June 2, 2020

Kingsborough Students,

During these past three months, we have experienced a myriad of emotions. As we started March, fear and anxiety caused by COVID-19 and the transition into distance learning was paramount. As our community begins Phase I of reopening, the stress caused by uncertainty continues. Now, these emotions are coupled with anger and frustration caused by the tragic death of George Floyd. We, in Student Affairs, will continue to support our students and community and create spaces for dialogue, support, and advancement.

This week we are hosting two spaces for conversation. Please join me, as part of my Dean’s Dialogue series:

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**Wednesday, June 3rd, 1pm**

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- Chief Ken Greene, KCC Public Safety
- Dr. Michael Rodriguez, Director of Men’s Resource Center

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Password: 658805

**Let’s Talk: Discussing Race, Racism, and Social Injustice**  
**Thursday, June 4th, 3pm**

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- Gerald Maitre, Director of CUNY EDGE
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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at [brian.mitra@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:brian.mitra@kbcc.cuny.edu) or [student.affairs@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:student.affairs@kbcc.cuny.edu). Visit our homepage [HERE](#).

Dr. Brian R. Mitra
Dean of Student Affairs

**NEWS AND UPDATES**

Please visit [Kingsborough’s Distance Learning](#) page and [CUNY’s Coronavirus Updates](#) page for the latest updates on academic polices, the updated calendar, and more!

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**Transfer Successfully to a Senior College**
The TRiO Student Support Services Program invites all students to a zoom session on how to successfully transfer to a senior college on Thursday, June 4th @1:00. For more information, contact Faith Fogelman, TRiO Director, faith.fogelman@kbcc.cuny.edu.

**CAMPUSS Well Digital Magazine** can be found [HERE](#)
You can also find a wealth of information about healthy eating, stress busters, and tips for getting better grades written by health and mental health professionals. Please sign up and you will receive weekly updates on your phone.
**EMAIL SCAM**

We are aware of an email scam that is taking place stating there are jobs available for our students. Please read my correspondence with steps to prevent fraud in a previous message HERE. All opportunities will be sent from official Kingsborough email address (@kbcc.cuny.edu). Please stay vigilant and do not send bank account information to ANYONE!

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New York City has issued a curfew TODAY, June 2nd, beginning at 8pm-5am. All city residents will be required to be inside with the following exceptions:

- First responders
- Health care workers
- Essential workers going to and from work
- Homeless New Yorkers
- People seeking medical treatment or medical supplies
- Members of the press.
Read the full Executive Order HERE.

FREE ALTICE HOTSPOTS for KCC Students Till June 30th

We have partnered with Altice to provide COST FREE and authentication Internet to KCC students, faculty, and staff via hot spots.

In order to do so, we need to provide some device information to Altice. We have created a site where you can enter this information HERE. This site also has instructions on how to get the required information for both MAC and PS systems. Once this information is processed by Altice you will be able to use Altice (Optimum) hotspots throughout their footprint. Please click HERE to see the map of Altice hotspots.

This offer is good only till JUNE 30TH.

In addition, please find other connectivity resources on our KCC IT site and listed below:

https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/its/connectivity.html

ADOBE available to KCC Students

Kingsborough's IT has worked with Adobe to enable student remote access until July 6, 2020 Students can access Adobe remotely using their @login.cuny.edu credentials. Student instructions on Accessing Adobe Creative Cloud are available online and also available from the IT Resources for Remote Work & Teaching page.

New American Center Supporting DACA Students

As many may be aware, U.S. Supreme Court is set to rule on whether the DACA program will continue. Kingsborough New Americans Center and Single Stop are here to assist all undocumented youth. Our offices provide free, safe, and confidential services for those DACA recipients, Kingsborough Students, Faculty, Staff, as well as members of the Kingsborough Family who may feel anxiety during this time.

If the Court rules to end the program, Immigration service providers in New York expect those with currently with DACA work permits to be able to utilize their work authorization until that permit expires. The Court will rule sometime between now and the end of June, Individuals with DACA have time to renew! Those whose DACA has expired have time to reapply! The New Americans Center can help you with your applications. Additionally, for those who cannot afford the $495 filing fee, there have been a number of organizations who are providing grants and other services and we can direct you to those resources.

