

# HCCC Happenings

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVANCES MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE, SERVES AS NATIONAL MODEL

**The Life & Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Please join us to celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Supreme Court Justice of the United States.

1955 - 2020

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 at 10:00 am - 11:50 am



CENTER FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND INNOVATION AND THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (PACDEI)

**BOOK-TALK**

**White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism**

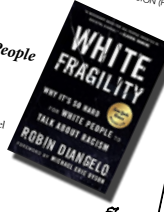
by Robin Diangelo

Presented by Professor Veliso Jossal and Dr. Andrea Segel

**Wednesday, July 8**

**10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Time, join your Webex meeting here.



The Office of Human Resources, The North Hudson Academic Support Center, and The President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (PACDEI) invite you to attend.

**Ripple Effects**

A panel discussion on the micro-moments that define us and others.

**FRIDAY OCT. 16 10:00 AM**

Moderator: Anna Krepelskiy

Panelists: FANIELA ALBONZI, Richard Walker, Criminal Justice Lecturer, Hudson County; Keith Stith, Chief of Investigations, Hudson County

**Co-Founders of the Urban Policing!**

Present a Seminar with Special Guest Speaker

**CORINNE MASON**

Detective, Morris County Prosecutor's Office & National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Recording Secretary

**"Building Police-Community Partnerships in Urban Areas"**



Hudson County Community College The President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) and the Office of Human Resources present.

**Our Stories Untold**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2020 @ 11:00am via WebEx

We invite you to Our Stories Untold, a new speaker series highlighting members of the HCCC community. Join us for hours more about each other through personal, educational, and professional experiences, storytelling, and insight. Each program aims to introduce some of our outstanding and influential colleagues, followed by an interactive Q&A.

Storyteller: Professor Raffella Pernice STEM

Do you know someone with a compelling story? Are you interested in talking about your story? Let us know at PACDEI@hccc.edu





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**From the Editor’s Desk**

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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVANCES MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE, SERVES AS NATIONAL MODEL**

**W**hen Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Chris Reber established the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) last fall, there was no way to foretell the enormously important role it would play during the challenging times of 2020.

Located in one of the most ethnically diverse areas of the United States, Hudson County Community College students were born in 119 countries and speak 29 different languages. The College has been recognized with national awards for achieving equity in its educational programs and services – and in the administration and delivery of those programs and services – including the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2015 Award of Excellence for Advancing Diversity, and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2016 Northeast Regional Equity Award. Additionally, the 2017 Equality of Opportunity Project ranked HCCC in the top five percent of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions for supporting students’ upward economic and social mobility.

“When we ask students why they choose to study at Hudson County Community College, they almost always respond that it is because of our diversity,” Dr. Reber said. “That diversity, and the multitude of our community’s collective cultures, life experiences, skills and aspirations, are the very values and traits that empower us to be productive and caring members of our society. We are all proud of the differences we share, which are the foundation for the life-changing and transformational education we offer and the social mobility we provide to the communities we serve.”

PACDEI was instituted to develop new levels of understanding and access. “President Reber initiated PACDEI to build upon the College’s strengths and move the College community to become more transparent and inclusive,” said Yeurys Pujols, HCCC Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, who co-chairs PACDEI with Lilisa Williams, HCCC Director of Faculty and Staff Development.



*Pictured from left: Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development (PACDEI Co-Chair), HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, and Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Center (PACDEI Co-Chair) participating in a recent “Out of the Box” podcast.*

From the outset HCCC PACDEI was embraced by the entire College community. The Advisory Council was created with 38 members – students, community members, faculty, staff, administrators, and HCCC Trustees Bakari G. Lee, Esq. and Pamela Gardner – all of whom enthusiastically began working to fulfill the PACDEI mission and realize the charges set forth by the President and Trustees.

One of the first projects undertaken was a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) climate survey that was distributed to the entire College community. Responses from more than 800 individuals – students, trustees, faculty, staff and administrators – formed the basis for the development of three key goals:

- (1) Supporting an inclusive culture of care at HCCC, including DEI infrastructure and training, programs and initiatives across the College;
- (2) Weaving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion guidelines and best practices into recruitment and hiring practices, screening committee policies, promotional considerations, and succession planning; and,
- (3) Creating clear and transparent processes for safety, security and incident reporting that are free of intimidation and respectful of confidentiality.

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**ON THE COVER, CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (center) with PACDEI Co-Chairs Lilisa Williams (left), HCCC Director of Faculty and Staff Development, and Yeurys Pujols, HCCC Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; promotions of recent PACDEI-sponsored activities; PACDEI presentations during previous Town Hall meetings; and a 2019 PACDEI meeting.**

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



## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR LAURIE RICCADONNA NAMED OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER FOR NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Program Coordinator and Professor of Fine Arts, Laurie Riccadonna, has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Northeast Regional Faculty Member Award.

The award, which will be presented virtually on October 7, recognizes those faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, and outstanding contributions to one's community. Regional-level awardees are the sole contenders for the ACCT 2020 national-level William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award that will be presented virtually during the ACCT Leadership Conference on October 8, 2020.

"Professor Riccadonna developed the HCCC Associate in Fine Arts program and helped lead the program to achieve national distinction," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "In promoting HCCC arts programs, Professor Riccadonna has championed the College and enriched the community's cultural life. She is an inspiration to our students, and all of our colleagues and students join me in congratulating Laurie for this national recognition of her teaching and scholarly excellence."

A respected and beloved member of the New Jersey/New York arts community, Laurie Riccadonna is an internationally recognized artist/curator, and a dedicated educator. She began her teaching career at HCCC in 2003, initiating the College's first two art courses, and has been instrumental in expanding the College's Associate in Fine Arts degree program to include options in Studio Arts and Computer Arts.



Professor Riccadonna holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Painting and Printmaking from Yale University School of Art, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting and Drawing from Pennsylvania State University. Her works have been exhibited in Spring Break Art Fair, (NY, NY); Techningmuseet, The Museum of Drawing (Laholm, Sweden); Brooklyn Botanic Garden (Brooklyn, NY); Space B Gallery (NY,NY); Van Vleck House and Gardens (Montclair, NJ); Hamilton Square (Jersey City, NJ); Village West

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New Jersey's online voter registration form is now fully up-and-running.

**VOTE**

VISIT:  
<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>  
 The voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13

## TOUR WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN CLERGY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS



*Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, conducts a tour of the College, including the Bloomberg Finance Lab in the Culinary Conference Center, to African-American religious leaders in Hudson County.*



On Tuesday, September 15, Reverend Mona Fitch, Reverend Dorothy Patterson, Pastor Dwayne Watterman, and Ms. Lisa Harris joined Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, for a comprehensive tour of the Journal Square campus. During the visit, Dr. Friedman provided information about the student-centered design of the buildings and the programs offered in each of the facilities.

