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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE THOMAS A. DEGISE RECEIVES HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2014 HERITAGE AWARD



Pictured left: William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees, the County Executive Thomas A DeGise, and Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) awarded the 2014 Heritage Award to Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise at the College's 36th Annual Commencement Exercises. The event began at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, May 22nd in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Art Center in Newark, NJ. More than 925 students graduated as members of the HCCC Class of 2014.

The HCCC Heritage Award recognizes members of the community who have made significant contributions to the College, its students, and families.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert said Mr. DeGise has dedicated much of his life to serving and investing in the people of Hudson County, and the College. "The County Executive has been a steadfast partner of Hudson County

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HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBER, HAROLD G. STAHL, JR.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Glen Gabert announced that Harold G. Stahl, Jr. was sworn in as a new member of the College's Board of Trustees. The swearing-in ceremony was part of the Board's regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the College's Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City.

Mr. Stahl replaced James A. Fife as a Trustee. Mr. Fife stepped down when The Harrison Town Council selected him to serve as Mayor, following the death of longtime Mayor Raymond J. McDonough.

HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert said, "Mr. Stahl brings with him an exemplary record of public and community service, and a first-hand knowledge of the community which is invaluable in our work for the College. We are very pleased to have him join us."

An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy Reserve, Mr. Stahl served active duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He began his career in fire and emergency services as a Firefighter for the Rahway, NJ Fire Department in 1972. In 1983 he was promoted to Fire Captain of that department, and eventually rose to Fire Captain Management Specialist (1994) and Battalion Chief (1996) before being named Chief of the Department in 2003, a position he held until 2007.

From 2008 to 2011, Mr. Stahl served as the Deputy OEM (Office of Emergency Management) Coordinator for the



On Tuesday, May 13, Harold G. Stahl, Jr. (second from right) was sworn into his respective position as Trustee to the HCCC Board of Trustees. He is pictured from left with Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President, William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees, and Sheri Seigelbaum, Esq., Counsel to the HCCC Board for Scarinci & Hollenbeck.

Town of Harrison. In August 2011 he became the Fire Director of the Harrison Fire Department, and the Town's OEM Coordinator.

Mr. Stahl also serves the Harrison community as a Commissioner for the Harrison Redevelopment Agency. He was a Commissioner for the Harrison Board of Education (1998 - 2011), a C.C.D. teacher (1995 - 2010), President and Coach of the Harrison Little League (1998 - 2001), and Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 304 (1986 - 2000).

"The College community welcomes Mr. Stahl to the Board. We look forward to working in partnership with him and the Board of Trustees," Dr. Gabert stated. "We also wish to thank Mayor Fife for his tireless efforts on behalf of the College. We appreciate all he has done for the College and for our students, and wish him all the best!"

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

NJ Council of County Colleges Honors the State's Top Community College Student Scholars

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges honored New Jersey's 37 best and brightest community college students and their families at its 20th annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration on Thursday, May 1, at the Lafayette Yard Hotel in Trenton, N.J.



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Pictured from Left: HCCC Trustee, Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., with the 2014 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members from Hudson County Community College, students Melissa Ortiz of Jersey City and Meghan Regodon of Bayonne attended Phi Theta Kappa Day.

Pictured from Left: Professor Ted Lai with the 2014 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members from Hudson County Community College, students Melissa Ortiz of Jersey City and Meghan Regodon of Bayonne at Phi Theta Kappa Day.



Front: Diana Angelo (left) and Pearl Bethune (right) are holding the 2014 Hallmark Award for the Honors in Action Project. Back row: Franklin Beeg (left), Theodore Lai (center), and Michael Price (right) attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Orlando on Saturday, April 26 alongside Diana and Pearl.

CENTER FOR BUSINESS & INDUSTRY NEWS



Chef Sami Khouzam with students from the current cycle of Community Partnership in Hotel Employment.

CBI staff attended the State of the City Bayonne Business Outlook on April 22, and the Hudson County Roundtable Meeting on April 29. Staff were able to network with key members in each community.

In partnership with NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the NJ Community College Consortium, CBI delivered soft skills training to over thirty participants over the age of 55 who were either unemployed or underemployed. Training began in March and ends in early June. Those who were eligible also took ESL classes in conjunction with the soft skills training.

CPHE students are nearing their externship period. Students are working closely with Women Rising to finalize resume and cover letters. They are also preparing to take the ServSafe certification exam.

SEIU 1199 members will celebrate the completion of their third cycle of computer training on

May 27. Members will receive completion certificates to commemorate the occasion.

Upcoming Events Job Fair

CBI will partner again with the NJ Department of Labor and the One Stop to hold its second annual Job Fair on Wednesday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center.

CBI Annual BBQ

On Thursday June 19, CBI will hold their annual networking BBQ. If you are a business owner and are interested in more information, please contact Aycha Edwards at (201) 360-4262 or aedwards@hccc.edu.

Visit CBI on Facebook and Twitter! View upcoming events, look through past events pictures, and get the latest news on training opportunities. "Like" us on Facebook www.facebook.com/cbihudsoncounty, and "Follow" us on Twitter twitter.com/cbihudsoncounty.

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Arts and Literary Magazine.

Just a Reminder

Due to the Summer Schedule; the check request submission deadline will be on Tuesdays by 12:30 p.m. Anything received after this date will not be process until the following week. This deadline will continue in effect until the second week of August 2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg x4055, Rozeena X4717 or Glenda x 4045.

RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) 2014

The Division of Pension/Benefits has scheduled the following Retirement Workshops for employees who are enrolled in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

Any employee who is considering retiring now, or in the near future, should register to attend one of the workshops below.

Retirement Workshops for employees who are currently enrolled in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)

- Monday, June 2, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.
- Richard J. Hughes Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Monday, June 2, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.
- Richard J. Hughes Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 1:30 p.m.
- Willingboro Library, Willingboro, NJ
- Thursday, July 23, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.
- Division of Pensions and Benefits Trenton, NJ
- Wednesday, August 6, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.
- Division of Pensions and Benefits Trenton, NJ

Register early, as seats are limited- <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/workshop-intro.shtml>

Can't make it to one of the Workshop? They also have Online Retirement Webinars available. Save time, travel, and find out everything you need to know about retirement on your own computer. A complete list of webinar dates and registration links can be found at: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/workshop-intro.shtml>

Introduction to MBOS - ACCESS YOUR PENSION ACCOUNT ONLINE THROUGH THE MEMBER BENEFITS ONLINE SYSTEM training classes for your employees pair up perfectly with our Workshops, and are available for the following dates:

- Monday, June 2, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.
- Richard J. Hughes Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
- Willingboro Library, Willingboro, NJ

If you have questions or concerns about the content of this message, contact the Division of Pensions and Benefits at: pensions.nj@treas.state.nj.us or go to: <https://www.state.nj.us/treas/pensions/pensionmail.shtml>

INCREASES FOR HEALTH BENEFITS AND PENSION (PERS) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 - YEAR 4

We will begin Phase IV of the P.L. 2011 Chapter 78 Pension and Health Benefits Reform Law on July 1st of this year. Our Board of Trustees, President, and the College's administration know that this law has affected everyone. As you know, however, these changes are mandated by New Jersey State law, and are beyond the College's control.

