

Dear Campus Community,

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** is excited to announce that **11 students participated in CUNY Career Discovery Week, hosted by the New York Jobs CEO Council**. This **week-long series** allowed second-year students to connect directly with leading employers across **industries in finance, technology, healthcare, professional services, real estate, insurance, energy & utilities, and law**. Students learned which skills are most valued and better understood how to succeed in recruitment pipelines. Employers our students connected with were **Mount Sinai Hospital, Wells Fargo, Union Square Hospitality Group, IMB, Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York-Presbyterian, Bank of America, Barclays, and Zurich**.

At the end of October, the Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning **hosted Deloitte staff who facilitated a hybrid Accounting 1.0 workshop for students interested in business and accounting careers. Thirty-three (33) students attended and were guided through a reflection of who they are today and who they aspire to be in 10 years**. In addition, they were exposed to a wide range of career options. We look forward to our continued partnership with Deloitte.

The Center hosted several information sessions with the **Brooklyn Queens Long Island Area Health Education Center (BQLI AHEC) for students in health-related majors**. Students were introduced to BQLI AHEC's program, which prepares students to serve in medically underserved communities and provides hands-on experiential learning in community-based healthcare settings. The **Center also hosted an information session with the Brooklyn Navy Yard (BNY) to provide details about BNY's paid spring internship, so they are better prepared for the application process**. Workshops included *How to Ace the Interview* and *So, You Want to Be a Chef*, an interactive session that exposed students to the realities of the culinary field.

Career Pathways in Education Panel in collaboration with the **Transfer Manager, Juliana Dorcelus**, which focused on **Youth Studies**. Panelists consisted of **Colleen Mims** (KCC Alumnus – Special Education Teacher), **Samantha Jean-Baptiste** (Licensed Social Worker - ACS), **Sommer Goodman** (KCC Alumnus – Speech & Language Pathologist), **Professor Barnabas Crosby** (KCC Faculty - Education Program), and **Madeline Fox** (Associate Professor of Children & Youth Studies at Brooklyn College). **Seventeen (17) students participated in this session, which provided valuable insights and exposed them to a variety of potential career paths in the field**.

Please encourage students to visit the **Center's Linktree** for details about upcoming events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>. Also, follow **@kcccareersuccess on Instagram and Facebook**.

Virtual front desk hours are on 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 us at career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden** volunteer and distribution days have ended, and the farm is officially closed for the season. Volunteer hours will start at the beginning of the Spring 2026 semester. Vegetable distribution should resume around mid-April 2026. We grew over 4,500 pounds of veggies and had over 900 sign-ins for veggie pick-up this season, and we are so grateful for all your support!

We are looking forward to another great year of growth in 2026!

For **faculty inquiries, research, 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**.

Workforce Trainings

The **New York University Community Health Worker Upskilling** training successfully concluded. **Students received 100 hours of instruction**, which they can apply to their current roles in the field. With **Professor Yolanda Blue's guidance**, students learned about the role and scope of practice, major, life-threatening chronic diseases, and behavioral health disorders that impact population health, and strategies to improve outcomes. They also learned about practice-specific engagement tools and how to navigate health care and social service systems. As a result of the training, students became effective advocates for patients who lack access to healthcare providers and support services and gained the skills to reach their communities through facilitating focus groups, presentations, and workshops.

Fall 2025 **Maternal Health and DONA Doula** training concluded **with 34 students**. Participants earned their CUNY Certificate of Completion and the DONA Birth Doula Certificate of Completion, which comprises Lactation and Childbirth Education training. **Students will work with Denise Jacobs to connect with community doula resources, including Caribbean Women's Health Association, the Brooklyn Perinatal Network, and the Citywide Doula Initiative, to explore opportunities to work with birthing families and gain further experience in the field.**

In partnership with the **NYC Department of Youth and Community Development**, we offered **Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, Pharmacy Technician Intensive**, and **Graphic Design** programs for youth and young adults. A **total of 78 students** are currently enrolled, and classes will be completed at the end of December.

We are recruiting CUNY students for the **Doula and Direct Support Professional** training in

Winter/Spring 2026. If you know a CUNY Human and Health Services student who is interested, please have them complete the following link(s):

- **Direct Support Professional Application:** <https://forms.gle/p1Ew97TsXTzaiTpD8>
- **Doula Application:** <https://forms.gle/JGbpW86esHDWogE47>

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA)** has seven students expected to complete the GED readiness program next month. CFA will hold Cohort 20's acknowledgement ceremony and the **program's 10th anniversary celebration on December 11.**

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Program staff also participated in an **NYSED-sponsored Apprenticeship Summit** on November 13, which showcased a broad range of apprenticeship and career opportunities for program students in **Fiber Instruments, Healthcare, IT, Childcare, Building and Construction**, and **Advanced Manufacturing**.

For more information about the **STS ESL/Food Handlers** certificate training program and other offerings, including the **CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)**, **ESL70**, **HSE preparation programs**, and the **Venture V for SNAP Participants** program, **please contact the ESL/HSE/SNAP Program Office** at (718) 368-4870 or visit our Virtual Office. The Virtual Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 5:30pm You can join the **Zoom meeting using ID: 857 4347 7610** and Passcode: 667012 at <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

Staff Conference Participation and Presentations

Bex Fine Firesheets, Tiffany Walters, and Jhack Sepulveda presented "What's Next for Cannabis Education in New York State?" at the **2025 CEANY annual conference** in Syracuse, NY. This panel brought together cannabis educators from across New York to discuss their experiences and address critical questions, including how educators continue serving communities most impacted by prohibition, and what our communities actually need and want to learn, both for the current moment in this industry and the future.

Robert Zandi presented "Bridges to Success: The Power of Partnerships and Collaboration" at the **2025 CEANY annual conference** in Syracuse, NY. He encouraged more continuing education professionals to join in offering renewable energy and sustainable technology training programs throughout New York state and to collaborate with employer partners to boost the overall visibility, enrollment, and success of their programs.

The department participated in the **inaugural CUNY Green Economy and Infrastructure Industry Committee** meeting on November 21st. The purpose of the committee is to connect with other CUNY schools that provide renewable energy and sustainable technology training, as well as with a wide variety of industry and employer partners, to develop systems and partnerships that will lead to jobs for graduates.

Spring 2025 Catalog

The **Winter 2026 Catalog** is now available. To sign up for our Winter information session, scheduled on Tuesday, December 16th, visit us here <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/>. You can explore new, revised and existing course and program offerings at <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Additionally, we are recruiting students for a variety of **NO-COST programs** and scholarship opportunities for programs scheduled to begin soon! Please share!

No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program

Free Introduction to Gaming Operations course

Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program

Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program

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