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HCCC HOLDS 'TOPPING OUT CEREMONY' FOR STEM BUILDING ON JAN. 6



Pictured from left at the Jan. 6 topping-out ceremony the for HCCC's STEM Building: Anthony Romano, Hudson County Freeholder; William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair, HCCC Board of Trustees; Barbara A. Netchert, Clerk of Hudson County; Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive; Jeanette Peña, HCCC Trustee; Sandra Bolden Cunningham, New Jersey State Senator, 31st Legislative District; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of HCCC; Harold G. Stahl Jr., HCCC Trustee; and James A. Fife, Mayor, Town of Harrison and HCCC Trustee Emeritus.



Pictured from left at the Jan. 6 topping-out ceremony the for HCCC's STEM Building: Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of HCCC; Harold G. Stahl Jr., HCCC Trustee; and James A. Fife, Mayor, Town of Harrison and HCCC Trustee Emeritus. All three, as well as others in attendance, signed a ceremonial beam which is a time-honored tradition in architecture and construction.

From the Editor's Desk

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Hudson County Community College (HCCC) hosted the official topping-out ceremony of its new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. The event occurred at the College's 2 Enos Place building in Jersey City – near the site of the STEM Building which is now under construction at 257-263 Academy Street in Jersey City, NJ.

Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise and several state and local elected officials joined HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman William J. Netchert, Esq., other Board members, and the College's President, Glen Gabert, Ph.D. In addition, HCCC students and members of the College's

administration and faculty were also on hand for the event.

The six-story, 70,070 square-foot, state-of-the-art building, which is scheduled to open in 2017, will be home to the College's STEM programs. When completed, the building will have floors dedicated to General Science, Electronics Engineering Technology/Physics/Engineering, Biology/Microbiology, and Chemistry. The steel frame structure with concrete floors on metal decking has been designed with science and computer labs, classrooms, and student break-out rooms on each of the top five floors, as well as offices, student lounges, lecture halls, a coffee shop, and exhibit space.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY TO BE PRESENTED 2016 ACRL EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been notified that the College is one of just three academic libraries in the United States to be selected as a recipient of a 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of that institution. Macalester College DeWitt Wallace Library (St. Paul, MN) and Atlanta University Robert W. Woodruff Library (Atlanta, GA) were also named as recipients of the ACRL awards.

HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. said: "This award is testimony to the dedication and teamwork of our Library staff in attending to the needs of our students and our community. The ACRL has informed us that this is the first time any New Jersey college or university has been selected to receive this award, and we are especially proud to be the first."

In a statement, ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis said: "These three deserving recipients demonstrate commitment to student learning, information literacy, and assessment with a focus on continuous innovation and engagement with the campus community that exemplifies today's best academic and research libraries. Receiving an

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

7th Annual Homeless Memorial

On Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, Hudson County Community College/Beta Alpha Phi alumna Jacqueline Withers and Professors Claudia Delgado, Kewal Krishan, and Theodore Lai assisted at the 7th Annual Homeless Memorial at the Old Bergen Church in Jersey City. In the morning, bags with gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, and other supplies were made. In the afternoon, there was a memorial service and a reception. The supplies were distributed in the afternoon. At the Homeless Coordinated Entry/Drop-In Center, 514 Newkirk Avenue, coats and supplies will also be distributed. Donations are needed. Please contact Joanne at (201) 604-2600, ext. 203, or volunteer@gs-cdcc.org.

Research & Development Council of New Jersey Presents Scholarships to HCCC Students

The Research & Development Council of New Jersey awarded eighteen 2015 Merit Scholarships. Eight of the winners are Hudson County Community College students: Mohamed Amarir (Engineering Science), Gabriel Barros (Computer Science), Alexander

Cid (Electronic Engineering Technology), Samavit Mekbeb (Science), Luis Moreno-Hernandez (Electronic Engineering Technology), Mary Oburu (Chemistry), Gianna Padilla (Nursing), and Ninel Garrido-Trevino (Nursing). The recipients were recognized at the 6th Annual Merit Scholar Luncheon in the summer, and at the 36th Annual Edison Patent Award's Ceremony and Reception at the Liberty Science Center on Nov. 12.

NYC MS Climb to the Top

This event, sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rockefeller Center. Beta Alpha Phi Chapter's Volunteer Team is named "Phi Theta Kappa, HCCC." To register as a volunteer, please visit https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TRR/Special/NYNGeneralEvents/1088998575?pg=tfind&fr_id=26546

Scholarships Administered by Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa administers scholarships using a common application. Applicants may apply for one scholarship on the common application or multiple



Dr. Azhar Mahmood (left), Phi Theta Kappa member James Pereira Shorey, and Theodore Lai volunteered in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on January 16.

scholarships at the same time. The Spring Scholarship Application opens on March 2 and closes on May 15. Please visit <http://www.ptk.org/scholarships> for more information.

HCCC TO PRESENT SCREENING OF AWARD-WINNING FILM, 'FREEDOM RIDERS'

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will present *Freedom Riders*, the fourth and final film in the series, "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle," on Monday, February 29 at 3 p.m. The film will be shown on the sixth floor of the College's Library Building at 71 Sip Avenue – just one block from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center in Jersey City. A discussion of the film led by Grace Patterson, the former Director of the College's Library, will accompany the screening, which is open to the HCCC community and the general public; there is no charge for admission.

The "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" initiative marked the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington, and was made possible by a grant to the College from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Hudson County Community College was one of only 473 institutions nationwide awarded the collection of four films, which also included *The Abolitionists*, *Slavery by Another Name*, and *The Loving Story*. The initiative was developed using powerful documentary films to spark discussions about the changing meanings of freedom and equality.

Freedom Riders is the Emmy-award winning historical documentary directed by Stanley Nelson about the courageous band of civil rights activists who challenged segregation in the American South in 1961. The film is based in part on the book by historian Raymond Arsenault titled *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice*. The term, "Freedom Riders" refers to hundreds of interracial activists who traveled together in small groups sitting where they chose on trains and buses to challenge the racial segregation that existed.

Additional information on "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" and the screening of *Freedom Riders* may be obtained by contacting John DeLooper, HCCC Director of Library Technology, at (201) 360-4723.

HCCC FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FACULTY TEAM TO ATTEND NISOD CONFERENCE IN MAY

Four faculty members and Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction/Sciences, will be attending the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Conference in Austin, Texas in May. The faculty member team includes Dr. Nancy B. Booth (ESL), Dr. Sirhan Abdullah (Health Sciences), Kathryn Buckley (Academic Foundations English), and Dr. Jerry Lamb (Criminal Justice). Sirhan Abdullah will also be presenting at the Conference on "Promoting Active Learning: Strategies for the College Classroom" through the lens of allied health; he instructs classes for Nursing and Health Sciences and is the coordinator of Health Services. What interested him most about attending the NISOD Conference is the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops and learn from best practice institutions.

Nancy Booth teaches Reading and Academic Discussion for ESL Levels 2 and 3; she has also participated on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Academic Calendar Committee, D-Mentors program, the Graduation Committee, and many others. She believes that by going to the NISOD Conference, she will enhance her professional practices leading to increased student engagement.

Dr. Jerry Lamb is an Instructor in the Criminal Justice program. He teaches a variety of courses in Criminal Justice ranging from Introduction to Criminal Justice to Criminal Law. He is an active member of the Academic Affairs Committee. He also works extensively with EOF, which is a state-sponsored program that supports students who want to attend college, but need additional academic and financial support. In addition to mentoring students in EOF and in the Criminal Justice program, he also participates with D-Mentors, created to as-

sist staff and faculty seeking support with their doctoral pursuits.