P.L. 2011, Chapter 78 was signed into law effective June 28, 2011. The law requires all active public employees to contribute to the cost of their health care benefits and pension, with employees now paying a percentage of the premium cost of health care coverage for themselves, and any dependents. These new health care costs are being phased in over a period of four years. The State law established a "floor" for employee contributions, so no one will pay an amount that is less than 1.5% of their salary. Your percentage is based upon the type of coverage you have chosen (single coverage, member/spouse/partner or parent/child coverage, or family coverage) and your salary range. We have attached documents that provide the information about the premiums, and the State-mandated contributions required for your health care coverage.

In addition, Public Employment Retirement System (PERS) pension contribution rates have also increased. The first phase increase from 5.5% to 6.5% of salary took place in October 2011. Additional increases will be phased in at a rate of 0.14% each year over several years (through 2018), bringing the total pension contribution rate to 7.5% of your salary. We will begin the fourth phase increase to 6.92% with the first payroll of July 2014.

Please note the following HCCC guidelines for health care coverage:

- Employees hired after June 28, 2011 are required to pay the percentage prescribed in the "Year 4" contribution segment of the charts

- Premium rates increase every year in January
- Open Enrollment is held every year in October. At that time you may select a new provider and/or add/delete dependents. Any changes/updates made during the open enrollment period will become effective the following January.

For your convenience provided below is the website to the Division of Pension and Benefits. Please note, that we are considered LOCAL EDUCATION EMPLOYEES; any information that you are researching at any time on the State website, you should look for employers who offer the employee prescription drug program or a private plan. Local monthly active group-education employers. <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/> (RIGHT click)

We realize all of this can be rather confusing and want you to know we are here to provide any assistance you may need. Please, if you do have any questions at all about any of these matters, do not hesitate to contact Iris Herrador in the HR department at 201-360-4072 or e-mail iherrador@hccc.edu.

MILESTONES

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

20 Years
Leonor Meza

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Admissions Recruiter (Full Time Position)

Assistant Registrar

Associate Dean of STEM

Curriculum Developer for ESL (Temporary Part-Time Position)

Director - Health Information Technology Program (Grant Funded)

Instructional Technologist (Part-Time Position)

PC Technician (GRANT FUNDED for 24 months)

Systems Administrator

Teacher Assistants (Multiple Part-Time Positions)

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.

PROMOTION OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

Instructor to Assistant Professor

Salim Bendaoud - Biology

Kewal Krishnan - AF Math

Patrick Moore - Psychology

Ara Karakashian - Hospitality Management

From Associate Professor to Professor

Sami Khouzam - Culinary

All promotions are effective August 4, 2014.

HIRES

Robert Kahn

Instructional Designer and Technologist

Tammy Hunter

HHS Site Coordinator

RETIRES

Nereida Rodriguez,

Administrative Assistant, Controller's Office

Joan Rafter,

Professor of Psychology

From the Office of College Life

Each month, the "College Life Corner" will introduce members of the College community and recognize milestone anniversaries among our employees. We will highlight employee publications, awards, officers in professional organizations, community service, and academic accomplishments.

For comments & suggestions for "College Life Corner," please contact College Life at (201) 360-4011 or efriedman@hccc.edu.



Dr. Nadia Hedhli
Instructor, Biology

Nadia Hedhli's journey into higher education began right here at HCCC when she completed her first year of college studies with us, majoring in liberal arts before transferring to Rutgers University in Newark to study biology. She continued on to UMDNJ and a doctoral program in cardiovascular medicine, followed by a post-doc at Yale University (working on research related to cardiovascular diseases). After graduation she began to work as a researcher at Cornell Medical College in New York, focusing on lymphoma research. The hook was set for community college teaching while she was studying at UMDNJ; she worked at HCCC as an adjunct faculty member, teaching General Biology and Anatomy/Physiology: "I knew when I started teaching at HCCC that I could be a force for change; I could develop new courses and help to grow the Biology Department."

Her vision for assisting the department in becoming a full biology department within STEM became a reality when she was hired as a full-time faculty member. She collaborated on course development (including teaching an honors course and developing a hybrid version of Principles of Biology), assisted with proposals for new equipment, and worked with other faculty members on expanding the department and its offerings. "I have developed as a teacher thanks to my mentors: Professor Matari, Dean Sirangelo, and Dean Tabatabaie. I learned about classroom management, course development, teaching online, and professional development from these supportive people."

Dr. Hedhli has been instrumental in expanding FELS, the faculty enrichment program for life science teachers. Through a series of Saturday workshops, FELS attendees learn from scholars and experts in the life sciences who lecture on specialty topics, providing a form of "refresher

courses" on the latest research and general techniques for teaching. It has become a "best practices" series that enhances professional development for part-time and full-time STEM faculty. Topics have included the flipped classroom, Blooms and Solo Taxonomy workshop, anatomy in clay, classroom management, and test construction workshop among others.

With 14 peer-reviewed publications and ongoing research on lymphoma, Dr. Hedhli has brought an expert's perspective to the sciences at HCCC. Her work in the laboratory directly affects the content of what she teaches to students. "I am directly interacting with people in the field who are conducting this research; I know the news in biology including some things that won't hit the textbooks for another 10 years. I bring this to the students."

Beyond the classroom, she serves as the Secretary to the Academic Affairs Governance Committee and as the Co-Adviser to the Biology Club. Importantly, she is also the Coordinator for a new degree program at HCCC, Environmental Studies. She states that "being the coordinator for a brand new program is the most challenging thing you can imagine. We're building the program from the ground up. It's a great field with lots of job opportunities for the graduates but we have to do a lot of educating of the public." Recently, she accompanied Dr. Sivajini Gilchrist, Instructor of Environmental Studies, to PS1 in West New York and addressed 250 elementary school students on the importance of learning about environmental issues. The presentation was well-received, the students were enthusiastic, and they have been invited back.

In May, as recognition of her many contributions to the students at HCCC, Dr. Hedhli received the Excellence in Teaching Award from The National Society of Leadership and Success. She believes that "if it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."



Vanessa Martinez,
Assistant Registrar

"I was a math major. Give me a problem; I'll help to solve it."

Vanessa Martinez has been working in the registrar's office since January of this year, supporting the registrar, assisting with classroom scheduling and space allocation, assisting students in person and on the phone, and spreading happiness and good cheer everywhere she goes. "Why so happy? people ask me," says Vanessa, "and I tell them that I'm glad to be at a place where the mission is to educate. I believe in that mission." Vanessa's grandmother and aunt believed deeply in the value of education, instilling in her that education is something that can never be taken away from a person and it acts as a gateway to opportunities in life.

She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from De La Salle University in the Philippines and has earned graduate credits towards a master's degree in business administration. After graduating from De La Salle, she travelled to Washington D.C. and worked as a Human Resources Coordinator at a hotel before moving to California and gaining a position as International Assistant Registrar at DeVry University. She also worked as a Bally Fitness instructor while at DeVry and continues

to work hard at maintaining a healthy lifestyle through good nutrition and an exercise program (she has taught Zumba). At high school and college she participated in the cheerleading squad, which taught her time management skills and the importance of being a team player. "Balance is key!" Vanessa asserts, "it affects your attitude. Exercise and eating well affect your physical-mental-emotional-spiritual being."

Wanting to be in the New York metropolitan area with its energy and diversity of cultural events, Vanessa moved to New Jersey. With her experience from having worked as a records officer at Strayer University in Washington, she pursued positions in higher education and found HCCC. Along the way she has worked through setbacks and endured challenges, formative experiences that help her to understand and empathize with the issues that students at an urban community college face. Thoughtfully, she remarked that "coming from a challenging situation shouldn't keep you from achieving what it is that you want to achieve, from becoming what you want to become. This is a diverse community and a diverse student body, the students are grateful for assistance. Why work at this college in this city? Look at its mission."

ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS, ENGLISH



On Saturday, April 26th, the Academic Foundations English Department, led by Elizabeth Nesius, held a "Roundtable" workshop entitled "Advising the Whole Student." A variety of methods and techniques were addressed on this important subject. Past Saturday morning Roundtable workshops include the following topics: "Students With Disabilities;" "Flipping the Classroom;" "Providing Feedback;" "Using Reflection To Inspire Deeper Thinking;" "Portfolio Evaluation and Scoring;" and "Using Blackboard in the Classroom."

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

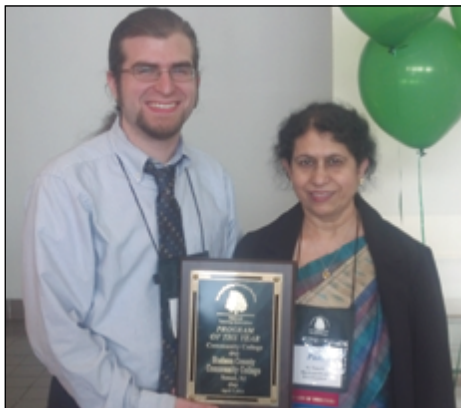


Photo above: Joseph Pascale, the Writing Center Coordinator, and Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Division of Academic Development and Support Services with National Tutoring Award.

Hudson County Community College's Abegail Douglas-Johnson Academic Support Services Department received the award for Tutoring Program of the Year from the National Tutoring Association at the NTA's 21st Annual Conference. According to the NTA, HCCC's program is one whose effectiveness has been demonstrated through achievement of objective criteria, with a quality of service to students that is recognized by peers and school administrators. The large



Colleagues joined Joan Rafter (seated on left) for her retirement luncheon. Joan worked for HCCC for 31 years.

variety of services that are offered to students was considered, including innovative bridge and enrichment programs. "It's thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our tutors and staff that we're able to be so successful," said Joseph Pascale, Writing Center Coordinator, when the award was presented.

Associate Professor Rosie Soy, participated in the Fifth Bi-annual 2014 Dominican Studies Association Conference (DSA), "Making a Difference," held at Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) May 1-2, 2014. Rosie co-presented "The Dynamics of Immigration Among Three Generations of Dominican and Puerto Rican

Woman", and she co-wrote "Dominicans Here, Dominicans There, Dominicans Everywhere" with Dr. Stefan Bosworth. Students, and distinguished, scholars from colleges and universities from across the nation took part in the bi-annual interdisciplinary conference founded by NVCC President Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis in 1996 to promote and disseminate Dominican intellectual production, on and about, the Dominican experience and diaspora.

Professors Claudia Delgado and Theodore Lai attended CUNY 2014 Mathematics Conference: Effective Instructional Strategies at the CUNY Graduate Center on May 9.

Attend our Open House

Find Out Why Hudson County Community College is One of the Best Educational Values Anywhere!

INFORMATION SESSIONS

June 10, 2014
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
North Hudson Higher Education Center
(Multi-Purpose Room)
4800 Kennedy Blvd.
Union City, NJ 07087

August 21, 2014
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306



Amayha Jimenez
Started her world of possibilities at HCCC!
Class of 2013, Transferred to Columbia University



For questions or to register,
please email admissions@hccc.edu

SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY (SPU) AND HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIGN LETTER OF INTENT



Seated from left: HCCC President, Dr. Glen Gabert and SPU President Eugene J. Cornacchia along with Administrators and Vice Presidents from the two institutions.

Hudson County Community College and Saint Peter's University recently signed a Letter of Intent to create 2 + 2 Articulation Agreements. The Articulation Agreements will facilitate a seamless transfer of students who complete an Associate's Degree at HCCC in Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Environmental Studies or Education (with a minimum specified grade point average) with full junior status at SPU. Complete mapping of the curriculum for course-by-course transfer in each degree area will be made available to prospective students.

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 Acknowledgements

Thank you to **Anne Q. McKeown** for her generous donation of wonderful works on paper: Willie Cole's, *Por La Mesa de Mi Abuelita*, *BAT*; Juan Sanchez', *Saint Ernesto de la Higuera*; and Buzz Spector's, *Drowning man seeks either / or*

Artist News

If you like **Chakaia Booker's** sculpture on the first floor of 70 Sip Avenue, to the left as you walk in, you might enjoy walking up Broadway between 36th and 41st Street in New York City some time from June to mid-November. Five of Booker's massive tire sculptures will be on exhibit on the pedestrian esplanade. "The Sentinels" have a dark, Gothic quality that is reminiscent of the supernatural horror stories of H.P. Lovecraft, the

grandfather of science fiction. One of his best-known stories, "The Dunwich Horror," was largely set on the foreboding Sentinel Hill," according to artnet.com. This exhibit is part of "Arterventions," an Urban arts program sponsored by the New York City Department of Transportation.

The chair in the entryway of the North Hudson by architect and artist **Frank Gehry** is made of a strange material: cardboard. He's famous for using odd materials in his interesting designs. Gehry just won the Prince of Asturias Award for the Arts, Spain's top annual arts award. Gehry is best known for his architecture including the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. It's worth googling "Guggenheim Bilbao" to see how strange and wonderful it looks. "His buildings are characterized by a virtuoso play of complex shapes, the use of unusual materials, such as titanium, and their technological innovation, which has also had an impact on other arts," the jury said. The Prince of Asturias Foundation hands its arts prize each year for "a significant contribution to the cultural heritage of mankind."

Charles Burwell, whose work *Labyrinth #4* is installed in the 2 Enos Place, Testing Center, will be having an exhibition at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas, called "Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting". The exhibit will then travel to the Akron Art Museum

in Ohio. Your best bet for seeing a Burwell locally is to go take some tests in the Testing Center at 2 Enos Place.

Work by **Faith Ringgold** will be on exhibit at ACA Galleries, 529 West 29th Street in New York City in an exhibition called, "Social Art in America" through June 27. According to ACA Gallery, "The arc of the exhibition traces the 1930's cry for economic justice, through mid-century America's struggles for civil rights, and arrives in our own time, when our fragile social compact is still being threatened. Though their times and social concerns are different, what unites their work is an understanding that the progress of civilization is often paid by the most vulnerable of society." You can also see Ringgold's work in the North Hudson Welcome Center.

If you like the **Ann Steele Marsh** work, "The Forge", installed on the 2nd floor of 2 Enos Place, you might enjoy an exhibition of her work at the museum she helped found. In addition to being an accomplished artist, Marsh was a driving force in converting a stone mill on the banks of the south branch of the Raritan River into what would become a center for contemporary art, craft, and design. Check it out at the Hunterdon Art Museum, 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, New Jersey, through September 8.

ART DEPARTMENT HOSTS ART EXHIBITION



On May 9, the HCCC Art Department hosted an Art Exhibition Professor Laurie Riccadonna, Professor Jeremiah Teipen, Alex Seabrook and Karon Clark.

1ST ANNUAL STAR (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION) LUNCHEON

RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEE MILESTONES, HCCC FOUNDATION COURTESY AWARD WINNERS, AND RETIREES.

On Thursday, May 1, the Hudson County Community College Foundation, Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, and Dr. Paula P. Pando, Vice President of Student Affairs and North Hudson Higher Education Center held a special awards luncheon to acknowledge employees who have many years of service, demonstrate outstanding service to students and fellow employees.

