

VOLUME 23, ISSUE 9 • SEPTEMBER 2021

HCCC Happenings

A publication of the Communications Department



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMED RECIPIENT OF ACCT 2021 NORTHEAST REGION EQUITY AWARD





INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

HR News	4
PTK News.....	9
Continuing Education Programs	10
Alumni Profile	16

From the Editor's Desk

HCCC Happenings is on the College's website at <http://www.hccc.edu>

Items for the October newsletter are due by Friday, September 10, 2021.

Please send your news items, comments and suggestions to:

Jennifer Christopher, Director Communications Department
162-168 Sip Avenue, 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Phone: 201.360.4061
Fax: 201.653.0607
jchristopher@hccc.edu

PLEASE NOTE:

Digital photos must be high resolution JPG. This means 300 dpi at actual print size.

Images in this issue used for other purposes is strictly prohibited without the express advance consent of the Communications Department. Permission to use these photos may be requested by submitting a detailed summary to communications@hccc.edu.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMED RECIPIENT OF ACCT 2021 NORTHEAST REGION EQUITY AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been selected to receive the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2021 Equity Award for the Northeastern United States. The award will be presented on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California.

As the Regional Award recipient, HCCC will be the sole nominee from the Northeastern Region for the prestigious nationwide Charles Kennedy Equity Award, which will be presented at the ACCT Leadership Congress Annual Awards Gala on Friday evening, October 15, 2021.

The ACCT Equity Award honors leadership in setting policies that promote and enhance opportunities for institutional diversity, inclusion, and equity for women, persons of color, LGBTQs or members of any other underrepresented or underserved population that has happened within the last five years.

"This award recognizes the College's work to advance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all forms," said HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber. "It is a significant point of pride for our entire College community. DEI is a shared value and priority that has truly galvanized all members of our HCCC Family."

ON THE COVER: *The Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, pictured from left: Karen A. Fahrenheit, Secretary/Treasurer; Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., HCCC President; Pamela Gardner, Trustee; Jeanette Peña, Trustee; Harold G. Stahl, Jr., Trustee; William J. Netchert, Esq., Board Chair; Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., Board Vice Chair; and Koral Booth, Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees.*

(Missing from photo: Joseph V. Doria, Jr., Ed.D., Trustee; Adamarys Galvin, Trustee; Roberta Kenny, Trustee; and Silvia Rodriguez, Trustee.)

William J. Netchert, HCCC Board of Trustees Chair, said that because the College serves one of the most ethnically and racially diverse communities in the United States, student success and issues surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion – particularly increasing access to the College's high-quality, transformative educational and economic programs and services – have always been foremost priorities.

"These past three years we redoubled our efforts and established the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PAC-DEI), the principles of which are embraced and actively supported by the Trustees and the entire HCCC community," Mr. Netchert stated. "These principles have been interwoven in every HCCC policy, procedure, program, and offering."

Hudson County Community College was recognized with ACCT Northeast Region Equity Awards in 2012 and 2016. "This new award is a testament to our ongoing commitment of supporting and fostering a welcoming, diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment on our campuses, throughout the County and beyond," Dr. Reber said.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS \$100 INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

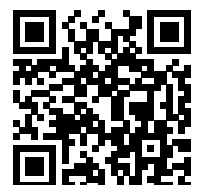
In an effort to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is offering financial rewards to students enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester who are vaccinated against COVID-19.

"As the Delta and Lambda variants of the coronavirus spread across the United States, the need to vaccinate becomes even more important," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "Approximately 90% of students, faculty and staff report they are fully vaccinated, or will be soon according to two recent surveys. We urge everyone to get vaccinated in order to protect themselves and others."

Vaccinated HCCC students who are registered for Fall 2021 semester on-ground, remote, or online credit classes will receive \$100. Students registered for non-credit Continuing Education or Workforce Development classes are also eligible to receive the incentive if they attend classes on campus.

HCCC students must submit proof of vaccination at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-VacProof> in order to receive the \$100 incentive. Once verified, those who are registered for direct deposit will receive the money in their bank account. Other students will receive a check in the mail.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the financial incentive as well as online, on-ground, and remote modes of classes are on the College's web site at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/returntocampus/index.html>. Additional questions may be emailed to the Return to Campus Task Force at return@hccc.edu.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMES MATTHEW LABRAKE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has selected Matthew LaBrake to serve as Executive Director of the HCCC Center for Online Learning (COL), effective Aug. 30, 2021.

“The HCCC Center for Online Learning serves students, faculty, and staff who study or teach in the College’s extensive online courses and programs,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “We welcome Mr. LaBrake, who brings strong experience and skills to lead and further develop online, hybrid, and technology-rich courses and programs.”

Mr. LaBrake received his Master of Science degree in Information Science, and his Bachelor of Arts in Information Science and Technology from the University at Albany, State University of New York. He served the last two years as Co-chair of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance and Online Learning Section Instruction Committee, and has served as a member of the United States Distance Learning Association Conference Planning Committee. Mr. LaBrake currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for the newly launched Global Online Learning Development and Extended Network (GOLDEN).

Mr. LaBrake comes to HCCC from Berkeley College of New York/New Jersey and Online Campuses, where he served in a variety of roles, including Senior Director of Digital Support Services, Senior Director of Online Library and Technology Services, and Director of Online Library. He was also a member of the Berkeley faculty at the Larry L. Luing School of Business, and Chair of the Fac-

ulty Technology Review Committee.

Before joining the staff at Berkeley, Mr. LaBrake was the School Library Media and Training Specialist for the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Poughkeepsie, New York.



“I look forward to working with the students, faculty and staff at Hudson County Community College to best serve their needs, and to expand the College’s Online programming,” Mr. LaBrake said.

HCCC offers more than 100 courses, and nine fully online degree programs, in seven- and fifteen-week formats. Credits transfer seamlessly to colleges and universities across New Jersey and nationwide. Fully online programs include Associate of Science in Accounting, Associate of Science in Business Administration, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Science in Health Services, Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - History, Associate of Arts in English, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - General, and Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - Psychology. Information is available at <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/col/>.

ACHIEVING THE DREAM

SAVE THESE DATES!

Thursday, Oct. 7 and Friday, Oct. 8
On-Ground Visit by ATD Coaches
Dr. Mary Fifeld and Dr. Rene Garcia
(Agenda and additional dates to follow)

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS NEW ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) now offers a certificate program that will provide high-level written and oral English language skills for students whose native language is not English.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Proficiency Certificate program at HCCC addresses the needs of the College’s immigrant student population, and all those who have immigrated to the United States and wish to enhance their opportunities for professional employment.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said that about one-fifth of HCCC students study ESL. “Ours is a community of immigrants, many of whom come to America with baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees earned in their native countries,” he stated. “They want to acquire English language skills that will assist them in succeeding in their professional and academic pursuits here, and this program provides that opportunity.”