All of the participants are African American clergy and community leaders invited to a recent networking event facilitated by Trustee Pamela Gardner. On the tour, the group visited our renowned Culinary Conference Center, School of Nursing, STEM Building, and Gabert Library. The longtime residents of Jersey City were impressed--and pleasantly surprised--by what we have to

offer on our campus and the many educational and career opportunities our College offers to the community. Additional tours led by Dr. Friedman for community leaders are being scheduled each month through Alexa Riano, who can be reached at [ariano@hccc.edu](mailto:ariano@hccc.edu).

## OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1 – 30, 2020

The Office of Human Resources will be hosting Informational sessions on every Monday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m., starting the week of the 5th. For detailed information, please visit HR Benefits Portal Page or contact HR Benefits directly; cmcguire@hccc.edu or HR@hccc.edu

### Tuesday, Oct. 8, 15 and 22, 11 a.m.

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- Meeting password: 6fhByB436jr
- <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mf97a65a546d88a846981832c3294fa4c>

### Monday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

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### Monday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.

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## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
Ernestina Vargas  
Jocelyn Wong-Castellano

5 years  
Jason Figueroa

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
Anya Tavares-Malave  
Cynthia Tavard  
Kirwin Alcantara  
Stephanie Pina

5 years  
Nasly Aguilar

10 Years  
Javier Cabezas Velasquez

## RETIREMENT

Nelida Mojica, Enrollment Support Assistant  
(effective Dec. 23, 2020)

Julio Morales, Assistant Director of Financial Aid  
(effective Oct. 30, 2020)

## REMARKS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources  
September 22, 2020

It was 1993, and I did not know then that a 14-year-old Ruth Joan Bader walked the same hallways of James Madison High School in Flatbush, Brooklyn, many decades and generations before I roamed the same space at the same age, just months after my family immigrated to the US. Or that Ruth's father was from my hometown of Odessa before emigrating to New York City.

I did not know then that President Bill Clinton had nominated Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court that year. She was the second woman ever in this role.

I did not know then that even shy, soft-spoken girls like me can have a giant impact on the world like Ruth did.

I did not know then that I would be admitted to law school and later to practice law. There was a time when women did not belong in the legal profession, as there was not yet equality between

women and men as a fundamental constitutional principle.

I did not know then how important it is for constitutional principles and legal traditions to reflect the reality we all live, just like Justice Ginsburg wrote in the cases she supported and in her infamous dissents.

I did not know how exhausting and demanding it would be to raise children and continue a professional career. Ruth showed us how a modern marriage could be a 56-year partnership. She famously took notes for her husband Marty at Harvard Law School, when he was sick. At the same time, she completed her classes and assignments, stayed atop her law school class, and cared for their toddler.

I did not know then that I would need to use my voice for change, just like Ruth Bader Ginsburg did for women, girls, the LGBTQ community, and

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To view HCCC's tribute to Justice Ginsburg, please visit  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YY-FrTP2rnI>

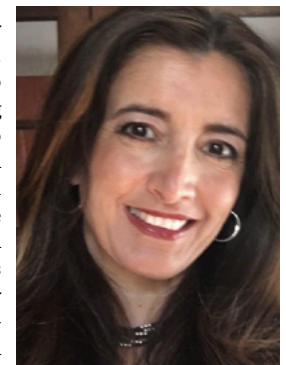
## OUR STORIES UNTOLD

Submitted by Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources and Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus and Co-Chair of the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Our Stories Untold storytelling emerged as a partnership between the Office of Human Resources and the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PAC-DEI). This series highlights HCCC community members' sharing their personal, educational, and professional experiences, advice, and insight. Each program aims to introduce some of our outstanding and influential colleagues to enhance inclusion and create community. Previous participants have shared that the program lets them feel like they have a voice at HCCC, with so many inspirational stories hidden within our community.

On September 25, Dr. Raffaella Pernice was our featured storyteller who shared her passion for learning, life in Italy, heritage, how to correctly pronounce her name and pride in her accent. Over 60 members of the college community attend-

ed, including her STEM colleagues. They attested to her love of cooking and her ability to bring warmth and motivation with her every single day. Her past and current students learned about her professional beginnings in the United States, in the Italian community on 18th avenue in Brooklyn, New York, and personal struggle to find her passion, leading her to teach, and her future educational pursuits in homeopathic medicine.



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





## HCCC celebrates HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HCCC Foundation Art Collection: Hispanic Heritage Month Online Self-Guided Art Tour

Whether you are online or on campus, you can enjoy the beautiful artwork that is part of the HCCC Art Foundation Collection. Visit [www.hccc.edu/HHMBrochure](http://www.hccc.edu/HHMBrochure) for a self-guided tour brochure including on-campus locations and [www.hccc.edu/HispanicArtistArtCollection](http://www.hccc.edu/HispanicArtistArtCollection) for the online gallery for the HCCC Foundation Art Collection featuring Hispanic and Hispanic American Artists.

### Conference Opportunity

HCCC will be sponsoring the attendance of ten students to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 34th Annual Conference which will be held VIRTUALLY on October 26 to October 28, 2020. This is an amazing opportunity to attend a special Student Track focused on career development, networking, and leadership skills. Through this opportunity, you will be connected to companies and organizations

from across the country along with over 500 other college students!

Students who are interested in attending will be asked to fill out an application, which will be found on <https://involved.hccc.edu/> from Tuesday, September 15 to Monday, September 21. Complete details related to the conference will be in this application. Those chosen to attend the conference will be alerted on Tuesday, September 22.

### @hcccstudentlife Social Media Feature: Learn Spanish!

Visit HCCC Student Life on Social Media (FB: HCCC Student Life and IG: @hcccstudentlife) throughout Hispanic Heritage Month and learn common phrases and words from members of the HCCC Community.

**Log onto Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)  
for all event links!**

*For more events see calendar on page 14*

## HCCC PROFESSOR LAURIE RICCADONNA NAMED OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER

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Gallery (Jersey City, NJ); Center for the Arts at Casa Colombo (Jersey City, NJ); Amelie A. Wallace Gallery (Old Westbury, NY); Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences Institute for Research on Women, (New Brunswick, NJ); Art Fair 14C (Jersey City, NJ); and Sensaspace Gallery (NY, NY). In addition, her work is included in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Monmouth Collection (Middleton and Montvale, NJ); Hudson County Community College Foundation Permanent Art Collection (NJ); and those of several private collections in the United States.

Professor Riccadonna has been involved with many arts organizations, including New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Jersey City Office of Cultural Affairs, Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences Institute for Research on Women, Art Fair 14C, and Casa Colombo. She continually utilizes her significant connections in the arts community to provide students with opportunities and experiences that increase their knowledge and skills, and help cultivate their careers.