Kathryn Buckley teaches courses for both the Academic Foundations English Department and the Humanities Division. She is looking forward to attending NISOD in May to learn about best practices in the teaching of English and is excited that the conference focuses on student success. She believes that she will come away from the experience with ideas that she will be able to incorporate into her current curriculum.

Congratulations to these faculty members for being selected to attend the upcoming NISOD conference. The mission of the NISOD organization is to be committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. NISOD programs are based on the principle that teaching excellence is a result of focused leadership, increased awareness, excellent teaching strategies, and the appropriate use of technology. NISOD also promotes teaching excellence through its various activities and webinars throughout the year.

Sending a team of HCCC faculty to the conference gives faculty a chance to collaborate with each other, learn new techniques, and discuss their learnings in end-of-day discussions. Participants then return to HCCC and share this new information with their colleagues.

Catherine Sweeting, Dr. Shannonine Caruana, and Hope Stephenson served on the NISOD selection committee. Importantly, this program is fully funded by the HCCC Foundation as a professional development initiative focused on excellence in teaching.

NEW BENEFIT: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Appreciating that it can be challenging to balance everyday personal, family, and work-related issues, please be advised of the new Employee Assistance Program, E4Health. E4Health is a free, confidential service that is available to all employees, as well as their household and family members. E4Health provides assistance with a variety of topics, including:

- Anxiety, depression, relationships, substance use, and domestic violence
- Child care, eldercare, and pet care
- Financial and legal concerns
- Everyday household matters
- Health and wellness

E4Health's professional counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer immediate telephonic support as well as referrals to local counselors and other resources. Simply call the toll-free, confidential helpline at (800) 227-2195 to access any of the above services. Your call will always be answered by a live, Master's-level counselor.

Additional information is available on the Human Resources Benefits portal page <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/facultystaff/humanresources/benefits>.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR 2016

The Internal Revenue Service has published new standard mileage rates for business expenses. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, the standard mileage rate for the use of your personal vehicle for business travel will be:

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven in 2016, down from 57.5 cents for 2015

Please use this rate when filling out travel expense reports when using your personal vehicle for College-related travel. Note: This does not apply to your regular travel commute from home to work.

NEW HEALTH CARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: FORM 1095-C

New reporting requirements per the Affordable Care Act (ACA) began tax year 2015. The ACA requires Hudson County Community College, similar to other large employers, to issue Form 1095-C to its full-time employees. The form confirms that the College offers minimal essential health care coverage to its employees.

The Internal Revenue Service uses the form to identify individuals that are ineligible for the premium tax credit because they have been offered employer-sponsored coverage. In addition, the form confirms an individual is not subject to ACA penalties as he/she has employer-sponsored coverage.

MILESTONES

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

20 Years

Patricia Murphy

15 Years

Sandra Aviles
Taramatty Persaud

10 Years

Michael De Matas
Catherina Mirasol

NEW HIRES/ NEW TITLES

Dedrick Albert, Human Resources Administrator

Otoniel Bolanos, College Lecturer, ESL

Idalia Chicas, Help Desk Manager

Zuany Chicas, Payroll Officer

Saba Daud, Biology/Chemistry Lab Technician

Chastity Farrell, Coordinator, Outreach

Sheila Dynan, Director of Health Related Programs

Faiza Fayyaz, Biology/Chemistry Technician

Dayneesa McMillan, Assistant Controller

Keith Raymond, Administrative Assistant – Finance

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Executive Director (Center for Online Learning)

Academic Lab Manager

Accountant

Adjunct Positions

Associate Director Student Financial Assistance

Career Development Counselor

College Lecturer, Academic Foundations - English

Community Education Customer Service Assistant PT (multiple positions)

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Data Network Administrator

Director of Admissions

EOF Counselor

Executive Director of Engineering and Operations

HR Office Assistant (Part-Time)

Instructional Designer and Technologist

Instructor of Computer Science

Instructor of Physics and Mathematics

Instructor of Romance Languages

PC Technicians (2 positions)

Systems Coordinator (Non-Traditional Programs)

Tutoring Coordinator

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To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the "Jobs @ HCCC" page at www.hccc.edu.

INTRODUCING ...



OTONIEL 'OTTO' BOLANOS, COLLEGE LECTURER (ESL)

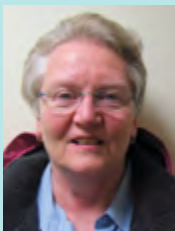
Otto always makes it a point to make learning easy and fun. During his high school years in Colombia, he felt the need to learn English in order to get better grades and wanted to help his classmates at the same time. This led to his dream of becoming an English teacher.

He pursued that dream at Valle University in Colombia. While there, he began his experience as a formal educator, teaching English for Academic Purposes in 1989. In 1991, he received a bachelor degree in Modern Languages. Otto continued teaching ESL for over a decade in Colombia where he also had the opportunity to work as a teacher/trainer, staff developer, curriculum implementer, program administrator, and workshop presenter.

In 1999, Otto came to the United States to immerse himself in the English language and American culture. He worked as an ESL instructor for various language institutes in New York City, gaining more valuable experience in the process.

In 2002, he joined the team of ESL instructors at Hudson County Community College. This encouraged him to sharpen his English teaching skills by entering into the Multicultural Education Graduate program at New Jersey City University and the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) certification program.

Otto cites his own life example when he teaches his students. He encourages them to follow their dreams, no matter how great.



DR. SHEILA DYNAN, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS

Dr. Dynan earned her Doctor of Medical Humanities from Drew University; a Master of Social Work from New York University; her Master of Physical Education Administration degree from Montclair State University; and a Bachelor of Physical Education and Health degree from the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Dr. Dynan holds the following certificates and licenses: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (NJ); Certified New Jersey School Social Worker; Certified New Jersey School Personnel Services; Certified NJ Supervisor/Principal; Certified New Jersey Teacher K-12 Physical Education; Certified Teacher K-12 Health and Physical Education, English and Biology in Massachusetts.

Most recently, Dr. Dynan served as Dean of the School of Health Studies at Berkeley College. Previously, she worked at College of St. Elizabeth as Chair of Allied Health and Fitness; at New York University as an Adjunct Professor of Graduate Social Work; and at Morristown Medical Center's Crisis Intervention- Emergency Department, where she remains on a per diem basis.

In her new role, Dr. Dynan will provide leadership to the College's Health Related academic areas (with the exception of nursing).



IDALIA CHICAS, HELP DESK MANAGER

In 2004, while attending classes and studying Management at Hudson County Community College, Idalia Chicas joined the part-time staff in the computer labs on campus. After earning her degree from HCCC, she became a full-time Lab Coordinator. In this role she managed more than 30 lab assistants and maintained 25 working labs across the Journal Square and Union City campuses.

Idalia has continued her education at New Jersey City University, where she has been studying Business Administration and recently graduated.

Regarding leadership, Idalia says, "You have to be willing to set an example. Come to work on time, communicate to others with respect, pay attention to your professionalism which includes dress and demeanor, find answers for people who need them, and have a can-do attitude!"

In her new position, Idalia will provide hands-on client support and training for help desk staff.