The HCCC ESL Proficiency Certificate verifies that those who earn the certification can competently speak, read, and write English. In addition to successfully completing the ESL Reading and Writing courses, students complete English 112 (Speech), CSC 100 (Introduction to Computers and Computing), any general course in Mathematics or Science, and any two general education courses in Humanities or Social Sciences. HCCC offers free tutorial services to help ensure students’ success.

Those interested may enroll in the HCCC ESL Proficiency Certificate program at www.hccc.edu/ apply, where they may complete the online application. Additional information about the program and the availability of financial assistance may be obtained by emailing admissions@hccc.edu, calling (201) 714-7200, or texting (201) 509-4222.

New Mask Protocol
Effective August 8, 2021:

MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.

Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Your safety is important to us!

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

15 Years
Alexa Riano

35 Years
Siroun Meguerditchian

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Reda Agourram
Tayyaba Hafeez
Tytianna Jackson
Karan Patel
Rutvik Patel
Samikshya Poudel
Karl Ramos
Bianelly Tellez

Five Years
Marwa Abdelaziz
Marisa Daponte
Angel Dumencela
Carmen Guerra
Daniel Mendez
Gabrielle Reeves

10 Years
Angelita Tubungbanua

RETIREMENTS

Anthony Choo-Yick, Head Tutor, English,
Humanities and Social Sciences
(effective Sept. 15, 2021)

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary
Arts, and Hospitality Management
(effective Aug. 1, 2021)

Lidia Fernandez, Counselor
(effective Sept. 1, 2021)

Siroun Meguerditchian, Associate Professor
(effective Sept. 1, 2021)

Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative
Assistant to the President
(effective Jan. 17, 2022)

Katherine Vargo,
Coordinator, Testing, Nursing and Health Sciences
(effective Aug. 1, 2021)

Marcella Williams, Executive Secretary,
Office of the President
(effective Jan. 1, 2022)

BACK TOGETHER AT HCCC



Participants in a Welcome Back Walk from Journal Square to the Waterfront on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

By Lisa Bogart, MLiS; Librarian

August 16 was the date on everyone's calendar, tickler file, Outlook to do lists, etc.

Well it came! As did August 17, 18, 19 and 20. And, we are Back Together at HCCC.

After almost 1-1/2 years of working from home, working hybrid schedules, learning and perfecting (almost) online presentation and web conferencing tools, it has been so wonderful to be in campus buildings where there are people. It's not just the security guard and some masked person only recognized in their digital version. It is people who are taller, shorter, thinner, heavier, etc. than their WebEx version and more than one person can speak and be heard at the same time!

Although I have been on a hybrid schedule since August 2020, I did not know what to expect with August 16 looming on the calendar. What I have experienced has been a week of celebration.



Coffee Hour with Human Resources at North Hudson Campus, Aug. 16.



Food Truck at Journal Square on Aug. 16.

While we still have to wear masks indoors because this virus is sneaky, changeable and more lethal than ever, we have learned ways in which we CAN be together safely.

Amaalah Ogburn has had a huge hand in making this week into a very welcoming celebration of each and every employee at HCCC, and of the school itself. Thank you, Amaalah. I've enjoyed all the food I usually will not eat, talking face mask to face mask with colleagues, and being presented with fun, practical Hudson County Community College gifts. I know how much work goes into putting together multi-day, multi-venue events. And Amaalah, please know how much I appreciate your very hard work and helping to make our "all feet on the ground" week such a great way to ease back into our newest, live, in 3D normal. You are a star!

NEW HIRES/TITLES

Anita Belle, Grant Project Director (Grant-funded)

Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Vice President for
Advancement and Communications (effective
Sept. 20, 2021)

John S. Chisholm, Safety and Security Associate,
Transportation

Molly Delaney, Student Success Coordinator,
Operating Engineers (Grant-funded)

Keirsten Gordon, Coordinator, Continuing
Education and Workforce Development

Omar Hamza, Student Services Assistant
(effective Aug. 24, 2021)

Geraldine Kiefer-Necklen, Director,
Practical Nursing

Matthew LaBrake, Executive Director, Center
for Online Learning (effective Aug. 30, 2021)

Brian Ribas, PC Technician

Ashley Shaw, Student Success Coordinator,
Prison and Reentry Students (Grant-funded)

Imane Zehaf, Financial Counselor (Grant-funded)

MODIFICATION TO STAFFING TABLE

Kenny Fabara: Assistant Director, Writing Center
and Retention Services to Director, Writing and
Tutoring Center

Patrizia Barroero: College Lecturer, Transitional
Programs to Associate Director, Writing and
Tutoring Center

Kyle Woolley: Head Tutor, STEM and Business to
Associate Director, Honors Program

Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin: Head Tutor, North
Hudson Campus to Associate Director, Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion

Michelle Vitale: Director of Cultural Affairs to
Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for
Cultural Affairs

Jacqueline Safont: Director, Accessibility Services
to Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for
Accessibility Services

HCCC HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR 2021 RADIOGRAPHY CLASS



Members of the HCCC Radiography Class of 2021 following their White Coat Ceremony.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held a white coat ceremony for students successfully completing the College’s Associate of Science in Radiography degree program. The event was held at the College’s Culinary Conference Center.

The graduates are now eligible to sit for the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam. Radiologic Technologists are in high

demand with a projected job growth rate of 13% over the next several years, and median income of \$58,960 a year (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Jacob Bradley, President of HCCC’s Radiography Class of 2019, delivered a farewell address.

DON'T MISS Hudson County Community College

OUT of the BOX

PODCAST



Tune in to our monthly podcast for a timely discussion about education, people, programs, events, issues, and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County.

Each session is hosted by HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber, and features special guests and HCCC students.

To listen, visit www.hccc.edu/outofthebox

STEPS FOR WELLNESS SUMMER CELEBRATION



Pictured from left: Stephanie Sergeant, Sharon Daughtry, Lisa Dougherty, Sandra Aviles, Royal Mainor, Elham Kamali, Anna Krupitski, and Stephanie Pina.

On Friday, Aug. 27, the Office of Human Resources hosted a summer celebration for participants of the “Steps for Wellness” program. The program was launched in the spring of 2020 to encourage members of the College to embrace walking as a form of exercise.

