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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW CHRISTOPHER M. REBER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation Board of Directors Chair, Joseph Napolitano, Sr., announced that the College's President, Dr. Christopher M. Reber, has pledged a personal donation of \$50,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund for full- and part-time HCCC students. Dr. Reber will fulfill this pledge through payroll deduction over the next five years. He plans to continue adding funds to the scholarship endowment throughout his lifetime and through his estate planning.

Mr. Napolitano said Dr. Reber created the endowment to provide a stable and perpetual source of income that will assist HCCC students in paying tuition and achieving their academic goals with fewer interruptions or postponements.

More than 90% of HCCC students are eligible for financial aid or scholarships. The Christopher M. Reber Endowed Scholarship will be awarded by the HCCC Foundation Award Selection Committee to full- and part-time students enrolled at the College, including Dreamers and international students, who are in good academic standing; have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5; and demonstrate financial need.

"We are very grateful to Dr. Reber for this endowment. He believes in leading by example. Students awarded scholarships from the fund will be able to focus more on their studies as it will reduce the worry of balancing their coursework with jobs, caring for families, and taking on student loans," Mr. Napolitano said.

Since becoming HCCC President in 2018, Dr. Reber has led a range of initiatives to support a student-centered learning environment, one that addresses economic and social challenges that are roadblocks to retention and completion. Each month Dr. Reber hosts "Pizza with the President" and Town Hall gatherings that allow him to meet one-on-one with students, faculty, and staff in order to learn about their needs and concerns, and support and celebrate their accomplishments. He has worked closely with the HCCC community and Foundation in establishing and developing

HCCC food pantries and the one-stop "Hudson Helps" services and support centers on the Journal Square and North Hudson campuses that address food insecurity and financial needs and concerns of students and their families.

Dr. Reber led the College's decision to join the Achieving the Dream network, a nonprofit national organization of high-achieving community colleges that utilizes evidence-based institution programming to improve student success. He championed the construction of HCCC's first state-of-the-art Student Center on HCCC's Journal Square Campus in 2019. He is leading and supporting the College's engagement in local, regional and national partnerships that support an upward trajectory of life-changing opportunities for students and the community. The award-winning HCCC "Out of the Box" video podcasts that he initiated and hosts spotlight the accomplishments of students, faculty, staff and community members, and build awareness of the College's achievements and innovative programs.

Outstanding student loans in the United States totaled \$1.41 trillion in 2019, a 33 percent increase from 2014. The Community College Research Center (CCRC) at Columbia University Teachers College reports that about 80 percent of U.S. community college students work, with 39 percent working full time. CCRC indicates that even though community colleges have a much higher proportion of low-income students than other higher-education sectors, their students' rate of receiving a \$2,000 per year Pell Grant is lower than at public and private four-year colleges.

"Dr. Reber's endowment sets an example that will help the Foundation raise funding to reduce and eliminate the disparities that have affected our community – especially our Latino and African American citizens," Mr. Napolitano stated.

Information on the Christopher M. Reber Endowed Scholarship may be obtained by emailing nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu.

ON THE COVER: HCCC President Christopher Reber (second from right in foreground) with officers and members of HCCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at a recent induction ceremony.

For information about online, remote, and on-ground learning and the College's plans to return to on-ground operations, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to visit the Return to Campus Task Force web page - <http://www.hccc.edu/returntocampus/>

ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE

HCCC's *Achieving the Dream* Dream Team has successfully completed and submitted its Student Success Action Plan! Heather DeVries and Dr. Sheila Dynan, Dream Team Co-Chairs, would like to extend their gratitude to all members of the Dream Team and the College community who contributed to the Action Plan. The Dream Team is comprised of individuals from across functional areas and roles at the College, and the development of the Action Plan has been a truly collaborative experience. As part of its Student Success Action Plan, the Dream Team created a Student Success Vision Statement. This Vision Statement will guide our Student Success work in Years 2 and 3 of HCCC's Achieving the Dream membership and beyond.

Hudson County Community College is committed to engaging every student through a culture of care grounded in equitable, inclusive, and holistic supports. We empower our community of scholars to achieve their personal, academic, and professional dreams and goals. We maintain

a steadfast focus on student success including degree completion, transfer pathways, gainful employment, and engaged civic participation.

Two Student Success Priorities are at the center of HCCC's Action Plan. Priority #1 focuses on increasing fall-to-fall persistence for students enrolled in ESL and/or Academic Foundations coursework. Currently, approximately 90% of new first-time, full-time students begin in an ESL or Academic Foundations course sequence at HCCC. Priority #2 focuses on continuing to create a culture of care at HCCC that supports students in persisting by leveraging the roles of student leaders, removing barriers that prevent students from persisting, expanding services provided by Hudson Helps, and engaging students with academic supports. Each Priority employs multiple Strategies through which the goal will be accomplished. As the Dream Team moves into the next phase of its work, each Strategy will have two Dream Team members who will serve as co-leaders and who will spearhead the implementation of that Strategy.

These Strategy-focused groups will be referred to as "How Teams" as they are focused on implementing initiatives and interventions, or the "how's" of how we accomplish our Student Success goals. The How Teams will be comprised of Dream Team members and members of the college community.

The Dream Team will continue to provide regular updates on its work and communicate progress on the Action Plan. The Dream Team looks forward to entering the next phase of its work and continuing to celebrate Student Success with the entire HCCC community.