The 2014 Employee Courtesy Service Award winners were:

Carmen DeJesus
Kevin Eng
Joan Rafter

Over 30 years of service

Maria Arroyo
Daisy Baiza
Esther Berman
Irma Sanchez-Fernandez
Elaine Foster
Elena Gorokhova
Gilda Darias-Hershberger
Theodore Kharpertian
Jennifer Oakley
Kevin O'Malley
Joan Rafter
Harvey Rubinstein
Barry Tompkins

25 years of service

Ruby Jones

20 years of service

Alus Green
Luis Leon
Leonor Meza
Pamela Littles
Gregory Smith

15 years of service

Glenda Almeida
Maribel Alvarado-Bikai
Rafael Nivar
Janine Nunez
Mei Xie

10 years of service

Robert Gioia
Laurie Riccadonna Lewis
Kevin Taylor
Mary Lynn Townsley

5 years of service

Monika Chappilliquen
Alison Friars
Patrick Moore
Jeremiah Teipen

NOTIBREVES

LA JUNTA DE ADMINISTRADORES DE HCCC DA LA BIENVENIDA A UN NUEVO MIEMBRO, HAROLD G. STAHL, JR.

El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de Hudson County Community College anunció que Harold G. Stahl, Jr. fue juramentado como miembro de la Junta de Administradores de la Universidad. La juramentación se dio durante la reunión mensual de la Junta el pasado Martes, 13 de mayo.

El Sr. Stahl, reemplaza a James A. Fife como miembro de la Junta. El Sr. Fife renunció a la Junta cuando el Consejo de la Ciudad de Harrison lo seleccionó para tomar el lugar del fallecido Alcalde Raymond J. McDonough.

William J. Netchert, Presidente de la Junta de Administradores de HCCC dijo, "El Sr. Stahl trae con él un ejemplar record de servicio comunitario, y conocimiento de la comunidad invaluable en

nuestro trabajo por la Universidad. Estamos complacidos de que se una a nosotros."

Veterano honorable retirado de las Reservas Navales de los Estados Unidos, el Sr. Stahl sirvió de manera activa en Vietnam de 1970 a 1971. Inició su carrera en los servicios de emergencias, como Bombero en el Departamento de Bomberos de Rahway, NJ en 1972. En 1983 fue nombrado Capitán del Departamento, en 1996 se convirtió en Jefe del Batallón, y en el 2003 fue nombrado Jefe del Departamento, posición que ocupó hasta el 2007.

Del 2008 al 2011, el Sr. Stahl sirvió como Coordinador de la Oficina de Administración de Emergencias (OEM) de la ciudad de Harrison. En Agosto del 2011, se convirtió en el primer Direc-

tor del Departamento de Bomberos de Harrison, y el Coordinador de OEM de la ciudad. Entre otros cargos, ha servido como Comisionado de la Agencia de Desarrollo de Harrison, Comisionado de la Junta de Educación de Harrison, Maestro de C.C.D., Presidente y Entrenador de las Ligas Menores de Harrison, y Scout Master de la Tropa 304 de Boy Scouts.

"La Universidad le da la bienvenida al Sr. Stahl a la Junta; estamos ansiosos de trabajar con él y con la Junta de Administradores," dijo el Dr. Gabert. "También deseamos agradecer al Alcalde Fife por sus incansables esfuerzos por la Universidad. Apreciamos todo lo que ha hecho por la Universidad y por nuestros estudiantes, y le deseamos todo lo mejor!"

EL EJECUTIVO DEL CONDADO DEL HUDSON THOMAS A. DEGISE RECIBIO EL PREMIO A LA HERENCIA 2014 DE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) entregó el Premio a la Herencia 2014 al Ejecutivo del Condado del Hudson Thomas A. DeGise en la 36va Ceremonia de Graduación. El evento se llevó a cabo el pasado Jueves, 22 de Mayo, en el Prudential Hall en el New Jersey Performing Arts Center en Newark, NJ. Más de 925 estudiantes se graduaron como miembros de la Clase 2014 de HCCC.

El Premio a la Herencia de HCCC reconoce a miembros de la comunidad que han hecho significativas contribuciones a la Universidad, sus estudiantes y sus familias.

El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC, dijo que el Sr. DeGise ha dedicado mucho de su vida a servir e invertir en la gente del Condado de Hudson, y la Universidad. "El Ejecutivo del Condado

ha sido un sólido aliado de Hudson County Community College, particularmente en relación con el plan de expansión física y revitalización de \$200 millones," constató el Dr. Gabert. "El apoyo del Sr. DeGise ha sido instrumental en la construcción del Centro de Conferencias - Artes Culinarias, el Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson, y el nuevo Edificio de la Biblioteca y Académico, así como la renovación de varios edificios, incluyendo, 2 Enos Street, 70 Sip Avenue, y One PATH Plaza. Estamos agradecidos por la consideración, cuidado y apoyo que siempre nos ha demostrado."

Residente de toda la vida del Condado de Hudson, el Sr. DeGise obtuvo su grado de bachiller de St. Peter's College en 1973, e inició su carrera como maestro y administrador en las Escuelas Públicas de Jersey City, donde sirvió por veinte años. Entró en la vida pública cuando fundó el New #28 School Neighborhood Association en 1980, y eventualmente presidió el Heights Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, un grupo dedicado a mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes de la sección The Heights de Jersey City.

El Sr. DeGise sirvió como Presidente del Consejo Municipal de Jersey City de 1993 hasta el 2001. Fue elegido Ejecutivo del Condado en Noviembre del 2002, y en su primer día en la oficina presentó una legislación para crear la primera Junta de Etica para el gobierno del Condado de Hudson de la Junta del Freeholders Elegidos. Fue reelegido como Ejecutivo del Condado en el 2003, 2007 y 2011.

Como Ejecutivo del Condado, el Sr. DeGise ha hecho del desarrollo de la fuerza laboral, una prioridad. Revivió programas de adolescentes, especialmente juventud en riesgo, y creó el Summer Youth Employment Partnership (programa de empleo para adolescentes en el verano). El Sr. DeGise además incrementó la cantidad de parques y espacios abiertos en las doce municipalidades del Condado en más de un 25 por ciento, creció oportunidades de recreación, y expandió la preservación de sitios históricos.

El Ejecutivo del Condado presidió la Autoridad de Plan de Transportación de New Jersey. Ha sido reconocido por una variedad de organizaciones comunitarias y cívicas por sus esfuerzos para ayudar a personas sin hogar, mejorar el medioambiente, y apoyar la independencia de aquellos con discapacidades físicas.

"Educación siempre ha sido una parte importante de mi vida, y Hudson County Community College tiene un significado especial para mí en mucho niveles," dijo el Sr. DeGise. "La Universidad, ha sido la puerta para un mejor futuro para miles de nuestros residentes, incluyendo mi hija. Es gratificante tomar parte en el crecimiento de la Universidad, y la educación de aquellos que viven y trabajan en el Condado de Hudson."

Mis felicitaciones a la Clase del 2014, y los invito a unirse a mí y a la Universidad en trabajar para un futuro más brillante y mejor para todos en el Condado de Hudson."



**Diana Angelo,
Summa Cum Laude,
Valedictorian of the Class of 2014**

Diana Angelo and her fellow graduates walked across the stage at the HCCC Commencement ceremonies on Thursday evening, May 22nd. The event, held in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Art Center in Newark, NJ.

Dr. Gabert said that Ms. Angelo, a native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was a Liberal Arts major with a 3.941 grade-point average, and a member of the College's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. In addition to her studies at Hudson County Community College she served as secretary of the Student Council, was a writer for the College's student newspaper, and volunteered for the Hoboken Shelter. She was awarded an Honors Scholar, the Honors Student Council Club Award, and the regional and international Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Award.