CHASTITY FARRELL, OUTREACH COORDINATOR, NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

As Outreach Coordinator for the Division of Non-Traditional Programs, Chastity builds strategic business and community relationships, and coordinates various outreach activities in order to promote the wide array of programs under the Non-Traditional umbrella. These departments consist of Community Education, the Center for Business and Industry, High School Dual Enrollment (LEAP), the Center for Online Learning, and Evening, Weekend, and Off-Site Programs.

Chastity's former role was Special Projects Coordinator for the Center for Business and Industry, and the bulk of her career has been in business development and marketing in the fashion and media industries.

Chastity has a Bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship with a minor in Economics from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She also has associate degrees in Fashion Merchandising Management from the Fashion Institute of Technology and in Fashion Design from Parsons, The New School for Design.



KEITH RAYMOND, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, FINANCE

Keith Raymond, the College's new Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department, has several years' experience in administration. He joined Hudson County Community College in January 2016 and came to the College from Providence College, where he also served as an Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs.

Keith received his Bachelor's degree in Fashion, Textiles Merchandise, and Design with a minor in General Business from the University of Rhode Island. He is also a graduate student pursuing his Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at New Jersey City University.

As an Administrative Assistant, Keith will be responsible for providing administrative support, participating in special projects as assigned, and effectively collaborating with others to contribute to project completion.

SPRING COLLEGE SERVICE DAY: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 2016



Clockwise from top: Instructor Lester McRae (center) is presented with one of two Johnston Communications Awards for Excellence in Teaching. McRae is pictured with, from left, Philip Johnston of Johnston Communications Voice & Data; Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development and Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President. Not pictured is Assistant Professor Angela Pack, also a Johnston Communications Award recipient.

Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduces a video presentation on employees' reasons for working at the College.

Dr. Paula Pando, Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs, gives an update on new Cultural Affairs offerings, "Spring Forward to a New Season."

Dr. Jerry Trombella, of Research & Planning, gives updates on HCCC's strategic planning process.

Dr. Paula Roberson, Assessment Coordinator, provides updates on College assessment.

NJCU AND HCCC EXPAND PARTNERSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAY PROGRAM IN STEM FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS WITH ASSOCIATED SCHOLARSHIPS

New Jersey City University (NJCU) and Hudson County Community College (HCCC) have agreed to an innovative expansion of their general partnership and dual-admit initiative in STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The goal of the newly announced Pathway Program and scholarships is to increase Hispanic student participation in STEM career fields.

Through the new Pathway Program – which will become effective in the fall 2016 semester – students have the option of dual admission to STEM programs at both institutions or seamless transfer from Hudson County Community College to New Jersey City University.

Hispanic students transferring from the HCCC STEM program to the NJCU STEM program may apply for a newly instituted NJCU Provost Scholarship for STEM Education. The Provost Scholarships will cover 100% of tuition costs for two years. As many as ten Provost Scholarships will be awarded each year. Applicants for the Provost Scholarship must have earned a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 while studying at Hudson County Community College. Students who are not awarded a Provost Scholarship become eligible for a non-standard rate of tuition with a \$4,000 per year discount for two years.

Both HCCC and NJCU are designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), two of only 271 colleges and universities in the U.S. recognized as HSI institutions by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Hispanic students are traditionally under-represented in most STEM fields.

"Making higher education opportunities in STEM accessible for minority students has been a strategic initiative at both institutions," said Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC vice president for academic affairs. "These scholarships and reduced tuition rates help make it tangible, real and accessible for Hispanic students to act on their dreams."

In announcing the expanded partnership, Dr. Daniel J. Julius, NJCU senior vice president and provost, said, "The opportunity for STEM study for Hispanic students is consistent with our highest priorities. This will be a wonderful pathway for an important constituency and, coupled with reduced tuition costs for those enrolled in the Pathways Program in STEM, will encourage exceptional students to explore a field which offers attractive career opportunities and employment possibilities. I am delighted we can work collaboratively with HCCC on this innovative program and thank both Presidents for their support."

TENURE PORTFOLIO REVIEW



Professor Abdallah Matari reviews one of four tenure portfolios over the winter break.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, 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 Acknowledgement

Thank you to Paula Roberson for the generous gift.

Thank you to the EFA Robert Blackburn Print-making Workshop for the generous gift of the Amber Heaton woodblock and photopolymer relief print, *Concurrence* (2015).

Artist News

If you like the print of *Dodo MMVII* by **David Beck** on view at the North Hudson Campus Library, you might enjoy seeing his *Dodo Museum* which has been exhibited at the Smithsonian. It is on display at Allan Stone Projects through Feb. 20, 2016. The gallery is located at 535 West 22nd Street, 3rd Floor. Other works by David Beck are also on display.

The show includes a different print from the edition which we have at North Hudson. In a review on *Hyperallergic*, **John Yau** says of the work, "The dodo may look dumb and foolish to us, but our own foolishness turns out to be monstrous. Beck's devotion to this impossible recreation is a funeral hymn full of whimsical visual notes, a gentle reminder of human waste and greed."

Malcolm Bray, whose painting *Out of the Blue* (ca. 1990-91), was recently acquired by the Collection, will be participating in an exhibition at the Hunterdon Museum through May 8. The exhibition, titled, "Discomfort: Experiments in Furniture, Function and Form," is curated by Liz K. Sheehan. It features objects that resemble furniture, but do not function as such. "When we own objects purely for their utility, there is a tendency to see past them," said Sheehan. "Through a sense of discomfort that's both literal - 'I can't sit on it' - and psychological - 'I don't understand it' - these sculptures prompt us to look anew at objects around us."

If you like the 1960s **Joseph Kossuth** works installed on the fifth floor of the Library Building, you might enjoy the exhibition "Made at Conception" at Castelli Gallery, 18 East 77th Street, New York City through Feb. 19. The exhibit features four other works from the 1960s. This includes one of his famous works in neon. Interviewed recently by *The Wall Street Journal* about this exhibit, Kossuth says of the sound the neon bulbs make, "It's a little like going to an aquarium. It's the sound of thinking." Kossuth's work has caused confusion and consternation for decades because he works with concepts and avoids traditional materials. Kossuth says, "If you begin with the presumption that artists work with meaning, not with forms and colors, you get a whole other approach for seeing art. The idea was to get rid of the aura around the work of art. It's a burden and we don't need it."

Christo, whose work is also installed on the fifth floor of the Library Building, is currently in Abu Dhabi making the largest sculpture in the world, involving 410,000 barrels.

If you'll be in Milan, Italy in the next few weeks, you might enjoy visiting the Cardi Gallery's **Sol LeWitt** exhibit, which includes 13 works from the 1960s to the 2000s. The HCCC Collection's works by Sol LeWitt — one on each campus — are in the North Hudson Campus library, and on the fifth floor of the Jersey City Culinary Conference Center. They were made by the artist, while he was alive. Read on to understand why that is unusual ... Closer to home, both at the entrance to Christie's auction house at 20 Rockefeller Plaza, and at the entrance to the Columbus Circle Subway station at 59th Street, you can see enormous new works by the artist, who died in 2007. LeWitt was a pioneer in what's called "Conceptual" art. In the 1960s, LeWitt, like Kossuth had an idea about art



David Beck, "Untitled (Dodo with Interior Dodo Diorama)" (1977), mixed media, carved and painted wood, glass, and feathers, 21 x 14 x 27 inches .

that still shocks people. He wrote, "The work is the manifestation of an idea. It is an idea and not an object. ... The idea itself, even if not made visual, is as much a work of art as any finished product." LeWitt's "work" is often just scribbled instructions. It's up to someone else to make the piece. So, even though he has been dead for nine years, many "original" LeWitt works are still being made today. (This may also help explain why an art dealer was recently sued for millions of dollars for losing a client's instructions about how to make a LeWitt.)