SAVE THE DATE
for Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's
Year 2 Visits!
October 13 & 14, 2020
March 11 & 12, 2021

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS: EFFECTIVE TEACHING PRACTICES

During the summer, a time of rest and relaxation, these reflective commentaries continue to highlight the learning experiences of our colleagues in the Association of College and University Educators Effective Teaching Practices course. If you enjoy reading these reflections and the quality of learning implemented, consider enrolling in the next cohort in January of 2021. Contact Dr. Paula Roberson at proberson@hccc.edu for more information.

Ahmed Bekkouche is an adjunct instructor.

"This is a good opportunity for me as an adjunct faculty member, to take time to reflect upon the way I am teaching. Giving surveys to my students allowed me to learn from my mistakes, and improve my teaching style. I insist on this practice to keep me motivated and be more professional. My class is three hours long, and I needed to learn how to keep my students focused, especially since I have diversity in my class. There are younger and older students, workers, and different cultures.

"The lecture must be no more than 20 minutes, and during that time, the students get what is most important to know. The rest of the time should be practice with students, activities, or work with small groups. Each video I am watching in the ACUE course allows me to be more creative and improve my teaching styles. Reading the comments of my colleagues, and their experiences in teaching is an extra help for me."

Sibyl Ponder is a member of the English & ESL Division.

"As an adjunct teaching at more than one college, it became essential for me to learn and practice time management when incorporating ACUE curriculum into my day-to-day schedule. Although the modules were long, they were on point and full of great resources, sometimes extending beyond the time I set aside to work on the ACUE curriculum.

"Often, my assignments were turned in late and it helped me to realize that students can have problems in disciplining themselves to complete

assignments. ACUE helped me to develop a little more empathy and also to offer tips to students on time management by not waiting until the last minute to complete an assignment. Also, with the COVID-19 pandemic, online learning requires much more discipline for all concerned.

"One of the main objectives in signing up for the ACUE curriculum was to enhance my skills as an educator. I gained so much insight on how to improve methods that I was already implementing and learned new techniques that I can't wait to try. While still in class face-to-face, I did implement a few techniques and didn't really get the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the techniques.

"I was delighted to be able to share with my colleagues and get their perspectives on different techniques being demonstrated. It's refreshing to see so many instructors dedicating time to become more effective in the classroom, endeavoring to make the learning experience enjoyable and rewarding for most, if not all, students."

SAVE THE DATES FALL 2020 START-UP EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

College Service Day, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Virtually*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

All College Faculty Orientation, 6:00 p.m. *Virtually*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Convocation *Virtually*

HCCC Is Freezing Tuition

for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

The College is committed to helping students achieve their goals while exercising care and concern for their well-being.

Tuition and Fees for 2020-2021 academic year will remain at the same levels currently in place for 2019-2020.

We Are Still Here for You!

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following on their anniversary with Hudson County Community College!

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
 Ruth Aman
 Jeanne Baptiste
 Madeline Carchia
 Heather Connors
 Charles Juliano III
 Ja'via Hall
 Omar Hamza
 Addison Keim
 Yelena Landa
 Alexis Muniz
 Doreen Pontius-Molos
 Maritza Reyes
 Laura Samuelson
 Sarah Teichman
 Rong Xiao

5 Years
 Sirhan Abdullah
 Kathryn Buckley
 Lauren Drew
 Zakia Hmamou
 Jerry Lamb
 Courtney Payne
 Genny Sanchez
 Geoffrey Sims
 Richard Walker

10 Years
 Joseph Caniglia
 Velino Joasil
 Catherine Sweeting

15 Years
 Lisbety Ferrer Martinez

20 Years
 Siddiqui Mohamedrafiq
 Richard Skinner

25 Years
 Gary Bensky

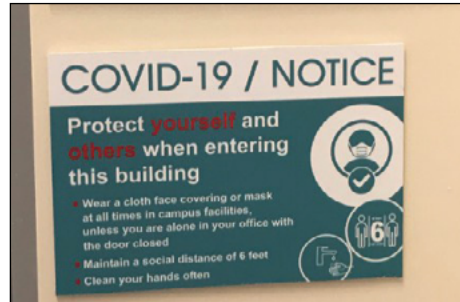
35 Years
 Nitzia Berrio

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

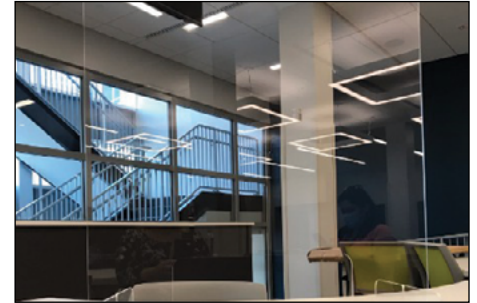
One Year
 Erika Andral
 Vanessa Contreras
 Brianna Heim
 Susan Lipyanka
 Mhonerra Mauleon
 Manesha Singh

15 Years
 Amorfinu Muhi

HCCC PREPARES FOR FALL 2020 REOPENING



Signs for office doors remind occupants and visitors of safety protocols.



Sneeze partition for Safety & Security team members who greet visitors to the Student Center.



Restrooms will have occupancy limits depending on the number of stalls.



Classrooms and conference rooms will have a maximum occupancy to optimize social distancing.



The College will employ one-way corridors to minimize transmission.



Floor signs will remind occupants to remain six feet apart.

HCCC CONTINUES DIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and the President's Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) built upon its successful programming with a robust July calendar of important initiatives. These events are planned in direct response to the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, and the subsequent civil unrest.

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Innovation, in partnership with PACDEI, concluded a weekly book talk discussing *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo.