## URBAN POLICING INSTITUTE NEWS

The Urban Policing Institute (UPI) founders Richard Walker and Keith Stith co-authored a proposal for police reform in New Jersey. The proposal was also written by Robert Dowd, North Bergen Police Department, Chief (Ret.) and Lisa Ledoux, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, (Juvenile Unit), Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. The proposal has been endorsed by Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, New Jersey Police Training Commissioner Jiles Ship, and Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez. The proposal was co-sponsored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

The proposal outlines the urgency of implementing the guardian driven policing model into all classroom and physical training modules of the 16 police academies in New Jersey. Furthermore, the proposal stresses the importance of academy oversight e.g. appointed evaluators to ensure that all academy directors are adhering to the curriculum overhaul, the inclusion of diverse groups on the Police Training Commission Board of Commissioners, and the integration of Sir Robert Peel's Principles of Law Enforcement into the training modules.

The Hudson County Public Safety Training Center directors have agreed to include a pilot program based on the proposal's call for the guardian driven principles in policing.

The Urban Policing Institute founders Richard Walker and Keith Stith invited Detective Corinne Mason from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office to provide a Zoom seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The topic of the seminar, "Building Police-Community Partnerships in Urban Areas" allowed retired and current law enforcement officers, in addition to students and staff members, to critically consider the various options that are available for police departments to forge healthier relationships with their respective communities.

Detective Mason stressed the necessity of community and law enforcement agency outreach. Some specific options that were discussed included civilian review boards; National Night Out; Coffee With A Cop; foot patrol; officers coaching sports teams; enhancing cultural competency training for officers; officers providing lectures in schools; and citizens submitting suggestions to police departments.

## PROVOST'S LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. DAVID CLARK

Congratulations to Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, who received the Provost's Leadership Award during Hudson County Community College's Virtual Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

As Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, announced, Dr. Clark embodies "what it means to be student-centered." Dr. Clark led the development of Food Pantries at the Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses in Spring 2019, which are continuing to evolve and expand services. He has also led the development of Hudson Helps and an internal CARE Team, which assist students in receiving services needed outside the classroom.

During the ongoing pandemic, Dr. Clark and his team have kept the Food Pantries open and coordinated the lending procedure of Chromebooks to students, as most courses continue to be delivered online or remotely. Congratulations, Dr. Clark!



### Missed Convocation? Watch it here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyAQzgtAs4E>

# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,300+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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

## ARTIST NEWS

**Ed Bereal**, whose work is installed on the first floor of 2 Enos Place, has always made art to make people think. In a recent *Hyperallergic* interview with Alexandra Vlak Cipolle, Bereal says, "I'm a landscape painter .... I'm painting the socio-political landscape." The 83-year-old artist lives on a farm in Washington state with his wife, the artist Barbara Sternberger. He is working on a mural for a local business in honor of the Black Lives Matter movement. He points out the conundrum he is thinking about: "Black Lives Matter' has already been said. Can you go deeper than that?" Bereal says. "I'm cursed with the demand that we all have to go further." As he considers the mural, he says that racism is rooted in a primordial terror: "Terror is at the core. How do I put imagery together, a dialogue together, to address that? ... If you put the right question in your art, you can maybe get through .... And this moment, of uprising, may be the moment to break through...It does feel different. I don't know why it has taken this long to produce this kind of reaction. That's beyond my understanding," Bereal says. "I'm hoping it's real and that it's deep." You can view his most recent show, "With Liberty and Justice for All," virtually by going here: <https://artspace.kunstmatrix.com/en/exhibition/1080584/ed-bereal-with-liberty-and-justice-for-all>.

The Foundation Art Collection's work by Caledonia Curry, better known as the street artist **Swoon**, is currently at the framer. We are looking forward to installing it. She talked in an interview about women in the arts: "Western art has had hundreds of years to witness male versions of the world," she said, "there is something deeply important in allowing a female perspective to really flourish ...and then stepping back later and seeing what was significant, what was added, what was deepened by bringing more people into the conversation." She added, "when I draw or make art, I'm peering down into the depths of myself...the kind of liminal spaces of consciousness...It's always been my hope that some glimmer of that gets transmitted."

The Foundation Art Collection has many works by New Jersey artist **Dahlia Elsayed** installed in the Gabert Library, the STEM Building, and the North Hudson Campus. Her exhibition of works on paper and ceramics -- "Common Language" -- at New Jersey City University's Harold B. Lemmerman Gallery comes down Oct. 8. Originally slated to be shown last spring, it was interrupted by the pandemic. If you would like to learn more about the artist and visit the show virtually, you can see in this wonderful talk which includes images of the show, and you can learn about the evolution of her art, including the role of her Armenian and Egyptian heritage, and her artistic process here: <https://njcu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/>



This lithographic screen print was designed by **Jacob Lawrence** for the 1972 Olympics. It is dedicated by the Hudson County Community College Foundation to **Richard Zaborowski**, who was an Olympic track finalist in 1972.

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The Collection is fortunate to have a lithographic work by the great American artist **Jacob Lawrence** (who died at the age of 82 in 2000). It is on view on the 3rd floor of the Gabert Library. In the article in the attached link, the author takes you along with Lawrence on a trip to the Metropolitan Museum and the Museum of Modern Art in the 1990s. Here Lawrence talks about works that are meaningful to him: <https://artdaily.cc/news/127799/In-his-own-words--Jacob-Lawrence-at-the-Met-and-MoMA#.X1u91D-SmU1>

If you like the works by **Frederich Phillips** on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library in the Vice President's conference room, you might enjoy looking through this second flipbook of original artworks by Phillips: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=MTE110941&v=1.1>

Congratulations to **Wayne Thiebaud**, who recently turned 100 years old. You can see his work on the top floor of the Culinary Conference Center in the reception areas. In honor of his birthday, here, two curators discuss Thiebaud's art and his wonderful presence: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=20&v=n67fNe7ZQ-w&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=20&v=n67fNe7ZQ-w&feature=emb_logo)

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

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

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

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

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



National Giving – Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will match your donation, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000.

Your tax-exempt donation to the HCCC Foundation Giving Match Drive will help HCCC students complete their education and make transformational changes in their lives.

You may donate at [www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor](http://www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor)

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## Exhibitions

### **Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album** **Free Virtual Gallery Tours** **OCTOBER 1 - 22**

Presented by The President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA. As an amateur photographer, Otto Frank had a single theme: his daughters, Anne and Margot. Nothing we see in Mr. Frank's photos reveals the horrors the family will soon endure. The exhibition consists of over fifty reproduced photographs, many of which are seldom on public display. On October 1 DOCA celebrates the Jersey City Art & Studio Tour weekend with a fabulous night of music and art. Pianist Angelica Sanchez will perform live from the gallery for the opening of Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Letters from Anne to Martin theatrical performance will be virtually presented on October 22 in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA. For more information on free virtual gallery tours and the *Letters from Anne to Martin* virtual performance, email: [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu).

### **Electoral Electric Flickr | YouTube** **NOVEMBER 2 - 20**

Curated by Michelle Vitale. Politics as usual? Black Lives Matter Movement, COVID-19, and gun control issues swarm the 2020 Presidential election and are key topics for battleground states. "Electoral Electric" artists create digital homages to top election discussion. Artists include Tricia McLaughlin, Orit Ben-Shitrit, John Sims, among others.