Ms. Angelo said she is thankful for the diversity the College and the robust Jersey City environment offer her, and that during her time at HCCC she has developed and learned about herself. She says she is honored to be recognized for her hard work, and that she hopes to share her passion for U.S. history and immigration with others after she leaves HCCC. Diana hopes to transfer and complete a Bachelor's program in Liberal Arts.

Commencement photos taken by Jersey Pictures during the ceremony may be viewed for purchase at www.digiproofs.com (password: 052214HCCC). The galleries will be available until November 1, 2014.

Diploma shots taken by American Candids can be viewed at www.americancandids.com with a password of HCCC2014.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



Graduation Salute



Graduation Salute



Student Achievement & Excellence Awards



*Student of the Year
Meghan Regodon*



Student Achievement & Excellence Awards



Graduation BBQ



*Faculty vs. Graduates
Basketball Tournament*



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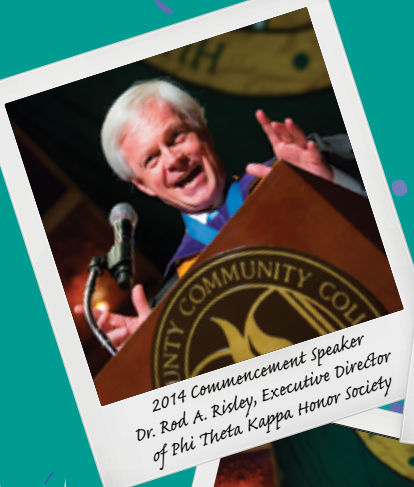
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2014 Commencement Speaker
Dr. Rod A. Risley, Executive Director
of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society



2014 Heritage Award Recipient
Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise



Vice Presidents
Dr. Eric Friedman, Thomas A. Brodowski,
& Joseph Sansone



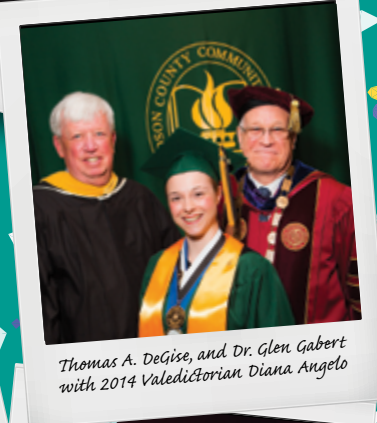
Commencement at NJPAC



Invocation - Reverend Michael Braden, S.J.,
Vice President for Mission and Ministry,
Saint Peter's University



Vice President
Dr. Paula P. Pando



Thomas A. DeGise, and Dr. Glen Gabert
with 2014 Valedictorian Diana Angelo



Gianna Isabella Petrone
performs the National Anthem



Commencement 2014



HCCC Student Melissa Ortiz
introduces Commencement Speaker



Commencement at NJPAC



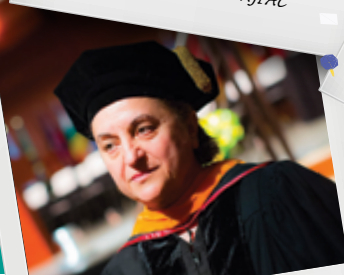
Commencement 2014



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Trustee Joanne Kosakowski, and
Trustee Harold G. Stahl, Jr.



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FOUNDATION SUBSCRIPTION DINING SERIES, EXECUTIVE CHEF: ANUCHIT PUKDEEDAMRONGRIT



Chef Puk addresses the student-run kitchen and dining room staff, before a recent lunch.

Dedication is a characteristic that one cannot denote as being tangible. One's drive and passion to ensure the ease of operations at the Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) can be noted with one of our key adjunct faculty, Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit, who is known on campus as "Chef Puk". What you may not be aware of is the fact that Chef Puk makes his way to our campus from Pike County, Pennsylvania, at times closer to 4 a.m., to ensure the proper receipt of product and supplies for our Culinary Arts, and Baking & Pastry students. His inherent presence behind the scenes allows for our facility to operate smoothly.

Anuchit was born in Bangkok, Thailand and immigrated to the United States in 1982. His story of entering the food service industry begins with his tenure as a dishwasher in a local café at the age of 13. The excitement of the industry influenced Chef Puk to enroll at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) between 1994 and 1996 where he studied Culinary Arts. His journey continued in the industry with catering chef and a la carte chef positions in notable establishments such as the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, Encore Catering, and several a la carte restaurants alike. He prides himself in being able to conform quickly with an operation's standards, as he frequently completes temporary assignments in many kitchens in the tri-state area. Chef Puk has

been one of the instrumental figures behind the success of the Foundation Subscription Dining Series, since its inception in the spring semester of 2010. This dining series generates scholarship funds from our neighbors within Hudson County and beyond, who are able to enjoy several meals prepared by the hands of current CAI students. In this capacity, Chef Puk has created the menu, and completed training for several dozen students, who have completed preparations for and cooked in the Dining Series over the last nine semesters. He is also an advisor and avid supporter of the Culinary Club at HCCC.

Chef Puk's latest project takes him on a mobile adventure, where he now owns and operates a food truck under the name Fusion Zensation. This delightful, Asian-inspired fare will be visiting your local farmer's market, or festival, in the near future. His addiction to the operation of the back-of-the-house (kitchen) has truly been transformed into his excellent rapport with students, and colleagues alike. Chef Puk's 'no-nonsense' teaching method allows for students to receive a strict experience of classic cooking methods and techniques, coupled with the latest procedures that are taking place in kitchens throughout the industry. His advice to current students is to keep their technique and actions clean, while mastering the basic foundations of culinary arts.

CULINARY CONFERENCE CENTER INSTALLS NEW PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS



Culinary Conference Center banner on display in Newport Centre Mall, Jersey City, N.J.



Culinary Conference Center banner on display at 162 Sip Ave., Jersey City, N.J.



Pictured is the first graduating class in the Baking & Pastry Degree option, coordinated by Chef Wendy Schonberg.



Students partake in a bench work class specializing in breads and rolls. This is a new course with Chef Lontoc, and is part of the Baking & Pastry Degree option.

HCCC CHAPTER OF SIGMA KAPPA DELTA HOLDS INAUGURAL INDUCTION CEREMONY



Photo on Left: From left to right: Top row: Malithia Hernandez, Victoria George, John J. Nielsen, Rakiyah Adamu-Sambare, Diego Sanchez, Cinthya Salcedo, Diana Sanchez, Bryan Esparza, Johansen Gonzalez, Fernando Sanchez Bottom row: Linda Vela, Eboni Coleman (treasurer), Mateo Sanchez-Palma (president), Alison Bach (advisor), Youri Paul (vice president), Andrea Moreno (secretary), Joshua Thomas.

Photo on Right: Students taking the pledge

The Omicron Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society for two-year colleges, held its inaugural induction ceremony on April 26, 2014.

Fifteen students were inducted into the honor society receiving a pin, and membership certificate, endorsed by the Sigma Kappa Delta national president as recognition of their accomplishments.

Faculty advisor Alison Bach presided over the event, and presented the candidates for induction. Associate Professor of English, Joseph Colicchio, and Omicron Epsilon chapter president, Mateo Sanchez-Palma, were featured speakers. The founding executive officers also received special recognition.