The Office of Student Life and Leadership, with PACDEI, hosted a panel discussion, "Student Leaders in the Movement," on Tuesday, July 7. The forum featured HCCC student leaders who are actively involved in the Black Lives Matter movement, the change they want to see, and suggestions on how you can get involved in making change happen.

On Thursday, July 9, the Office of Human Resources, North Hudson Campus, Academic Support Services Centers, and PACDEI hosted "Rest

in Power," a virtual vigil for a moment of reflection and remembrance for victims of social injustice.

On Thursday, July 16, the Office of Human Resources and PACDEI launched a new discussion series, "Our Stories Untold." Inaugural speaker Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, shared and answered questions about his compelling journey and experiences.

PACDEI encouraged participation in Strike for Black Lives with an "8:46 Pledge," in recognition of the death of George Floyd, on July 20. The 8:46 Pledge asks supporters to take 8 minutes and 46 seconds at noon on July 20 to either take a knee, walk off the job, or observe a moment of silence.

On Thursday, July 23, the Office of Human Resources, the North Hudson Academic Support Center, and PACDEI presented a panel discussion on allyship.

On Thursday, July 30, Prof. Dorothy Anderson, in collaboration with the Office of Human Resources, the Academic Support Services Centers, and PACDEI facilitated a virtual celebration of the life of civil rights icon Congressman John Robert Lewis, who died on July 17.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the Office of Human Resources, the North Hudson Academic Support Center, and PACDEI will host an open discussion on colorism.

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Office of Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

GRADUATION SPOTLIGHTS



Andrich Rabano
Hospitality Management

Thank you to all of my professors, classmates, friends, relatives, and of course to my family. Without all of you, my achievements would not be possible at all. Congrats to us, 2020 Graduates! Aim High, Dream Big.



Annette Coleman
Human Services/
Pre-Social Work

This has been a long journey for me, but I was persistent, and relentlessly compelled to complete HCCC. Congratulations to all the graduates.



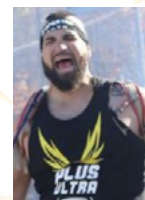
Chrstena Abdalla
Accounting

It was the best decision to join HCCC. I achieved my dream to get my Associate in Accounting. Sometimes I got stressed from homework and projects and it was a big challenge, but that helped me to be a leader in my life. I just want to thank my friends and teachers for the good memories. I want to tell everyone just get started to achieve your dreams, you still have time. For my kids, I hope you are proud of your mom and I'm sorry if I was busy.



Crystal Holland
Liberal Arts

I started Hudson County Community College in the fall of 2017. I was nervous, scared, and excited all at the same time. However, I was ready to start this new journey. HCCC has taught me the true meaning of determination. No matter the circumstances, if you are determined you will make a way to beat all obstacles. Although I had to take a semester off because of a higher position at my job, I was determined to graduate to set an example for my son. I'm proud to announce, I did just that and my journey here is not over. Thank you, Hudson County Community College, for the great experience.



Joe Malast
Exercise Science

I started my college journey early 2017 with so many trials and tribulation working full-time and going to school full-time. I found we can honestly say I'm the first one in my generation with a college degree. I would like to thank all my professors at HCCC and the EOF program for giving me the tools to pave the way for a better future.



Madhusika Wijesun
Accounting

I studied for a few years in HCCC, I still remember my first day. I was so nervous, but now I have gone a long path with HCCC. I wasn't that good in English but I completed English classes at HCCC. After that, I decided to complete my degree too. HCCC is really helpful for every student. I want to say thank you to all the professors, my friends, and everyone else who helped me to complete everything very successfully.



Whether we are your first choice or you are considering postponing enrollment at another institution, **keep moving forward this fall at HCCC.**

- **No increase in tuition and fees for 2020-2021 year**
- **HCCC Foundation and Hudson County Government Scholarships available**
- **Courses available in more than 60 degree and certificate programs**
- **Credits transferable to four-year institutions**
- **Free Tuition for Eligible Students through the Community College Opportunity Grant**
- **Appeal for more Financial Aid!**
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for Fall classes!

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call (201) 714-7200

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and Spring 2021!**

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Eligible students will receive
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and fees.

(for students with an adjusted gross income
of \$65,000 per year or less)



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201.714.7200 | Text: 201-744-2767

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Reda Agourram and Karima Jlifi participating in the Friends of Liberty State Park gardening project on July 18.



After a break on July 4, gardening resumed on July 11 with Annie Linares, Courage Lahban, and Pedro Moranchel.

PTK Edge Achievers

Congratulations to Rimsha Bazaid and Sofia Pazmino Freire, who have completed all four #PTKEdge courses. PTK Edge is comprised of four free, online, self-paced modules offered exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members. The modules are titled: Get the Job (employment); Transfer to a University (transfer); Set Yourself Apart (competitive/professional development); and Build Research Skills (scholarly research/Honors in Action).

YEAR UP UPDATE

On Monday, July 27, we celebrated Year Up's inaugural class at HCCC for successfully completing phase one of programming (six months of intensive career training and development). Despite being faced with this pandemic, Year Up students have performed exceptionally well and persisted throughout. Twenty-seven Year Up Fellows will start their internships on August 3, 2020. We are excited to announce that students will be interning at the following companies listed below. Please help us celebrate our students! You can check out some of our fellows on HCCC's social media platforms.

- Bank of America
- BNY Mellon
- BNP Paribas
- Fidelity
- Hearst Communications
- Mass Mutual



- Morgan Stanley
- NASDAQ
- New York Life Insurance Company
- Prudential
- S&P Global
- Salesforce
- Verisk Analytics
- and Twitter!

