Campus Update Workforce Development, Continuing Education and Strategic Partnerships

March 1, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

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 will host virtual information sessions all month with organizations interested in working with our students. These organizations include City Mentors, FDNY, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, New York Urban League, and the NYPD. In addition, there are two workshops scheduled: Time Management & LinkedIn. Please refer students to Career Wave (https://kbcc-csm.symplicity.com/students) for more details and to register for these events.

There will be an in-person **Job Fair** on March 31. Please be on the lookout for details regarding this event.

The virtual front desk staff will be available on Mondays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00 pm-4:00 pm here: https://zoom.us/my/kbcccareer. Otherwise, students should visit Room C-102 or contact us via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu or phone at (718) 368-5115.

**Grant Updates**

The Community Farm and Garden submitted two (2) proposals to local foundations to support beautification on the farm, with an eye towards children, older adults, neurodiverse visitors, and increasing accessibility to accommodate people with various disabilities. In addition to growing supplies, seeds, and bulbs, funding from these grants will go towards the construction of raised beds to make gardening accessible to all.

**Instructor Needed_Part Time Facilities Management**

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please feel free to share. https://www.rfcuny.org/careers/postings?pnID=KB-2202-004567


We are recruiting for the Spring 2022 User Experience (UX) micro-credential starting on March 21. Micro-credentials are certifications, often in the form of a digital badge, that verifies a learner’s competency in a specific skill or set of skills.

We have bundled classes in User Experience (UX) Design to create an 8-week program. Earners of the UX designer badge have developed the entry-level skills needed to create digital interfaces that respect Heuristics, Design Thinking, Gestalt, and Accessibility and Interaction Design.
principles. They are competent in conducting research with users, mapping qualitative data, gaining insights to generate inspiration, designing sketched and digital clickable prototypes.

Additionally, in collaboration with LaGuardia Community College and in support of the NY CEO Jobs Council, Anthony Borgese and Daniel Kane, faculty from the Tourism and Hospitality Department, designed the Facilities Management and Customer Service micro-credentials. These two new offerings will be available this spring semester. We are so thankful for their academic expertise, time, and patience as we navigated through the creation of these opportunities for students. This will be a great addition to our portfolio.

All successful EverUp Micro-credential completers receive a suite of benefits that provide a competitive boost at landing internships and entry-level roles at NY Jobs CEO Council companies, who are some of New York’s largest employers. Benefits include a $300 stipend (distributed 6-8 weeks after completion), access to internship information sessions, and networking.

Deadline-March 15. EverUp Micro-Credential – a FREE, 100-hour online intensive that equips CUNY students with in-demand skills. All CUNY undergraduates, in good academic standing with at least 30 completed credits are eligible to apply. Learn more here.

Program Updates

Good Shepherd Services (GSS) West Brooklyn Community High School is partnering with our division to provide career readiness training and industry-recognized certifications for GSS students and graduates. In February, we kicked off with Food Service Management training. Students will be prepared to earn their NYC DOH Food Handlers, Servsafe, and OSHA 10 certifications. In April, the second set of GSS students will enroll in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training program.

In collaboration with NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) Division of Youth & Family Justice, we will develop and offer new "Intro to Careers" courses in Construction, Real Estate, Computer Science/Technology/Engineering and Automotive. Instructors will teach these courses in person at Horizons, Crossroads and several Close to Home facilities. To date, KCC has offered seven (7) courses in total (three of which permit students who passed to earn 1-2 credits towards their transcript upon enrollment at Kingsborough). In 2020, we enrolled 49 students and in 2021 we enrolled 31 students. Students had the choice to enroll in multiple courses at once and many took advantage of that option.