FALL 2021 12-WEEK QUICK TERM

Begins 9.22.21

We're Ready When You're Ready!



Classes begin on Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Each class meets for 12 weeks. This a great option for students who cannot commit to a 15-week term or motivated learners who prefer a fast-paced format.

REGISTER NOW!

For a current schedule, go to <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Quickterm>

For more information contact: admissions@hccc.edu text (201) 509-4222 or call (201) 714-7200

APPLY TODAY at www.hccc.edu/apply with the promo code “HC3”

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,500+ 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.

Welcome Back to Campus!

If you're new to the College or haven't been around for a few months, you might notice a lot of art on the walls. These beautiful art works are part of the Foundation Art Collection, and are displayed to support student and community education. The Collection includes about 1600 art works installed (or on the way to being installed) in public areas in ten campus buildings. All works are donated or purchased with funds donated for that purpose. The art works include painting, sculpture, photography, mixed-media work, limited-edition prints, drawings, historical artifacts, etc.

Thanks to the excellent work of the Foundation Art Collection team – including Erica Chapman, Ben Galaday, Darius Gilmore, and Andrea Siegel – with support from Linda Guastini, Alexa Riano, Mirta Sanchez, and Pegah Sorour, and under the supervision of Dr. Darryl Jones, we have installed more Foundation Art Collection art — over 150 works since March — than during any six-month period in the last 11 years. Recent installations include collaborations with Dr. David Clark and Vice President Lisa Dougherty on the Foundation Student Art Award Winners project in the new Student Center, and the contemporary art installed in the new Hudson Helps area on the third floor of 70 Sip Avenue. It also includes theater Professor Joseph Gallo's recent donation of Playbills that grace the lobby area of our black box theater outside 506 Gabert Library, as well as figure drawing studies in the 516 studio arts classroom, thanks

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

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

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools?

Go to www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html

to Professor Laurie Riccadonna. You can also see 17 historic New Jersey etchings in the STEM 317 computer lab, thanks to Academic Lab Manager Diana Perez. Thanks especially to Dr. Burl Yearwood with the help of Prof. Raffaella Pernice for offering a good home in the STEM lobby for our 19th century horse sculpture from Rajasthan. You may also see many other new pictures up around campus. We've been busy. This wonderful project is a team effort. Thank you to everyone who helps!

In every building, we collaborate with the folks there to place fine art well. If you think some place on campus needs beautiful art, please let us know. Email ASiegel@hccc.edu.

We have also recently received a donation of about 1,000 decorative posters, designated for office areas and other non-public spaces. This is not "fine art" and is not part of the Foundation Art Collection. However, it does include many lovely images that would brighten any office space. If you're interested in decorating your private area, and you'd like to look at the selection, please contact Andrea Siegel at ASiegel@hccc.edu.

We are currently collecting fine art for the forthcoming Classroom Tower. That project will require many years of careful planning so that the new building can have beautiful educational art up on the walls on opening day! Thanks to many generous donors, we're on our way! This past year has been the most productive in terms of donations to the Foundation Art Collection in the College's history. We look forward to framing and installing those works to benefit our students and community. Thank you again for your support.

Artist News

Congratulations to Michelle Vitale (aka Woolpunk), whose work, "Walking Palm," will be featured in the 9/11 exhibit, "Pause Reflect Remember," at Interchurch Center, part of the



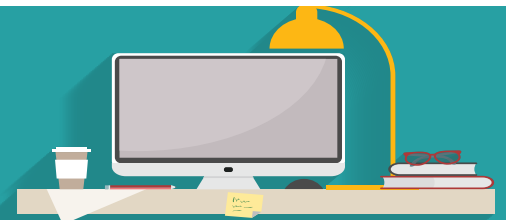
"Walking Palm" by Michelle Vitale (aka Woolpunk), will be featured in the 9/11 exhibit, "Pause Reflect Remember."

Rockefeller Foundation, on 61 Claremont Avenue in New York City. The exhibit is curated by Jennifer Roberts and opens Sept. 9. For more information, visit: <https://www.interchurch-center.org>

Congratulations to Fernanda Perrone, Archivist and Head of the Exhibitions Program and Curator of the William Elliot Griffis Collection at the Special Collections and University Archives at Rutgers University, for her recent publication, "Cloistered Visionary: Sister Mary of the Compassion and the Art Apostolate in Union City, New Jersey" in the journal, *U.S. Catholic Historian* (Vol. 39, No. 3, Summer 2021). This is the first scholarly article published based on works in the Foundation Art Collection. The author extensively studied the works of **Sister Mary of the Compassion, OP**, on the seventh floor of our North Hudson Campus. A link to the article is available here: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/800034>

All of this is made possible by the unseen and unheralded hard work of our maintenance crew under the supervision of Mark Murray, and our facilities crew, under the supervision of Julio Maldonado. Thank you to the Security Staff under the supervision of John Quigley for their assistance. Thanks to all those good people for their help.

Are you thinking you'd like to brighten your cubicle or private office area?



We have received a large donation of posters designated for HCCC offices. If you'd like to see images and choose posters for your area, please email ASiegel@hccc.edu for a link.

Please note: This is not Foundation Art Collection art, but there are many lovely and interesting images to choose from.

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents

Join the Department of Cultural Affairs for another month of art, interviews and music on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library.
For more information to RSVP for programs or to visit the gallery, email: mvitale@hccc.edu



Artist Eileen Ferara with her printed works.

TEACHER AS ARTIST: Eileen Ferara
Opens September 9
JSQ & North Hudson Campus Libraries

Eileen Ferara is a multidisciplinary artist, curator, and educator whose work explores our relationship to the environment. She is curating 'Too Much, Overconsumption and Our Relationship to Stuff' at NJCU Visual Arts Gallery this September. Ferara's work has been exhibited in numerous exhibits and she was a 2019 artist-in-residence with the Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation at Mana Contemporary in Jersey City. Her work is in the collection of the William Paterson University Galleries, The King St. Stephens Museum, and Memorial Sloan Kettering among others.

As a teaching artist, Ferara hopes to encourage a sense of discovery and play in her students, through an exploration of different materials and subjects.



JEREMIAH TEIPEN: InterExitFace
Opens September 9
Dineen Hull Gallery

Situated between the physical and the virtual, between natural and artificial, and between traditional and new media, Jeremiah Teipen's work simultaneously synthesizes and transcends these dichotomies, proving them somewhat false. In the exhibition, *InterExitFace*, Teipen's work explores mediated realities where the virtual sphere meets physical space, and the intermingling and overlap of the two. Exploring our current condition of split sensoria as we exist in physical and virtual space concurrently, Teipen studies the result of this state, our forever altered perception.