### **Student Art Exhibit Flickr | Webex** **DECEMBER 1 - 18**

Curated by Laurie Riccadona & Jeremiah Teipen. The HCCC Art Department offers a wide variety of classes in computer and fine arts taught by professional artists living in the New York metro area. HCCC celebrates the artistic talents of our community with a bi-annual student exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. At the end of each semester, the HCCC Art & Studio Departments celebrate the creativity of our students with a curated exhibition and student portfolio presentation. On December 18, join both departments with live WebEx portfolio presentations. Presentations will begin at 10 a.m. Celebrate the end of the fall season with us!

For more information,  
visit [www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs](http://www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs)

## **Hudson County Community College Presentation of 'Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album' Exhibition Features Virtual Tours and Live Performances**

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) is celebrating diversity, and the visual and performing arts, this Fall with new exhibitions and live virtual performances.

The HCCC President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (PACDEI), in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA, presents the nationally renowned exhibition, "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album," with free virtual gallery tours from October 1 - 22. As an amateur photographer, Otto Frank had a single theme: his daughters, Anne and Margot. Mr. Frank used his Leica camera to snap his girls in familial settings at home, school, beachside, and more. Nothing in Mr. Frank's photographs reveals the horrors the family would endure during the Holocaust. The exhibition includes more than 50 reproduced photographs, many of which are seldom publicly displayed. More information on the tours is available by emailing [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu).

HCCC will also celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and the opening of the Jersey City Art & Studio Tour (JCAST) with an evening of music and art on Thursday, October 1. Mexican American pianist, composer, and educator Angelica Sanchez will perform virtually beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Webex. Ms. Sanchez's music has been nationally and internationally recognized. She holds a Master's degree in Jazz Arranging from William Paterson University, is a lecturer at Princeton University, and adjunct professor at The New School. The performance may be viewed at <https://bit.ly/33qhWKY>; access code 1328150234; password 1234.

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## Programs

**OCTOBER 13, 10 A.M.**  
**SUMMER DAWN REYES**  
Founder, In Full Color - [www.infullcolor.org](http://www.infullcolor.org)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 10 A.M.**  
**Mindful Play Yoga | Facebook**  
"Wellness Wednesdays" explores mindfulness yoga practice with Jamie Wilson-Murray of Mindful Play Yoga. [www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga](http://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga)

**OCT. 16, 10 A.M.**  
**Young Masters Art Classes | Facebook**  
"Young Masters Fridays" online arts enrichment programs for children and families with Kristin J. DeAngelis.  
[www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass](http://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass)

**OCTOBER 17**  
**JC Poetry Festival**  
This year's theme, Futurology, will focus on how poets and the poetry they create determine what's next. For more information visit:  
[www.jerseycitywriters.org](http://www.jerseycitywriters.org)

**OCTOBER 22, 12:30 P.M.**  
**Letters from Anne to Martin | Webex**  
A special virtual performance of *Letters from Anne to Martin*, will be presented in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA.

**NOVEMBER 12, 11 A.M.**  
**Electoral Electric Exhibition Artist Talk | Webex**  
Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs, will sit down with artist and political activist John Sims to discuss his artistic process and more.

**DECEMBER 18, 10 A.M**  
**Student Art Presentations | Webex**  
At the end of each semester, the HCCC Art & Studio Departments celebrate the creativity of our students with a curated exhibition and student portfolio presentation. On December 18, join both departments with live WebEx portfolio presentations.

## ENROLLMENT NEWS

### HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE IN NOVEMBER

**H**udson County Community College (HCCC) has planned a Virtual Open House for prospective students that will be held over a series of dates in November.

Members of College faculty and staff will provide information about the College's offerings towards Associate degree and certificate programs. They will also answer questions about prerequisites for admission, student support services and extracurricular activities that are available.

**The Virtual Open House schedule follows:**

- Tuesday, November 10: Highlights will include a welcome from HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, a general information session, a question-and-answer panel discussion, and Student and Academic Services.
- Wednesday, November 11: Highlights will include programs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Management; Early College; Year Up; Veteran Services, and Enrollment Services.

- Thursday, November 12: Highlights will include programs in Humanities & Social Sciences, English & ESL, Nursing & Health Sciences, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, and Enrollment Services.
- Saturday, November 14: Students may ask questions and apply for admission during this session.

Preregistration for the Open House is required at [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse). Registrants will receive event links approximately one week prior to each event. Prospective students may register for as many of the events as they wish.

Questions about the Virtual Open House — as well as registration — may be directed to [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu).

## HCCC Fall 2020

### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

A "Choose Your Own Destination" Event.

The HCCC Fall 2020 Virtual Open House is scheduled for the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, November 10:** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 11:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Thursday, November 12:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 14:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a "Choose Your Own Destination" Event.

For more information go to:  
[www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse)  
or email [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu).



**TO RSVP:** <https://hudsonopenhouse.eventbrite.com>

## HCCC Remote College Placement: You Have Options!

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

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

For more details and instructions go to [www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement](http://www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement)

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ANT 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	FLM 101 Introduction to Film	SOC 101 Principles of Sociology
ART 115 Art History I	HIS 105 U.S. History I	
ART 125 Art History II	HLT 124 Health & Wellness	
BIO 100 General Biology	HLT 210 Medical Law and Ethics	
BIO 120 Human Sexual Biology	HLT 211 Community Health	
BIO 201 Practical Nutrition	HUM 101 Cultures and Values	
CAI 121 Product Identification & Purchasing	LIT 201 Introduction to Literature	
CRJ 200 Constitutional Liberties & Rights	MAN 121 Principles of Management	
CRJ 214 Corrections	MAT 100 College Algebra	
CRJ 220 General Police Organization & Administration	MAT 110 Precalculus	
CRJ 230 Ethics and Justice	MAT 111 Calculus I	
CSC 100 Introduction to Computers & Computing	MAT 114 Introduction to Probability & Statistics	
CSS 100 College Student Success	MDA 106 Medical Terminology	
ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	PSC 102 American Government	
ENG 101 College Composition I	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	
ENG 102 College Composition II	PSY 211 Developmental Psychology I	
	PSY 260 Life Span Development	

For remote and in-person services, go to [www.hccc.edu/remoteservices](http://www.hccc.edu/remoteservices)

To view the classes currently available, please visit [www.hccc.edu/schedule](http://www.hccc.edu/schedule) and click on the "Online" option. For more information, please contact Admissions at (201) 714-7200 | [enrollment@hccc.edu](mailto:enrollment@hccc.edu)



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



*Darciane Barbieri Etz, Pedro Moranchel, Christopher Galarza, and Courage Lahban at the Keep America Beautiful TrashDash at Lincoln Park, Sept. 20.*



*Bashir Bivins volunteering at the Hunger Free food distributions at Union and Harrison.*



*David Figueroa, Crystal Troncoso, and Yerani Heredia volunteering in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on Sept. 5 and Sept. 12.*

## HCCC EXPORTS ITS OWN RESPIRATORY THERAPIST TO PROJECT HOPE



**2020**  
**Kathy Smith-Wenning** – Hudson County College – Director Health-Related Programs - returns to Project HOPE in August 2020. She was a volunteer with the COVID-19 Medical Response Team in Montgomery County Maryland. There she participated as rapid response hot spot COVID-19 testing team member. Smith-Wenning and Project HOPE have a relationship that spans decades.