Sigma Kappa Delta has its origins in Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society for four-year colleges. The words Sigma Kappa Delta represent the initial Greek letters of the English words for the motto of the society, "Sincerity, Knowledge, Design." The Omicron Epsilon chapter at HCCC was founded in 2013 by President Mateo Sanchez-Palma, Vice President Linda Vela, Secretary Andrea Moreno, Treasurer Eboni Coleman, and faculty sponsor Alison Bach.

Membership in the Omicron Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta is open to Hudson County Community College students who have completed 12 credits with a 3.0 GPA, and no grade lower than B in any English classes.

For more information about Sigma Kappa Delta, please contact Alison Bach at 201-360-4738 or abach@hccc.edu.



Olivia and Devika update the Sigma Kappa Delta poetry board. The English Honor Society recently inducted 15 students at their first annual induction ceremony held on April 26.



Above: College Student Success classes pose after a successful toiletry drive to benefit St. Aedan's pantry and Women Rising Shelter, both in Jersey City.



EOF Graduate Achievement Award recipients pictured with Director of EOF, Sabrina Magliulo and EOF Counselor, Melba Blanco. In attendance but not pictured is Assistant Director of EOF, Jose Lowe.

HCCC EOF GRADUATES RECOGNIZED BY NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS PROGRAM

April 25, 2014 marked a day of celebration for EOF graduates throughout the state of New Jersey. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, and the Educational Opportunity Fund, hosted the EOF Graduate Achievement Awards Ceremony at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ to celebrate the accomplishments of 767 EOF graduates.

EOF graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence by maintaining a grade point average of 3.2 and above were recognized in one of three categories: Distinguished Scholar (4.0), Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (3.50-3.99), and Academic Achievement Award (3.20-3.49). Each campus program also selected one student who exemplifies the spirit and intent of EOF for the Outstanding Achievement Award. The 18 HCCC EOF students who were recognized make up 42.8% of the program's graduates. The EOF staff also celebrated the accomplishments of HCCC EOF alumni who were being recognized at their senior institutions. Ria Nathan, who graduated in fall 2013 and will be attending New Jersey City University in fall 2014, was selected for the EOF Graduate Achievement Award Spotlight and featured in a public release on the State of New Jersey's Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's website.*

The day didn't end there. Graduates, staff and guests returned to HCCC that evening for "A Night to Remember," the EOF Graduate Celebration Dinner which highlighted the accomplishments of 42 HCCC EOF graduates. The graduate address was given by Allen Cobb, Human Services major who will be attending Rutgers University in the fall. He shared his story with his peers highlighting his persistence to achieve his goals despite obstacles, and thanked EOF for being that support system along the way. Students celebrated their accomplishments at HCCC and acceptances to senior institutions such as Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey City University, St. Peter's University, Montclair State University, The College of New Jersey, Baruch College, and Columbia University. Alumna Vanessa Gonzalez who is currently enrolled at New Jersey City University, and Alumnus Kelly Smith who attends St. Peter's University, played an integral role in legacy ceremony in which they placed the HCCC EOF stoles on the members of the Class of 2014 to symbolize their transition into the next phase of their educational journey. EOF wishes its graduates the best in their future endeavors and reminds them to come back home to connect with those who will follow their path!

*For a list of all awardees and the press release, please visit <http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/>.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Dorcas Allen
Danielle Grasso
Melissa Holman
Gisbell Martinez
Ria S. Nathan
Aja Pacheco
Meghan E. Regodon
Gabriele Rosado
Jatna Suazo

Academic Achievement Award

Lesley Acevedo
Aleshia Black
Maryam Fathy
Adonis Rosario

Outstanding Achievement Award

Ramonita Rivera

*Names listed reflect only nominees who have signed a release form, allowing NJHE/EOF to publish their information. Institutions may have nominated additional students not listed here but included in their count.

2014 HERITAGE AWARD *Continued from page 1*

Community College, particularly with regard to the College's \$200 million physical expansion and revitalization endeavors," Dr. Gabert stated.

"Mr. DeGise's support has been instrumental in the College's from-the-ground-up construction of the Culinary Conference Center, North Hudson Higher Education Center, and the new Library & Academic Building, as well as the renovation of several buildings, including 2 Enos Street, 70 Sip Avenue, and One PATH Plaza. We are grateful for the consideration, care, and support he has always shown."

A lifelong Hudson County resident, Mr. DeGise earned his bachelor's degree from St. Peter's College in 1973, and began his career as a teacher and administrator in the Jersey City Public Schools, where he served for twenty years. He entered public life by founding the New #28 School Neighborhood Association in the 1980s, and eventually chaired the Heights Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, a group dedicated

to improving the quality of life in The Heights section of Jersey City.

Mr. DeGise served as Jersey City's Municipal Council President from 1993 to 2001. He was elected County Executive in November 2002, and on his first day in office he submitted legislation to create the first-ever Ethics Oversight Board for Hudson County government to the County's Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was re-elected County Executive in 2003, 2007, and 2011.

As County Executive, Mr. DeGise has made workforce development a priority. He revived programs for youth, especially at-risk youth, and created the County's innovative Summer Youth Employment Partnership. Mr. DeGise also increased the amount of parks and open spaces throughout the County's twelve municipalities by more than 25 percent, grew recreational opportunities, and expanded preservation of historic sites.

The County Executive serves as the Chairman of the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. He has been recognized by a host of community and civic organizations for his efforts to combat homelessness, improve the environment, and support the independence of those who are physically challenged.

"Education has always been an important part of my life, and Hudson County Community College holds special meaning to me on many levels," Mr. DeGise said. "The College has been a gateway to a better future for thousands of our residents, including my daughter. It is gratifying to play a part in the growth of the College, and the education of those who live and work here in Hudson County.

"I congratulate the Class of 2014, and invite them to partner with me and the College in working to make the future brighter and better for everyone in Hudson County."

HCCC HOLDS 16TH EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Hudson County Community College's faculty and staff recently held its Sixteenth Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon. The event, organized and attended by the College's devoted and generous faculty, administrators, and staff members, is one of the most important fundraisers.

Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone gives the warmest thanks to the following donors for the Hudson County Community College Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Their generosity will allow the Hudson County Community College Foundation to give \$10,410.00 in scholarships to deserving students.

PRESIDENTS CIRCLE (\$200)

Cesar Castillo
Thomas Brodowski
Constance Calandrino
Ana Chapman
Paul Dillon
Glen Gabert Jr.
Elena Gorokhova
Lloyd Kahn
Jose Lowe
Vivian Lynn
Randi Miller
Catherina Mirasol
Patricia Murphy
Rafael Nivar
Jennifer Oakley
James Olivier
Brian Plunkett
Joan Rafter
Joseph Sansone
Catherine Sirangelo
Cathleen Sova
Mojdeh Tabatabaie
Mirta Tejada
Joseph Torturelli
Romilda Vaccarella
Christopher Wahl

LIBERTY CIRCLE (\$150)

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Chanida Katkanant
Sylvia Mendoza
Elizabeth Nesius
Janine Nunez
Rosa Perez
Barry Tomkins

PATRONS CIRCLE (\$100)

Maribel Alvarado-Bikai
Sandra Aviles
Pamela Bandyopadhyay
Ileana Caban
Joseph Caniglia
Shannonine Caruana
John Delooper
Elaine Foster
Sivajini Gilchrist
Liliam Hogan
Nabil Marshood
Kitty Mazzarella
Kevin O'Malley
Ellen Renaud
Carol Van Houten

FRIENDS OF HCCC (\$50)

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Nitzia Berrio
Alexa Beshara
Sarah Bryant
Gregory Burns
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Reina Marcucci
Ryan Martin
Deseree McFarlane

Lester McRae
Marc Mittleman
Nelida Mojica
Mark Murray
Elena Nehrebecki
Constance Piatkowski
Yvette Ramos
Denise Rossilli
Mirta Sanchez
Marvin Stark
Giovanni Stoduto
Kevin Taylor
Maritess Wiggins
Lilisa Williams
Marcella Williams
Mei Xie

THE NEWEST MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET (MOMS) EXHIBITION FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, HOMETOWN TEAMS, WILL BE COMING TO THE HCCC LIBRARY FROM AUGUST 2014!



