Dear Campus Community,

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

**Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**
The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning held a recruitment fair in September and will be hosting two additional events in October & November. In addition, there will be information sessions and/or recruitment events with companies including Amazon, Flik Hospitality Group, TD Bank, Geico and AT&T. Please visit the office’s website for details about these upcoming events: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/index.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/index.html)

The virtual front desk will continue to be available Monday-Friday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Monday & Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm, click here: [https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer](https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer). Staff will also be available in Room C-102 for in person visits.

**Community Farm and Garden**
We want to thank the volunteers, Shannon Caravello (farm administrator), Danielle Lecorps (gardener), and the Facilities Management (Buildings and Grounds) team who removed two unproductive tree stumps and weeds from the farm. We will replace one tree with a flowering cherry and plant 6 flowering cherries in the beds outside the farm to beautify the space. Also, worked with Campus Planning to secure the purchase of 29 trees from the New York Power Authority Tree program which offered an additional match for a total of 58 new trees on campus. This will help replace some of the trees lost during Hurricane Sandy.

Collaborating with Chef David Goldberg, from the Culinary Arts program, to set two (2) beds for the grain project. An additional bed was set-up in preparation for the Leon Goldstein High School teachers who will start using the space next month. The volunteer days will continue in October from 10:00am-1:00pm. For more information, please email Shannon Caravello at CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu.

**Program Updates**
The Department of Veterans Affairs approved the Continuing Education submission for the *Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program* (VRRAP) for healthcare programs. Veterans can now receive financial assistance once enrolled at the College for a certificate program in Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Pharmacist Technician, Clinical Medical Assistant, Paramedic, and Patient Care Technician.

The *Business of Music* course taught by Hovain Hylton will launch on October 25. This 10-week course will run on Mondays from 6:00-7:30pm. Mr. Hylton and his weekly guest speakers will cover a range of topics covering record labels, the history of the music industry, marketing, publicity and advertising, and how to write a song. Register for this course [here](#) or call (718) 368-5050.
**CUNY Fatherhood Academy** (CFA) cohort 12 started on September 21. Sixteen (16) students are enrolled in the High School Equivalency program which will run for 16 weeks, and prepare students for the TASC (GED) exam while also providing a supportive environment to promote responsible parenting and economic stability. CFA will be recruiting for the College and Career Prep cohort launching in winter 2022. For more information, apply here.

**Job Corps Scholars** launched the fall cohort with over 20 new students. Students are enrolling into Continuing Education courses while receiving supportive personal and employment readiness services from program staff in an effort to prepare for employment, college enrollment and apprenticeships upon completion.

The first cohort of the **DesignWorks UX Design** program graduated on September 22. This cohort completed 5 months of training and are in the process of entering internships with the support of the UX Industry Liaison. DesignWorks will be recruiting for Winter 2022. For more information, apply here.

**CUNY - Comp TIA** program will be recruiting for spring 2022 beginning next month. The CompTIA Computer Technician Program is a FREE online training course that will cover the fundamentals of PC hardware & software and prepare students for an entry level position in information technology. If you know anyone interested in applying for the program, please have them sign up for an info session here.

**Social Work and Mental Health Counseling CEU** program will be offering brand **NEW** workshops and courses for licensed mental health professionals starting in September. Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors will earn CE hours towards their license requirements. Courses are open to all mental health and human service professionals, as well as anyone who is interested in these topics. October's topics include: The Effects of Divorce on Family Systems (Oct 17 & 24, VSE 77), Helping Students and Clients Return to School and Work Using Trauma-Informed Covid Re-integration Tools (Oct 10, VSE 74), Concrete Rose Effect: Using Hip Hop Therapy Techniques to connect with Black Male Youth (Oct 19, VSE 79), Cultural Sensitivity: What I Didn't Know that I Didn't Know (Oct 26, VSE 80). Learn more about these programs and register HERE or call (718) 368-5050.

The **UX Design Microcredential** program in partnership with the Education Design Lab will launch in October. Applications for this FREE program can be found here. This program is ideal for those who are interested in UX Design and are seeking opportunities to complete case studies in order to build/enhance their portfolios. The program will meet 3x per week for 3 hours each session over 8 weeks and culminates with a team project. Applicants must be prepared to dedicate 6-10 hours per week outside of class time to this program. Program completers will earn a digital badge in UX Design and Intercultural Fluency (21st Century Skill).

**Personnel**
Kymel Yard, Director of the CUNY Fatherhood Academy attended the 16th Annual CUNY Black Male Initiative (BMI) Conference and participated in the panel titled “Healthy Mind, Bodies, and Spirit During COVID: Fears, Facts, and Fiction” on September 30. Kymel and his fellow panelists discussed issues around the COVID vaccine, social distancing and
masking, the “New Normal”, variants, and how CUNY Fatherhood Academy participants have been impacted by the pandemic.

**Student Registration**
*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. For more details regarding course offerings, please click here: https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html.

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

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