THE ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL IS INVITING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY TO JOIN.

The Council consists of six standing committees: Academic Affairs; College Life; Development and Planning; Space and Facilities; Student Affairs; and Technology.

Membership is by appointment from a pool of volunteers. By serving on a committee, you have the opportunity to participate in the development of policies and procedures that affect the College community and its operations.

The decision to volunteer or not to volunteer is one that each employee has a right to make without influence or pressure.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Lauren Drew at ldrew@hccc.edu.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are presently serving on a committee and have served for four years on that same committee, you can volunteer to serve on a new committee. If you have served two years on your present committee, you can choose to continue or move to a new committee.

SAVE THE DATE

ACC's first meeting of the year will be held following College Service Day on August 26.



CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, August 6
4 p.m.

During this event you will:

- Learn about the Construction Management Program at HCCC
- Discover how you will be exposed to modern-day construction protocols, materials, procedures, etc.
- Acquire information on job opportunities and future employment projections within the field of Construction Management
- Receive guidance on enrolling at HCCC

And more!

Pay: The median annual wage for construction managers was \$93,370 in May 2018 and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$161,510.

Job Outlook: Employment of construction managers is projected to grow 11 percent from 2016 through 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Construction managers are expected to be needed to oversee the anticipated increase in construction activity over the coming decade.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics -
<https://bit.ly/3ewokDU>

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**



Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1250+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

Each month, this page in HCCC Happenings provides updates on artists whose work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Steve Fretz for the generous donation of 29 gorgeous photographs of the New Jersey urban landscape.

ARTIST NEWS

Works by Egyptian-American artist **Ibrahim Ahmed III** are installed at both the Journal Square and at the North Hudson Campuses. In a recent interview in Egypt, he discussed the role of contemporary art in encouraging reflection on personal history. "Heritage," he says, "is an ongoing process." While describing a sculpture he is creating, he talks about "activating spaces with contemporary art," which he says allows for the landscape to change in terms of how people relate to their heritage. This idea has unusual resonance given the ongoing and heated discussion in American culture about the role of public statues. Check out the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpvX0mIf6ww>.

The Foundation Art Collection is privileged to own a work by major American photographer, **Gordon Parks**. Parks' work will be exhibited at the Alison Jacques Gallery in London through Oct. 1, 2020. In a review of the show, the British magazine *AnOther* highlights some of Parks' accomplishments: In the 1950s the first black photographer on staff at *Life* magazine; in the 1960s, the first black director to make a Hollywood studio film, *The Learning Tree*; and in the 1970s, he made the hit film *Shaft*. He is most famous as a photographer, for his profound portraits of American Black life. He was also an accomplished writer and poet. When he wrote about how art worked in his life, he said, "I picked up a camera because it was my choice of weapons against what I hated most about the universe: racism, intolerance, poverty. I could have just as easily picked up a knife or a gun, like many

of my childhood friends did ... most of whom were murdered or put in prison ... but I chose not to go that way. I felt that I could somehow subdue these evils by doing something beautiful that people recognize me by, and thus make a whole different life for myself, which has proved to be so." And he also thought deeply about the purposes of his work: "What the camera had to do was expose the evils of racism, the evils of poverty, the discrimination and the bigotry, by showing the people who suffered most under it." He reflected on his career: "In fulfilling my professional and artistic ambitions in the White Man's world, I had had to become completely involved in it [...] At the beginning of my career I missed the soft, easy laughter of Harlem and the security of black friends around me ... Many times I wondered whether my achievement was worth the loneliness I experienced, but now I realize the price was small. This same experience has taught me that there is nothing ignoble about a black man climbing from the troubled darkness on a white man's ladder, providing he doesn't forsake the others who, subsequently, must escape that same darkness." His posthumous foundation (<http://www.gordonparksfoundation.org/>) makes grants to young black artists seeking to make a "better life and a better world."

If you like the work of **Frederick Phillips** in the Sixth Floor Conference Room in the Gabert Library, you might enjoy thumbing through this virtual "flip book" catalog of recent works by the artist: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=OTg98369>

Mickalene Thomas' work is featured on the first floor of the Gabert Library. In a recent video, Thomas interviewed her old friend, artist Derrick Adams, about "Buoyant," his current show at the Hudson River Museum through Aug. 23. The



Gordon Parks, Place de la Concorde (1951) Photograph (Parks made this print in 2002 from his 1951 negative.)

exhibit features images of Black people enjoying themselves and relaxing on the water. Adams says, "When I made my work ... I thought about how radical that would be if we were to focus our attention on lived experience as a form of subject matter; and how much that would influence ... the future generation of artists and people to look at leisure and Black leisure as a form of radicalness or revolutionary because we're showing that regardless of all the things that are happening to Black people all around the world, we still find time to connect with each other. And that if we were constantly in this place of battle, we couldn't really exist. We would need time to replenish our love and faith and joy." For a glimpse of this work, check out the video *Black Radical Joy*, at <https://www.the-narrative.org/post/black-radical-joy-with-derrick-adams-mickalene-thomas> or make a safe, socially-distanced, masked trip to the Museum.

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the art collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the art collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, or (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools? Go to www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections

Here is your opportunity to invest in the future of our community, one in which your generosity will be doubled and make a phenomenal, life-changing impact at an unprecedented time of challenge.



National Giving – Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will match your donation, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000. Your tax-exempt donation to the HCCC Foundation Giving Tuesday Match Drive will help HCCC students complete their education and make transformational changes in their lives.

