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## HCCC FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

In today's ever-changing world, a college education is essential. Community colleges are proven, valuable resources to the areas they serve. According to a 2016 report by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC): "Nearly half of all undergraduates in the United States attend community colleges, and with good reason. These open-access institutions serve a diverse student population with diverse needs. From recent high school graduates to adult learners, the affordability and flexibility offered by community colleges can help put any person's educational and career goals within reach."

The recent "The Equality of Opportunity Project" study ranked Hudson County Community College (HCCC) among the top 10 New Jersey colleges and universities for social mobility. (HCCC is the only community college in the NJ top ten, and placed in the top 120 of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions.) The study shows that HCCC works as an engine of social mobility, helping working-class students achieve the American dream of a middle-class lifestyle. The study reveals that while 36.3% of students from HCCC come from the lowest fifth of the economic spectrum, 11% of those students actually end up in the top fifth of the economic spectrum. A very large percentage of those students achieve incomes that place them in the top three-fifths of the economic distribution.

Recently, HCCC was named a finalist for the AACC 2017 Student Success Award of Excellence. It is one of dozens of

national and state honors the College has received, including those from the Association of College & Research Libraries (the first NJ college or university to be so honored), Best Choice Schools (our Culinary Arts program is #6 in the U.S.), Association of Community College Trustees, AACC, National Tutoring Association, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and Urban Green Project.

While we are proud of these awards, we are more proud of the men and women who attend and graduate from HCCC, and are honored that HCCC is their college of choice. HCCC provides opportunities that strengthen students' abilities to earn bachelor's degrees, have careers in thriving industries, and start their own businesses. HCCC has expanded the horizon for our students and our community by offering greater inclusivity (our students were born in 119 different countries and speak 29 languages), flexibility (classes seven days a week on our two campuses and online), affordability (more than 80% of HCCC students are eligible for and receive grants, loans, and scholarships), culturally enriching free events, and an art collection that now includes 1,000 works. This Fall, the new HCCC STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building will open with expanded course offerings in this increasingly important area of study.

Many of the opportunities at HCCC are possible solely because of the generosity of donors to our Foundation.

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD TWO OPEN HOUSES THIS APRIL



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) invites prospective students to learn more about the College at Open Houses planned for April. The first will take place on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College's North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City. The Campus is adjacent to the Bergenline Avenue transit station.

The second is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College's Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City – two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transit Center.

The College's administrators, educators, and key staff members will acquaint attendees about the College's course offerings and student success programs; they will also conduct campus tours. The HCCC Admissions team will be on hand to assist in completing and submitting online applications, and the HCCC Financial Aid experts will help prepare and submit the FAFSA and scholarship applications.

The \$25 application fee will be waived for those who apply to the College at these events.

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## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Hugo Iglesias, Kristina Mejias, Letticia Perez, Jacqueline Santana, Hamza Saleem, and Prof. Ted Lai attended the 30th Middle States Regional Convention at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch, New Jersey.

The chapter and several of its members received the following recognition:

- Chapter Member Hall of Honor: Jacqueline Santana
- Chapter Officer Hall of Honor: Hugo Iglesias and Kristina Mejias
- Reach Award Chapter
- Five-Star Chapter
- Middle States Gold Chapter
- Chapter Communication Award
- Continued Excellence Award for Advisors: Theodore Lai

The Middle States Region also recognized Joshua Eduard Fernando, Mary Mercado, and Robert Perez with pins for completing the Five-Star Competitive Edge Program. In 2016, the Region decided to encourage participation in the online self-paced program to develop leadership, academic, and professional de-



*Pictured from left: Hamza Saleem; Letticia Perez; Prof. Ted Lai, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Advisor; Jacqueline Santana; and Kristina Mejias.*

velopment by awarding those who complete the program with a Five-Star pin at different regional events. Hugo Iglesias, Kristina Mejias, Letticia Perez, Jacqueline Santana, and Hamza Saleem were awarded pins at the Middle States Regional Honors Institute and Honor in Action Conference last year.

## STEM BUILDING NEWS

By Glen Gabert, Ph.D.