Anne Q. McKeown – whose enormously long lush landscapes are installed at the Welcome Center at North Hudson Campus and at the Center for Business & Industry workshop space in the Journal Square PATH Plaza – is exhibiting art work through Gallery Aferro in the *Activate: Market Street* project. Her work will be installed in a storefront at 77 Market Street in Newark through May 21, 2016.

To donate to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, Hudson County Community College Foundation, 70 Sip Avenue, 4th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306, jsansone@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4006.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PRESENT "CONTEMPORARY HUDSON COUNTY," FEATURING THE WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will hold the opening of "Contemporary Hudson County," the latest installation in the College's Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 1 p.m. The Gallery is located on the top floor of the College's Library Building at 71 Sip Avenue – just across the street from the Journal Square PATH Station in Jersey City.

HCCC Director of Cultural Affairs Michelle Vitale said that "Contemporary Hudson County" was curated by HCCC Professor Laurie Riccadonna and includes the works of several Hudson County artists, some of whom are members of the HCCC faculty and staff. In addition to reflecting the

diverse lives and concerns of the people of Hudson County, the exhibit also addresses the changing identity of Hudson County, and its status as a growing center for the arts and creative endeavors.

The exhibiting artists include Thomas John Carlson, Michelle Doll, Eileen Ferrara, Allison Green, Armando Guiller, Deborah Jack, Iris Kuvert-Rivo, Doug Madill, Jason Minami, Edwin Montalvo, Margaret Murphy, Katie Niewodowski, Duda Penteado, James Pustorino, Jon Rappleye, William Santos, Jill Scipione, Jeremy Smith, Anne Trauben, Michelle Vitale, and Amy Wilson.

The College has scheduled a reception for the exhibit on Tuesday, February 2 from 3 p.m. to 5

p.m. On Friday, February 5 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Professor Riccadonna and Ms. Vitale will lead a curatorial tour of the exhibit, which will enable the community to learn more about all of the works. Some of the exhibiting artists will be in attendance at the event.

Finally, a panel discussion with selected exhibiting artists is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 10 at 12 noon.

"We are very proud to be able to showcase the work of so many local artists in this exhibit at Hudson County Community College, and we congratulate Professor Riccadonna for a job very well done," said HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. "The ex-

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PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Johnathan Cintron (left) and Devlyn Courtier at the 17th Annual VALE NJ ACRL Users' Conference at Rutgers University.

On Jan. 15, Library staff members Carol Van Houten, John DeLooper, Kate Bellody, Lawren Wilkins, Mei Xie, Johnathan Cintron, and Devlyn Courtier attended the 17th Annual VALE NJ ACRL Users' Conference at Rutgers University. The theme of this year's conference was "Library as Locus: Energizing your Campus Community." The keynote speaker was Dan Russell, Senior Research Scientist, Search Quality and User Happiness, at Google. Russell talked about the intersections between Google users and library users, and what the commercial and educational search worlds can learn from each other.

Johnathan and Devlyn presented a poster session at the conference titled, "Gaming in an Academic Library: Hosting a Super Smash Brothers Tournament at Hudson County Community College." They demonstrated how gaming can have a role in academic library programming by featuring HCCC Library's experience hosting a Super Smash Brothers Tournament. They discussed the process and logistics of hosting

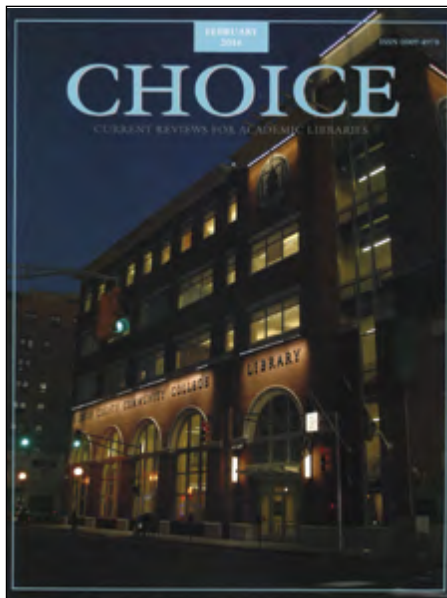
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hibit is an affirmation of Hudson County artists' prominence in today's world of art, and of the important role the College is playing in making their work more accessible and better known."

Dr. Gabert said that the "Contemporary Hudson County" exhibit is just one part of the College's extensive calendar of special, cultural events offered to the College and general community this spring. A complete listing of the upcoming events is available online at http://www.hccc.edu/uploadedFiles/Pages/Explore_HCCC/Cultural_Affairs/spring-2016-cultural-affairs-events-summary.pdf.

The Hudson County Community College Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge for admission.



The February 2016 cover of Choice magazine, a publication of the American Library Association, on which the HCCC Library is featured. (Photo courtesy of Carol Van Houten)

the tournament, and spoke with librarians from others institutions who are considering creating similar programming at their own college and university libraries.

In January, the Library was selected as the 2016 winner of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the community college library division. Hudson County Community College is the first college in New Jersey to win this award. This national honor is a tribute to the services and programming the HCCC Library provides to our community. "Our achievements are the direct result of having a dedicated and creative library staff who truly care about our students," Carol Van



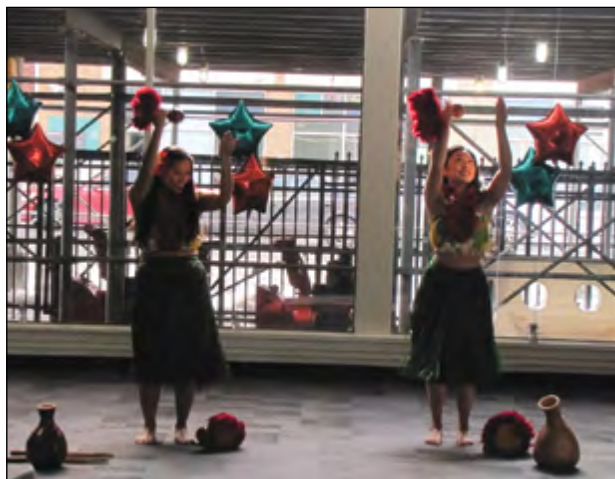
Theatre Arts Coordinator Joseph Gallo (left) receives the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Prize for Innovative Teaching in Theatre from Dr. Scott Mackenzie, regional Chair of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education.

Houten, Associate Dean for College Libraries, said. ACRL President Ann Campion Riley will present the award to the library at an event later this spring. Read more about the award here: <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/11204>

In February, HCCC Library was featured on the cover of Choice magazine, a publication of the American Library Association. The night shot of the Library was taken by Carol Van Houten.

Anthony Acevedo, Instructor of History/Program Coordinator, has been named Distinguished History Alumnus of the Year for 2016 at his undergraduate alma mater, California State University, San Marcos.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HOSTS 'LUAU IN THE WINTER'



On Wednesday, Jan. 27, the Office of Student Activities hosted a "Luau in the Winter" featuring professional dancers from the Aloha Hula dance company, who performed traditional and ancient Hawaiian, Polynesian, Tahitian and Fijian dances.

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Oto Bolanos (photo above) presented a business course demo for CBI, and Chef Courtney Payne (photo at left) gave a cupcake decorating demo for Community Education.



