

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for April 2024.

### **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning hosted information sessions with the **Glaelle Mathurin Tech Program, Bank of America, Macmillian, Shivoo, and Deloitte**. These sessions were very informative, and students learned about current internship and/or job opportunities currently available to them.

The Center also partnered with KCC's Transfer Manager, **Juliana Dorcelus**, to facilitate an **Entrepreneurship panel**. Students learned about what it takes to get into and succeed in the field and the transfer options available if they decide to pursue entrepreneurship as a career path. Guest speakers included **KCC Alum, Lavar Thomas** (Motivational Speaker & Career Coach), **Amy Miller, Adia Johnson** (CUNY Startups), and **James Lynch**, Associate Professor at Brooklyn College.

A successful **Service Fair**, in partnership with Student Life, brought community partners together to promote opportunities for students. Some partners in attendance were **Block Institute, Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Food Bank for New York City, and Maimonides Health**. Thank you, **Frances Samuel**, for coordinating the event.

Lastly, the center successfully completed a two-day **Leadership Seminar** in collaboration with the **ASAP program**. **Seven students** learned about leadership styles, conflict management, active listening, growth mindset and delegation skills and, as a result, developed skills that employers seek in candidates. Many thanks to **Shamika Weekes** for coordinating the seminar, **Nympha Pierre, Eve Likourezos, and Sonya Thorne** for co-facilitating the sessions.

Please continue to visit our **Linktree** for additional events/workshops we will be hosting this semester: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

The **virtual front desk** hours are Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email [careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu).

## **Community Farm & Garden**

**Hydroponics at KCC (H-KCC) Learning Lab** had a successful winter season supporting culinary arts and undergoing a cleaning of the units in preparation for the spring semester. We will run an open pilot cohort to the general public in early summer (details to follow). The lab can be visited as part of a class tour. For more information, email [CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu) or call 718-368-6578.

The **Mobile Chef Kitchen** is here! We are very excited to use it across campus to conduct cooking demos to promote healthy eating and showcase the farms' produce. It will start rolling on May 7th, along with an urban agriculture movie screening with **Dr. Kevicha Echols, KCC Director, Community Health Program**, and the **Ecco Eats** event.

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](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](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates, follow KCC\_CFG on Instagram.

## **Grant Proposals**

The division submitted two proposals to the **CUNY Future of Work** grant program. The program aims to develop, test, and scale strategies that move students in non-credit workforce and continuing education programs to career opportunities and/or degree programs. We proposed two programs: **Maternal Health & Doula** and **Welding**. If funded, we will work with faculty to revise the curriculum and develop articulation agreements to move non-credit students to degree programs at the college.

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** was invited to submit a proposal to the [Good+ Foundation](#), a local nonprofit whose mission is to dismantle multi-generational poverty by donating tangible goods to under-resourced parents and caregivers. If awarded, Good+ will donate childcare goods (strollers, cribs, diapers, books, etc.) to CFA fathers. Due to funding constraints, the program does not provide these items to students; therefore, a partnership with Good+ would be immensely helpful.

## **Workforce Training**

On April 1, the [Maternal Health and Doula Training](#) ended by **certifying 47 students** who successfully completed the program and earned their CUNY Certificate of Completion in Maternal Health, DONA Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas, DONA Lactation Support Education and DONA International Birth Doula Training. The next training begins on July 1. Applicants can [register here](#).

### **ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program**

During April, students in the Winter/Spring 2024 semester of the **Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program** completed the second phase of their credential testing: **14 of the 16 eligible candidates passed the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Food Protection** exam, and additional program participants are scheduled to test in the near future.

The **Kingsborough English Language Institute's** intensive full-time academic ESL-70 program recently commenced its Spring semester, along with the **High School Equivalency HSE-70** and the **Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP)** program, **Diploma Now**. This full-time HSE preparation program focuses on core content areas, such as math, science, social studies, and ELA, and is developed for out-of-school youth aged 17 1/2 and 20. Diploma Now provides an alternative pathway to attaining the high school diploma.

For additional information about Diploma Now, the STS ESL/Food Handlers certificate training program, the full-time intensive ESL programs CLIP and ESL-70, and the Venture V for SNAP Participants program, please refer inquiries to the ESL/HSE/SNAP Program Office at (718) 368-4870.

### **Continuing Education**

#### **Spring 2024 Catalog**

The **Spring 2024** catalog is available. Look for new, revised, and existing course and program offerings 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](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu)

### **Staff Presentations and Recognitions**

On April 19th, **Alissa Levine** and **Jessie Cinelli** conducted a workshop titled "**Wellness in the Workplace: Taking Care of Yourself, Your Staff and Your Students**" at the **Continuing Education Association of New York, Region South Conference**. CEANY members from CUNY and SUNY attended. The keynote speaker was **Douglas Scherer**, and the guest of honor was **John Mogulescu**, Dean Emeritus, CUNY SPS.

On April 25th, Associate Dean **Christine Zagari-LoPorto was honored** at the inaugural **2024 Trailblazers in Clean Energy awards** ceremony hosted by [City & State](#). The award recognized energy professionals and policymakers and celebrated pioneers helping New York achieve its ambitious climate goals. To read more and to check out the full list of winners, [click here](#).

**Dr. Shannon Caravello**, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences & Community Farm and Garden Administrator, **visited the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Kansas City, MO**, to present on the hydroponics lab and its participation in urban agriculture in NYC.

Dr. Caravello was interviewed for **Shades of US on CUNY TV** about her work at the Farm, combatting climate change, and improving the food system: [See clip here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63lELtydlh8&t=430s](#)

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

Thank you, and have a wonderful weekend.

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