

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for June 2025.

Grant Proposals and Awards

The division was awarded a **\$500,000 grant for the Bridges to Renewable Energy & Sustainable Technology (REST)** program. The program will introduce students to renewable energy and sustainable technology systems, including green building and construction, wind, water, solar energy, and earth and fire energy. Students will learn the basic science behind the sectors, recent laws and regulations around renewable energy, and will hear from stakeholders about the industry.

The **division submitted a \$100,000 proposal to Con Edison to supplement the recent Bridges to REST award funded by the NYS Department of Labor**. These funds will purchase simulated training kits, provide wrap-around support, and offer scholarships for eligible graduates who wish to pursue advanced training in renewable energy and sustainable technology.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

Led by the Senior Career Advisor, **Shamika Weekes**, the Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning piloted a **job shadowing program** that exposed students to a day in the life of **higher education professionals** in various departments. The Center partnered with **the Registrar, Information Technology (IT), Public Safety, Communications, and Student Life**. **A total of twelve (12) students completed the program**. Students participated in a mandatory orientation that covered expectations, professional etiquette, and information regarding the department they were matched with as part of the experience. They shadowed a professional for 3-10 hours to observe the basic operations of that office. We look forward to hosting and collaborating with additional offices on campus.

Over the past academic year, student participation in career exploration activities (job fairs, information sessions, and on-campus recruitment) increased. **The job fairs hosted 66 employers, and 420 students attended. Nine (9) information sessions were held, and 189 students participated. Twenty-four (24) employers participated in on-campus recruitment (tabling), and 500 students participated. The total number of employers participating in job fairs, on-campus recruitment, and information sessions was 58.** In addition, the number of **paid internships available to students increased from 55 to 75.**

The Center is currently planning **Fall 2025** activities. If you are interested in collaborating on any initiatives, please email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

The **virtual front desk hours** are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115,

or email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu. Please continue to check our Linktree for details regarding any upcoming events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden volunteer days/hours**: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm. **Vegetable distribution** will continue, weather permitting.

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

Class tours are on hold for the summer and will resume in Fall 2025.

Community Partnerships

Spring 2025 presented several opportunities for Kingsborough to shine at community events with new and renewed connections and partnerships. In March, we attended the **Breaking Bread Building Bonds** event, connecting with local businesses and organizations. In April and May, we hosted the College Experience events at **New Lots** and **Sheepshead Bay Library** for GED students interested in college. Participated in a collaborative event with **CAMBA** at Sheepshead Bay Library, introducing **Ukrainian refugees to our ESL programs and additional support services**. Joined the **Brooklyn Chamber Job Fair** to present educational opportunities and apprenticeship programs. Contributed to **Bay Fest** in Sheepshead Bay, alongside local organizations. Co-hosted a **Community and Business Partner** event with the Culinary Arts Department. In June, participated in the **Eastern European Day** at **Cyclone Stadium on Coney Island**. For more information, please contact Anna.Geller@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Workforce Trainings

In partnership with **NYC Small Business Services**, we led the campaign to provide career training opportunities in the healthcare sector to individuals who may otherwise lack access to professional training that leads to impactful careers. The **KCC SBS Healthcare Accelerator** training initiative provides eligible participants the benefit of no-cost tuition and assistance with job placement resources. **Nearly 1,000 individuals** expressed interest, **over 800 applications** were submitted and the team enrolled close to 500 students into a myriad of its healthcare training courses such as **Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Emergency Medical Technician, Electronic Health Records, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Central Sterile Technician, Maternal Health Doula, Direct Support Professional, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant and Patient Care Technician**.

Fifteen (15) students completed the **construction training** supported by **NYC Human Resources Administration** and the **Consortium for Worker Education**, where students received OSHA 30, SST 10, and NCCER CORE training.

CUNY Fatherhood is nearing completion of HSE Cohort 19, **with nine students**. We welcome **Mishal Khalid** as a full-time instructor. An alumnus, **Kavon Marshall Harper**, achieved his High School Equivalency. Since enrolling, he has secured housing, completed employment training with our partner, **The Hope Program**, and is working towards college enrollment. Lastly, the CUNY Fatherhood Academy consortium was **recognized as integral to the city's plan to support fathers and thriving children**.

A cohort of trained **Community Health Workers** successfully concluded in partnership with **NYU Langone**. Students participated in four community health classes and will receive employment readiness support services from NYU Langone. The next cohort will launch in July, and the final training is tentatively scheduled in Fall 2025.

In partnership with **Education Design Lab** (EDL), Kingsborough will participate in design sessions to create **a new AI training**. As part of the project, we will assemble a cross-functional team that will design and **launch a pilot micro-pathway, engage with ecosystem partners (employers, K-12, CBOs, economic development, funders), actively contribute to white papers, webinars, and shared publications, and promote micro-pathways locally and regionally**.

Thirteen (13) students finished the **5th Deckhand** training program. This program provided students with the following certifications and support services in the Maritime industry: Maritime Deckhand, Food Handlers, CPR, Basic Shipboard Fire Safety, Bridges to Offshore Wind, Transportation Workers Identification Credential, resume/ career navigation services, and connections with a variety of employer partners to secure interviews for their first jobs as Deckhands.

Robert Zandi, Associate Director of Renewable Energy Programs, participated as a **guest panelist at the Innovation and Action** event hosted by the **Jamaica Bay- Rockaway Parks Conservancy**. For an overview and recap of the event, please see here: <https://www.jbrpc.org/announcements/2025/6/13/innovation-and-action-in-jamaica-bay>.

The first non-credit to credit Introduction to Welding program graduated 12 students. This **free 15-week-long** training utilized the **American Welding Society** Fundamentals of Welding curriculum. As a result, students learned stick (SMAW), MIG (GMAW), and TIG (TMAW) welding techniques, which will prepare them to take and pass the American Welding Society's 3G Welders Certification and provide them with college credits upon completion of the program. This training program offers students various supportive and wrap-around services, including free PPE, safety equipment, welding equipment, and Metro cards.

The **first Con Edison-sponsored Weatherization & Clean Energy training program graduated 15 students**. It lasted 10 weeks and focused on energy and sustainable technology, NCCER Weatherization. The program provided students with stipends, metro cards, and other supportive wrap-around services.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Twenty-two (22) students completed the Spring HSE-70 and HSE-71 Diploma Now preparation programs. As part of KCC's ongoing strategic effort to promote the transition to college, the office invites incoming students and referrals to the High School Equivalency programs. The program is currently welcoming new students for registration and orientation sessions for two outstanding federally funded WIOA **Adult Literacy** and IELCE (Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education) **ESL/Food Handlers certificate training** programs. For more information, please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office at (718) 368-4870 or visit our **Virtual Office**: Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

Spring 2025 Catalog

The **Summer 2025 catalog** is still available, and registration is ongoing for classes that begin throughout the month of July. You can find new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.