**1988**  
 The Project HOPE Respiratory Therapy Program, San José, Costa Rica was opened to answer a need in Central America for advanced education in the field of respiratory care. Kathy Smith-Wen-

ning, Registered Respiratory Therapist and Practical Anthropologist began her relationship with Project HOPE as a Respiratory Therapy Fellow in August 1988. As a fellow she taught in the classroom and at the bedside in the Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Units at Hospital Nacional de Niños San José, Costa Rica.

Smith-Wenning remained in academia teaching respiratory therapy in New Jersey at Brookdale Community College, Union County College, and Rutgers University. Today she is Director of Health-Related Programs at Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ.

## HCCC Presentation of 'Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album' Exhibition Features Virtual Tours and Live Performances

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On Sunday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m. as part of JCAST, Hudson County Community College Department of Culture Affairs Director Michelle Vitale will lead an 18-minute tour of highlights of "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album" exhibition with Morgan Bailey, Traveling Exhibits Manager for The Anne Frank Partnership. Topics of discussion will include the history of the Anne Frank Center, key themes in Otto Frank's photographs, historical context, and more.

Ms. Bailey is an educator who has worked on international projects to address human rights issues. She holds a Master's degree from Francis Marion University. The tour may be accessed by registering at <https://www.thejcast.com/jcast-live>.

HCCC PACDEI, in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA, will also present a special Webex virtual performance of "Letters from Anne to Martin" on Thursday, October 22, at 12:30 p.m. Log-in, access code and password may be obtained by emailing [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu).

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

**Victoria Marino**, Director of Career Services, will participate in a virtual career roundtable, "Learn@ Lunch: Hiring Local," presented by the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Oct. 2.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

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OCT. 6 - NOV. 6  
6:00 pm -7:00 pm  
Gabriela Fossati  
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#### BASIC ARABIC I

Monday & Wednesday  
OCT. 12 - NOV. 11  
6:00 pm -7:00 pm  
Marwa Abdelaziz  
\$45

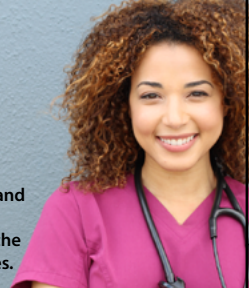
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## NLN Pre-Admission Exam Preparation Course

Saturdays,  
Oct.17 – Nov. 21,  
2020

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Tuition: \$229

This class will be online and interactive with weekly video conferences with the instructor and classmates.



NLN Pre-Admission Exam evaluates the academic ability of nursing majors to identify the most qualified candidates among those seeking admittance into nursing schools nationwide. This course assists students in preparing for the exam by mastering the subject matter covered in the math and science portions. Students will also learn test-taking strategies that will help them achieve a high composite score.

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/fall2020NLN>

For more information, please contact  
Clara Angel at [cangel@hccc.edu](mailto:cangel@hccc.edu) or 201-360-4647

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE



Continuing Education successfully launched its new, live and fully online Project Management Certificate Program this September with a full class of ten students. Through this program students are gaining a comprehensive understanding of various principles and processes involved in managing a project of any size in any industry effectively. Instructor, Susan Seradilla-Smarth, who is ASQ Certified, with over 18 years of experience as a Project Manager Professional (PMP) and is a Certified Six Sigma Back Belt and Certified SCRUM Master, leads classes each week with a series of lectures, videos, quizzes, and shares her real-life experiences and lessons learned. This certificate counts towards 36 hours of the educational requirements that are necessary to sit for the Project Management Professional (PMP)® or the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)® certification exam, should students choose to pursue accreditation. At the conclusion of this 6-week program, students will be provided with a certificate of completion and a digital credential from the college that shows they have gained the essential skills to be a project manager. The cost of this certificate program is \$1,000. Students may qualify for payment plans and tuition reimbursement. The next program is scheduled for Spring 2021. **For more information please contact [amuniz@hccc.edu](mailto:amuniz@hccc.edu).**

## Documentary Screening and Discussion: "Afro-Latino Travels with Kim Haas"

WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 14  
6:30 p.m. –  
7:30 p.m.



Register to attend at:

[www.tinyurl.com/hhm20](http://www.tinyurl.com/hhm20)

From the new, groundbreaking PBS travel series, "Afro-Latino Travels with Kim Haas", which shines a light, honors, and celebrates the historical and cultural contributions of Latin America's African descendants. Host, Kim Haas, will lead an interactive discussion on various topics related to Afro-Latino culture and identity.

"We are introducing participants to Afro-Latinos and their profound legacy in the Americas through history, culture, cuisine, art, dance, music, environmental conservation, literature, sports, and festivals," says Haas. "Afro-Latino Travels is about Black joy, pride and resilience despite centuries of oppression and under-representation." The series and event will feature Afro-Latinos that will leave participants with pride, hope, and joy.



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### DATES OF SERVICE

Five Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- October 16
- October 23
- October 30
- November 6
- November 13

For more information or to register, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Relations and Senior Counsel to the President at (201) 360-4009 or visit [www.hccc.edu/foundationdonor](http://www.hccc.edu/foundationdonor)



## ALUMNI CORNER

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

My family, God, and the drive to help others. The majority of my plans and goals are constructed around those inspirations. My business career will allow me to help others grow like the many professionals at HCCC who supported me. My career will also let me help my family back in Ecuador, and my beliefs are what allows me to be resilient and not give up.

### What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

You have done it! Whether this is as far as it was planned, or you plan to go farther, I am happy, and there are a lot of people behind the scenes that are happy and proud of you. Do not think your loved ones only notice your achievements or if you do not have anyone by your side physically or emotionally. Some people are quietly cheering for you. Whichever next steps you are taking, be sure to do it with an open mind, resilience, and honesty. I wish you the best in all that you plan for yourself! I am cheering for you!

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

Everyone has their pace to achieve their goals and life plans, do not rush. Take your time, enjoy every bit of it, everywhere you go, ask, reach, and plan. Do not feel rushed by what you see others doing. If you are here it is because you made that step into your plan, and if you had no other choice, look at the potential of this change. Try and seek opportunities that will make you develop into the person you want to be. One recommendation I would like to give is that whenever something super inspiring or, on the contrary, has happened, write a reflection. Ask yourself – Why did it happen? What decisions led to the situation? where is the potential of the situation (positive)? How will I develop on a personal level? Who has impacted me?. There is no structure however, this may help you get started. I wish you the best in all that you plan for yourself! I am cheering for you!