Non-Traditional Programs' Open House at the Culinary Conference Center



The CBI & University of Phoenix Career Fair at the University of Phoenix's Jersey City campus.



NTP's January Lunch & Learn with Lilisa J. Williams.

Division-wide Events

On January 14, Non-Traditional Programs, as part of its popular Lunch & Learn monthly series, held a "New Year, New You" workshop on "Strategies for Personal & Professional Success." The workshop was moderated by Coach Lilisa J. Williams and focused on goal setting, leadership development, and life balance. The event took place at the Culinary Conference Center, with several business partners and community members in attendance.

On January 28, Non-Traditional Programs hosted its first Open House to promote all the divisions that fall under the Non-Traditional umbrella. Representatives from the Center for Business and Industry, Community Education, LEAP, Online Learning, and Evening, Weekend, and Off-Site Programs met with members from the community in attendance and spoke about their departments' programs and new initiatives. Instructor Oto Bolanos presented a computer literacy course demo for CBI and Chef Courtney Payne gave a cupcake decorating demo for Community Education.



Aycha Edwards (left) of CBI with Sister Roseanne of WomenRising at the WomenRising "Paint & Sip" benefit on January 27.

CBI

On January 4, in partnership with the Hudson County Department of Corrections (HCDOC) and the Hudson County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), CBI rolled out a series of computer training classes for the prison's reentry program. As many as 60 inmates at the Kearny lockup have enrolled in courses that will lead to certification with global technology company Cisco, preparing these at-risk adults and juveniles for careers in in-demand industries. Computers provided for the program were built and contributed by Urban Renewal.

With TAACCCT funding CBI will begin running SmartStart in the month of February. SmartStart is a healthcare program given prior to any healthcare training, which will help candidates determine whether the industry is right for them and give them the necessary knowledge needed to continue into a more formal healthcare training program.

If you would like more information on SmartStart, please contact Tammy Hunter at 201-360-4225 or thunter@hccc.edu.

On January 30, CBI, in partnership with the University of Phoenix and Fresh Direct, held a career fair at the University of Phoenix's Jersey City campus. The event was open to both students and community members looking for jobs and career resources.



On January 10, CBI co-sponsored the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ brunch with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ. The goal of event was to increase awareness about the Affordable Care Act and enrollment in their insurance plans.

CBI partnered with Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey to host a hiring event for ShiftGig at the Culinary Conference Center on January 28. ShiftGig is a platform that provides flexible work opportunities and connects people who want temporary work with the businesses who need them.

On January 20, for College Service Day, Otoniel Bolanos presented the faculty welcome address. Oto is the first full-time instructor for the non-credit side of Hudson County Community College and currently serves as ESL Lecturer for CBI, as well as Continuing Education.

If you are interested in grant-funded training for your employees, you may be eligible for the "Basic Skills Workforce" training program, funded by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Open Enrollment for the following programs will begin in February: Microsoft Office 2013, Communications and Other Employability Skills Training.

To register or for more information, please contact Aycha Edwards at 201-360-5329 or aedwards@hccc.edu

Mayelin Torres (second from right) of Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs speaking about the Business Administration Weekend Program during College Service Day

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION RECEIVES SIZABLE ENDOWMENT FROM HUDSON CRADLE FOR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone announced that the College has been presented with an endowment of nearly \$68,000 from Hudson Cradle.

The donation was given to establish an annual scholarship for incoming freshman women who are single mothers and reside in Hudson County. The Hudson Cradle scholarship recipient must also be enrolled at Hudson County Community College as a first-time student and demonstrate financial need.

Hudson Cradle was a nonprofit organization in Jersey City that served nearly 500 at-risk infants over a 20-year span. The organization was established in 1991 in response to the “boarder baby” crisis in New Jersey. Hudson Cradle provided infants – many of whom were victims of prenatal drug addiction, HIV exposure, homeless-

ness, chronic illness, and developmental delays – with pediatric nursing care, therapy, and more; its group of volunteers were dedicated to holding and rocking the babies in the organization’s care. Significant upgrades in New Jersey’s foster parent program diminished the need for Hudson Cradle’s services, and the organization closed its doors in 2011.

“This endowment will go a long way to assist young women in our community in developing a more sound future for themselves and their children,” said HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. “For two decades Hudson Cradle attended to the needs of the most vulnerable inhabitants of our community, our infants. We are honored to have been presented with this gift from such a well-respected organization, and we will oversee the endowment with the same sense of caring that Hudson Cradle demonstrated over the years,” he stated.

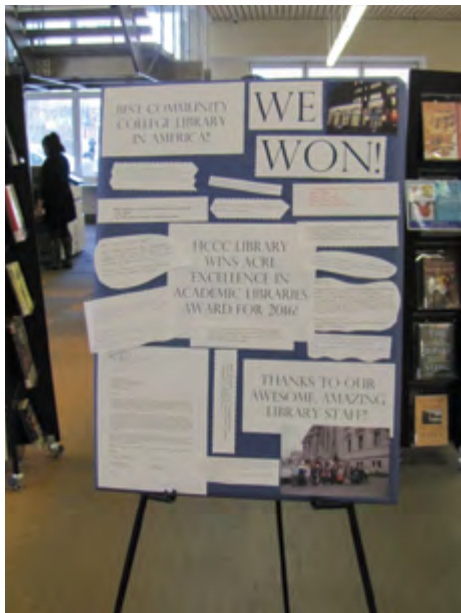
The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided over \$2 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 students.

In addition, the HCCC Foundation established the Foundation Art Collection nine years ago to coincide with the initiation of the College’s Fine Arts studies program. Presently, the Collection includes nearly 800 paintings, lithographs, photographs, sculptures, and other works-of-art that are displayed throughout all of the buildings on the College’s Journal Square Campus and at the North Hudson Campus.

Information about HCCC Foundation scholarships may be obtained by contacting Mr. Sansone at 201-360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY TO BE PRESENTED 2016 ACRL EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES AWARD

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Excellence in Academic Libraries Award is a national tribute to each library and its staff for outstanding service, programs, and leadership.”

Trevor Dawes, chair of the 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Committee noted that the HCCC staff – by incorporating information literacy components across all general education courses – positively impacted student learning. He also cited the HCCC Library staff’s leadership through the use of the iPad cart and the new HCCC Library

Makerspace – one of the first such spaces to be opened on a college campus in the U.S.

HCCC Associate Dean for College Libraries Carol Van Houten related that in addition to successfully moving to and opening the College’s new Library at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City, the Library staff also created programming for one of the first academic library Makerspaces in the country, hosted two exhibits, collaborated with the Office of Student Activities in hosting coffeehouses and the College’s first Literary Salon, and created a book club. She said the Library strives to engage students through a variety of events and activities, such as gaming tournaments and arts and crafts.

“Through these events, Library staff make connections with students, so that when they do need help with research or an assignment, they think of the Library as a friendly and welcoming place,” she said. “Receiving this award is a tremendous honor for the College and the Library, and we are thrilled!”

The HCCC libraries serve more than 9,000 students and thousands of community members on the College’s Journal Square (Jersey City) and North Hudson (Union City) campuses.

Dr. Gabert said that the ACRL will make a formal presentation of the award to the College in early May. Details regarding the award presentation will be made available soon.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the Center for Academic and Student Success (CASS) held the last of several New Student Orientation sessions between Journal Square and North Hudson Campus. At the Jan. 19 event at the Culinary Conference Center, 118 incoming students learned about the services Hudson County Community College offers, ways to get involved, and how to access their MyHudson and email accounts.

