

Campus Update_Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Dear Campus Community,

Below are some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for March 2024.

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Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

- The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning **thanks all staff and faculty** who contributed to the **Dress for Success Boutique!** Your donations **supported 181 students with professional clothing.** We will offer this service in the fall and communicate with you regarding accepting donations in the summer.
- **The Job & Internship Fair hosted 31 employers**, including Aviator Sports, Bank of America, Brooklyn Navy Yard, the FBI, NYC Public Schools, and the US Secret Service. **One hundred and twenty-three (181) students attended.**
- **Service Fair** on Wednesday, April 17th @ 10:00am-1:00pm

For updates regarding events and offerings, please visit Linktree here: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The **virtual front desk** hours are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm: <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.

Community Farm & Garden

- We are seeking **Student Officers** for the “**Farm to Kitchen Club**”. Currently, the club meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm. Interested students should email CFG.KCC@Kbcc.cuny.edu for more details.
- Faculty interested in **class tours** of the farm or hydroponics lab, please complete this form: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/farmtourform.html.
- **Volunteer hours** are Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm.

For **faculty questions, research, and collaborations**, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow KCC_CFG on Instagram.

Workforce Trainings

CUNY Fatherhood Academy: Two alumni from cohort 16 received their GED diploma, and **one** alumna applied to attend Kingsborough. **Five students** have enrolled in the College and Career Prep cohort. We are currently recruiting for our upcoming GED cohort. Please share this application link with eligible candidates (18-30-year-old fathers and expectant fathers): <https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/>

The **Social Work/Mental Health Counselor Continuing Education (CEU) Program** offered a workshop titled "**Self-Care and Crisis De-Escalation for Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors**" to mental health professionals from the Queens South High Schools on March 15. If you are interested in offering professional development workshops for social workers or mental health counselors, please contact **Alissa Levine** via email at Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu. **We are an approved Continuing Education provider by NYSED for LCSWs, LMSWs, and LMHCs.**

CompTIA Program: The **third cohort of CompTIA A+ graduated this month**. The CompTIA program provides instruction, access to the learning management system, and employment readiness services at no cost to eligible candidates. We are recruiting for Summer/Fall A+, Network+, and IT Fundamentals (ITF). Please refer interested candidates to <https://cewdkbcc.com/comptia-training/>

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

The Winter/Spring 2024 semester of the **Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program** credential testing concluded at the end of March, **with 20 students** obtaining prized ServSafe certifications to promote success in their career goals.

The **part-time ESL program** offers high-quality English Language instruction to non-native Adult English language learners 18 years or older interested in acquiring or improving their English language skills for academic, career-oriented, or personal development purposes. Instruction is focused on developing students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The content aims to improve students' vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. **The program supports more than 500 ESL students every semester**. Flexible hours are available during the week: Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday (evening classes), or Saturday (daytime classes). For more information, please contact **Larisa Kabbaj - ESL Coordinator**, at Larisa.Kabbaj@kbcc.cuny.edu or call (718) 368-5877.

Continuing Education

Spring 2024 Catalog

The **Spring 2024** catalog is now available. Look for new offerings (**Foundations of Plumbing, Residential Electrician, Electrical Technician, and HVAC/R Technician**), revised, and existing courses/programs here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/documents/courses/SpringCatalog2024.pdf>

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

College for Kids

College for Kids (CFK) offers various academic and recreational courses for children 5-13 years of age. We offer our unique tech courses, instructed by live teachers, through our continued partnership with the Black Rocket digital program. These tech courses are precisely what your 8-13-year-old loves to take part in. Whether Minecraft, Roblox, Digital Design, AI, or YouTube, we offer fun and interactive one-of-a-kind classes you can pair with our traditional CFK programming- the best of both worlds! **Faculty and Staff discounts are available.** Call (718) 368-5052 or email conted@kbcc.cuny.edu to learn more!

Aging Mastery Program/50+ Plus Wellness Program

Free Aging Mastery Program: Are you 50+ years of age? Retired? Thinking of Retirement? In collaboration with the college, the **National Council on Aging** offers **free online Live Well-Do Well-Age Well** classes and **in-person 50+ Plus Wellness classes.** For more information, contact **Susan Lavin** via email at Susan.Lavin@kbcc.cuny.edu or call (718) 368-5079.

Staff Presentation

On March 12th, **Alissa Levine and Jessie Cinelli** conducted a workshop titled “**Wellness in the Workplace: Taking Care of Yourself, Your Staff and Your Students**” at Lehman College's Continuing Education and Workforce **Development** annual FUBU (For Us By Us) professional development day for staff and administrators.

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

Thank you.

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