We encourage anyone with one year or less in DACA status to apply to renew immediately. To consult with one of our staff about your DACA status or any other immigration law matter, call (718) 368-5600 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE or email us at:

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Resume Palooza
Join us for Resume Palooza on Thursday, June 4th! At this virtual event, you will have your resume reviewed by an industry professional or KCC faculty member and receive invaluable feedback.

The event takes place on Thursday, June 4th from 12pm-4pm. You do NOT have to stay for the entire time. Register here: https://bit.ly/KCCResumePalooza

This event is open to KCC students and alumni ONLY!

**Counseling and Wellness Support Sessions - UPDATED**

**Free Zoom Support Sessions for ALL Kingsborough Students during COVID-19 distant learning and physical/social isolation.**

These free sessions will provide safe, supportive, and nonjudgmental space for students to process the current health crisis and learn practical coping skills. During these sessions, students can share their experiences of distance learning and learn how to reduce distress and cope with their feelings of physical/social isolation, stress, and anxiety.

**Mindfulness Toolbox Support Sessions, Mondays 1pm**
Get together, share your experiences, and get practical tips and tools to support your whole self. Learn and practice self-care through meditation, self-awareness, and self-compassion.

**Stress Management Support Tuesdays 10:30**
Gather in a safe and supportive environment and connect with fellow students. Realize that you are not alone in feelings of isolation, stress, and anxiety. Learn concrete coping skills to deal with stress and anxiety.

**Continuing, Graduating, Transferring? Fall of 2020 – Courage to Face the Unknown, Tuesday at 1pm, Wednesday at 4 pm and Thursday at 12 pm**
Allow yourself to experience discomfort and difficult emotions – it does not mean you cannot do what you need.
- Get Support.
- Identify challenges and ask for help now. Challenge is a flip side of growth.
- Strengthen your Adaptability - Acknowledge Your Strengths and Capitalize on Them.
- Realize your Resiliency - How does distance learning work for you?
- Graduating? What is next?
- Preparing for the Fall 2020 - plan now for both, distance learning and on campus classes.
- What are your plans if you decide not to return to Fall2020? Plans and options.
- Practice self-care - it is not an option - it is a necessity.

**Communicate and Connect support sessions on Thursdays 1pm**
Get together and share what is important to you now, what works already and what you want to work on. Find support during this time of physical disconnect.

**Sessions for Nursing students only:**
**Because You Matter, Tuesdays 3pm and Fridays 4 pm**
No RSVP required; all nursing students will receive Zoom meeting invitation.
These support sessions offer a safe and nonjudgmental space for nursing students to share their experiences of being in the profession that is currently at the frontlines of the pandemic. Connect and communicate with your fellow students about how you manage at a time of crisis, be validated and supported, and learn practical skills/tools to realize your resilience and reduce distress. *Your wellbeing matters, you matter.*

**Sessions for current or former ESL students only:**
**ESL Conversation and Support Session, Thursdays 3pm**
Gather in a safe and supportive environment and connect with fellow students. Realize that you are not alone in feelings of isolation, stress, and anxiety. Learn concrete coping skills to deal with stress and anxiety. To attend, call 718-368-5975 or email counselingandhealthservices@kbcc.cuny.edu from your KCC email.

Disclaimer: These Zoom sessions are not individual counseling sessions. If you would like to schedule individual sessions with one of our counselors call us at 718-368-5975 or email us at Counselingandhealth.services@kbcc.cuny.edu.

To participate in these sessions:

1. RSVP to CounselingandHealth.Services@kbcc.cuny.edu from your KCC email. Put RSVP in the subject line followed by the session number. For example, if you are signing up for Monday 1 pm group please put RSVP1. **Group codes:** Monday 1 pm – RSVP1; Tuesday 10:30 am – RSVP2; Wednesday 4 pm – RSVP3; Thursday 1 pm – RSVP4
2. Please include your CUNY Empil ID#. We will send you Zoom link with meeting id and password.
3. Download Zoom app or open in your browser. Sign in with your KBCC email and join the meeting.
4. Enter meeting ID and password that was sent to you by Counselingandhealth.services@kbcc.cuny.edu. You will use this info for each weekly session.