UNIVISION COMES TO HCCC

On Thursday, Jan. 7, members of the Hudson County Community College community were included in a television spot produced by Univision, the most watched Spanish language television network in the United States.

Univision reporter Berenice Gartner interviewed Yeury Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; Julio Morales, Assistant Director, Student Financial Assistance; and HCCC students Octavio Cadenas and Thomas Coldero. The spot was filmed in the Enrollment Services offices at 70 Sip Ave discussed the College's mission in making financial aid available to as many students as possible.

The segment aired on Univision on Monday, Jan. 11.

For additional photos from the taping, please visit the College's Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/hcccofficial/>



HCCC student Thomas Coldero (left) is interviewed by Univision reporter Berenice Gartner.



Reporter Berenice Gartner (left) of Univision interviews HCCC student Octavio Cardenas.

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Wednesday, February 3

Tracing Your History

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Makerspace, Journal Square Campus
Trace back your history to learn more about where you come from.

Monday, February 8

Black History Month Educational Roundtable

11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus
Moderated by Professor Dorothy Anderson. Participate in this BHM Educational Roundtable with history instructor to discuss and gain a deeper understanding about the study of Negro life and African-American history.

Tracing Your History

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus
Trace back your history and learn more about where you have come from!

Tuesday, February 9

HCCCoffeehouse: Jeff Dess

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., B Student Lounge, Journal Square Campus
Featuring spoken word artist Jeff Dessources with his powerful words on the complexity of the African culture and societal issues.

Wednesday, February 10

The Color Purple on Broadway

7 p.m.
Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre
242 West 45th Street, NYC
Students: \$20; Guests: \$43
Purchase Tickets Here:
<http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>
Oscar®, Golden Globe® and Grammy® winner Jennifer Hudson (Dreamgirls) has dazzled the world with her matchless talent. Witness as she makes her long-awaited Broadway debut as the sultry Shug Avery in the joyous and triumphant musical The Color Purple.

Tuesday, February 16

Selma: Movie Screening & Discussion

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., B Student Lounge, Journal Square Campus
Join us for a screening of the Oscar-winning film Selma followed by a discussion led by HCCC faculty and staff.

Wednesday, February 17

Selma: Movie Screening & Discussion

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Multipurpose Room, North Hudson Campus
Join us for a screening of the Oscar-winning film Selma followed by a discussion led by HCCC faculty and staff.

Friday, February 19

Law Abiding Citizen Movie & Screening

4 p.m. to 7 p.m., B Student Lounge, Journal Square Campus
Join us screening of the movie Law Abiding Citizen followed by a discussion led by members of the Criminal Justice Club.

Monday, February 22

Black History Month Jeopardy!

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library, Journal Square Campus
Test your knowledge of famous people and events with a fun and interactive Jeopardy! styled trivia event!

Thursday, February 25

Umoja Dance Company

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., B Student Lounge, Journal Square Campus
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus
Join us for a 90-minute class consisting of an instructor and 2 drummers. The instructor will provide the audience with an educational background of the history of the indigenous South African Music & Dance.

Saturday, February 27

African American Civil War Memorial & Museum Trip

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Washington, DC
Bus to depart at 7 a.m.
To sign up, go to: <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>

Monday, February 29

Freedom Riders Film Screening

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., L Building, 6th Floor, Journal Square Campus
Part of the Created Equal series, this event will be hosted by former HCCC Library Director Grace Patterson.

ABEGAIL DOUGLAS-JOHNSON ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES TUTORIAL & WRITING CENTERS SPRING 2016 - WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

STYLE GUIDE WORKSHOPS:

MLA:

Wednesday, February 24, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204
Thursday, February 25, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204
Friday, February 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., N511

APA:

Monday, February 22, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204
Tuesday, February 23, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204
Friday, February 26, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., N511

Typing Workshops

February 25 - April 21, Thursdays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204
February 26 - April 22, Fridays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., N511

College Composition I Writing Workshops

March 2 - April 13, Wednesdays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., J204

ESL Workshops

(February 17 - April 20)

Workshops are offered from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

ESL Conversation Workshop,

Thursdays, J204

ESL Levels 0-2 Pronunciation Workshops:

Mondays, J204 / Wednesdays, N511

ESL Levels 3-5 Pronunciation Workshops:

Wednesdays, J204 / Mondays, N511

ESL Levels 0-2 Grammar Workshops:

Tuesdays, J204 / Thursdays, N511

ESL Levels 3-5 Grammar Workshops:

Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., J204 / Tuesdays, N511

Exit & Final Exam Preparation Workshops for Basic Math, Basic Algebra, and College Algebra

April 11 - April 30. Sign up in Lower Level of Library Building or N511.

Exit & Final Exam Preparation Workshops for ESL Levels 4 & 5, Basic English, and College Composition I

April 11 - April 30. Sign up in J204 or N511.

Research & Term Paper Review Workshops

TBA. Offered in different disciplines at the Writing Center during midterms and finals.

Writers' Roundtable - TBA

Honors Guide to Designing a Poster Presentation Workshops:

Monday, April 11, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Hudson Campus
Wednesday, April 13, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, April 14, 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Honors Classroom (L318)

CROSSROADS Literary & Art Magazine,

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-accepting student submissions of creative writing and art

- All of these workshops and events are offered free for students.
- Students who are interested in a workshop but unable to attend at the specified time should make an appointment to meet with a tutor at one of our Tutorial or Writing Centers.
- The Tutorial Center is located in the Lower Level of the Library Building, J204 is the Writing Center, and N511 is the Tutorial Center at the North Hudson Campus.
- Dates, times, and locations subject to change

For more information, contact (201) 360-4370 or wc@hccc.edu.

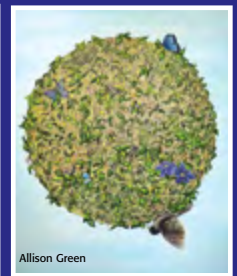
We are happy to announce that the Hudson County Community College HCCC Campus Store has moved to a beautiful new home!

Come and visit us at 162 Sip Avenue – Building C/D diagonally across from the Culinary Conference Center.

We have an expanded selection of merchandise but the same great customer service in our new location. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Jon Rappleye



Allison Green

Contemporary Hudson County Artist Talk

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
12 P.M. TO 1 P.M.

Contemporary Hudson County features works by Hudson County artists working in a wide range of media and positioned at various stages of their careers. Reflecting diverse lives and concerns, this exhibition addresses the changing identity of Hudson County and its status as a growing creative center in the region. Work included in *Contemporary Hudson County* incorporates a range of media and styles, and investigates a variety of contemporary themes.

Exhibiting Artists:


Thomas John Carlson
Michelle Doll
Eileen Ferara
Allison Green
Armando Guillera
Iris Kufert-Rivo
Doug Madill
Jason Minami
Margaret Murphy
Edwin Montalvo
Katie Niewodowski
James Pustorino
Jon Rappleye
Jeremy Smith
William Stamos
Amy Wilson
Michelle Vitale
Deborah Jack
Duda Pentead
Anne Trauben
Jill Scipione

The Benjamin J. Dineen, III
and Dennis C. Hull Gallery
71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor,
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There is no charge for admission.
For more information, please contact
galleries@hccc.edu.

Log onto www.hccc.edu/dineenhullgallery
for more information on the Gallery
and upcoming exhibits.