Installation view of *Spatiotemporal Intervention* at Asia Culture Center in Gwangju, South Korea, 2019. Photo credit: Sarah Kim



Studio Arts Coordinator Laurie Riccadonna receives ACCT Award, 2020

LAURIE RICCADONNA: Eternal Bloom
Continues September 9
Dineen Hull Gallery

Laurie Riccadonna's *Eternal Bloom* will continue through December. A graduate from Yale University School of Art, Riccadonna is the recipient of the 2020 Association of Community College Trustees Northeast Region Faculty Award. The exhibition consists of paintings and works on paper selected from several of Riccadonna's series: *Garden* series, *Hanging Garden* series, *Puzzle* series, *Tile* series, and *Plastic Pollution* series. Riccadonna's *Plastic Pollution* series is a response to the litter contaminating our streets and sidewalks, "a visual comment on the consequences of society's rampant consumerism and its addiction to plastic." For this series, Riccadonna drew from still lifes while augmenting the works from her imagination.

HUDSON PRESENTS
CONVERSATIONS
WITH
CONTEMPORARY
ARTISTS
FALL 2021
SEPT 24
Michael Lee talks with
JEREMIAH TEIPEN

Join Studio Arts Professor,
artist and conversationist
extraordinaire Professor
Michael Lee for a deep dive
into the amazing brain of
artist and Studio Coordinator
Professor Teipen.

September 24
6:30 p.m.

RSVP to mvitale@hccc.edu
for Zoom information.

Follow Us

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/dineenhullartgalleryhccc
Instagram:

www.instagram.com/dineenhullgallery

For more information, email:
gallery@hccc.edu or visit
www.hccc.edu/community/arts/doca-culture.html

ENROLLMENT NEWS

EOF DEAN'S LIST CELEBRATION



Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Spring 2021 Dean's List achievers.



EOF Dean's List achiever Chyrstele Reid (left) with a loved one.

On August 12, 2021, Hudson County Community College's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) celebrated its scholars' achievement for the Dean's List of Spring 2021. Following HCCC'S Covid-19 guidelines, EOF celebrated their scholars on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. Scholars were joined by their families to commemorate the scholars' achievements. EOF Director, Mr.

Jose Lowe, alongside; EOF Assistant Director Mr. Knight Ambubuyog and EOF Counselor Ms. Tejal Parekh, MSW, presented heartfelt speeches in honor of the scholars' arduous work and acknowledged the importance of their families' support. Quoting Mr. Knight, "EOF not only stands for Educational Opportunity Fund, but also for an Extension of Family," a sentiment shared by the EOF scholars

and families. Scholars were invited to share their testimonials of achievement and perseverance through the pandemic, including Spring 2021. Scholars shared how the EOF program played a role in their journey and the immense support provided by the EOF team. The EOF program at HCCC continuously celebrates their EOF scholars' success even through the pandemic.

REGISTER NOW
for Fall 2021
classes at HCCC!

View Course Schedule at
www.hccc.edu/schedule

APPLY NOW for Fall classes!
www.hccc.edu/apply

For more information contact:
admissions@hccc.edu
or call (201) 714-7200

We are open On-Ground,
Hybrid and Online!

To view all our remote online
resources, go to:

www.hccc.edu/remoteservices

HCCC Fall 2021 OPEN HOUSE

A choose your own adventure event!

Find your passion this fall at HCCC's Open House where you will have access to explore different academic programs and their buildings in person!

Join us to:

- **Explore** our campus on your time, meet faculty, and tour departments that interest you
- **Meet** with Financial Aid and find out if you are eligible for free tuition
- **Complete** an Admissions application (\$25 app fee will be waived)
- **Engage** with different student and support services
- **Speak** with students, faculty, alumni, and staff

WHERE: Your check-in and starting point will be at our new Student Center located at **81 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ** (next to HCCC's Journal Square Gabert Library)

WHEN: **Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

HOW: **Registration is required!**
Go to <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-OH> to register now!

www.hccc.edu/openhouse

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Iham Haider (biology major) volunteering with the Friends of Liberty State Park on Saturday, Aug. 14.



Dina Thompson, a chemistry major, became a Phi Theta Kappa member on July 19 and by the following Saturday (July 24) was volunteering in the gardening program at Liberty State Park.

Honors in Action Grant

The Beta Alpha Phi chapter has been selected, based on its strong application, to receive an Honors in Action grant in the amount of \$1,000 to enhance its 2021 Honors in Action project. Phi Theta

Kappa and the Mellon Foundation teamed up to fund the 2021 HIA grants. The purpose of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Grant Program is to support student engagement in Honors in Action. Honors in Action (HIA) combines academic

research, problem solving, and action-oriented service to address real-world challenges in our communities. Students gain job-related experience while creating lasting impacts in their communities as they engage in HIA.

Middle States Region Top 35 Lists

The Middle States Region is composed of chapters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC. This year, the Region will recognize the members and chapters on the Top 35 Lists at the 2022 convention. The final lists will be compiled at the end of the year. As of late July, Racco Maristela was Number 3, Angel Beebe was Number 17, and Jeffrey LeVine was Number 24 among the members in the Region; Beta Alpha Phi chapter was Number 5.

Upcoming Events/Projects

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Phi Theta Kappa will volunteer at Waggin' and Walking, a fundraiser benefiting the American Cancer Society by the Hudson County Latino Foundation. The event includes a 1.5 mile walk along the Jersey City Waterfront. Participants may walk with or without dogs.



SEEKING A PAID INTERNSHIP THIS FALL?

Apply to Year Up, a paid one-year internship program that enables motivated young adults to move from minimum wage to a meaningful career in Business or Information Technology (IT). We go "LIVE" (via zoom) Tuesdays at 5:00pm for information sessions. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more!

To apply to Year Up you must...

- be between the ages of **17-26**
- have a HS diploma or GED
- enroll at HCCC and major in **Business Administration, Business Liberal Arts, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Hospitality Management or Management**
- have valid work authorization (DACA students are accepted)
- be motivated to launch a professional career in Business or IT

We're accepting applications on a rolling basis, and spots can fill up quickly!