Did you know that each year, cyber-attacks and hacking cost companies and governments around the globe more than \$1 trillion? As we have seen, cyber-attacks have become more prevalent, more sophisticated, and consequently, more difficult to detect. As a result, the demand for individuals who can help prevent digital intrusions is high.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, over 200,000 cybersecurity jobs are unfilled, and the demand for information-security professionals is expected to grow 18% in the next six years. The jobs in cybersecurity-related fields pay upward of \$90,000, and career opportunities exist in health care, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, government, finance and nearly every industry.

When our new STEM Building opens this fall, Hudson County Community College will offer an Associate in Science in Computer Science degree with a Cybersecurity Option. We will educate and train the men and women who will develop the solutions to prevent cyber-attacks. Those taking the 63-credit course of study will learn to analyze and identify potential cyber intrusions. They will use techniques to investigate, identify and mitigate cyber-fraud. They will take the information and skills they learn and apply them to situations ranging from commercial business to law enforcement and government.

Undoubtedly, our STEM Building will be a center of innovation and opportunity, with courses like this that will improve life in our community and the world.



*Exterior view of the STEM building currently under construction.*

## SAVE THE DATE! HCCC All Staff & Faculty Mixer

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Library Building

71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

*Hors d'oeuvres will be served.  
Enjoy the magnificent view from  
our terrace on the sixth floor,  
take a tour of the  
Benjamin J. Dineen III &  
Dennis C. Hull Gallery  
and much more.*

*Note: Seating is limited.  
Please register early.*

**Register online at:  
<http://bit.ly/2oJbIR7>**

## NEW CLASSROOMS AT NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS



Space conversion on the seventh floor at North Hudson has been completed. As a result, three new classrooms are waiting for students!

## SUMMER HOURS 2017

**H**udson County Community College is authorizing a summer hour schedule beginning the week of May 15 with the first Friday off being May 19, 2017 and ending on Friday, August 11, 2017. The regular hours of operation during this time will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The College will not be open for regular business on Fridays during this period. Employees are expected to reduce their lunch breaks to 30 minutes to compensate for the shorter hours of operation during the week. College activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during this period will be minimized to reduce energy and other operating costs. The College will go back to the regular five-day work week on Monday, August 14.

The success and continuation of the summer hour schedule really depend on you. Every activity at the College directly or indirectly supports instruction and student services. The future of HCCC depends in large part on the continuing strength of our enrollments.

A four-day summer schedule should not, and need not, result in a cut back in services. It is important that offices are open at 8:30 a.m. and stay open until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. This means that employees need to be at their workstations.

If you have questions about this schedule, or if you want to use vacation or personal days to work a schedule other than 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., please contact the Human Resources Office.

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017 WEBINARS

**T**he College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

- Wednesday, April 19: Strategies for Multi-Generational Caregiving (You've got the power to BRIDGE THE GAP)
- Thursday, May 18: Safe and Stress-Free Summer (You've got the power to KEEP YOUR COOL)
- Thursday, June 22: Turning Negatives into Positives (You've got the power to CHANGE YOUR TUNE)
- Wednesday, July 19: Preventing Burnout: A Balanced Life Check-Up (You've got the power to KEEP THE SPARK)

- Wednesday, August 23: Highs and Lows of Back to School (You've got the power to MAKE THE GRADE)
- Wednesday, September 20: What We Need to Know about Diabetes (You've got the power to KNOW YOUR NUMBERS)
- Wednesday, October 18: Eating through Celebration (You've got the power to TRIM THE FAT)
- Thursday, November 16: Holiday Budgeting (You've got the power to STAY ON TRACK)
- Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)



## Coffee & Conversation with the President Spring 2017 Schedule

Wednesday, April 12  
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
North Hudson Campus  
Multi-Purpose Room, N203

Thursday, May 11  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Journal Square, Room TBA

For more information,  
please contact Lilisa Williams at  
[lwilliams@hccc.edu](mailto:lwilliams@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-4015