You may donate at www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor

For more information, contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at chiaravalloti@hccc.edu

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ON OCTOBER 13

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation invites area residents and businesses to participate in its 18th Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The event, which will be held at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, will include a continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m. shotgun start, cocktails, luncheon, and awards ceremony.

Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to scholarships for HCCC students, and to the College's growth and development.

Several sponsorship opportunities are available: Lunch Guest, \$100; Hole Sponsor, \$400; Individual Golfer, \$500; Cigar Sponsor, \$500; Hole Sponsor with foursome VIP package, \$2,200; Cocktail Sponsor, \$4,000; Golf Cart Sponsor with foursome, \$4,000; Lunch Sponsor with foursome, \$4,000; Breakfast Sponsor with foursome, \$4,000; Awards Sponsor with foursome, \$4,000; and Tournament Sponsor with foursome, \$6,000. Those who cannot participate may contribute any amount. Payment may be made by credit card or check made

payable to HCCC Foundation, 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mirta Sanchez, Assistant to the Vice President for Planning and Development, at 201-360-4004 or msanchez@hccc.edu.

The HCCC Foundation is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students by providing them with scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation provides seed money for the College's physical expansion, new programs, and faculty development. The Foundation also provides for the cultural enrichment of area residents, and the HCCC Foundation Art Collection with over 1,250 works of art by nationally and internationally renowned artists.

Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided scholarships to more than 2,300 students. In addition to the Annual Golf Outing, the Foundation's Board of Directors organize and hold the following fundraisers: Night at the Races



(a family-oriented event), the HCCC Employees' Scholarship Luncheon (where faculty and staff support the Foundation through pledged donations), Annual Appeal, Dining Series, West Hudson/North Arlington events (Taste of Fall, North Hudson Mardi Gras), and the December Holiday Scholarship Extravaganza, the largest and most festive of all of the Foundation's fundraising events.







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LIBRARY VIRTUAL OFFERINGS



Librarians are available daily via chat, email, and live via video conferencing.

Reach out to us with assistance with moving to remote instruction.


Visit <https://library.hccc.edu/remote> or email librarian@hccc.edu.

HCCC Remote College Placement: You Have Options!

When enrolling at HCCC, students can choose from three options to determine their college placement:

- 1. College Placement Exemptions**
You may be eligible for college-level course work by submitting qualifying High School transcripts, SAT, ACT, TOEFL, and AP scores.
- 2. Online College Placement Test**
You can take the College Placement Test through Examity's online proctoring services.
- 3. Directed Self-Placement**
You will review course descriptions/expectations followed by a brief questionnaire. At the end of questionnaire, you will select preferred course placement.

For more details and instructions go to www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement



We are still here for you!

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36 hours, 6 weeks
Sept. 14 - Oct. 22, 2020

Project Management Certificate Program

Hudson County Community College's Department of Continuing Education is proud to offer a live, fully online Project Management Certificate Program this fall. The certificate program promises participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of various principles and processes involved in managing a project of any size in any industry effectively. Project management training is a highly desirable skill to have as an employee. Increasingly, employers are screening candidates for either the PMP credential or training before they are hired for project management jobs. Globally recognized and demanded, project management training demonstrates that you have the experience, education,

and competency to lead and direct projects.

Project managers are a pivotal part of any organization and can be part of almost any industry. As change agents, project managers are responsible for planning and overseeing projects to ensure they are completed efficiently with maximum quality and value added to the business. They set goals, identify measures of success, and encourage team members to collectively accomplish tasks within an organization. They often work with upper management to understand the overall strategy of specific projects, and to determine the tasks and timeline of completion.

At the conclusion of the Project Management Certificate program students will be provided with a certificate of completion and a digital credential from the college that shows you have gained the essential skills to be a project manager. Note that this program is not a crash course intended to prepare students with tips and tricks for the PMP exam. It is a fully comprehensive, stand-alone certificate program designed to provide students with a full training in proven strategies and practical, hands-on tools to drive successful project outcomes. This certificate also counts towards 36 hours of the educational requirements that are necessary to sit for the Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] or the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)[®] certification exam, should students choose to pursue accreditation.

Who Should Enroll?

- Looking to take your career to the next level and increase your value as an employee
- Pursuing project management as a new career path
- Overseeing a project for the first time
- Manager or an active participant in a project team
- Looking for formal, foundational project management education
- Interested in earning the CAPM[®] or PMP[®] certification in the future