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Website: www.hccc.edu/testing
Email: testing@hccc.edu



College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT seriously! Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions; Appointment required for 5 p.m. sessions
- For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1)

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

February 2016 Terms: Spring 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	2 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	4 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	5 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
8 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level Jersey City		

Important Dates:

February 5: Last day to Add/Drop at HCCC
 Students interested in credit-English as a Second Language courses must complete placement exam by February 1st

February 2: HCCC classes begin at High School sites (Bayonne and Kearny High School)

February 9: Last day to Add/Drop at High School sites
 Credit-English as a Second Language courses are not offered at the High School sites

March 1: Testing for Summer & Fall 2016 begins

College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice Writing Proficiency Test
*90 minutes

The WPT is required when Eng 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language placement test

*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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Get College Credit with CLEP - www.collegeboard.com/clep

Spring 2016 CLEP

Session I: 9:00 a.m.

Session II: 1:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$20 per test

CLEP Fee: \$80 per test

February

Thurs. February 11

Wed. February 17

Mon. February 22

Thurs. February 25

March

Thurs. March 10

Wed. March 16

Tues. March 22

Thurs. March 24

For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1)

Research your Institution's CLEP/Prior Learning Assessment Policy:

HCCC students may be awarded up to 30 credits toward a degree and 15 credits toward a certificate for the prior education experience in several ways: Transfer Credit, CLEP, Advanced Placement, NYU Foreign Language Proficiency Tests, Work/Life Portfolio Assessment, Military courses, and Credit by Examination. The College does not guarantee the transferability to other institutions of credit earned in these ways.

Visiting students, please review your institution's CLEP Policy prior to paying fees.

CLEP Appointment:

1. Space is limited! Contact the Testing Center for availability prior to paying fees.
2. Return completed Registration form with \$20 receipt to the Testing Center to secure appointment in advance.
3. Register/Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP's My Account registration portal: <http://clep.collegeboard.org/started>
4. Reschedule appointment at least 2 business days in advance to avoid \$20 Rescheduling fee.
Testing Center is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Study Resources:

- Students can view reference copy of CLEP guide at the HCCC Libraries
- Visiting students can purchase study guides through CLEP's My Account portal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 1

Using, Creating & Selecting Rubrics, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor. Participants will be able to create, recognize and identify various types of rubrics for specific purposes in process/project assessment. Participants should bring a project for which a rubric will be created. (Administrative Support Teams (Non-Instructional))

Spring Welcome Back Parties, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus and 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Help us usher in a new semester with welcome back parties on both campuses! Come out and enjoy free food, give-aways, music, and so much more! Show your school spirit by wearing green and gold.

Photo Name Art, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library, Journal Square Campus. Unleash your inner creativity by making your very own personalized photo name art!

Spring Welcome Back Parties, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus and 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Help us usher in a new semester with welcome back parties on both campuses! Come out and enjoy free food, give-aways, music, and so much more! Show your school spirit by wearing green and gold.

Brooklyn Nets vs. Detroit Pistons, game time, 7:30 p.m., Barclays Center, Brooklyn, NY. Students: \$15.00; Guests: \$30.00. Purchase tickets at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>. Cheer on the Brooklyn Nets (formerly New Jersey Nets) as they take on the Detroit Pistons for a night of great basketball!

Tuesday, February 2 – Monday, May 16

Spring 2016 term at High School sites (Bayonne, Kearny, Union City) and LEAP courses at HCCC

Tuesday, February 2

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.,

Photo Name Art, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus. Unleash your inner creativity by making your very own personalized photo name art!

Opening Reception for "Contemporary Hudson County," 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Join HCCC for the Opening Reception of "Contemporary Hudson County" curated by Professor Laurie Riccadonna. Contemporary Hudson County" highlights artists and faculty members currently working in Hudson County. Artists include Margaret Murphy, Jon Rappleye, Jeremy Coleman, Alison Green, among others. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 3

Bagel Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Center, Student Lounge

Luau in the Winter, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus. Aloha Hula Polynesian professional dancers will perform and share their passion on several traditional and ancient Hawaiian dances wearing lovely handcrafted costumes and exciting drum beats of Tahiti.

Resume Writing workshop, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Tracing Your History, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Makerspace, Journal Square Campus. Trace back your history to learn more about where you come from.

Resume Writing workshop, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Thursday, February 4

Involvement and Services Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Want to get involved or learn more about what HCCC has to offer? Come out to the Involvement Fair to learn about clubs/organizations and find out what services we offer at HCCC!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 5

"Contemporary Hudson County" Curatorial Tour, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. Professor Laurie Riccadonna, Curator of "Contemporary Hudson County," and Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs, invite the HCCC community to take a closer look at the exhibition. Selected artists will be in attendance to discuss works on view.

Friday, February 5

Dave & Buster's Trip, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., 4661 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack, NY. Students: \$15; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$30. Kick back, relax, and have fun with traditional and video games galore, and win some cool prizes! Transportation details will be emailed to attendees. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, February 6

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, 2 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ. Students: \$10; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$20. The dances of Nai-Ni Chen fuse the dynamic freedom of American modern dance with the grace and splendor of Asian art. The Company's productions take the audience beyond cultural boundaries to where tradition meets innovation and freedom arises from discipline. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, February 8

Linking the Strategic Plan & MSCHE Standards: I'm in There!, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor. Participants will identify & link the MSCHE standard (s) and Strategic Plan Goal(s) to their department assessment plan. Participants should bring their job description and departmental mission, goals, and objectives. (All HCCC employees)

Makerspace Open Hours, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 9

Last day to Add/Drop for High School classes

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

HCCCoffeehouse: Jeff Dess, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, Journal Square Campus. Featuring spoken word artist Jeff Dessources with his powerful words on the complexity of the African culture and societal issues.

NSLS Speaker Broadcast featuring JuJu Chang (Emmy Award-winning co-anchor of ABC News' "Nightline"), Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

Bagel Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Center, Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day: Caldwell University, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Involvement and Services Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Want to get involved or learn more about what HCCC has to offer? Come out to the Involvement

Fair to learn about clubs/organizations and find out what services we offer at HCCC!

Contemporary Hudson County Artist Talk/Panel Discussion, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor.

Student Government Association Town Hall Meeting, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Let your voices be heard! Come join members of SGA for an open forum on changes you would like to see take place at HCCC.

The Color Purple on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre, 242 West 45th Street, NYC. Students: \$20; Guests: \$43. Purchase tickets at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>. Oscar®, Golden Globe® and Grammy® winner Jennifer Hudson (*Dreamgirls*) has dazzled the world with her matchless talent. Witness as she makes her long-awaited Broadway debut as the sultry Shug Avery in the joyous and triumphant musical *The Color Purple*.

Thursday, February 11

DIY Valentine's Day: Flowers & Cards, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace. Make handmade Valentine's Day flowers and cards for your loved ones.

DIY Valentine's Day: Flowers & Cards, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Make handmade Valentine's Day flowers and cards for your loved ones.

Resume Writing workshop, 12 p.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Hudson County Community College Foundation, North Hudson Scholarship Committee Mardi Gras [need time/location]

Friday, February 12

Presidents' Weekend. Classes in Session - Administrative offices closed

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day - College Closed

Tuesday, February 16 - Monday, May 16

Spring 2016 12-week session classes

Tuesday, February 16

Instant Decision Day: Kean University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Faculty/Staff Meet and Greet, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus. Come out and meet HCCC's faculty and staff and enjoy free refreshments!

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Selma: Movie Screening and Discussion, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Join us for a screening of the Oscar-winning film *Selma* followed by a discussion led by HCCC faculty and staff.

