

Dear Campus Community,

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

Grant Proposals and Awards

The division was **awarded** the following grants and awards:

- **\$630,000 from 1199 SEIU** funds to train and certify up to **180 individuals as Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhT) through Spring 2027**. The customized intensive Pharmacy Technician program was selected to be offered amongst 1199's Career Pathways Training Program offerings in New York City. The acceptance of applications is ongoing.
- **\$375,000** for the **Maritime Diesel Technician Training**. This program will develop a comprehensive diesel technician training program **in partnership with KCC's Maritime Technology A.A.S. program and employer partner, Hornblower**. This program will embed industry-recognized Snap-On certifications into the existing curriculum. A central component of this program is a partnership with **Hornblower, the official operator of the NYC Ferry, which will provide job services and employment opportunities to graduates**.
- **\$54,500** from the CUNY Office of the Dean of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support **Maternal Health and Direct Support Professional (DSP)** training for CUNY HHS students.
- **\$2,250 Family Assistance Cash Grant** by the **Good+ Foundation** to assist **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** students during this holiday season.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** expresses its gratitude to the faculty and staff who donated clothing for the **Dress for Success Boutique. Thanks to your generosity, over 200 students received professional attire suitable for job interviews and career fairs**. We truly appreciate your contributions.

The staff actively encourages students to utilize **Handshake** as a recruitment tool. To date, **3,520 students have activated their accounts**. Handshake is not only a platform for students to apply for jobs and internships, but it also allows them to connect one-on-one with employers and access valuable career-building resources from the Center. We encourage you to continue motivating students to log in to **Handshake using their KCC credentials here: <https://kingsboroughcc.okta.com>**.

We have seen an **increase in employers** visiting the campus to meet with students regarding job and internship opportunities. To stay up to date on who will be tabling, bookmark **[this page](#)**.

The fall **job & internship fair hosted 28 employers**. Employer participants: *Bank of America, Because We Can Sports, NYPD Cadet Corps, City of Richmond Police Department, FDNY, FBI, EDSI – Workforce 1 Healthcare Career Center, Workforce 1, McDonald's, Jewel Human*

Services, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYC Department of Correction, NYC Police Department – Civilian Recruitment, New York State Parks, New York State Parks Police, New York State Police, NPower, NYC Public Schools, Physical Therapy of New York, Ponce Bank, RCM Health Care Services, Reading Partners of New York, SKIP of New York, US Navy, Ugly Dumpling, Urban Upbound and Visiting Nurse Service of NY Health.

In collaboration with **Juliana Dorcelus, Transfer Manager**, the Center hosted a **Career Pathways Through Education Panel**. Panelists consisted of **Amy Miller (Hiring Coach & Consultant - Executive Recruiter & Author)**, **James Lynch (Dean of Management at Brooklyn College)**, **Lavar Thomas (KCC Alumnus & Entrepreneur)**, and **Liza Giuliano (Program Manager for Community Partnerships at Bank of America)**.

We had another successful **2-day Leadership Development Seminar** this semester. **Fifteen (15) students completed the seminar, where they heard presentations and participated in group activities on leadership topics, including leadership styles, conflict management, active listening, and delegation skills**, to name a few. Participants received a certificate of completion, a book on leadership, and a gift certificate. **This seminar was co-sponsored by the ASAP program and the Office of Student Life**. All students surveyed stated that they would recommend the workshop to their peers and felt that their leadership skills had improved as a result of this seminar. **Thank you to Shamika Weekes, Senior Career Advisor**, for her continued coordination of this program.

Please encourage students to visit the **Center's Linktree** for details about upcoming fall events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>. Also, follow **@kcccareersuccess on Instagram and Facebook**.

Virtual front desk hours are on **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 contact us via email at career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden volunteer days/hours**: Mondays 2:00-5:00 pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00 pm, Thursdays 2:00-5:00 pm, and Fridays 2-5:00 pm. Due to increasing issues of food insecurity, our remaining student vegetable distribution will take place on Thursdays through the Access Resource Center, E-115, starting at 11:00 am until supplies last. We are nearing the end of the season, so produce will be limited. We will end the season early to mid-November (weather dependent).

For **faculty inquiries, research, 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**.