Caption: Kearny High School art teachers Chris McShane and Diogo Neto mount artwork by KHS students at the HCCC North Hudson Higher Education Center Library kicking off "Hometown Teams" events. "Hometown Teams," a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street initiative in conjunction with the NJ Council on the Humanities, celebrates America's love of sports.

Love of sports begins in our hometowns. We play games on ball fields and sandlots, on courts, on ice, and even in the street. If we're not playing sports, we're watching them, sitting in stands to cheer on the local teams and our friends and family. The HCCC library will celebrate this love of sports with the Smithsonian Institution's Hometown Teams Exhibit, which will be mounted in the library of Hudson County Community College's North Hudson Higher Education Center from mid-August to the end of September, 2014.

The Hometown Teams exhibit is primarily a cultural history of the American sports landscape. It is the story of a diverse assortment of people interacting with games, activities that encourage the development of competition, fair play, and a

passion for a goal. Connecting generations and making lifelong fans out of many of us, sports help to define who we are as individuals, as teams, and as Americans. No other part of American culture so colorfully and passionately celebrates American ideals as do sports.

The central theme of the Smithsonian Hometown Teams exhibition is the ongoing cultural processes that have made America such a celebrator of sports through teamwork, leadership, and team pride. Using a selection of photographs, artifacts, and memorabilia, the Hometown Teams exhibition explores various aspects of sports and teams from how and why we play these games to what makes us fans, and why we root for our home teams. The story is full of surprises about familiar games, histories of our teams and sports traditions, and how sports and teams have become such an integral part of American society.

To complement the exhibit, HCCC has joined with a number of internal, and external, partner organizations as parallel resources in the educational and outreach efforts suggested by the Smithsonian. The Art Department of Kearny High School will kick off the Hometown Teams events at the HCCC North Hudson Higher Education Center in mid-May with an exhibit of photos and visual art created by Kearny students. Another Hudson County institution, the Secaucus Public Library, will mount an exhibit of sports related visual art during the month of November created by HCCC Art Department students to complement the Smithsonian display. Pete Cannarozzi, former pianist for Ashford & Simpson, and current organist for the NJ Devils hockey team, will demonstrate through a simulated game how he choreographs musical responses to what happens on the ice. Bayonne sports artist, Paul Lempa,

will exhibit his paintings reflecting the time the Brooklyn Dodgers made their home at Roosevelt Stadium during the 1950's. Mr. Lempa will be joined by local sports writer Jim Hague in a presentation dealing with some of the history of sports in Jersey City. Other events will be announced once they are finalized.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is a comprehensive, urban community college with a main campus located in Journal Square, Jersey City, NJ. Its mission is to offer a high quality educational experience which is affordable, accessible, and community-centered. All programs and services are designed to meet the educational needs of a linguistically and ethnically diverse community, as well as to promote the economic, technological, cultural, social, and civic development of Hudson County and its service areas. The HCCC Library serves this mission in many ways, not only by providing services that facilitate the acquisition of information literacy skills, but also by supporting the general intellectual, social, and cultural development of the College and the Hudson County community. Hometown Teams has been made possible in New Jersey by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Hometown Teams is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils across the country. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

For additional information on these and other Hometown Teams events, please contact either Mr. John DeLooper or Mr. Clifford Brooks, the coordinators of the Hometown Teams exhibits. Each can be reached at 201-360-4723.

THIRD ANNUAL "MARCH IS READ A BOOK MONTH" CELEBRATED AT THE NORTH HUDSON HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

On Thursday, April 18, more than 35 students gathered in the North Hudson Higher Education Center student lounge for the drawing of the third annual "March is Read a Book" contest.

The event was organized by Dr. Nancy Booth, Professor of English as a Second Language, and Cynthia Coulter, North Hudson Higher Education Center Librarian. Dr. Booth first approached the Library with the idea for Read a Book month in 2011, seeking to help publicize the educational resources found in the College Libraries, and to encourage students to read outside the classroom. Previous "Read a Book" contests drew students, faculty, and staff from across the North Hudson Center, and this year's event continued its success with a record number of participants.

More than 125 entries were submitted by HCCC students, faculty, and staff who participated in the contest by reading a book of their choice and filling out an entry form describing what they learned from the book's contents.

Prizes were drawn by Dr. Booth, along with Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Yeurys Pujols, Director of NHHEC Enrollment and Student Services, and John DeLooper, Director of Library Technology. Both Dr. Friedman and Mr. Pujols spoke to the group about their own reading preferences.

Prizes included movie tickets, gift certificates, and specially bundled packages of fiction and nonfiction books, dictionaries, T-shirts, and school supplies, including note books, folders, reading lights, and pens. The 28 packages of prizes were donated by the Vice President's Office, Student Services, the Learning Resource Center, the HCCC Book Store, and by publishers: Pearson ELT, Cambridge University Press, and Heinle Cengage Learning.

"The interest in "March is Read a Book Month" has continued to grow each year," said Dr. Booth. "We had a record number of students and faculty participating; the College continued to support it; and the amazing resources at the NHHEC Library were used. It is a wonderful feeling to help create and stimulate an interest in reading."



Pictured from left: HCCC Besy Pozo, John DeLooper, Director of Library Technology, and Dr. Nancy Booth, Professor of English as a Second Language.

TESTING SCHEDULE

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. We have created a walk-in schedule to give students the opportunity to Study/Review their Math and English skills prior to visiting the Testing Center.

It is extremely important that you take the College Placement Test seriously. Depending on your score, you may have to register for and pay to take additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward graduation.

Before Taking the CPT:

- Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave.)
- To review for the College (College Board's "Accuplacer"), please visit: www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/
- For CPT exemption criteria such as SAT scores and applied transfer credit for English and/or Mathematics visit: www.hccc.edu/testing

On the day of the CPT students must:

- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring photo ID (Driver's License/Passport/Green Card / Student ID).
- Have your College Wide ID number.
- Bring a copy of transcripts (only if student is a transfer or foreign student).

About the CLEP:

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know. For more information on CLEP, please visit: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html

Before Taking the CLEP Exam:

- Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192, as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.
- All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- Please contact the Testing Center for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

How do I make an appointment at the HCCC Testing Center?

- HCCC students: Obtain Dean's Permission form prior to scheduling appointment

- Non-HCCC students: Research your institution's CLEP Policy
- All: Contact Testing Center for most updated appointment availability (space is limited)
- Cancellation: Avoid penalty fees by cancelling/rescheduling at least 24 advance

How do I pay for my CLEP Exam(s)?

- Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP's My Account registration portal: <http://clep.collegeboard.org/started>
- Print and bring your CLEP Registration Ticket to the Testing Center on scheduled exam day (by appointment only)
- Optional: order CLEP studying materials at My Account
- HCCC students have access to free study guide at the HCCC Libraries

On the Day of the CLEP Exam:

- Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver's License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, or Military ID).
- Bring \$20 receipt from Bursar's Office.
- Bring \$80 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted).