## OUR STORIES UNTOLD

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With 20 years at HCCC, Professor Pernice was enthusiastic about her love for the college and her students. She spoke about the medical profession, the value of public education, and community colleges' importance and effectiveness. She shared that one of her high school teachers expressed that she would not be good enough for the medical profession. Despite this advice, her parents' insistence and her own drive allowed her to pursue her dreams to become a doctor, at a time when it seemed that 90% of students were male, and she nevertheless succeeded. She also noted moments in life when she wanted to quit. Wait until tomorrow, she encouraged, because you should not give up on your true passion.

Do you know someone with an inspirational story? Do you want to tell your story? Tell us by contacting [PACDEI@hccc.edu](mailto:PACDEI@hccc.edu).



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 13  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m**

**JOIN THE SESSION AT:**  
Conference Call Phone: 1-888-363-4734  
Access Code: 9751220#

*The meeting will be devoted to a discussion with Achieving the Dream Coaches Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia and the College's commitment to student success.*

## UPDATE ON HCCC'S COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS - INVITATION TO JOIN THE OCTOBER TOWN HALL

HCCC's Dream Team invites all members of the college community to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 12 noon during which Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia, HCCC's Achieving the Dream Leadership and Data Coaches, respectively, will lead a conversation about HCCC's Student Success Action Plan. Unlike their previous visits to date, Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia will be conducting their October 2020 visit through video and conference calls. Their virtual visit to HCCC begins on Tuesday, October 13 and will conclude on Friday, October 16. Throughout their visit, Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia will be meeting with a variety of stakeholders including the six "How Teams," the Dream Team, and the co-chairs of PACDEI. This is the first of two visits Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia will make to HCCC as part of our second year of engagement with the Achieving the Dream network.

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## 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**  
Forest Hill Field Club  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Continental Breakfast, Cocktails, Luncheon and Awards. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to the growth and development of the College and students. Space is limited, so make your reservations soon!



Year Up is a one-year career development training and paid internship program for motivated young adults, ages 18 to 26, seeking to launch a career in Business or Tech. To learn more about Year Up NYNJ's partnership with Hudson County Community College and referral process, please contact Harrison Bass, YUNJNY Enrollment Specialist.

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The Office of Admissions & College Enrollment  
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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVANCES MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE, SERVES AS NATIONAL MODEL

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Three subcommittees are developing recommendations for achieving these goals with the full support of Dr. Reber, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Eric Friedman, and the College's entire leadership team.

That support distinguishes the HCCC PACDEI. "The buy-in from the Trustees, President and the College's senior leadership is unique in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs," Lilisa Williams stated. "As a result, all HCCC community members – including faculty, librarians, print shop, marketing, Student Government Association and many others – play a role in working to promote and ensure the success of PACDEI."

Over the past year, PACDEI members have met every month, albeit virtually since April. As a result of the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and others, PACDEI has hosted open forums to discuss racial tensions in the community, the nation and the world. These included a multiweek "Book Talk" that featured discussion of the New York Times best seller, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, led by the Director of the HCCC Center for Teaching, Learning and Innovation, Dr. Paula Roberson. There have been panels on "Students in the Movement" and "Conversations with Men of Hudson," and virtual memorials honoring the late civil rights leader John Robert Lewis, and U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice and constitutional rights advocate Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

There have also been virtual presentations underscoring the importance of voting, entitled, "Myth Busting the Vote," "The Importance of Voter Participation: Historical Reflections," and "Voto Latino." A new speaker's series with HCCC STEM Professor Raffaella Pernice, "Our Stories Untold," provides opportunities for community members

to share personal and professional experiences and advice. Additionally, HCCC PACDEI, in partnership with Anne Frank Center USA, is presenting "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album" with virtual tours of rarely seen family photos taken by Anne's father, Otto Frank.

PACDEI is also planning, organizing and hosting new workshops, diversity and inclusion training, and programs that address current events and issues of systemic racism, police brutality, social injustice, and building more understanding within the College and throughout Hudson County.

"I am grateful to be a Hudson County Community College Trustee because the administration, the students and stakeholders understand the importance of a diverse, equitable and inclusive college community," said Trustee Gardner. "As we move forward during this time of uncertainty and so much social unrest, the PACDEI will ensure that we remain on course under the common goals of working together and respecting each other. We will continue to accept, support and care for one another as equal members of society. This is happening at Hudson County Community College!"

The HCCC PACDEI programming has re-energized community involvement, and coalitions of Hudson County African American and Latino ministers are now partnering with PACDEI to improve access to information, assist in promoting educational attainment and upward social and economic mobility for area residents, and bring healing by providing platforms for the community to express their thinking, passion and dedication on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Recently, Dr. Reber, Mr. Pujols and Ms. Williams presented at a conference at New Jersey City University (NJCU), and PACDEI was recently selected to serve as an Experiential Learning Site for

the NJCU Community College Leadership Doctoral Program. In addition, the nationally acclaimed student success network, Achieving the Dream (ATD), has asked HCCC PACDEI to share its work with other ATD member colleges.

"I am so proud of the work Hudson County Community College is doing in the areas of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion," HCCC Board of Trustees Vice Chair Lee stated. "It is critically important, particularly in light of these most recent incidents of racial injustice against the backdrop of COVID-19, that we find a way to wrap our arms around those among us most acutely affected by these issues and find a collective path forward. HCCC is proving to be a guiding light in this onward march."

PACDEI was at the heart of the recent HCCC Annual Fall Convocation, which was themed, "Diversity Matters: Taking Action." The keynote speaker at the event was Doug Melville, Chief Diversity Officer of TBWA\North America, named one of the world's most innovative companies in 2019 and 2020 by Fast Company. Mr. Melville works with the North American collective of agencies on diversity efforts across talent, culture, and creative vendor relationships.

"As a community, we will find a way forward. We will continue to live and breathe the values of human dignity and respect as we learn, teach and work," President Reber said. "Our graduates are our future, and they embody these values and a commitment to community service. Through our HCCC mission and the people of our community, we will contribute to positive change and a brighter future."

**Additional information on HCCC PACDEI may be obtained by emailing PACDEI@hccc.edu.**

## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES REVIEW

Hudson County Community College is conducting an inclusive review and refresh of the College's Mission, Vision, and Values statements as the next step in its strategic planning. The first phase of this effort is a simple survey designed to capture the College community's thoughts about the current statements, and what changes you might make to them. **Please take the survey here:** <https://bit.ly/2GvDIoB>

In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to provide further input during two rounds of online sessions. The schedule for the first round of sessions is:

- Monday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 22: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 23: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The College community is welcome to attend, one, several, or all of them. If you would like to participate, but are not available during any of these times, please contact John Scanlon, Executive Director of Institutional Research, at [jscanlon@hccc.edu](mailto:jscanlon@hccc.edu).

Following the review sessions, the remaining steps in the review include:

- A first draft of revised Mission, Vision, and Values statements, based on survey responses and initial strategy sessions, in late October.