For immediate individual mental health assistance please call:

**Confidential 24/7 Mental Health Helplines:**

- COVID-19 Emotional Support Helpline 1-844-863-9314
- NYC Well 1-888-NYC-WELL or Text WELL to 65173
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Suicide Prevention) 1-800-273-8255
- Trevor Lifeline (LGBTQIA suicide prevention) 1-866-488-7386 or Text START to 678678
- LifeNet Crisis Helpline 1-800-543-3638
- Safe Horizon Helpline (domestic violence resource) 1-800-621-4673
- National Domestic Violence Helpline 1-800-799-7233
- SAMHSA Helpline (Substance Abuse/Mental Health) 1-800-662-4357

**PREVIOUS NEWS & UPDATES**

**Academic Affairs Updates**

- Academic Calendar Updates are listed [HERE](#). This also includes updated changes to course withdrawals, etc.
- Credit/No Credit Grading Option Policy information is listed [HERE](#).

**Career Services Newsletter**

The latest edition of [KCC CAREER BUZZ](#)

**Wellness Wednesdays are LIVE! - Every Wednesday, 1pm**

ZOOM in from the comfort of your home to learn and share:

- how to protect yourself from COVID-19
- confirm facts and identify myths
- what to do if you are sick
- tips and strategies to keep yourself well and focused on your classes during
- social and physical distancing

Speak with:

- Dottie Gale, R.N., Health Center (718) 368-5684
Let's face it, we are all dealing with tough times. We want you to know that we are here for you.

**USS Scholarships Now Available**

The **Fall 2020 USS Scholarship Application is now available for students to apply!** During these challenging times, we have worked diligently to assure that CUNY students still have access to finding ways to fund their education. Please note **ONLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS will receive a notification in their CUNY First under the "To do tab".** Students are required to upload documents through their CUNY First.

**Scholarship Open Date:** April 13, 2020  
**Scholarship Closing Date:** June 13, 2020

Below are the initial requirements for each scholarship. If students do not have the required GPA or credit registration minimum, they WILL NOT receive a notification in their CUNY First. Eligible students will be able to view the requirements to apply for the scholarships in their CUNY First.

- **Undergraduate students MUST be registered for at least 6 credits**  
- **Graduate students MUST be registered for at least 3 credits**  

**Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship:** Minimum 2.7 GPA  
**Graduate Peer Mentoring Scholarship:** Minimum 3.0 GPA  
**Donald & Mary Ellen Passantino International Student Scholarship:** Minimum 2.5 GPA  
**Donald & Mary Ellen Passantino Student with Disabilities Scholarship:** Minimum 2.5 GPA

**Recruitment Opportunities**

**Contact Tracer, Team Supervisor, or Community Support Specialist**

We have a unique opportunity for our community to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and we are seeking participation from faculty and staff. New York State has officially launched the **NYS COVID-19 Contact Tracer Initiative** in an effort to recruit 6,400 to 17,000 tracers to help prevent the spread of the virus.

**Employment Opportunity:** The Initiative will recruit employees for three positions: **Contact Tracer, Team Supervisor** or **Community Support Specialist.** Please encourage our **students and graduates to apply** for any of the three available positions.

Note: students of all majors may be eligible for the Contact Tracer position (which is a minimum of 20 hours/week), while health and human service students and graduates may meet the qualifications for the Supervisor or Support Specialist roles. The roles are not allocated to CUNY, our students are competing for these roles with the general public.

**NYC Men Teach - Fall 2020 Recruitment is Open**

The following are the criteria:
In order to be eligible for this program, applicants typically meet the following criteria:

- Interested in becoming a certified teacher in New York State
- Academically qualified with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Experience working/volunteering in urban communities
- Committed to working/teaching in a New York City public school

Have nearly completed 24 credits toward an associate degree or 45 credits toward a bachelor’s degree, or be currently enrolled in a CUNY graduate teacher education program. Enrolled CUNY students who do not meet the full criteria should still apply, and may be accepted as a “pipeline” student with at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA. Eligible? The Fall 2020 application is open, and the priority deadline is June 1, 2020.

[https://nycmenteach.formstack.com/forms/nycmt_application_fall_2020](https://nycmenteach.formstack.com/forms/nycmt_application_fall_2020)

The final Fall deadline is September 2020

For more information contact the NYC Men Teach Program Manager, Eric Conte at [Eric.Conte@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Eric.Conte@kbcc.cuny.edu)

**CUNY Tutor Corps is HIRING**

- For more information [CLICK HERE](#)