

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for May 2026.²

Grant Proposals and Awards

The **Office of Cannabis Management** issued an RFP for its **Community Grants Reinvestment Fund**, a program that reinvests funds in communities disproportionately affected by harsh federal and state drug policies. We proposed a new program that will provide **career-readiness and life-skills workshops** to young adults at KCC's satellite campus in **Cypress Hills** and throughout **East New York**. If awarded, we will receive **\$200,000** to provide workshops and one-on-one counseling to at least 70 students each month over the next 2 years.

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** is held on Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, with limited supplies. Please bring a reusable bag.

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

Workforce Trainings

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>

Healthcare Accelerator: More than **2,000 individuals applied** to the Healthcare Accelerator 2.0, which is funded by the **New York City Small Business Services**. Those selected for the program will take tuition-free courses designed to prepare them for careers

in healthcare. This marks the second consecutive year that KCC has partnered with SBS to provide tuition-free training for New Yorkers seeking to enter this industry.

In collaboration with **Central Synagogue**, we provided a **100-hour Community Health Worker training program for 10 students**. This initiative was a partnership with the **Center for Employment Opportunities** and **Northwell Health**. The training concluded on May 15th, and all participants successfully completed the program.

We partnered with **Professor Joanna Agnello, from the Department of Behavioral Sciences** and the **Center for Career and Transfer Services**, to host two workshops on careers in psychology. The first, titled "**From Classroom to Career: Alumni Stories in Action**," was held on May 11th. The second, titled "**Your Future: Psychology-Powered, Exploring Careers That Use Psychology**," was held on May 18th.

It was a busy month for **renewable energy** training programs. On May 5th, the **Energy and Carbon Management Resilience (ECMR) 1.2 training**, in partnership with the **Building Performance Lab**, began. The program started strong with 30 students and will run through July 15th. ECMR 1.2 provides intermediate-level instruction on energy in buildings and the fundamentals of energy technology, including hands-on lab experience and opportunities for multiple professional certifications to implement new energy technology in buildings. Program topics include improving efficiency and optimizing building operations through training and coaching; energy data analytics (monthly and real-time meter data); building energy modeling (EnergyPlus and others); measurement and verification (IPMVP and ASHRAE protocols); HVAC systems; building controls; data acquisition (via BAS or field equipment); and operational improvements. The program also provides students with certifications, stipends, career navigation support, and a variety of wraparound support services.

Renewable Energy Community Outreach Events:

May 11th: visited the **Henry Street Settlement's Clean Energy Career Connect**.

May 26th: met with the **Brooklyn Center for Arts & Technology** to explore maritime assets.

May 27th: collaborated with the **NYC Administration for Children's Services** to enhance outreach efforts.

May 28th: participated in the **JobsFirst Clean Energy Connect: Workforce and Resource Expo** to recruit participants and identify additional partners and potential host sites for the Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology training program.

Are you an **LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC** interested in proposing and leading a **Continuing Education workshop** for fellow mental health professionals? Please contact Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

CLIP instructors, staff, and administrators joined eight other CUNY CLIP programs for the annual ALL-CLIP Day, held at BMCC's Harlem campus on Friday, May 8th. The event featured a CLIP alumni and faculty panel, a range of engaging AI and instruction workshops, and **a tribute to retired CLIP faculty members, including KCC's Craig Diesslin, who served 24 years in the Kingsborough CUNY Language Immersion Program. We wish you all the best!**

Summer 2026 Catalog

The **Summer 2026 Catalog** is available. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.