

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for July 2025.

Grant Proposals and Awards

This month we submitted 3 proposals:

\$6.25 million to the **US Department of Health and Human Services** for a program called **Fathers in Focus: Jobs, Fathers, Futures**. The program will help fathers develop **nurturing father-child bonds, empower fathers to build strong and healthy relationships**, support their **child's development**, and teach **skills fathers need to find and sustain gainful employment**. This program will build on our CUNY Fatherhood Academy and Job Corps Scholars programs.

\$10,000 to the **Finish Line - Louder Than Words** grant program will provide **CUNY Fatherhood students and alumni scholarships** to enroll in a Continuing Education vocational class of their choice.

\$155,000 to the **Ira DeCamp Foundation** for a program that will provide low-income students with **scholarships** for our **Doula training program**. This program will also fund an **employment specialist** who will connect current students and recent alumni to local organizations that provide mentorship opportunities and will place new doulas with pregnant people and their families.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** is currently accepting any new and/or gently used professional attire that will help Kingsborough students prepare for interviews, internships, and their careers **until Friday, September 19th**. Please drop off your donations in Room C-102.

Thanks to the hard work of the **Career Development team, there are now 3,079 students who have activated their Handshake accounts**. Handshake gives students access to hundreds of job and internship opportunities and is an excellent way for students to connect with employers. Please encourage your students to claim their accounts, if they have not already done so, and to complete their profiles.

The Center continues to plan for **Fall 2025 activities**. If you are interested in collaborating on any initiatives, please email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu, and someone will follow up with you.

The **virtual front desk hours** are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu. Please continue to check our Linktree for details regarding any upcoming events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden volunteer days/hours**: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm. **Summer Vegetable distribution** will be on Tuesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Breezeway (students prioritized, faculty and staff may pick up towards the end, must bring a reusable bag).

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, or to request a class bed, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **KCC_CFG** on Instagram.

Class tours are on hold for the summer and will resume in Fall 2025.

Workforce Trainings

The **first Postpartum Doula** training launched on July 7th and completed on July 28th. **Forty-two (42) students** completed the training, earning a joint CUNY and "Anew Doula" Certificate of Completion. Students learned to support families as they navigate the early stages of parenthood, ensuring they feel informed, supported, and confident in their new roles.

The next **Birth Doula Training will begin on September 29**. Please find registration information [HERE](#). Read about our Doula program in a new article titled "Empowering the Future of Maternal Health: Kingsborough Community College Doula Program Changing Lives, One Birth At A Time" [HERE](#).

From **Cannabis to Cuisine** officially completed its final cohorts in June 2025. **Over the past three years, the program far exceeded its original grant targets by enrolling 306 students, with 245 fully attending and 192 earning their Certificate in Culinary Cannabis and Edibles.** We celebrated the Winter and Spring 2025 cohorts with a fantastic in-person meal hosted by **celebrity chef Miguel Trinidad at his restaurant Marie's**. We wrapped up the program with a Zoom celebration, open to all alumni, **featuring an infused sorbet demo with Chef Kokujin (aka Instructor Rhiana Hernandez) and a presentation on Processor's Licenses with the Office of Cannabis Management.** Learn more at bit.ly/cannedkcc.

The **non-credit to credit welding program** will start on August 26th. This free 15-week-long training will utilize the **American Welding Society** Fundamentals of Welding curriculum and the Maritime department's welding program. As a result, students will learn stick (SMAW), MIG (GMAW), and TIG (TMAW) welding techniques, which will prepare them to take and pass the American Welding Society's 3G Welders Certification and provide them with college credits upon completion of the program. This training program will also provide a variety of supportive and wrap-around services, including free PPE, safety equipment, welding equipment, and Metro cards to the students. **For more information or to apply to this training program**, please see: <https://sites.google.com/view/bridgestooffshorewind/kingsborough-community-college>

The second **ConEd** sponsored **Weatherization & Clean Energy** academy training will start on August 26th. This training program will be six weeks long and focus on Weatherization, Clean Energy, and Core Construction with certifications, stipends, metro cards, and other supportive

wrap-around services. **For more information or to apply to this training program**, please see: <https://sites.google.com/view/bridgestooffshorewind/kingsborough-community-college>

The **Seafarers International Union (SIU) Pre-Apprenticeship** program is accepting applicants. We will provide a stipend/scholarship to participants for the cost of obtaining their Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC), Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), travel to Piney Point, Maryland for training, uniform, and much, much more! Once accepted into the SIU apprenticeship program, classes, meals, and lodging are free while students are training at the SIU training facility in Piney Point. Graduates are also guaranteed SIU Union membership upon graduation as well as their first job aboard one of the SIU's contracted vessels, earning \$5,000-\$6,000 a month once they start their first assignment! This training and credentialing pathways program is ideal for those seeking a **career in maritime that can eventually lead to jobs within Offshore Wind**. This is made possible in partnership with Seafarers International Union (S.I.U.), the largest North American union representing merchant mariners. Applications are ongoing, and start dates are filled as the requirements to participate in this program have been met. To receive updates or more information on this program, please reach out to Maria.Gelman@kbcc.cuny.edu. To start the application process, please fill out the following form: [Click Here for SIU x KCC Pre-Apprenticeship Screening Application](#)

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

The ESL/HSE/SNAP Program Office advises that more than 40 CLIP students from the Spring 2025 cohort received advisement and have registered for the Fall 2025 college semester at KCC; additional students from the current summer semester are scheduled for Accuplacer testing at the end of summer and transition to college.

Registration is open to new students for registration and orientation sessions for the federally-funded WIOA **Adult Literacy** and IELCE (Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education) **ESL/Food Handlers certificate training** programs.

For more information about program offerings, including **HSE-70** and **HSE-71** High School Equivalency Preparation programs, **ESL CLIP** and **Pre-CLIP**, the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the two aforementioned WIOA programs, and the **Venture V Program for SNAP Participants**, please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our **Virtual Office**: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am – 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>

Spring 2025 Catalog

Please join us for the **Fall Open House** (sign up here: [main page](#)) to learn more about our [video](#) programs. The **Fall 2025 catalog** is available, and registration is ongoing for classes this fall. You can find new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.