Join us for a special HCCC | Year Up Info Session
HERE: <https://bit.ly/YUHCCC31>



The Office of Admissions & College Enrollment
Year Up NY|NJ at Hudson County Community College
admissionsnynj@yearup.org
Office: (646) 341-6800
Cell/Text: (201) 589-1415

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FALL 2021

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:00- Noon
S. Teichman

No More Checklists:

Effectively Evaluating Information Online

<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Checklist>
Zoom Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664
Passcode: 176931

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:00 – Noon
K. Galli

The Doctoral Journey:

Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination Part 1

<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Doctoral-1>
Access code: 132 856 6548
Password: wNMGfPsC773

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:00- Noon
K. Galli

The Doctoral Journey:

Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination Part 2

<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Doctoral-2>
Access code: 132 856 6548
Password: wNMGfPsC773

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Paula Roberson, Ed.D., Director,
Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation
proberson@hccc.edu | 201-360-4775

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

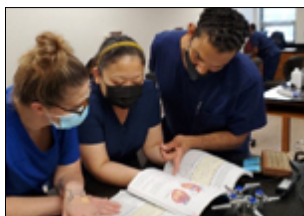


Continuing Education's Summer Youth & Teens Programs

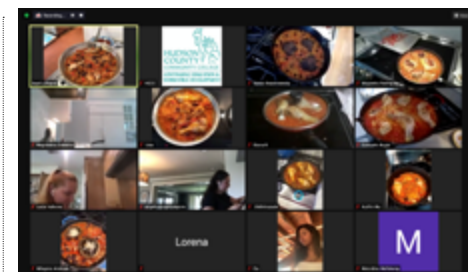
Continuing Education resumed its popular Summer Youth & Teens Baking Academy in August, offering three weeks of both virtual and on-campus classes. Students learned how to make their own cakes, icings, and fillings from scratch from home and in the Culinary Arts Institute's

professional bakeshops. Chef Marissa Lontoc and Chef Sean Wilson taught students basic baking techniques, how to select ingredients, and the proper use of culinary tools and equipment. Students enjoyed creating delicious sweets like banana walnut cake, dark chocolate cupcakes, and much more.

Culinary classes for family, kids, and adults will be offered through Continuing Education this fall! Visit www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation for schedule updates or email ce@hccc.edu for more information



As we conclude August 2021 it has been a busy and exciting 2021! The Gateway to Innovation initiative, funded by the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, coupled with the New Jersey Endures grant, funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, has enrolled over 120 students in Pharmacy Technician, Fast Track Patient Care Technician, Certified Nurse Assistant, and Hemodialysis Technician certification classes. In two to five months [depending on class type and schedule], students complete coursework and take an exam to earn their credentials. We are enthusiastic as we begin the journey with students to the next phase of the initiative, which includes recession proof, career focused employment in the healthcare sector. For information on upcoming healthcare classes please email healthcaretraining@hccc.edu



Scenes from Continuing Education's Virtual (Cooking for Au Pairs) with Chef Sean Wilson. Cooking for au pairs is an in-depth and interactive venture into the science and methodology of cooking at home. The virtual class is a combination of chef-led, live Zoom where students and the chef cook recipes together, and students work on independent projects. The independent projects include academic work as well as guided recipes that students cook on their own.

Au Pair Weekend Workshops Relaunch On-Campus this Fall

Continuing Education's (CE) popular Au Pair program is set to relaunch classes in-person this fall, at HCCC's Journal Square campus. Throughout the pandemic CE has run several virtual courses every weekend, with over 20 different subjects, including American Studies, English, Entrepreneurship, Social Media, Photography, and more. The program will continue to run virtually as new on-campus programs are integrated into the mix. New programs include Digital Marketing, Graphic Design, and photography travel classes to Walt Disney World, Florida and Oahu, Hawaii.

As part of the U.S. Department of State's Au Pair Cultural Exchange Program regulations, au pairs are required to complete at least 72 hours of continuing education courses at an accredited post-secondary institution during their program year. This educational requirement provides a fantastic way for au pairs to pursue educational interests, meet new people, and experience an important aspect of American culture.

HCCC's Continuing Education has partnered with "Classroom Au Pair" to offer a series of weekend classes specifically designed for the busy lifestyle and schedule of au pairs. Each weekend program accounts for 36 hours. HCCC's experienced instructors provide au pairs with transformative learning experience that are interesting, engaging and fun. Courses include both in-class and homework assignments. Au pairs will receive a certificate of complete at the end of their programs.

All classes are also open to the general public. For more information, please email Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4262.

Continuing Education's Podcasting Essentials for Beginners

In the last year Continuing Education Department offered a new Podcasting Essentials course where students learned how to make their dream of creating a podcast a reality. Kimberly Sumpter, an accomplished podcaster, worked with students on their concepts, audience, and choosing the right equipment to achieve the best quality. Students left the course prepared to create their podcast, with some already publishing their work for the world to listen to.

"The class inspired me to start Faith Healing, where I bring on guests with different religious upbringings to discuss what they were taught, what they believe now, and how their faith shapes their perspective on the world. The class helped me think deeper about the show's direction and what would set it apart from other podcasts about religion." *Faith Healing* by Rachel Godfrey, Available on Apple's podcast store <https://apple.co/3yupnyn>

"I had to create a podcast to accomplish a requirement in my PGP (Personal Growth Project) for my doctorate. I was lucky to take Podcasting Essentials with Kimberly Sumpter. I had no idea how to do a podcast, and this class showed me exactly how to do it. It taught me how to do it and how to create it so that it gets accepted by Apple and Spotify. She also let me know that I should gear it towards what I know and suggested choosing my students as my audience." *Technology Tap* By Juan Rodriguez, Available on Apple's podcast store <https://apple.co/3mJNDdq>

Register for the Fall 2021 course beginning on 9/14/21 - 10/15/21 at: <https://bit.ly/2YbBdkn> or contact Alexis Muniz amuniz@hccc.edu for more information.



ON-CAMPUS DINING

On-campus dining options are fully open for the 2021-2022 school year with some exciting new additions! This year, we are happy to announce the grand opening of Libby's Home Kitchen, located inside the Student Center at 81 Sip Ave. Libby's is a full-service café serving freshly made breakfast and lunch items that are made to order. There is a wide array of menu items ranging from baked goods, sandwiches, fresh salads, stir fry and much more. A Starbucks coffee bar has been added to Libby's as well! You will be able to purchase all of the coffee drinks you love without having to leave campus. Download the MyQuickcharge App, code HCCC267 to use at Libby's or Bits and Bytes. The app can be used to order ahead of time or pay in store.

Bits and Bytes Bistro, located in the STEM Building at 263 Academy Street is your go to for breakfast and lunch. You will be able to find your college favorites along with some new grab and go

items such as yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit cups and salads made daily.