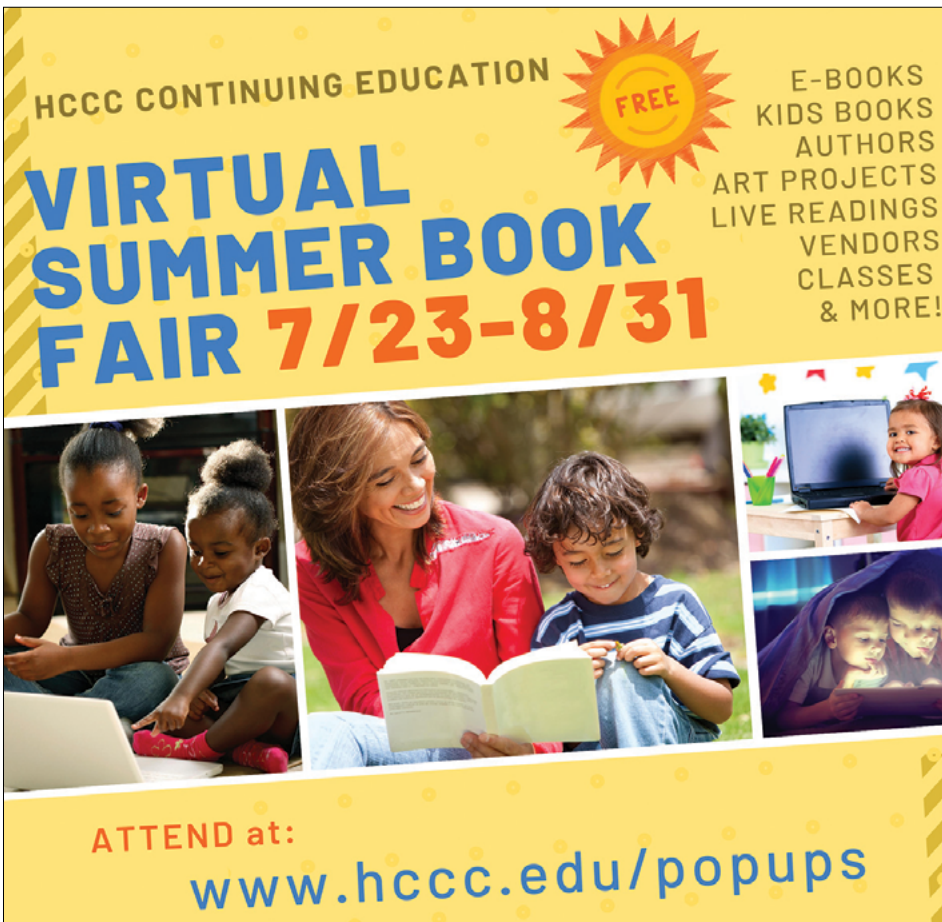
The instructor for this program is ASQ Certified, with over 18 years experience as a Project Manager Professional (PMP) and is a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt and Certified SCRUM Master.

This 36-hour program runs for six weeks, from September 14 – October 22, 2020, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, from 6-8pm. Each class is held live, via Zoom, for enhanced learning and full engagement. The certificate is competitively priced at \$1000 and tuition reimbursement and payment plans are available for students.

Live, Online Information Sessions will be held on August 20, 2020 from 12-1pm and from 6-7pm. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the instructor and have their questions answered.

Register at: www.tinyurl.com/pmcfall20

To learn more about the program please contact amuniz@hccc.edu.



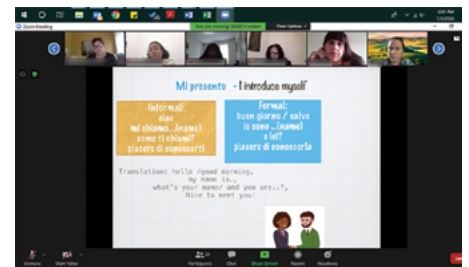
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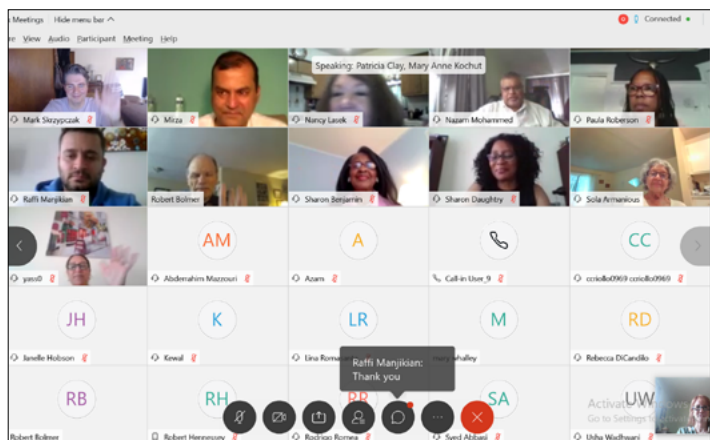
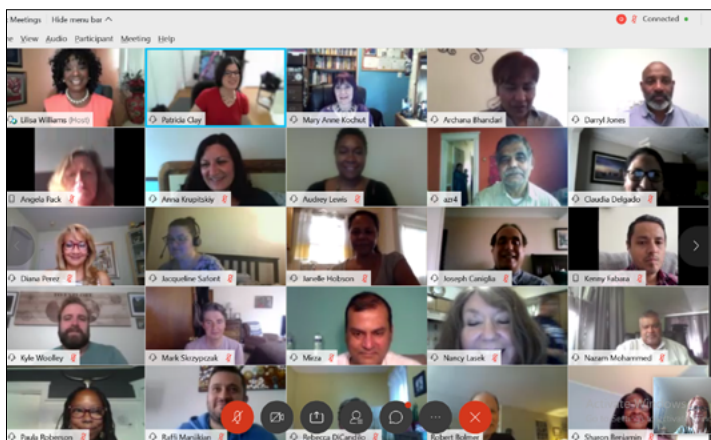
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CE's first Basic Italian class began on July 7 and will run for 10 sessions. Students were so engaged in the live, virtual class, run by instructor Gabriela Fossati that they formed their own learning community on Google Hangouts to study and practice together! A second level of Basic Italian will launch mid-August. To learn more, please contact amuniz@hccc.edu.

6TH ANNUAL ADJUNCT FACULTY CONFERENCE



By Lilias Williams, Director, Faculty & Staff Development

This year, Hudson County Community College convened the 6th Adjunct Faculty Conference, held annually during each summer season. The conference has always been a great gathering of adjunct faculty and the overall Hudson County Community College (HCCC) community. This year's conference was special because it was the first time the event was held virtually as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though the event was held virtually, there were seventy-one attendees from divisions across the college, showing that the adjunct faculty are proud to serve and be a part of HCCC. Also in attendance were HCCC's senior leaders: Dr. Chris Reber, President; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President & Provost; Dr. Darryl Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources, and Patricia Clay, Chief Information Officer. Appreciation is extended for their attendance and contributions.