- A second round of inclusive online strategy sessions to be held in early November.
- Final versions of revised Mission, Vision, and Values statements to be completed by the Thanksgiving break and submitted to senior leadership and the Board of Trustees for review, endorsement, and approval.

This review is being coordinated by the HCCC Office of Institutional Research and Planning in collaboration with Dr. Richard Voorhees, a higher education consultant with extensive experience helping colleges shape their strategic directions.

## REMARKS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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the underrepresented.

I did not know that there would be times when it would help to be a little deaf, as she advised, reminding us that a reaction of anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade.

I did not know then how meaningful, inspiring, and impactful it is to work collegially, intentionally, and collaboratively. We need to recognize and listen to differences of perspectives while lifting each other's abilities, just like Justice Ginsburg did in her friendship with Justice Anthony Scalia.

I did not know then the power of patience, time, strategy, and perseverance in how Ruth Bader Ginsberg pivoted the entire structure of the 14th Amendment to cover equal rights for women. This forced a larger circle of equality and her insistence that people be judged by who they are and what they do.

I did not know then how much "We, the people," and her confidence and trust in the living and breathing constitution will mean in the days and months to come.

But I do know now that I want my daughter, my son, and future generations to come to understand that the Notorious RBG, in her eight decades, took on responsibilities that we must carry forward and continue to fight for.

I want them to know that women and men both owe her for her work, ensuring that women and men receive equal treatment under the law.

I want them to be just as defiant, righteous, with fortitude and independence of character. I want them to refuse to sit in the corner and cry when faced with adversity or injustice for themselves or on behalf of others.

I know now that I am grateful that she was someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability and that she left behind a better and more inclusive world than the one she found. Because she succeeded, I want to challenge everyone who is listening today to aspire to do the same.

I know now that the dreams I started to pursue as a 14-year-old were made true because of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She was a warrior, fueling courage and drive to ensure that others wouldn't have to endure the same roadblocks as she did, building a foundation through her various victories.

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, October 1

Last day to file Degree Audit Application for December 2020 Graduation

Race and the Census, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join via Webex: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m97b9cce48e2d5773b60ea2b036eb29ac>

Student Involvement and Support Services Virtual Fair. 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stop by during this Virtual Fair and choose breakout rooms to join to meet HCCC's student-led clubs, honor societies, and support services at HCCC. For more information on the event, and to access the event on the day, visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/6411785> and log in with your HCCC email and password. Year Up "Fall Kickoff," 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees must register at <http://bit.ly/HCCCKickoff>

Tune In to HCCC Music Series featuring Angelica Sanchez, 6:30 p.m., via WebEx: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com>, Meeting number (access code): 132 815 0234' Meeting password: 1234

Una Noche de Mariachi, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu/>

### Friday, October 2

Center for Online Learning Faculty Welcome, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m118154146f3631c7f619d0c8046d235a>; Meeting number: 132 799 5719; Password: Liberty521

Trivia Night: Marvel Cinematic Universe, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://zoom.us/j/94521390195>; Meeting ID: 945 2139 0195; Passcode: Trivia

### Saturday, October 3

Tenement Museum Virtual Museum Tour: Meet the Saez-Velez Family, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Log onto [involved.hccc.edu](https://involved.hccc.edu) and search "Tenement Museum" to RSVP. Limited spots available.

Hudson Pride Center Virtual Vogue Dance Workshop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Email Mercy at [mercy@hudsonpride.org](mailto:mercy@hudsonpride.org) to register.

### Sunday, October 4

Dineen Hull Gallery tour with the Anne Frank Center, 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required; please visit <https://www.thejcast.com/jcast-live/>

### Monday, October 5

PRIDE Shirt Distribution, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., STEM Building and North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Open Enrollment Information Session, 2 p.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m94ae0d2fd3b124e91101b197b19c902c>; Meeting number (access code): 132 036 0748; Meeting password: NctKYmj3c87

### Wednesday, October 7 – Tuesday, November 10

Culinary Cycle II

### Wednesday, October 7

Mental Health Event sponsored by EOF and Food Pantry, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join at <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/89209884223?pwd=aVBrNEVobnFDWC9wOXpPUTEZSFpjUT09; Passcode: 4r44nQ>

Trivia Night: LGBTQ History and Entertainment, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://zoom.us/j/94521390195>; Meeting ID: 945 2139 0195; Passcode: Trivia

### Thursday, October 8

Open Enrollment Information Session, 11 a.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mf97a65a546d88a846981832c3294fa4c>; Meeting number (access code): 132 000 4716; Meeting password: 6fhByB436jr

Real Money 101: Building a Budget and Good Financial Health, 3 p.m. Register at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ovZjaahWTN2SS-86jiLbCAQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ovZjaahWTN2SS-86jiLbCAQ)

Loteria, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

### Friday, October 9

Administrative offices closed – classes in session

Utilizing Tutorial Services to Boost Student Performance, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/86463650028?pwd=Wlp4WURlYnlIOEtaajlnT0krRXZEZz09; Meeting ID: 864 6365 0028; Password: 9NJc8i>

### Sunday, October 11

National Coming Out Day

### Monday, October 12

Columbus Day – Administrative offices closed; classes in session

### Tuesday, October 13

HCCC Foundation Golf Outing, 9 a.m., Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield

"These Are the People in Your Neighborhood ..." series featuring Summer Dawn Reyes, Founder, In Full Color, 10 a.m. To participate, please visit <http://www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/>

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join at 1-888-363-4734, Access Code: 9751220#

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Video Conference Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97844144483?pwd=ZmpJelJnUW9DYStLUjlfFRXEWrmT5QT09>. Dial-In Information: 1 929 205 6099; Webinar ID number: 978 4414 4483



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Spanish Spelling Bee, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Presented by HCCC's Latinx American Association. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

### Wednesday, October 14

Mindful Play Yoga, 10 a.m. "Wellness Wednesdays" explores mindfulness yoga practice with Jamie Wilson-Murray of Mindful Play Yoga. [www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga](http://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga)

Breast Cancer Risks and Prevention Workshop, 2 p.m. Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95453955062>; Meeting ID: 954 5395 5062; Password: s24sh3

Screening & Discussion: "Afro-Latino Travels with Kim Haas," 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/hhm20](http://www.tinyurl.com/hhm20)

### Thursday, October 15

Open Enrollment Information Session, 11 a.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mf97a65a546d88a846981832c3294fa4c>; Meeting number (access code): 132 000 4716; Meeting password: 6fhByB436jr

Training: Names and Pronouns, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Urban Policing Institute Webinar Panel Discussion: "To Protect and Serve: The Guardian Mindset in Policing," 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join via Zoom; Meeting ID: 929 3716 4657; Passcode: L4xbvs. RSVP to Richard Walker at [rwalker@hccc.edu](mailto:rwalker@hccc.edu) by Oct. 14.

