructors through our continued partnership with **Black Rocket!** There are many courses to choose from including 3D Game Design, Video Game Animation, App Attack, Minecraft®,

Fortnite ®, ROBLOX ® Makers & Coders, LEGO ® Films & Stop Action, Coding and more! Courses are geared towards children ages 8-14 with start dates varying between now and April 13. Visit link to see a full Winter/Spring schedule with pricing: [www.blackrocket.com/online/king](http://www.blackrocket.com/online/king).

For more information, please call (718)-368-5050 or contact us via email at [conted@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu).

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

Kind Regards,

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**Interested in learning more about the division? [Click here!](#)**