

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for June 2026.

Grant Proposals and Awards

We submitted a proposal to **Con Edison** for an **Electric Vehicle Maintenance Training Program** in partnership with **Grady High School** in Brighton Beach. If funded, Grady Automotive students will receive scholarships for the **SME Electric Vehicle Fundamentals (EVF) Certification** course. The program fills a gap in Grady's curriculum by introducing EV technology and careers, preparing future automotive technicians for the growing electric vehicle industry through technical training and a Kingsborough-led career exploration workshop.

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden** is accepting **volunteers** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. **Student vegetable distribution:** Produce and Plants (tomatoes, peppers, etc.); July 1 – August 19, 12:00-2:00pm in the Breezeway. Please bring a reusable bag.

For **faculty inquiries, research, collaborations**, or to request a class bed for spring 2026, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **@KCC_CFG** on **Instagram**.

Community Programs

The spring 2026 semester offered many opportunities to showcase our strengths and engage with the community through a range of events and initiatives. These experiences helped us build valuable new connections and partnerships, laying a strong foundation for future collaborations and continued growth. A highlight was hosting the **College Experience event** for the entire community at **Sheepshead Bay Library, Grand Army Plaza-Central Library, and Flatbush Brooklyn Public Library**. There was strong interest in both degree programs and continuing education opportunities (GED, ESL, and workforce development), with more than 60 prospective students attending.

Workforce Trainings

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** held its acknowledgment ceremony on June 25th, during which **six (6) students completed** the program, and one earned a **High School Equivalency diploma**. The Academy also participated in the **Good Plus Foundation's** annual **Daddy Summer Stroll** at Prospect Park. Lastly, Kymel Yard, program director, spoke at Father's Day by L Ade Williams, as part of the **Imhotep Gary Byrd radio show on WBS 107.5, Wake Up Everybody**, alongside Real Dads Network Founder Derek Phillips to showcase the program's support for all fathers.

AI for Professionals: As workplaces continue to evolve with emerging technologies, a new workforce initiative is helping professionals prepare for an AI-driven future. In collaboration with the **Education Design Lab (EDL)**, a new course titled **AI for Professionals: AI Essentials & Future of Work** is set to launch this fall. This program is designed for learners from all backgrounds and offers **practical, hands-on experience with artificial intelligence**. Participants will develop skills in AI literacy, prompt engineering, generative AI tools, and chatbot development. With an emphasis on responsible innovation and workplace applications, attendees will gain future-ready

skills to enhance productivity, streamline workflows, and integrate AI into their daily professional activities.

For those interested in learning more or joining the waitlist, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/k4tkhDWqXC?origin=lprLink>

Renewable Energy Programs: June was an active month for our renewable energy programs.

- Staff met with the **Virginia Maitland Sachs Foundation, Henry Street Settlement, NYSERDA Jobs and Supply Chain Technical Working Group, Community Colleges and Climate Futures, and Solar One** to explore partnerships, strengthen collaborations, and refer participants to partner programs to support recruitment and boost enrollment.
- We completed our second **15-week free welding training** cohort. Using the **American Welding Society Fundamentals of Welding** curriculum, students learned stick (SMAW), MIG (GMAW), and TIG (TMAW) welding techniques, which prepared them to take AWS's 3G Welder Certification. Students who successfully passed the program **were eligible to receive college credits** upon completion of the program.
- This month we launched **Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (REST)**, a NYS Department of Labor's - Office of Just Energy Transition-funded program. The training, developed by KCC's Associate Director of Sustainability Programs, Robert Zandi, covers the **technology, history, science, training opportunities and jobs across renewable energy and sustainability sectors**. The training also provides participants with a dedicated **REST Career Navigation Specialist** and a variety of wrap-around supportive services, including OMNY cards, lunch, and the ability to apply for scholarships available only to participants. This first 5-day cohort enrolled 22 students. For more information on the program or to share the opportunity with your network, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/bPx9vGGwqzbH42DRA>

Over 2,900 applications were submitted for the **KCC Healthcare Accelerator** in partnership with NYC Small Business Services. Almost 700 students were enrolled in healthcare trainings at no cost and will receive employment readiness services in order to enter the healthcare field upon successful completion of the program.

Two (2) **Direct Support Provider (DSP)** classes have concluded, and a new partnership with **Access Supports For Living (ASFL)** was established which will make training and employment related opportunities available to students. Additionally, an articulation agreement is under development with the Mental Health and Human Services program.

Two (2) **Maternal Health and DONA Doula** trainings completed this month. 63 students successfully earned CUNY Certificates of Completion and DONA Certificates in "Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas", "Lactation Support Education" and "DONA International Birth Doula Training". Fall trainings will include Birth Doula and Postpartum Doula. Learn more about the [Maternal Health/Doula Program Here](#) and sign up for the interest list to be notified when registration opens up.

The **NYC Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN) Director, Lavern Nelson**, **recognized the outstanding work of the WIOA grant programs team** in meeting four criteria, i.e., enrollment, post-testing, measurable skills gain, and follow-up outcome benchmarks, for both the

second and fourth quarters of the annual report card used by AEPP and NYSED to evaluate grant performance. Students participated in information sessions hosted by the **NYC Consumer and Worker Protection Agency**. Previous sessions provided tax advice and scam alerts; during the first week of the month, the Program Office hosted very well-received presentations to educate our students about Workers' Rights.

Are you an **LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC interested in proposing and leading a Continuing Education workshop** for fellow mental health professionals?

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ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Almost **60% of the Spring 2026 CLIP students** who exited the program and transitioned to college **were successfully placed in ENG12 or ENG12ALP classes!** Some 46 students registered for the dedicated sessions for college advisement and registration. **Congratulations to all our program graduates!**

For more information about our many program offerings, including the ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program, Venture V for SNAP Participants, Pre-CLIP, CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP), Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program; and the High School Equivalency **HSE-70**, and Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, **Diploma Now**, please contact the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our [Virtual Office](#): Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

Summer 2026 Catalog

The **Summer 2026 Catalog** is now available. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

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