

Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships

Dear Campus Community,

Happy New Year and hope all had a safe and healthy holiday season. 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 continues to work on the spring calendar. **Do you have an interest in collaborating with us?** Please email Marisa Joseph: marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu.

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.

Program and Partnership Updates

The **College Experience program**, in collaboration with **Brooklyn Public Library**, took a different turn this semester. **Anna Geller**, presented to Ukrainian immigrants to help them acquire the appropriate educational opportunities in NYC. The audience ranged from 60 to over 200 people. We also presented degree and continuing education programs in collaboration with the New York Immigration Coalition at Shorefront JCC, Bensonhurst JCC, and with JCC of Coney Island. Additionally, conversations with the **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce** continued to better serve South Brooklyn and assist local businesses. For more information on this initiative, please contact Anna.Geller@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Also, presentations were held at the **Ukrainian Response Initiative Education Resource Fair**. The prospective students showed great interest in the educational system and the ample opportunities that KCC offers. Many questions were regarding ESL, degree programs, and short-term credentials. Furthermore, the information was provided in various languages via follow-up emails and phone calls. For more information regarding the **Part-Time ESL program**, please call (718)-368-5877 or email: Larisa.Kabbaj@kbcc.cuny.edu.

We facilitated a training program with **Brooklyn Community Services (BCS)**, providing a Business Computing Basics course to the organization’s ESOL students. This 30-hour computer course ran off-site where the cohort of 18 students met weekly. Discussions are already underway for the second course in Winter 2023 to continue student computer skill development and learning.

The **Certified Central Sterile Processing Technician (CCSPT)** program in partnership with 1199SEIU Training and Upgrading Fund (TEF), Northwell Health, and 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, completed their training this month. The rigorous 90-hour training, consisting of didactic and lab learning, was part of an exclusive apprenticeship program offered to selected employees. The students are now preparing for the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA) examination.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Program: The 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](#).

The **Venture V for SNAP** participants program is currently accepting registration and referrals. The program provides essential services to help low-income SNAP recipients increase their employment skills and obtain jobs. The KCC college community is invited to refer potential students, whom you believe may benefit from the education and training opportunities provided by the program, to the Academic/ESL Program Office for evaluation of eligibility and registration. Please contact **Tatyana Rabotneva** or the Academic/ESL Program Office for further information.

Additionally, an **articulation agreement**, which enables ESL/Food Handlers program graduates to transfer seven (7) credits upon matriculating into Kingsborough's **A.A.S. Culinary Arts or A.A.S Tourism and Hospitality, Food and Beverage Concentration**, was signed. This agreement will provide a smooth transition for students from the non-credit course(s) to the approved college program.

For all program information or questions, please call (718) 368-4870 or visit our [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 5:00pm.

Job Corps Scholars: Two (2) students successfully completed the Central Sterile Technician program and were hired by New York Presbyterian/Columbia Hospital. One (1) student is working as a Central Sterile Technician and the other is working as a Transporter. A third student completed the Administrative Assistant Certificate training and was hired by Bellevue Hospital as a Technical Analyst.

User Experience (UX): Hillary Stackpole, Tamika Twiggs-Jennings, Christophe Drayton and Erica Lang (Intern), in collaboration with Brooklyn Public Library staff from the Business & Career Library, received funding through **BPL's BKLYN Incubator** to produce a series of classes and workshops designed to help Brooklynites learn and gain experience in the tech industry, specifically in the User Experience (UX/UI) field. The program will offer Brooklynites who are underrepresented in tech the opportunity to try a training program and raise awareness of KCC's free tech training programs. This will culminate in a hackathon event where people of all experience levels compete in teams for a chance to earn great prizes and create/add to their portfolios.

DesignWorks User Experience Design: The program concluded its third and final cohort. The program enrolled 78 students, 52 of whom successfully completed the program and 16 were

placed in internships, and 13 entered employment. Twenty-one (21) students from cohort 3 completed the 6-month program and earned badges in UX Design, Human-Centered Design, Visual Design, UX Entrepreneurship, and Coding for Designers, as well as having case studies for their portfolios through the Capstone project. Good luck to these new designers!

CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA): Students were provided with presents for their children by the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Kappa Beta Sigma Chapter. The holiday lunch was arranged by the President's office and attended by CFA students, staff, and instructors.

Cypress Hills Satellite: Co-hosted a **breakfast meeting for High School Principals** with the Cypress Hills/ENY Community Center to discuss potential college, workforce development and school-community collaborations. Currently working with the community center team to recruit students for the SD-11 class scheduled to start in January. The first Certified Nursing Assistant cohort completed their training and are preparing for their state exam. **President Claudia Schrader** visited the campus and engaged students on their experience thus far at the site. For more information, please call (718) 368-5116 or email angela.king@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Kingsborough Bridges to Opportunity Network (KBON): **Hillary Stackpole**, Program Administrator for KCC's new initiative, conducted outreach and follow-up with organizations across Brooklyn, including East New York Restoration, Uncommon Schools, and Good Shepherd Services, which is connected to our new satellite location in Cypress Hills. There are upcoming meetings with Brooklyn Justice Initiatives, Catholic Charities, and Kings County DA's Office. Also, look forward to hosting on-site days at the Alliance for Coney Island's office, to better serve community members.

Winter 2023 Catalog

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

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