The Campus Community,

We want to share some updates regarding our work within the division.

*Evollution.com* interviewed Dr. Simone Rodriguez and Interim Assistant Dean Christine Zagari in their recent article *Developing Strong Relationships with the Business Community*. Simone Rodriguez and Christine Zagari-Loporto discussed the importance of relationships between higher education and industry, the challenges they face, and how to build an engaging environment with partners and employers for students. Read the full article here: [https://evollution.com/revenue-streams/workforce_development/developing-strong-relationships-with-the-business-community/](https://evollution.com/revenue-streams/workforce_development/developing-strong-relationships-with-the-business-community/)

The division applied for the **NYC Workforce Development Fund** in the amount of $247,000 to create curriculum and programming for English Language Learners in Technology. If funded, this will be an intensive, academic and theme-based program, designed to improve students’ oral and written English, and develop the technical skills to enter into information technology careers.

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted internship orientation workshops to educate students about their rights as interns, opportunities available and how to apply. Orientations were broken up by advisement academy and tailored to the majors with these academies with 24 students in attendance. Also, the Center hosted information sessions with Workforce 1, Amazon, Bank of America and CVS Pharmacy with 80 students who were informed of employment opportunities with these organizations and how to apply.

Of note, students and alumni have access to **Career Wave**, KCC’s online Jobs Board hosted by Symplicity. Current and former students can register and apply to full and part-time jobs and internship opportunities. In addition, they will have access to all events hosted by the Career Development Center and receive regular updates regarding resources/opportunities that are available to them. Register for an account here: [https://kbcc-csm.symplicity.com/students](https://kbcc-csm.symplicity.com/students)

Students can also continue to visit the virtual front desk here: [https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer](https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer)

**Community Farm and Garden**
The Farm hosted two (2) volunteer days with 10 people, including President Claudia Schrader and a large crew from Facilities. For future volunteer days scheduled on July 7, July 13, July 21 and July 27, please email Shannon Caravello at CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu.

**Program Updates**
On June 5, the EverUp **UX Design Microcredential** program in partnership with CUNY and the New York Jobs CEO Council launched with 169 CUNY degree seeking students who will receive 8 weeks of immersive UX design training including Visual Design and Human Centered Design. Students who successfully complete this microcredential will receive a $300
stipend, earn a badge certifying completion, and have access to a suite of programs to help them learn more about companies, job and internship opportunities with members of the NY Jobs CEO Council.

We hosted a second Technology Advisory Board meeting. Employer partners convened to discuss managing and meeting student expectations about tech training, marketing and recruitment in order to reach underrepresented individuals who would otherwise not think tech training was for them, and increasing KCC’s visibility with employers in the tech sector. Feedback from employers will be used to inform current program operations as well as future grant proposals.

The **Maritime Tech Apprentice Program** (MTAP) information sessions are scheduled on the following days/times: Wednesday, July 7 @10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm, Tuesday, July 20 @ 10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm and Wednesday, August 4 @ 10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm. Please share with prospected students who may be interested, sign up here: [http://cewdkbcc.com/kccs-maritime-technology-apprenticeship-program/mtap-registration/](http://cewdkbcc.com/kccs-maritime-technology-apprenticeship-program/mtap-registration/)

**Free Community Workshop Series** offered its first session on June 24 with "How Puppets Help with Speech and Behavior Problems in Children" with Alla Markova from Kidz Home. Additional workshops are still available- click here for more information: [http://cewdkbcc.com/special-programs/virtual-community-workshops/](http://cewdkbcc.com/special-programs/virtual-community-workshops/)

The **Academic/ESL Program Office** is developing a proposal for a grant to provide citizenship instruction to eligible permanent residents in immigrant communities. The proposal will include both ESL and civics instruction, in addition to providing support services for the naturalization application.

**Summer 2021 Course Offerings and Open House**
Classes will begin on July 6. For more details on course and program offerings, click here: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html).

We hosted another successful **open house** event on June 22 that highlighted the course and program offerings with over 90 registered in the two sessions. Register for the upcoming open house here: **August 10 at 12 noon**: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XXF1bJ6AS7yowgSUMmJ3-w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XXF1bJ6AS7yowgSUMmJ3-w)

**Or**
August 10 at 6:00pm: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ek59a2s6TDaA_F9bs4ckNA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ek59a2s6TDaA_F9bs4ckNA)

Be sure to attend the open house and receive an exclusive code to get 10% off all courses.

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

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.
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