Healthcare Certification and Apprenticeships Information Session, 5 p.m., <https://tinyurl.com/healthHCCC>

### Friday, October 16

Young Masters Art Classes, 10 a.m. "Young Masters Fridays" online arts enrichment programs for children and families with Kristin J. DeAngelis: [www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass](http://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass)

Training: Names and Pronouns, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu>

### Friday, October 16

Training Opportunity: UndocuAlly, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Trivia Night: Superheroes, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://zoom.us/j/94521390195>; Meeting ID: 945 2139 0195; Passcode: Trivia

### Saturday, October 17

JC Poetry Festival: This year's theme, Futurology, will focus on how poets and the poetry they create determine what's next. For more information visit [www.jerseycitywriters.org](http://www.jerseycitywriters.org)

Hudson Pride Center Virtual Vogue Dance Workshop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Email Mercy at [mercy@hudsonpride.org](mailto:mercy@hudsonpride.org) to register.

Drag Queen Bingo with Harmonica Sunbeam, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

### Monday, October 19

Open Enrollment Information Session, 2 p.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=maba10be2ebab4416615461ee915e4011>; Meeting number (access code): 132 045 8555; Meeting password: 6MBjUJPPX33

### Tuesday, October 20

Mental Health First Aid Training, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 21

Mental Health First Aid Training, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### Thursday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 28

Midterm exams/Advisement Period

### Thursday, October 22

Open Enrollment Information Session, 11 a.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mf97a65a546d88a846981832c3294fa4c>; Meeting number (access code): 132 000 4716; Meeting password: 6fhByB436jr

Online performance of "Letters from Anne to Martin," 12:30 p.m., in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA. For more information and reservations, email: [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu).

### Friday, October 23

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Training Opportunity – Safe Space Training: The Basics, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

### Saturday, October 24

Trivia Night: Nickelodeon 2000s, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://zoom.us/j/94521390195>; Meeting ID: 945 2139 0195; Passcode: Trivia

### Monday, October 26

Open Enrollment Information Session, 2 p.m. Meeting link: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=maba10be2ebab4416615461ee915e4011>; Meeting number (access code): 132 045 8555; Meeting password: 6MBjUJPPX33

### Wednesday, October 28 – Sunday, December 20

Online Session B

### Wednesday, October 28

Open Forum Business Webinar, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presented by HCCC Community Education and Workforce Development and Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity (HCOBO). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCwebinarHCOBO>

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Join via Webex at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m3ee3d7d840fd370e37971dd85c591af5>. Meeting number: 132 026 6414 Password: 3V3Jm4hsF3D

### Thursday, October 29

Real Money 101: Scholarships and Pre-Halloween Event, 3 p.m. Register at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_wftHQ6MPTHWqDfw-FQK37yQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wftHQ6MPTHWqDfw-FQK37yQ)

### Friday, October 30

Winter/Spring 2021 priority registration opens for Veterans of U.S. armed forces

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Training Opportunity – Safe Space Training: Beyond the Basics, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Trivia Night: Halloween, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://zoom.us/j/94521390195>; Meeting ID: 945 2139 0195; Passcode: Trivia

### Saturday, October 31

Hudson Pride Center Virtual Vogue Dance Workshop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Email Mercy at [mercy@hudsonpride.org](mailto:mercy@hudsonpride.org) to register.

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## ALUMNI CORNER

### Cynthia Criollo

Class of 2020

#### Associate of Business Administration

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

During my senior year in High School, I had many decisions to make, one being where to continue my education and how it will be financially covered. I had visited and talked with a few representatives, but the only college I found transparent was HCCC, and to me, that was important. Besides being financially covered, it was vital that I felt like I was going to progress. I think I came at the right time. There were many changes and adjustments the college made and had to make. When saying HCCC, it is really the people at Hudson County Community College.

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

I have so many memories at HCCC but assisting in the start-up events would be my favorite one. I was fortunate to work with Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development. I saw the other side of the HCCC community. I was involved as a student, and that was great. I learned a lot about leadership, commitment, responsibility, management, and many other aspects that shaped me as a professional—however, seeing the people who create plans, curriculum, events, development plans, training for professors to stay updated, and providing opportunities for them to grow. Those who are in charge of making the college's marketing to those who worked in maintenance, seeing every department working hard, and having some contribution to building the community's strength was so inspirational. The mission of the college revolves around the students' development and future. Still, I would say that HCCC works for everyone that wants to be in the HCCC community, and it is inspiring to see everyone coming together to work on this not just for the students' but for everyone.

##### How did you become interested in Business Administration?

Through movies I used to watch, it was fascinating to me that people worked in big important buildings and that there was so much responsibility upon them and were essential. They also got to make big decisions that would change people's lives. Of course, since they were movies, sometimes it was not pretty or nice. Since I started college, I saw different options in careers. However, the most that I like, and I felt that I could have liberty, was in Business. I am a person that likes to explore, so I knew that a career in Business would allow me to work in different industries.

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

I came to HCCC with a plan, a plan that my advisor helped me draft. I planned to finish school within 1.5 years, and it was all set. I was determined to do it. My entire vision was to finish school at HCCC and immediately transfer to a university and potentially do the same. I did know it was probably going to be a bit harder, but I just wanted to finish my education and go back to my country.



HCCC made my vision broader and taught me many lessons. One of them that I do not have to rush, to take my time and enjoy every moment, every moment I achieve something, every moment that I have to change my plan and see not only why it had to be changed but look at the potential of what that small change can create.

Everything started academically, primary focus on my studies to achieve the highest GPA I could to land on scholarships, and keep receiving financial aid. Since I came with a goal, I did not want to get distracted by any other means. However, I heard of the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative, and things started changing from then on. I got involved in clubs, became an officer in three of them, and got accepted to be a Goldman Sachs LCCC participant. I also started working at a federal work-study for Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development. Through all these opportunities, HCCC has created for many students. As a professional, I developed myself with commitment and willingness to look and keep looking for opportunities to learn. That will help me grow as a person in many aspects, not just professionally. I am happy to say that I am and was prepared to start at Rutgers Business School with an open mind, ready for the changes and the new plans I will draft and redraft as they come.

##### What is a typical workday for you?

I do not have a typical day. It depends on the deadlines I give myself and the priority of the work I must do. I do start every day by checking my google calendar and emails. Thanks to HCCC, I was able to apply to an internship with Manomet. It is a yearlong internship that I am very excited to work on. Besides that, I am a full-time student at Rutgers Business School studying Leadership and Management with a Global Business Concentration. I help my mom run her business, help her friend with her social media marketing, and I am also working to volunteer with the organization Eyes Like Mine Inc.

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

The most memorable project would have to be the deliverable for Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. It was one of the opportunities to open my mind and be constructive. I was able to work with a team, representatives of Goldman Sachs and Sherwin Williams. Our team had to adapt to different scenarios, one of them working remotely at our final steps to put together our deliverable for approval. We were able to deliver an excellent presentation that Sherwin Williams and the Goldman Sachs representatives praised. It could not have been done with the support of Victoria Marino, Director of Career Development, and professor Dr. Cronrath and the HCCC community.

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