## MILESTONES

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

### One Year

Alejandra Ayala  
Jonathan Moncion  
Willie Shirer

### Five Years

Ana Chapman-McCausland

### 10 Years

Lawren Wilkins

## JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

*Assistant Director, Recruiting*

*College Lecturer, Health Sciences*

*College Lecturer, STEM*

*Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)*

*Counselor*

*Dean of Libraries*

*Director of Grants*

*EOF Counselor*

*Executive Director of Public Safety*

*Office Assistant HR (Part-Time)*

*Part Time Office Assistant for Advisement and Counseling*

*Records Clerk HR (Part-Time)*

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

**Hudson County  
Community College  
Human Resources Department  
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
[resumes@hccc.edu](mailto:resumes@hccc.edu)**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

## RETIREMENT

Sharon D'Agastino,  
Assistant Professor, English  
(effective June 1, 2017)

Kitty Mazzarella,  
Instructor, ESL (effective June 1, 2017)

Theodore Kharpertian,  
Professor, English (effective June 1, 2017)

## INTRODUCING ...



**WAJIA ZAHUR  
ADMISSIONS  
ADVISOR**

Wajia earned an Associate in Science degree in Science and Mathematics from Hudson County Community College in 2006, subsequently attaining a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University in 2008.

Wajia has worked in Hudson County Community College's Enrollment Services department since June 2015, initially hired as an Admissions Representative/Financial Aid Liaison. Her key responsibilities for the Admissions Advisor position is making sure students' enrollment journey goes smoothly. She is responsible for ensuring students test and encouraging them to apply for financial aid, and assisting with any admissions issues they might encounter.



**MICHAEL VAUGHN  
ADMISSIONS  
RECRUITER**

Michael Vaughn was born and raised in Southeast Ohio, in the foothills of Appalachia. He completed his bachelor's degree in Electronic Media-Film Concentration and his minor in Mass Communication at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. He spent three years as a Teacher's Assistant for the Electronic Media Department. Michael is also a two-time Mid-American Conference Champion in Men's Swimming. He was ranked in the top 100 in the nation, and his swimming claim to fame is that he got to swim against Michael Phelps while competing against the University of Michigan.

Upon graduating from EMU, Michael worked full-time with Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Ohio as the Donation Associate and Volunteer Coordinator. While at Habitat for Humanity, Michael was the swim coach for three of the local high schools in Southeast Ohio.

Michael continued his career in Youth Development with the Boy Scouts of America, New Birth of Freedom Council (Mechanicsburg, Pa.). There he was overseeing Perry, Franklin, and West Cumberland County Scouting trips, summer camps, special events, adult training, and unit fundraisers.

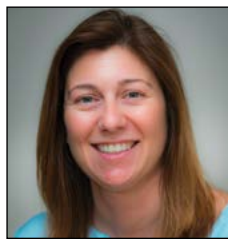
Michael moved to New Jersey this past February to start his career at Hudson County Community College and to start a life with his high school sweetheart.

## NEWLY TENURED FACULTY



**ALISON BACH, INSTRUCTOR, ENGLISH**

Writer, scholar, dedicated professor, Alison Bach brings scholarship and talent to Hudson County Community College. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Sarah Lawrence College and has since then published both short stories and academic essays. She was a MetroCITI Fellow in the 2014-2015 academic year, where she developed two pedagogical projects based on her own teaching philosophy. She also presented at their annual conference. Along with her personal accomplishments, she instills scholarship and learning in HCCC's students both in and out of the classroom. She started (and is the advisor for) HCCC's chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for students at two-year colleges. She also dedicates much of her time to the HCCC Honors Program, where she teaches and serves as a judge for Honors Showcase student paper submissions. She is actively involved in the HCCC community, serving as Vice Chair for the All College Council. In addition to all of this, Alison is a model for excellence in the classroom and well liked by students. She balances all of this with grace and brightens the room wherever she goes.