Another addition to HCCC is the new Gabert Liberty Café located on the first floor in the Library at 71 Sip Ave. The Liberty Café is now a full self-serve venue and offers a variety of grab and go items including healthy snacks, drinks, sandwiches, salads and more. The Liberty Café is open the same hours as the Library so you'll always have access to snacks and food on-campus. The Liberty Cafe offers contactless mobile and touchless payment options. The self-serve format is easy for those that need something in a hurry. **Please note that MyQuickcharge is not accepted at this location.

Looking to host a meeting or need an event catered? The Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, has rooms that can accommodate 10 up to 200 guests. With the larger rooms at the

Conference Center, we can accommodate social distancing needs along with our upgraded technology capabilities in the Banquet Room, Scott Ring Room and the Johnston Room. Catering is available for events held at the Conference Center or anywhere on campus. Email Karen MacLaughlin, kmaclaughlin@hccc.edu for all room bookings and catering inquiries.

We would like to congratulate Kurt Sippel on his new role as Culinary Conference Center General Manager. So many of you have grown to love Kurt's food for the past seven years. The delicious food will still be the same, but now many of you will be seeing Kurt around campus. His office is located in Room E207 and can be reached at x5301 or ksippel@hccc.edu. Please also congratulate Karen for her promotion to Assistant General Manager, with the same contact information as before. Cheers to a healthy and successful 2021-2022 year!



- **CHILD AND ELDER CARE SERVICES:** *Identifying and utilizing available services and providers*
- **TRANSPORTATION:** *Access to public transportation*
- **HEALTHCARE SERVICES:** *Insurance, vaccines, prevention, screening, and treatment*
- **EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:** *Temporary employment, financial literacy, and public assistance*
- **FINANCIAL COUNSELING**
- **TAX SERVICES**
- **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING:** *On-campus and community-based services*
- **LEGAL AID:** *Free consultations*
- **FOOD ASSISTANCE:** *On-campus food pantries, connections to community pantries and other food assistance programs*
- **HOUSING ASSISTANCE:** *Temporary housing, utilities, weatherization, and relocation*
- **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** *Relief and recovery, and start-up help*
- **OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
SingleStop@HCCC.edu
 or visit <https://www.hccc.edu/single-stop>



FALL HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pantries are open to
 all members of the College community
 —students, faculty, and staff.

All must present a College ID
 with valid current semester sticker.

We now offer fresh and frozen food options for those in need.

The pantries are located at:

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
 2 Enos Place, Lower Level,
 Room J002
 (201) 360-4109

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS:
 4800 Kennedy Blvd,
 Room N513A
 (201) 360-4709

For more information: foodpantry@hccc.edu | 201-360-4602



HCCC ANNOUNCES 'BIG GIVE-BACK CONTEST' WINNERS

In the spring of 2021, Hudson County Community College launched an "HCCC Big Give-Back Contest," inviting students to state what HCCC means to them, and what at HCCC has influenced them most.



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (center) presents "Big HCCC Give-Back Contest" prizes to, from left, Seventh Prizewinner Melanie Sagun; Sixth Prize winner Octavia Conrad; Grand Prize winner Rina Renea Derricotte; and Second Prize winner Keiry Hernández.

Below is a list of the list of student winners:

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Prize | Rina Renea Derricotte |
| Second Prize | Keiry Hernández |
| Third Prize | Allan Gil |
| Fourth Prize | Jessica Williams |
| Fifth Prize | Madeline Rivera |
| Sixth Prize | Octavia Conrad |
| Seventh Prize | Melanie Sagun |
| Eighth Prize | Joel Cartagena |
| Ninth Prize | Prinsses Gonzalez |
| Tenth Prize | Sheila Qazi |

Honorable Mentions (\$50 Gift Certificate)

- Rafael Del Valle Jr.
- Symone Lopez
- Farilde Porquin
- Michael Diaz
- Melinda McLendon
- Cristel De Castro
- Stephanie Erazo
- Johanny Garcia
- Crystal Troncoso
- Claudia Coppiano

STEM CLUB LAUNCHES ROCKET



Pictured from left: STEM Club advisor Dr. Clive Li, Roniel Fernandez and Anass Ennasraoui.

HCCC STEM Club launched their high-power rockets at the Pine Island launching field (Pine Island, NY) on August 7, 2021. Former club members Roniel Fernandez and Anass Ennasraoui prepared their rockets and earned their high-power rocketry level 1 certificate. The STEM Club is a gathering of students that meets regularly in an informal environment to work on inquiry-based science, technology, engineering and math related projects.

Mental Health Resource for Our Students: TalkCampus

What is TalkCampus, and how can it help?

- Online global mental health support network
- Peer-to-peer support
- Access to instant, any time 24/7

College Students who have participated in peer support has been linked to:



An increased ability to cope and feel less alone



Higher levels of self-esteem and confidence.



A greater sense of well-being and resilience.



TalkCampus is a team of volunteers who are trained in active listening and providing support online. They have safeguards in place to monitor in real-time crisis and will launch interventions as needed. If they detect that a student is in crisis, they will launch platform interventions and escalate support in real-time. TalkCampus will have direct communication with H.C.C.C. Mental Health Counseling & Wellness.

As an added benefit, HCCC students can volunteer & get training on how to be a peer support buddy.

Access TalkCampus 24/7:
<https://www.talklife.co/hudson-county-community-college>

If you have any questions, please contact Doreen M. Pontius, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. at 201.360.4229 or email mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu



Membership in the Hudson County Community College Foundation's dining series is your opportunity to enjoy world-class dining and service in your own backyard, and to help the College in realizing its goals of assisting deserving students!

Our Executive Chef, team of culinary professionals, and students make meals at the Culinary Arts Institute into experiences to remember.

The Dining Series will occur over a course of eight Fridays: October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12, and November 19.

Service will take place at the Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City.

Your \$995 membership fee affords you and up to three guests: appetizer, entrée, and dessert courses, as well as non-alcoholic beverages for eight weeks! 100% of your gift will go to the HCCC Foundation scholarships.

Seating will be limited to 4 diners per table.

Please contact Mirta Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCMES DR. SARA GOLDRICK-RAB AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR COLLEGE SERVICE DAY



Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab delivers the keynote address for the Fall 2021 College Service Day.



Natalie Akel, Student Poet Laureate, delivers a reading.



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber presents the "State of the College" address.



Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, Engineering Science, attending College Service Day on-ground.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) shined a light on the financial plight facing college students by welcoming Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab as keynote speaker for the Fall 2021 College Service Day. The event was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the College's Culinary Conference Center, 119 Newkirk Street in Jersey City, NJ.