Disability Support Services

If you require special testing accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157. All students with approved testing accommodations must take the College Placement Test at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ.

The testing schedule for June as follows (times indicated with * are by appointment only; CPT sessions listed for offsite classes only):

- Monday, June 2 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 3 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, 9 a.m., NHHEC only, CLEP Test 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- Thursday, June 5 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, June 9 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- PAX-RN test session, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Building J. This test is for CarePoint Health School of Nursing applicants.
- Tuesday, June 10 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, June 11 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, 9 a.m., NHHEC only
- Thursday, June 12 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, June 16 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, June 17 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, June 18 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., NHHEC only
- Thursday, June 19 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, June 23 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, June 24 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, June 25 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., NHHEC only
- Thursday, June 26 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, June 30 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place

For further information, please contact HCCC's Testing Center, located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ 07306 at (201) 360-4193 for College Placement Test appointments.

To obtain additional information and policies of the Testing Center, please visit www.hccc.edu/testing.

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12TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Monday, July 7, 2014
9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 5

Hudson County Community College Foundation North Hudson Scholarship Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10

Hudson County Community College Foundation Golf Committee Meeting, 12 p.m.

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

Information Session, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Multipurpose Room, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

Hudson County Community College Foundation West Hudson/North Arlington Scholarship Committee presents "Dinner and Show" Fundraiser. Contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development for details at 201.360.4006 or email jsansone@hccc.edu.

Thursday, June 12

Truckin' Thursdays! Come enjoy your favorite NJ Food Trucks from across the state! 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of 81 Sip Avenue, G Building. *First 100 Servings for students FREE!*

Tuesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 19

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Hudson County Community College Foundation, West Hudson Scholarship Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

CBI Open House and Annual BBQ- Please contact Aycha Edwards at (201) 360-4262 or aedwards@hccc.edu for more information.

Yankees Game - 7 p.m., Students- \$10 To purchase your ticket please go to: <http://hcccyankees.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, June 24

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

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Avenue, 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

Truckin' Thursdays! Come enjoy your favorite NJ Food Trucks from across the state! 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of 81 Sip Avenue, G Building. *First 100 Servings for students FREE!*

"Business Lessons From The Big Screen" - "The Desk Set" moderated by Dr. Eric Friedman (VP of Academic Affairs), Culinary Conference Center, 5:30-9 p.m. \$30 per event includes theatre-style foods, one glass of wine, or beer. For more information please contact Ana Chapman-McCausland at (201) 360-4242, or email achapman@hccc.edu

Webinar - "Mentoring Adjunct Faculty to Improve Course Design and Student Success", Presented by Alyson Indrunas (Interim Director, E-Learning, Everett Community College), 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Center for Online Learning Lab, Room C232

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

PLANS MADE FOR GRAND OPENING OF NEW HCCC LIBRARY & ACADEMIC BUILDING

Construction on the Hudson County Community College's new Library & Academic Building is nearing completion, and the much-anticipated, official ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected to take place in late August or early September.

Work on the 117,000 square-foot building on Sip Avenue in Jersey City began in November 2012, with the steel framework erection being completed in April 2013. However, the structure really seemed to "come to life" when the exterior brickwork and window installation was concluded earlier this year.

Like all of the College's buildings, the Library & Academic Building was designed to provide safe, comfortable spaces for learning, and to complement the existing architecture of the Journal Square area. The entire building has been equipped with the latest technologies.

For centuries, libraries have been centers of community activity and participation, and the HCCC Library & Academic Building was designed with that principle in mind. The first two floors will house a 33,500 square-foot library that will accommodate traditional, printed collections as



well as e-books and digital media. The space will contain approximately 100 computer terminals and will be outfitted with WiFi, plus power stations for laptops. There will also be a group study area, casual seating, and a coffee bar for students, faculty, and staff.

Floors three through five are dedicated to classrooms, and include three multipurpose rooms, nine computer labs (each with 35

computers), three tiered lecture halls, eighteen traditional classrooms, and several faculty offices.

With its stepped-back design, the top floor has a rooftop terrace that offers incredible views of New York Harbor, as well as Hudson and Hackensack Rivers. This floor also includes a large lobby/exhibition area for progressive art installations, lectures, and student gatherings. The sixth floor also provides a pantry, offices, and three flexible classrooms with movable partitions that can be arranged/rearranged for special events, lectures, and programs.

"This building will play an important role in the academic achievements of our students, as well as in their lives and the lives of our neighbors in the Hudson County community," said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert.

Details on the grand opening ceremonies will be announced within the next several weeks.

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BEST PRACTICES



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Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President of Academic Affairs participated in a panel discussion during Best Practices Conference held on April 25 at Mercer County Community College.

HCCC LIBRARIANS CLIFFORD BROOKS AND JOHN DELOOPER RECEIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CARNEGIE-WHITNEY GRANT TO CREATE CHILDREN'S OPERA BOOKS BIBLIOGRAPHY

Clifford Brooks and John DeLooper, librarians at Hudson County Community College (HCCC), have been awarded an American Library Association (ALA) Carnegie-Whitney Grant to create the first comprehensive bibliography of children's books published in the United States dealing with opera. This bibliography, which will be made accessible online, will provide the data necessary to recognize possible patterns and trends that determine which works in the operatic genre were deemed suitable for a young audience from 1900 to present.

The Carnegie-Whitney Grant provides an award that is based on a special endowment first established by Andrew Carnegie in 1902, "the income of which is to be applied to the preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes, and other bibliographical and library aids, as will be especially useful in the circulating libraries of this country." The Carnegie Fund was subsequently enhanced by a merger with another gift by James Lyman Whitney in 1910. The Publishing Committee, a standing committee of the American Library Association, administers the grant.

Historically, opera was assumed to be an elitist art in this country, and often was not given serious consideration in collection development policies in both children's and adult services. Children's opera books have therefore been an overlooked component of the Dewey and picture book collection, and yet have continued to be published and purchased by libraries consistently for quite some time. Operatic versions of well-known fairy tales such as Cinderella or Hansel and Gretel, as well as opera stories such as Aida, The Magic Flute, The Barber of Seville, or The Love for Three Oranges have more or less entered

into the mainstream of children's literature, and hold their places on many lists as recommended books for children. A random sampling of books cataloged under several subject headings dealing with opera stories or plots, and children's literature supports the premise that there has been a continuous trend to publish age appropriate opera stories in the form of children's books in the English speaking world since the end of the 19th century.

The project undertaken by Brooks and DeLooper is all the more important given the expansion of arts education efforts by schools and arts collaboratives, both of which are witness to the rise of opera education initiatives since the 1990s. The proliferation of "Create Your Own Opera" programs, as well as the publication of curricula and instructional strategies for integrating opera into Humanities classes, has created a demand for opera resources for the classroom. Opera programs in educational settings, both elementary and secondary, now exist in some form or other throughout the country, especially in areas serviced by a local opera company.

Opera stories reflect the human condition, and as such have universal appeal. Having an extensive bibliography online will provide librarians, parents, and the educational community with a resource that will not only serve as a preparation for a performance or operatic event, but also as an introduction to some of the great stories and characters many in the West have grown to know and love.

For additional information about this project, please contact Clifford Brooks or John DeLooper at 201/360-4723.



OPENING SOON! HCCC COLLEGE LIBRARY & ACADEMIC BUILDING

Hudson County Community College will expand the world of possibilities for our students, and the community, with the opening of our 117,000 square-foot, six-story building on Sip Avenue in Jersey City.