The theme of this year's adjunct faculty conference was Building Excellence in Remote and Online Learning. The entire college moved to online teaching in midstream during Spring semester and continued into the Summer sessions. Faculty did a

noteworthy job in transitioning their traditional face-to-face course toward a solely online learning environment. The adjunct faculty discussed their experiences teaching virtually in the Spring and Summer sessions. They also spoke about the teaching modalities that will be used in the upcoming Fall semester. Currently, HCCC is planning to have Fall semester courses offered online, on ground, or remotely.

Additionally, there were four panel discussions during the conference that conversed about remote and online learning in general. First, the student panel shared the student perspective of virtual learning and the benefits and risks associated with it. Second, the faculty panel gave advice on their perspective of virtual teaching and learning and tips to improve. Third, the student services panel provided information about mental health counseling, accessibility services, tutoring services, and the writing center. Members from each service explained how they can provide help to the HCCC community virtually. Lastly, the Faculty Services panel informed participants about mentoring, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, the Center for Online

Learning, the Library, and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Innovation. Throughout each panel, prizes were given out to those adjunct faculty who participated in the conference.

The adjunct conference provided a rare opportunity for adjunct faculty to speak comfortably about issues and their concerns, but also gave an opportunity to reach out and have a role in the HCCC community. It is indicative of the commitment and passion towards HCCC that so many adjuncts participated in the conference. As a result, it is clear the adjunct faculty are willing to help and mentor students as well as connect with all members of the HCCC family. We all are truly appreciative of the opportunity to take a part in the conference and we hope to continue to help one another succeed and triumph, especially during these difficult and uncertain times. We look forward to getting together with everyone and seeing everyone again, in person and online. The planning committee of the 6th Annual Adjunct Faculty Conference consist of Dr. A. Pack, C. Delgado, K. Krishan, L. Williams, S. Daughtry, C. Criollo, and J. Caniglia.

HCCC is committed to your success!!

Students who do not have access to a computer can borrow a Chromebook from the College.

Students in need of a Chromebook for the fall semester (begins September 2) should submit a Coronavirus Concern Form:

Be sure to include your full name, Student ID #, phone number and HCCC email. Students will be contacted with pick-up information.

Students who borrowed a computer for the spring or summer terms and are not enrolled for the fall must return their device to one of the food pantries once their class has ended. Food Pantries hours: Journal Square Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; North Hudson Campus Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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ALUMNI CORNER

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What has been the most memorable project/case you have worked on?

The most memorable project I have worked on was coordinating our Virtual Graduation Celebration for our EOF Scholars. I was saddened to know this class was not going to be able to walk across the stage and receive their diploma. As a first-generation student, I knew exactly how they felt. My mission was to make their virtual graduation celebration as memorable as possible. I had President Reber present, faculty, and staff, our scholars, and special guest speakers: Adios America. Adios America is run by two women that use poetry performances to tackle immigration, anti-blackness, and feminism within latinidad. These two women joined our scholars from California and the Dominican Republic. I created a presentation of each of our scholar with their picture, their major, where they are transferring to, and their favorite EOF memory or quote. I shared each slide in our social media platforms to remind our scholars that no matter their circumstances their EOF family will always be there and supporting them. This project was made with so much love because they deserved to be celebrated and reminded that they are capable in facing any challenge that comes their way.

Who are your biggest inspirations that have impacted your work in some way?

My biggest inspirations and blessings have to be my EOF team and family. It truly is a blessing to not only love doing what I do but to obtain a family out of it as well. Mr. Lowe, Mr. Knight, Ms. Tejal, and Ms. Rosie, a huge thank you for guiding me when I mostly needed it. Each and every one of you contributed in different ways that helped shaped me into the woman I am today. Two years

ago, I was completely a different person with little confidence not knowing where to go or what major to pursue. Listening and learning from my team I have gained more confidence in myself and my professional career, learn more about my strengths, and given me the tools necessary to grow as an individual both personally and professionally. I am forever thankful for my team and our passion for EOF.



What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

To my recent graduates, each and every one of you are resilient. Despite a pandemic, you were able to hold onto that motivation and persevere. Although this was not the way you wanted to graduate, promise yourself to not stop dreaming about your future. Each and every one of you are stronger than you think. My advice to recent HCCC graduates is that with knowledge comes power and a great responsibility. It is our responsibility to pass on to others what we have learned and be the change we wish to see in the world.

What advice do you have for those students who are just starting their college careers?

My advice to those starting their college careers is to be your authentic self. I know it could be terrifying at first thinking someone might judge you but being your authentic self will help you in creating friendships and memories that will last forever. Believe in yourselves, and create a support group that will motivate one another and help each other succeed.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 4

Last day to complete official withdrawal for Summer Session II

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.; join at <https://zoom.us/j/98759717090?pwd=bm9rT0xYV3duTHJZWUhmRkRZai9EZz09> or by dialing 1 929 205 6099 and entering the Meeting ID number 987 5971 7090.

Safe Space Training, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCAugustSafeSpace>

Wednesday, August 5

Open Discussion on Colorism, 12 p.m.

