Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division in the month of June.

**Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**
The Center is currently planning activities for the fall semester that will engage students in career planning and provide them with tools to develop professionally. If interested in collaborating with the office in Fall 2022, please contact Marisa Joseph at Marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Thank you to all who promoted the CUNY Career Launch summer program to students. Two-hundred and ninety (290) students submitted applications and we look forward to receiving an update in the coming weeks regarding student placements.

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

**Grants and Awards**
In partnership with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, we are preparing a proposal for CUNY’s Adult and Continuing Education Upskilling Initiative to train individuals as Community Health Workers and Health Coaches. The goal of this initiative is to boost the number of New Yorkers—CUNY degree and non-degree students, alumni, and the broader NYC population—launching gainful careers and to create inclusive pathways into high-growth fields through industry certifications and credentials. Our Community Health Worker workforce training program was developed through a grant from the US Department of Labor in 2015 and Health Coach was developed in partnership with Community Care of Brooklyn, the New York Alliance for Careers in Healthcare and Maimonides Medical Center in 2016. Since their creation, both have been offered, free to eligible individuals, through numerous grant-funded programs.

**Community Farm and Garden**
We are expanding our volunteer days to 5 days a week. We have already planted cucumbers, squash, and started herb seeds. Currently, we have two active service learners and will be promoting this program for the summer and fall. Students who are interested in this service learning project should reach out to Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for more information.

**Chef David Goldberg** is preparing to harvest the wheat and rye planted as part of his research project. The farm grew a bed of Pansy and Viola flowers for Chef Naxielly Dominguez to use
for dessert plating as part of the culinary program. These flowers will be available all summer for
the next restaurant course.

We are also looking to support faculty in research projects as well as for those looking to host an
educational or club event in the space. Contact Shannon.caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu for more
information.

Student CEWD Scholarship Fund
We worked with Institutional Advancement to create a "CEWD Scholarship" for continuing
education and workforce development students. Supporters are able to donate by clicking
here: https://21409.thankyou4caring.org/online-donations then go
to Designations and select Continuing Education “CEWD Scholarship”. Thank you in advance
for your support.

As part of this scholarship, we are accepting student applications for those experiencing financial
challenges to pay their tuition. Kindly find the application and eligibility
requirements here: https://forms.gle/vuv6AS9PrrwAAAgWp7

Northwell Health Hospitals-Partnership
We are excited for the renewed partnership with Northwell Health Hospitals to provide an
externship course for Central Sterile Technician (CST) students. Upon completion of the
program, students will be required to obtain CST hands-on clinical experience training within a
central processing department in order to be eligible to take the national exam and earn a
provisional HSPA certification. This partnership will provide an opportunity for students to
enroll in a coordinated externship program to execute the required hands-on hours necessary to
test or achieve full CRCST status. Currently, there is an immense need for sterile processing
techs across the industry with attractively high wages. Enrollment will begin soon. More details
to follow.

College Experience/Community Efforts
The College Experience program, facilitated by Anna Geller, was executed both virtually and
for the first time in person. Our partner, Brooklyn Public Library (Sheepshead Bay branch),
marketed the events to the community with a large outreach to members of all ages. We were
able to promote the college and all of its credit and non-credit offerings, including OnStage at
Kingsborough Summer Nights series. We attended the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
Breakfast for Success series. It was a wonderful networking opportunity to connect with
business owners and present the college’s offerings. Also, we participated in the Brooklyn
Chamber of Commerce Career Fair in Coney Island meeting with residents looking for
opportunities to advance their education and careers. Lastly, we attended Mayor Eric Adams
event at Gracie Mansion for the Russian speaking community.

Conferences/Networking/ Professional Development/New Staff
Christine Zagari-LoPorto, Assistant Dean, was selected as co-chair of the Grants
Administration committee for the New York Community Colleges Energy Equity
Consortium, to advance responsible and equitable grant administration and ensure
compliance with grant requirements.
Welcome, **Eve Likourezos**, as a new career advisor. She will assist students with career exploration and professional development in the Center for Career Development and Experiential Learning.

**Jessica Cinelli** attended the Brooklyn Energy Summit, an event hosted by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Speakers and panelists discussed the borough's clean energy ecosystem from topics such as clean technology, policy and legislation, small business and entrepreneurship, community engagement, and workforce development. Our presence at these local and regional events show that we are committed to clean energy and, more importantly, advancing employment prospects to people who might not otherwise have considered careers in this fast growing industry.

**Summer Catalog**
The Summer Catalog can be found here: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html). The division successfully hosted our 2nd Summer Virtual Open House with more than 50 participants. Check out our catalog [here](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html).

For more information, Zoom Virtual Front Desk ([https://zoom.us/j/2151731780](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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