Sara Goldrick-Rab, Ph.D. is considered the leading national researcher on the problems of food insecurity, homelessness, and debt facing America's college students. She is a Professor of Sociology and Medicine at Temple University, and Founder of the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice in Philadelphia. Dr. Goldrick-Rab is also Chief Strategy Officer for Emergency Aid at Edquity, a student financial success and emergency aid company, and the founder of Believe in Students, a non-profit distributing emergency aid. Her research on college students' basic needs sparked the national #RealCollege movement.

A Carnegie Fellow, Dr. Goldrick-Rab has been ranked in the "Top Ten of Education Scholars" by

Education Week, and was named one of the "Top 50 People Shaping American Politics" by POLITICO in 2016. Her book, *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*, was featured on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, and awarded the \$100,000 Grawmeyer Prize, which she donated to student emergency aid.

"We are honored to have Dr. Goldrick-Rab join us as we begin our 2021-2022 School Year," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "Her work has been an inspiration in developing our own culture of care at the College, and we have partnered with the Hope Center to research our students' needs, and to implement best practices that serve our most vulnerable students."

In 2019, HCCC prioritized creating and maintaining a culture of care, and with seed money from the HCCC Foundation, instituted "Hudson Helps," a compendium of wraparound services, programs, and resources that focus on basic needs beyond the classroom, and ultimately result in greater student success.

The #RealCollege 2021 electronic survey of nearly 200,000 students attending colleges and universities in 42 states (130 two-year colleges, and 72 four-year colleges and universities) showed nearly three in five students experienced basic needs insecurity; food insecurity affected 39% at two-year institutions and 29% at four-year institutions; housing insecurity affected 48%, and homelessness 14% of respondents.

"The challenges confronting college students beyond the classroom are incredibly detrimental to students, families, and our society on a long-term basis. Dr. Goldrick-Rab's research and advocacy has provided an important voice in helping to resolve them," Dr. Reber stated.

President Reber's State of the College address, delivered at the Fall 2021 College Service Day, may be viewed online here:

<https://www.hccc.edu/abouthccc/resources/documents/2021-state-of-the-college-address.pdf>

ALL COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ORIENTATION – THURSDAY, AUG. 26



Photos from Left to Right:
Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provides updates.

Dr. Paula Roberson, Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, brings greetings.

Lilisa Williams (left), Director of Faculty & Staff Development, with Elana Winslow, Assistant Professor/Coordinator, Business.

**SAVE
the
DATE**



2021 Convocation
Wednesday, September 29

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 1 –

Wednesday, September 15

Add/Drop Period for 15-Week On-Ground & Culinary Evening Terms

Wednesday, September 1

Classes begin for On-Ground, Online Regular/Hybrid, & Culinary Evening Sessions

Win It Wednesday (Virtual) Log into Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>) and enter our “Win It Wednesday” raffle to win an Amazon gift card! Twenty students will win a \$25 Gift Card! Enter by 11:59 p.m.!

Free School Supplies Giveaway, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby (while supplies last)

Single Stop and 1-1 Financial Counseling Information Session, 12:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/singlestop>

Friday, September 3

Student Life Marketplace, 3:30 p.m. (while supplies last), Student Center, Second Floor, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, September 4 – Monday, September 6

Labor Day Weekend – College closed

Tuesday, September 7 and

Wednesday, September 8

Fist Bump with a Librarian, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert and North Hudson Libraries.

Wednesday, September 8

Last day to add ONR/Hybrid classes

Win It Wednesday (Virtual) Log into Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>) and enter our “Win It Wednesday” raffle to win an Amazon gift card! Twenty students will win a \$25 Gift Card! Enter by 11:59 p.m.!

Grab and Go: Lucky Bamboo, 2 p.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Student Leadership Opportunity: Peer Leader Program Information Session, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join at <https://hccc.life/peerleaderinfosession>. Visit <http://hccc.life/peerleaderapp> to apply. Applications close on Monday, Sept. 13 at 12 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Exhibition opens: Jeremiah Teipen: InterExitFace, Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Exhibition resumes: Laurie Riccadonna: Eternal Bloom, Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Teacher As Artist: Eileen Ferara opens at Gabert Library and North Hudson Campus Library

Truckin Thursday!, 12:30 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Outside campus and outside of the Student Center

Twitch Book Talk Online, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. To view, just go to our Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Monthly Download Online, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96044017895?pwd=bUd6eMNTMEhIQ0ZLcnh6MWNVL3o5Zz09>; Meeting ID: 960 4401 7895; Passcode: 469285

Friday, September 10

Student Leadership Opportunity: Peer Leader Program Information Session, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join at <https://hccc.life/peerleaderinfosession>. Visit <http://hccc.life/peerleaderapp> to apply. Applications close on Monday, Sept. 13 at 12 p.m.

Introduction to Lateral Reading Online, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/92258798664?pwd=UGRuUm5EaWlFTm9nbkhUM2d1eXZrUT09>; Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664; Passcode: 176931.

No More Checklists: Effectively Evaluating Information Online, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/92258798664?pwd=UGRuUm5EaWlFTm9nbkhUM2d1eXZrUT09>; Zoom Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664; Passcode: 176931

Student Programming Board Information Session, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Virtual at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7251298>

Monday, September 13

Grab and Go: Stuff-a-Plush, 10 a.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

Grab and Go: Lucky Bamboo, 12 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Tuesday, September 14

Classes begin for Early College sessions (“HP”)

Grab and Go: Stuff-a-Plush, 10 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Pizza with the President, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)

Snackivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Student Center, Student Lounge

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/98903266941?pwd=eTNNSG1CVmwrDmpLS0hSNDJHdnVYdz09>; Passcode: 978624

Wednesday, September 15

Last day to drop ONR/Hybrid classes

Grab and Go: Stay Healthy Kits, 11 a.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

Thursday, September 16

Truckin Thursday!, 12:30 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, outside campus and outside of the Student Center

TinkerCAD 3D Modeling workshop, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Instruction Room 319, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Story Time Online, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/99449804002?pwd=ckRvVVhucXVWNDZQYm1nWGUyRW8xQT09>; Meeting ID: 994 4980 4002; Passcode: 842251

Friday, September 17

The Doctoral Journey: Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination (Part 1), 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m4a6686181844dcfad43b7fd863b48c90>; Access code: 132 856 6548; Password: wNMGFPsC773

Student Leadership Opportunity: Student Programming Board Information Session, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Virtual at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7260500>

Open Mic, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/94915175578?pwd=TmJ1UG1JT1ZtTUIWTHdTempHQ0h2UT09>; Meeting ID: 949 1517 5578; Passcode: 491786

Trivia Night: General Trivia, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)

SAVE THE DATE



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

on

**Tuesday, September 21
12 p.m.**

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 18

Outdoor Movie in the Park, 7 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

Tuesday, September 21

Grab and Go: Stay Healthy Kits, 11 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby
Virtual Town Hall, 12 p.m.