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17

Bagel Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Center, Student Lounge

Interviewing workshop, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Selma: Movie Screening and Discussion, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Multipurpose Room, North Hudson Campus. Join us for a screening of the Oscar-winning film *Selma* followed by a discussion led by HCCC faculty and staff.

Resume Writing workshop, 3 p.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Community Education Open House, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Goodwill Industries, 400 Supor Blvd., Harrison. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or -4224.

Interviewing workshop, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Thursday, February 18

Major Exploration Fair, North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and explore all that HCCC has to offer! Meet with representatives from a variety of majors. Explore career paths and find your fit at HCCC!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 19

Student Government Association Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Let your voices be heard! Come join members of SGA for an open forum on changes you would like to see take place at HCCC.

Law Abiding Citizen movie and screening, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Join for us screening of the movie Law Abiding Citizen followed by a discussion led by members of the Criminal Justice Club.

Saturday, February 20

American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bus to depart at 9 a.m. from 70 Sip Ave.

Monday, February 22

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Makerspace Open Hours, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

APA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J204

Black History Month Jeopardy!, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave. Test your knowledge of famous people and events with a fun and interactive Jeopardy! styled trivia event!

Interviewing workshop, 5 p.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Tuesday, February 23

Instant Decision Day: Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Resume Writing workshop, 11 a.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

APA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J204

Button Making, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Make one-of-a-kind buttons with the Library's button maker. Bring your own images or choose from ones supplied by the Library.

Library Book Club, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Selection is Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

HCCCoffeehouse: The Asia Project, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

NSLS Speaker Broadcast featuring Kat Cole (President and COO of Cinnabon), Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24

The FATE Workshops, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street: Overview of Natural Environment Training (NET), 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Teaching Skills Using Natural Environment Training (NET), 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration for each workshop is \$25. Register at www.thefate.org

Bagel Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Center, Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

MLA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J204

Raspberry Pi, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue. The Raspberry Pi is a tiny, inexpensive single-board computer that allows for basic programming and can be used as a "brain" to interact with other electronic devices. Learn about how it works and how to use it in a variety of computing projects.

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Job Searching workshop, 12 p.m. North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Job Searching workshop, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Aladdin on Broadway, 7 p.m., New Amsterdam Theatre, 214 West 42nd Street. Students: \$29; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$55. Aladdin is one of Disney's newest Broadway hits and fan favorite for the entire family! Enjoy a night out in NYC with HCCC! Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Thursday, February 25

College Transfer Fair, North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet with admissions representatives from various colleges and universities that are interested in HCCC students.

Umoja Dance Company, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge; and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus. Join us for a 90-minutes class consisting of an instructor and two drummers. The instructor will provide the audience with an educational background of the history of the indigenous South African Music & Dance.

Keys to Professionalism workshop, 12 p.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

MLA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J204

RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles, 8 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ. Students: \$15; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$40. Get ready for the British Invasion with Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, the world's most acclaimed, multimedia spectacular salute to Paul, John, George, and Ringo, back by popular demand! Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Friday, February 26

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Student Government Association Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Let your voices be heard! Come join members of SGA for an open forum on changes you would like to see take place at HCCC.

MLA Style Guide Workshop, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N511

APA Style Guide Workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N511

Saturday, February 27

African American Civil War Memorial & Museum trip, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Washington, DC. Bus to depart at 7 a.m. from 70 Sip Ave. To register, visit <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>.

Monday, February 29

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application to the Instant Decision Day. Online applications must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. To RSVP, students should visit the Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson portal.

Mock Interviews, North Hudson Campus, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Film screening of "Freedom Riders" in honor of Black History Month. 3 p.m., 6th Floor, 71 Sip Ave. Part of the Created Equal series, this event will be hosted by former HCCC Library Director Grace Patterson.

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Yeurys Pujols

Class of 2001

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

Attending HCCC was a very simple choice for me. Right after high school my plans to join the U.S. Marines Corps did not materialize because my mother had strong religious convictions against my decision. In order to appease her, I decided to delay signing up for a year while I tried other alternatives. My high school academic portfolio together with my limited English vocabulary/proficiency did not open many doors in the world of higher education, particularly since I was applying late. It should go without saying that my options were very limited. My cousin, Anacely Gonzalez, handed me an HCCC admissions application, which I completed unenthusiastically. Shortly after, I took the College Placement test, but did not come to register until a good friend, Andres Lara, physically dragged me out of the house and took the bus with me to HCCC in order to register.

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

While a student at HCCC, I worked as a Student Peer Mentor for the Student Support Services Program. I enjoyed my interactions with students and working with people like Syokwaa Mulumba, Jacqueline Stevens, and Lee Harclerode who really cared about the community. I went on many of their trips and participated in most of their workshops and other activities. I grew during my time at the SSSP, particularly because Mrs. Stevens entrusted me with responsibilities that forced me to step outside my comfort zone. She often told me that the best way to teach anything to anyone, was to have them teach it. At the time I always thought she was talking about students in general, but now I know she was referring to me.

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

Originally I had no idea what a major was, let alone how any of them related to me. It made sense for me to settle on history, and the decision came after my experiences in the classrooms, particularly with professor Dorothy Anderson who taught most of the history classes I took at HCCC. It was refreshing to understand that the study of history was not just the combination of people, an event, and a date in the same sentence.

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

When you learn English as a second language, you find yourself always second guessing your ability to pronounce certain words. After I transferred to NJCU, I remember my first history class there was taught by a professor who used a water gun, and every time anyone failed to provide the right answer, that student and everyone around him/her would get splashed. It seemed funny and even entertaining at first, but getting soaked with cold water during the winter months would change your mind quickly. I was concerned that Mr. Watergun was not going to understand my answers and would unleashed

the rain onto the side of the room embarrassing me. Ironically enough, out of roughly 20 students in the class, I was the only exempt from the final exam. I am glad that I was never a victim of the water gun, but I am also proud to say that my time at HCCC made me ready to the academic challenges that I was to encounter.



Question regarding career/work, such as:

a. What is a typical work day for you? (Nurses, medical professionals)

I come in early and leave late. I speak to students and colleagues on a daily basis in person, email, and via phone. I am usually working on a few projects at any given time and often new ones arise that require my immediate attention. Every day might look different than the other, but I enjoy every minute of it.

b. What has been the most memorable project/case you have worked on? (Law, social work)

About 3 years ago during our commencement/graduation, one of my former students tapped me on the shoulder and asked if he could introduce me to someone. As I walked behind him, he introduce me to his father and told him, in Spanish, the following words, "Dad, this is Mr. Pujols, my counselor and Professor, I am graduating today because of him." My student was proud that he was graduating, his father was proud to stand next to him and I was proud to share the moment with them.

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

I have to list my mother, who gave up her old lifestyle and her marriage to stay in this country working in a factory so that my sister and I can have a better future. She provided very little guidance as of how to go about it since she knew very little of college, her only expectation was that we made something out of ourselves. I always try to do my best to make sure that when she sees me, or hears of me, her decision to give everything up for her children more than 20 years ago still looks like a good idea.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

To be proud of where they come from, and to be confident that they have the tools to get the job done, independently of where they go next.

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

HCCC will provide you with the tools you need to be successful. Our faculty and staff will go above and beyond to make sure you have the support you need to complete the journey. We will do our part, we just need you to do yours. My advice is that you always do your best in your classes, your homework, exams and papers because at HCCC you get to write your own ticket of where you can go next.