

Dear Campus Community,

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

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning thank all who supported the **Dress for Success Boutique**. We appreciated the donations, words of encouragement, volunteers and those who provided support in any way. We served 156 students and 127 received professional clothing to attend the job fair and other related activities. More information about how students can get professional clothing throughout the rest of the semester is forthcoming.

The Center also held the fall job fair on campus, which hosted 18 employers and 121 students were in attendance. In honor of **Hispanic Heritage Month**, we will host a **Career Panel on October 6th at 3:00pm**. Please encourage your students to attend and hear from professionals about their career paths and experiences in the workplace. The event will be held in Room U-219/220.

The staff is available virtually on Mondays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00-4:00 pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Otherwise, students should visit Room C-102 or contact via email at careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu or phone at (718) 368-5115.

Community Farm and Garden

In collaboration with the Access Resource Center, we continued the **weekly vegetable distributions** for the first part of September. Also, the distributions occurred at the New Student Orientation, with special harvest from the Leon Goldstein High School, which the students worked on throughout the spring semester. We will schedule additional distributions until the end of the season.

A new submission deadline for the **Logo contest** which is open to all students and alumni, see details here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/farmlogocontest/index.html>

Leon Goldstein High School teachers will again utilize growing space at the farm for some of their science classes. We are also looking to support faculty in research projects on the farm as well as for those looking to run an **educational or club event**. If you are interested in using a bed for your class, please contact Dr. Shannon Caravello

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Grant and Award Updates

The division submitted a **\$250,000 proposal to the USDA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Education and Workforce Development Program** for the creation of an on-campus hydroponics lab. If awarded, Kingsborough will work with [New York Sun Works](#) to construct the lab and develop a curriculum for hydroponic workforce training. Kingsborough will leverage partnerships with groups such as the [NYC Campaign Against Hunger](#). This food security organization operates a number of urban farms across the city, including a new hydroponic facility in Coney Island (in progress).

Program Updates

CUNY Fatherhood Academy: Started cohort 14 on September 27th. Khalil B. from Cohort 13 passed his GED exam. Alumni Seth M. will be featured in "My CUNY Career Story". Seth completed his High School Equivalency and then went on to earn a welding certificate and is now working in Underwater Diving and Welding.

CompTIA: Classes for the Fall 2022 Network+ cohort began on September 20th, with 24 students led by instructor Daniel Neville. CompTIA Employment Specialist, Andrew Calhoun joined the team and will provide job search assistance and one on one career coaching to students.

Job Corps Scholars: Alumni Akera conducted a presentation to fellow Scholars at our recent Employment Counseling group workshops about "Learn How to Ace the Interview".

DesignWorks: On September 29th, the program hosted a portfolio review session for current students and alumni with designers from Meta (formerly known as Facebook). UX Designers use portfolios to showcase their design processes to potential employers. Having a professional review of their portfolios is an incredible opportunity for new designers. Facilitated by Amanda George, Product Design Manager at Meta, and Hillary Stackpole, DesignWorks Program Director, fifteen students joined breakout rooms for one-on-one review sessions with Meta design team members. Students had an amazing time connecting with the Meta professionals, who gave our budding UX designers valuable and actionable feedback on their work. We look forward to working with Meta again on similar events.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Program: The office is currently registering students for full-time ESL and HSE programs to prepare for college and career pathways. Please direct prospective students to [HSE registration](#) or [ESL registration](#).

and attended the college's Job Fair taking advantage of an excellent opportunity to meet with employers. He at