Presented by the Office of Human Resources, the North Hudson Academic Support Center, and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (PACDEI). Register/join at <https://bit.ly/30m4JCx>

Thursday, August 6

Virtual Book Discussion – “Interpreter of Maladies,” 2 p.m. Join at <https://bit.ly/39REt63>; Meeting ID: 982 8199 0944; Password: 850937

Construction Management Virtual Information Session, 4 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/2PhtY2H>

Tuesday, August 11

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.; dial 1-866-390-1828 and enter access code 1768607 #.

Wednesday, August 12

HCCC Virtual Information Session en Espanol, 7 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/3fszjP8>

Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18

Final exams for Summer Session II

Tuesday, August 18

Final exams for Summer Online Session B

Wednesday, August 19

Cybersecurity Virtual Information Session, 3 p.m., <https://bit.ly/3i1UOrH>

Wednesday, August 26

College Service Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All College Council Meeting, 2 p.m.

All College Faculty Orientation, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 27

“These Are the People in Your Neighborhood” Series featuring Angus Vail, 12 p.m.

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?
Are you willing to contribute time?
Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?
Are you looking for career support?

If so join, socialize and network!

For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership] benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.

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COMMENCEMENT 2020

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 12 p.m.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center - Newark, NJ

ALUMNI CORNER

Guadalupe J. Urizar

Class of 2019

Associate of Arts– Psychology

What factors led you to decide to attend Hudson County Community College?

As a first-generation student, I was unaware of the process one needed to go through to attend college. All I was aware was the stigma behind attending a community college. If someone would have told me years back that I was going to be attending Hudson County Community College, I would have never believed that to be true. My mission was make my parents proud like any first-generation student coming from immigrant parents and that was to attend a well-known University. However, since I had no idea how to navigate the process of entering college I was not aware of the GPA requirements needed to apply to a University. My GPA was not that great and the only University that accepted me was New Jersey City University. As long as it was not a community college, I attended NJCU. However, I was only able to attend one semester because at the time my tuition was not being covered fully and my family were not able to afford it. I needed to work full time for a year to and put school on hold to pay off my tuition fees. Thankfully, my best friend then guided me into applying to Hudson County Community College since it would allow me to continue working part-time and go to school full-time. He explained to me how it would benefit me financially and academically and the opportunities of me raising my GPA and apply for scholarships. I can now say attending HCCC was the best decision I ever made in my college career because it open many doors for me personally, academically, and professionally.

What is your favorite memory of the College, in or out of the classroom?

My favorite memory of the College was when the Secretary of Higher Education, Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis, Executive Director of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) David Socolow, and Assemblywoman, Angela McKnight visited to hear student concerns. I was able to sit in with other students and express our concerns regarding our Higher Education system. It was an awe moment to sit and converse with current leaders that are leading our state. It was a wakeup call that I want my future careers to be within Higher Education. As I continue my bachelor's degree at Rutgers University-Newark in Public Affairs Administration, this event gave me the push I needed to apply for the internship under the Secretary of Higher Education. Although, I did not get the opportunity to intern for their office I did get the opportunity to interview for the position and it was a bittersweet moment in my career experiences. Not only was it a step close to my dream, it was also during a pandemic in which at times I thought there was no hope for anything great to spark up my career goals. I am forever thankful for HCCC in bringing leaders like Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis to speak to students and have their voices heard.

How did you become interested in [major/career]?

In attending HCCC, I graduated with my Associates in Psychology. My reason for pursuing this degree at first was because of the stigma different societies have created for mental health. As a Latina coming from immigrant parents, mental health was never discussed and

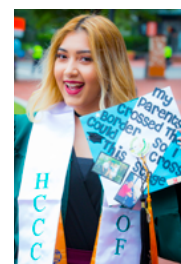
if someone mentioned their depressed or anxious they would identify them as 'crazy'. I wanted to bring more awareness on mental health especially in the underrepresented communities. As I continue my studies at Rutgers University-Newark, I realized there was so much more I wanted to do. Being a psychologist or social worker was not going to be enough for me. I found my passion in majoring my studies in Public Affairs and Administration with a minor in Social Justice-Honors Living Learning Community (HLLC). Working in a government sector will provide me the opportunity to create change or be part of the change for our communities.

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career/ life now?

HCCC is a huge part of my success academically and professionally. It allowed me to push myself academically and become an Honor Scholar. My favorite memory and opportunity was taking an honor class for English 102 with Professor Wexler. That course opened my mind and helped me believe in myself. Taking this course at an honors level motivated me to continue to learn and I saw my potential. I was inducted into three different honor societies. If it wasn't for HCCC and the different opportunities the college has for students I would not be succeeding like I am today. I currently work for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program here with HCCC and recently made two years with the program. HCCC also provided me the opportunity to apply and interview for the Honors Living Learning Community (HLLC) at Rutgers University Newark and be one of the forty transfer students to be accepted to minor in Social Justice and be awarded with a housing scholarship. I can proudly say I am forever grateful for the different opportunities HCCC provided me with.

What is a typical work day for you?

Now that everything is remote, there has been a tremendous change within the Higher Education offices overall. Although I am not able to see my team members in person we have staff meetings daily via zoom to not only discuss our EOF program but also as a check-in. This pandemic has affected us all physically, emotionally, and mentally. I am forever grateful to not only have my family at home supporting my remote from home career, but also to have a team that has been not only catering to our scholars but also for each other. I do miss seeing our students pop in our office even if it was to only say hello. As the program coordinator for our program, we have been programming different virtual events to not lose our connection with our students and each other. There really isn't a typical work day for me throughout this pandemic but somehow we tend to continue our routines which is key and continue to be that support system for our students.



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