Workforce Trainings

In collaboration with **JPMorgan Chase**, we are offering a **series of six (6) extraordinary Financial Literacy workshops**. Workshops are **FREE**, but registration is required. All

sessions will be led live via Zoom by expert partners in the field. Click this link for a flyer with workshop information: <https://tinyurl.com/4pkcrbau>

Maternal Health and Direct Support Professional (DSP) trainings for CUNY HHS students. CUNY HHS students can apply here:

- **Maternal Health and DONA Doula** Training: <https://forms.gle/44YsHkXWSENZuoPz6>
- **Direct Support Professional (DSP)** Training: <https://forms.gle/nh5Wse9g9zCiE3Ve6>

Twenty-two (22) students completed the **Construction Trades Training** in partnership with **Opportunities for Better Tomorrow (OBT)**. Students participated in OSHA 30 training, 10-hour Site Safety Training, Flaggers Training, Scaffolding Training, and NCCER training in carpentry, electrical, and plumbing. Students collaborated to design a space and then worked together with instructors to build it according to their plans. OBT will support students in participating in internships and then provide job placement assistance.

A new grant program, [Contextualized ESL for Healthcare](#), launched this Fall 2025 **with 45 new students enrolled**. The program focuses on supporting speakers of other languages in earning their **Home Health Aide (HHA)** or **Direct Support Professional (DSP)** certifications while also developing industry-related English skills, culminating in job placement opportunities with our employer partners.

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** currently has nine students enrolled. Four students passed at least one section of their GED exam on October 16. We are currently planning our graduation ceremony for **December 12, which will also celebrate the 20th cohort and the 10th anniversary of the program**.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Following the well-attended **Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN)** professional development workshops hosted at KCC (September 10-11), RAEN provided an additional career center training workshop on October 30 to enhance the support programs already offered to students in career guidance and the employment search.

Lisa Klugewicz, KCC Senior Admissions Counselor, facilitated college preparation workshops for students on October 28-29, the latest in an ongoing effort to recruit program participants to KCC.

The **KCC Venture V for SNAP** participants program offers essential services and individualized counseling to help eligible SNAP recipients enhance their employment skills and secure employment opportunities. The program is currently accepting registrants, and the KCC college community is invited to refer potential participants who may benefit from the education and training opportunities provided by the program to the Academic/ESL Program Office for evaluation of eligibility and registration. Please contact program coordinator, Tatyana Rabotneva (Tatyana.Rabotneva@kbcc.cuny.edu), job development specialist, Lenora Asanova (Lenora.Asanova@kbcc.cuny.edu), or the Academic/ESL Program Office at (718) 368-4870 for further information.

For more information about the **STS ESL/Food Handlers certificate training program** and other offerings, including the **CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)**, **ESL70**, **HSE preparation programs**, and the **Venture V for SNAP** Participants program, please contact the ESL/HSE/SNAP Program Office at (718) 368-4870 or visit our Virtual Office. The Virtual Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 5:30pm You can join the Zoom meeting using ID: 857 4347 7610 and Passcode: 667012 at <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

Staff Presentations

Karolina Bizik, Director of Continuing Education, represented the division at **Resorts World New York (RSNY)** during an exclusive celebration to launch the **Jet Center, a sports and media innovation campus led by RSNY and NBA star Kenny “The Jet” Smith**. In partnership with RSNY, we anticipate offering a free **Introduction to Gaming Operations** course. More details will follow.

The department participated in the **NYSERDA Academic Wind Symposium** as a guest panelist on the **“Maritime Careers: Offshore Wind and the Blue Economy”** panel on October 15, discussing and promoting the variety of maritime and offshore wind-related training program offerings at KCC.

The **Vineyard Offshore** and the **CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network** hosted the **Pathways to OSW Careers Presentation for High School Teachers and College Counselors** on October 17 at KCC to promote the **Excelsior Generation: Pathways to OSW Careers Program** available to High Schools located in environmental justice communities and disadvantaged communities. Representatives from the four CUNY OWAN schools (KCC, College of Staten Island, New York City College of Technology, and LaGuardia Community College) collectively presented and shared a variety of resources, training opportunities, and the presentations that students would receive.

We attended the **NYCEDC/NYCDOT Blue Highways** industry day on October 31 to learn about NYC’s soon-to-be-released action plan, which details infrastructure projects for the next five years, with special highlights on micro freight, containerized freight, and bulk freight. Participation in this conversation was an excellent opportunity to connect with potential employers and training partners in the maritime industry.

Spring 2025 Catalog

The **Winter 2026 Catalog** will be available on November 17. To sign up for our Winter information session, visit us here <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/>. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Additionally, we are recruiting students for a variety of **No-Cost** programs and scholarship opportunities for programs scheduled to begin soon:

[No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program](#)

[Free Introduction to Gaming Operations course](#)

[Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program](#)

Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program

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