Student Success Tips from the Experts featuring Academic Affairs, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)

Tune in to Music Series featuring Benjamin Sutin and Ben Rosenblum, For more event information or to RSVP, please email: mvitale@hccc.edu

Wednesday, September 22

12-week Quick Term courses begin

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Student Success Tips from the Experts featuring Student Affairs and Enrollment, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)

Student Leadership Opportunity: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Passport Program Information Session, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (virtual) Apply for the program <https://involved.hccc.edu/>. Applications close on Thursday, Sept. 30.

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at ...

Paint Night: Celebrating the Autumnal Equinox and First Day of Fall, 5 p.m. Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>); Student Center Lounge. All are invited to join Student Life for a Paint Night! Stop by the Student Center Lounge Info Desk to pick up your paint kit and join us at home or in-person in the Journal Square Student Lounge. Paint kits are while supplies last.

Thursday, September 23

Truckin Thursday!, 12:30 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, outside campus and outside of the Student Center

Twitch Book Talk Online, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Are you looking for something to read? Join librarians Alex and Sarah on Twitch for some quick book recommendations! We'll share what we have read, what we thought, and what titles we think you should check out next. To view, just go to our Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Friday, September 24

The Doctoral Journey: Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination (Part 2), 11 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m4a6686181844dcfad43b7fd863b48c90>; Access code: 132 856 6548; Password: wNMGfPsC773

Makeup Application 101 Online, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join us on our Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Student Leadership Opportunity: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Passport Program Information Session, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (virtual) Apply for the program <https://involved.hccc.edu/>. Applications close on Thursday, Sept. 30. To RSVP and Access Event Links at <https://involved.hccc.edu/>

Trivia Night: Hispanic Heritage Month, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Virtual, Event Link on Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>)

Monday, September 27

Last day to add/drop Early College sessions

Grab and Go: Stuff-a-Plush, 10 a.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

Pizza with the President, 3:30 p.m., while supplies last, Gabert Library

Tuesday, September 28

Last day to add/drop Quick Term courses

Grab and Go, 12 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby
Snackivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Student Center, Student Lounge

Library Orientation: English and ESL Online, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/91018854639?pwd=NGxOekNvVUoxVFVzKzVvNk9mOTVIQT09>; Meeting ID: 910 1885 4639; Passcode: 937901

Wednesday, September 29

Convocation – no day classes

Thursday, September 30

Grand Opening of Student Center, 12 p.m., 81 Sip Ave.

Library Orientation: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/92381381715?pwd=SEV5VUdlVGhuZW9USElKbVp5QnVTdz09>; Meeting ID: 923 8138 1715; Passcode: 876398



We are here for you!

Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?

Hudson County Community College cares about you and wants to help.

Please complete the General Concern Form
<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care>

A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.



Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees

William J. Netchert, Esq., *Chair*
 Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., *Vice Chair*
 Karen A. Fahrenholz, *Secretary/Treasurer*
 Joseph V. Doria, Jr., Ed.D.
 Adamarys Galvin
 Pamela E. Gardner
 Roberta Kenny
 Jeanette Peña
 Silvia Rodriguez
 Harold G. Stahl, Jr.
 James A. Fife, *Trustee Emeritus*
 Joanne Kosakowski, *Trustee Emerita*
 Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., *College President*
 Koral Booth, *Alumni Representative*

County Executive and Board of County Commissioners

Thomas A. DeGise, *County Executive*
 Anthony P. Vainieri, Jr., *Chairperson*
 Anthony L. Romano, *Vice Chairperson*
 Jerry Walker, *Chair Pro Temp*
 Yraida Aponte-Lipski
 Fanny E. Cedeño
 Albert J. Cifelli, Esq.
 Kenneth Kopacz
 William O'Dea
 Caridad Rodriguez

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

70 Sip Avenue
 Jersey City, NJ 07306
 Phone (201) 714-7100

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Boulevard
 Union City, NJ 07087
 Phone (201) 360-4600

SECAUCUS CENTER

Located at the Frank J. Gargiulo Campus of
 the Hudson County Schools of Technology
 One High Tech Way
 Secaucus, NJ 07094

FOLLOW US ON:



www.hccc.edu
myhudson.hccc.edu

ALUMNI CORNER

Brian Ribas

Class of 2020

A.S. Computer Science (Cybersecurity Option)



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

I transferred from Montclair State University to HCCC after my first semester. I figured HCCC would be a better option due to the location and how affordable my education would turn out to be on the long run. My commute to school and tuition costs were cut down by half compared to before.

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

I am grateful for the friends I was able to make during my time at HCCC. I was actively involved in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society that helped me meet other like-minded students while also giving back to the community through volunteering opportunities. Getting involved in extracurricular activities was a significant part of my academic success by keeping me engaged on campus.

How did you become interested in your major?

I always had Computer Science/IT within top 3 of my career choices. I believe that the field of technology has many opportunities for growth – especially because it has applications in every industry. The learning process never stops because new technologies are emerging every year. Personally, I find myself engaged when I am learning something new.

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

I interacted with faculty and students that share different cultural backgrounds than I do – so I would say that this allowed me to learn how to navigate a socially diverse environment; a critical skill in the 21st century. In my experience, the ability to build meaningful relationships is important to individual and collective success, especially in the workplace. Organizations are made of groups of people, not the other way around. People make organizations successful by effectively collaborating towards a specific purpose. If you want to succeed, then learn to effectively collaborate.

What is a typical work day for you?

My days vary from day to day. On average, I help users with hardware and software issues over the phone, or in-person.

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

During my last NASA internship, I helped the education team develop a proposal to grant community college students a hands-on project experience that would allow them to support an ongoing NASA science mission. This is important for STEM students to build their confidence in applying the knowledge they gain in the classroom.

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

My mom and dad. They have managed to immigrate to the U.S from their homeland despite all the adversities the process takes to provide a better future for their children. I don't see a stronger demonstration of love than this action of courage and sacrifice. I am a proud first-generation American and college graduate. I love the U.S and the opportunities it can provide to hard working people.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Be humble. Embrace new opportunities. Don't be shy to take on an entry-level role to build on your soft skills, or even the dynamics of your field. Always try to grasp the bigger picture of your actions and why are you doing what you are doing.

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

Research your interests. Develop a plan of action. Meet new people (a.k.a network).

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

If so join, socialize and network!

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