Dr. Simone Rodriguez, Alissa Levine, and Karolina Bizik are participating in Jobs First NYC’s Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) training so that our job readiness and sector skills training curricula can be offered to students as part of their high school degree requirements and in preparation for postsecondary pathways. As a result, students such as Good Shepherd Services and those residing in ACS facilities will not only have access to KCC courses that introduce them to new career paths, but also earn credit towards their High School degree requirements. More information to follow.
The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will host a program kick-off session this month for providers of the new Venture V for the SNAP participants program. The program provides essential services to help low-income recipients increase their employment skills and obtain jobs. Eligible students are invited to contact the program coordinator, Tatyana Rabotneva, or the Academic/ESL Program Office at (718) 368-4870.

CUNY Fatherhood Academy
CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA) is recruiting for Spring 2022 GED/HSE cohort starting March 15. CFA is a comprehensive program designed to promote responsible parenting and economic stability for unemployed and underemployed young fathers through education, employment, and personal development. Recruiting 18-30-year-old fathers seeking their GED. Students receive 16 weeks of GED preparation, personalized support, parenting and men's groups and financial incentives.

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) CompTIA Program
The CompTIA Computer Technician Program is recruiting for Fall 2022 Network+ training. SCC offers FREE online training courses that will cover the fundamentals of PC hardware & software and prepare students for an entry-level position in Information Technology. Throughout the course, students will learn how to install, maintain, and customize personal computers. The CompTIA program will also prepare students for the CompTIA A+ or Network+ certification exam, the industry-recognized certification for computer service professionals. Upon completion of the CompTIA program, students will be prepared for an entry-level IT position, such as help desk technician, network technician, and desktop support administrator, or they may choose to continue their education in computer science and apply for enrollment at the college.

The Job Corps Scholars program successfully enrolled 80+ students between 2021-2022 and have exceeded their enrollment goal. Students have been provided with training at no cost in business, health, trade and energy. Students are supported by an Employment Counseling team, a Personal Counselor, have access to individual support, weekly group workshops and resource assistance (i.e., connection to housing, mental, emotional healthcare) after their training is complete.

The DesignWorks program has successfully launched their final UX Design cohort. Students in this program receive training in UX design, Coding for Designers, Capstone class (working with businesses on real world projects), and entrepreneurship class. They have access to employment readiness support, job search assistance and paid internships, as well as workshops with industry experts. Students can apply up to 6 credits (Visual Design & Human Centered Design) when they enroll at the college in the Art department's User Experience Design concentration.

Congratulations to the Job Corps Scholars and DesignWorks teams for successfully recruiting and enrolling students and providing access to training and supportive services that get students onto their academic and career pathways. The division is actively working on seeking grants to sustain these efforts.
To help meet the local demand for skilled tech talent, **Promineo Tech** has partnered with us to offer several bootcamps from 18-week front-end and back-end bootcamps and a 26-week data engineering bootcamp. Read more about this partnership [here](#).

In collaboration with **Generation USA**, we will offer an online free IT Support Specialist program. This program is designed specifically for individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, facing job displacement due to automation, or further challenged by the pandemic. This program will be delivered at scale; providing both technical and professional ‘soft skill’ training and support. To learn more about the KCC Generation USA program and partnership, [click here](#).

**Spring Catalog and Open House**

Registration started on February 28 and the spring classes will begin on April 4. The **Spring Catalog** can be found here: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html).

Join us or share the **Open House** information scheduled on March 1 and March 22 with your network. Attendees can receive $25 off any class over $100!

March 1, 12:00 pm: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WXSt0bbZQRwqDsFirkakeg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WXSt0bbZQRwqDsFirkakeg)
March 1, 6:00 pm: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9JxPydoDSe6MzvwVcVUYKA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9JxPydoDSe6MzvwVcVUYKA)

March 22, 12:00 pm: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fnu8Q61-QiGLv6PDyggu2Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fnu8Q61-QiGLv6PDyggu2Q)
March 22, 6:00 pm: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9CNL1BPVSKlkgAaqKsC2lg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9CNL1BPVSKlkgAaqKsC2lg)

For more information, Zoom Virtual Front Desk (https://zoom.us/j/2151731780 (Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00-3:00 pm); Phone: 718-368-5050, or Email: conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.

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

Kind Regards,

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