

Dear Campus Community,

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

### **Grant Proposals and Awards**

Two proposals submitted to the **CUNY Workforce Development Initiative** grant program:

- **Noncredit Certificate for Licensed Practical Nurse program, \$500,000 proposal.** If awarded, the funds will be used to develop a new non-credit LPN curriculum, support the application to the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, and pilot the training for one cohort of students.
- **Maritime Diesel Technician Training, \$375,000 proposal.** If awarded, this program will develop a comprehensive diesel technician training program in partnership with **KCC's Maritime Technology AAS program and 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.

We also submitted a **\$925,000 proposal to the NYC Economic Development Corporation** for a new **HVAC Training Program**, which would fund the creation of a state-of-the-art training lab on campus. HVAC remains a highly sought-after skill set that opens doors to lucrative entry- and advanced-level construction and maintenance careers. This new training center will enable KCC to offer grant- and contract-funded as well as tuition-based training programs, helping New Yorkers access pathways to gainful careers.

### **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**

KCC students have an opportunity to explore their future careers during **CUNY Career Discovery Week: Connect with NYC's Top Employers, happening November 3–7, 2025**. Organized by the **New York Jobs CEO Council in partnership with CUNY** and Borough of Manhattan Community College, this event is tailored especially for **first- and second-year students at both two- and four-year colleges**. Throughout the week, participants will join employer-hosted events across New York City, gaining insider access to some of the world's leading companies—including **Google, JPMorgan Chase, Citi**, and more.

**Students will have the chance to:**

- Step inside leading employer offices across industries
- Learn how and when to apply for internships and jobs
- Meet professionals who were once in their shoes
- Explore career paths in tech, finance, professional services, healthcare, and more
- Start building their professional network and career confidence

#### **Registration Details**

- **Closes:** Friday, October 17, 2025
- **Event Dates:** November 3–7, 2025
- **Register here:** [cunycareerdiscoveryweekhome.splashthat.com](https://cunycareerdiscoveryweekhome.splashthat.com)

This is a great chance for students to start building their future careers. Register early and secure your spot.

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** hosted **180 students** during the open house on September 17. Students were introduced to services and upcoming events while engaging in interactive activities. The team visited over 10 classrooms, with more sessions scheduled for October. **For faculty interested in welcoming a Career Advisor for a 5-minute introduction, please contact Marisa Joseph at [marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu) or complete [this form](#).**

The Center is seeking both **new and gently used professional clothing for men**. Please deliver your donations to Room C-102.

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

The **Fall Job & Internship Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, October 15th**, from **11:00am to 2:00pm in Room U219/220**. Please encourage students to register to attend and view participating employers [here](#).

**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](mailto:career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **Community Farm & Garden**

The **Community Farm and Garden** volunteer hours are on Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00pm, Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00am and 2:00 to 5:00pm, Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00pm, and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00pm. **Vegetable distributions** occur on Tuesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Breezeway. Students have priority, while faculty and staff may pick up starting at 12:30pm; please bring a reusable bag.

For faculty inquiries, research, collaborations, or to request a class bed, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at [Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates, follow **@KCC\_CFG on Instagram**.

### **Workforce Trainings**

The **Aging Mastery Program**, managed by Susan Lavin, **received \$10,000 from District 32 Council Member Joann Ariola and \$5,000 from District 47 Council Member Justin Brannan** to continue offering the program. This free, 10-class program is in collaboration with the **National Council on Aging**, based on a curriculum designed specifically for participants aged 50 and older. It focuses on developing skills necessary for measurable improvements in managing health, maintaining economic security, and actively contributing to society. **The Fall 2025 semester is now enrolling students, with classes beginning on October 14th**. Classes will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays from October 14-December 9, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. For more information and to register, please contact Susan Lavin at 718-368-5079 or email at [susan.lavin@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:susan.lavin@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Kingsborough is a **NYS Department of State-approved Real Estate education provider**. We offer tuition-based classes and free training opportunities.

- 75 Hour Real Estate Broker Training: October 20-November 24, \$399 (<https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=133121>)
- 6-Hour Ethics Course: November 7, \$49 (<https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=133122>)
- 77-Hour Real Estate Salesperson Training: (<https://forms.gle/penBdcqNw6gX8HYT6>)

**CUNY Office of Health and Human Services** provided funding for Human and Health Services students to enroll in the **Maternal Health and DONA Birth Doula training**. The training started on September 29th, and students who complete it will receive a CUNY Certificate of Completion in Maternal Health, as well as DONA Certificates of Completion in "Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas," "Lactation Support Education," and "DONA International Birth Doula Training." **Postpartum Doula training will be available in Winter 2026. Please join this waiting list to be notified when registration opens:** <https://forms.gle/hiVEkSF7Tqi5KY4x6>

In collaboration with **NYU Langone**, we have partnered to provide a **Community Health Worker training to 22 students**. Students will participate in courses such as Introduction to Community Health Service, Critical Issues in Community Health, Concepts of Wellness, and Community Health Interventions. **They will earn CUNY certificates of completion and up to 12 credits upon enrolling at KCC**. This is the **sixth cohort of CHW training**, and a concurrent CHW Upskilling program is preparing the fourth cohort of CHWs for career advancement in the field. We sincerely thank our colleagues in the **Community Health Department** and **Professors Gloria Moore, Claudy Damus, Yolanda Blue, Sasha Harry, and Brandy Barber** for their dedicated efforts in the program. We also want to recognize Professor **Nancy Nemorin**, whose support of students, faculty, and administrators has been instrumental in advancing this project.

The division launched a new website featuring the **Excelsior Generation: Pathways to Offshore Wind Careers program for High Schools**, as well as KCC's Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology training programs and the training programs offered by other CUNY OWAN schools. **For more information about this training program and the CUNY OWAN schools, click here:** <https://sites.google.com/view/excelsior-generation/home>

### **ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program**

The Fall 2025 cohort of the long-standing and successful **Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program** started classes this month. The STS Food Handlers Program offers intermediate to high-level non-native English speakers a unique, free opportunity to enhance their English skills while learning various kitchen techniques. Participants prepare to earn two vital industry-recognized credentials: the National Restaurant Association ServSafe certification and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Food Handlers certification. Students who complete this intensive 14-week program can also transfer seven credits to a Culinary Arts program within the Department of Tourism and Hospitality at KCC.

Following the ongoing success of Kingsborough's ESL/Food Handlers Program, the administrative staff was invited by the **NYC Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN)** to give a **Best Practices presentation on managing Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)** programs to other NYC-based programs. The conference was highly productive, and the discussion on the best practices of the KCC Food Handlers Program received very positive feedback from program administrators, RAEN, and NYSED officials.

**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**

**Robert Zandi**, Associate Director of Renewable Energy Programs, participated in three **Climate Week events** as a guest panelist to discuss and promote the division's Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology training programs, equity in the green sector, and the future of the workforce for green jobs. The three panels included "**Henry Street Settlements on Equity in Clean-Energy Jobs: Ending the Access Gap**," "**CUNY Climate Conversation: Connecting Students, Faculty, and Industry for a Greener Tomorrow: Climate Justice & Research**," and "**CUNY & California Community Colleges on Community Colleges and Climate Futures**."

Robert also attended the **Brooklyn Navy Yard's Green Skills** summit as part of the lead-up to **Climate Week** to promote KCC programs, foster new connections and collaborations to support our current training initiatives, and identify potential funders for future training and employer partnerships in **Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology**.

### **Spring 2025 Catalog**

The **Fall 2025 catalog** is now available, and registration for classes this fall is ongoing. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information about our programs, see this [video](#).

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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