**DENISE ROSSILLI, INSTRUCTOR, HUMAN SERVICES**

Denise Rossilli holds an M.A. in Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ and a B.S. in Psychology from St. John's University in Staten Island, NY as well as a Professional Counselor's License (LPC) from Kean University in Union, NJ. Denise began her career as a full-time instructor in the Human Service area with HCCC in 2012. Since her arrival she has revived a dormant Human Services degree program and has breathed new life into it by updating courses, recruiting students, expanding externship opportunities, building up the Human Services Club, and — in concert with the Division Dean in 2016 — changing the degree from Liberal Arts Option A.A. to an A.S. in Human Services/Pre-Social Work. She teaches courses in Human Services and Psychology as part of the Social Sciences Division. Denise Rossilli has been extremely active on behalf of the All College Council, serving first on the College Life Committee and then as the chair of the ACC. She serves on multiple campus committees and has contributed to several key initiatives, such as the new HCCC Strategic Plan and the campus safety commission report in 2016.



**JOHANNA VAN GENDT, INSTRUCTOR, ESL**

ESL Instructor Johanna van Gendt earned a Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from New School University, a certificate from the University of Cambridge, and a B.A. in English Literature from Mount Holyoke College. She has taught at multiple institutions in New Jersey and other countries including Australia, South Korea, and the Czech Republic. At HCCC, Johanna has been active in the All College Council, chairing the Development and Planning committee. Under her leadership, the HCCC alumni organization has been formed and is now holding regular events. She has served as a level coordinator, a test scorer, has presented her research as a number of conferences, and has been working with the Academic Support Services Department by training tutors on how to effectively tutor ESL students. Of special note, she has swum on five different continents, and that alone makes her a fascinating person.

## NURSING PROGRAM (LPN and RN)

**Invites You to Join us for an: INFORMATION SESSION**

To find out more information about becoming a:  
Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN)

**Monday - April 10, 2017**

- LPN Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.
- RN Presentation begins at 5:00 p.m.

HCCC - NURSING PROGRAM

870 Bergen Avenue (Building F),

First Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

(201) 360-4226 (LPN) / (201) 360-4754 (RN)



## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTED WITH BRONZE AWARD BY HUDSON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

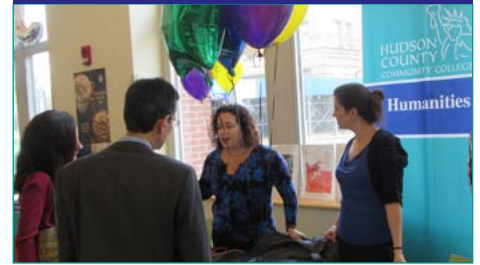


*Pictured from left: Norman M. Guerra, Chief Executive Officer, Hudson County Improvement Authority; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President, Hudson County Community College; Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano, and Jay DiDomenico, Director, Hudson TMA.*

On Wednesday, March 22, Hudson County Community College was honored with a Bronze-Level Award at a New Jersey Smart Workplaces Employers Recognition Event. The award was presented by the Hudson Transportation Management Association (TMA), a division of the Hudson County Improvement Authority.

The College was recognized for its efforts in promoting the use of public transportation and energy-efficient commuting by students, faculty, and staff.

## HCCC TO HOLD TWO OPEN HOUSES THIS APRIL



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Hudson County Community College has been recognized as one of the best higher education options in New Jersey. HCCC students save \$7,500 to \$31,000 in average tuition/fees over what they would pay at a public or private New Jersey college/university, and 83% of HCCC students receive financial aid or scholarships. The recent "Equality of Opportunity Project" ranks HCCC in the top 120 of 2,200 colleges and universities in the U.S. for social mobility. The study reveals that HCCC works as an engine of social mobility, helping working class students achieve the American dream of a middle class lifestyle. It shows that while 36.3% of students from HCCC come from the lowest fifth of the economic spectrum, 11% of those students end up in the top fifth of the economic spectrum, and a very large percentage of students achieve incomes that place them in the top three-fifths of the economic distribution.

Hudson County Community College has earned several national and state honors and awards for excellence. The HCCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program was ranked sixth "Best Culinary School" in the U.S. by Best Choice Schools. The College's Library is the only New Jersey institution to ever receive the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries. Additionally, the College has been honored by the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, the National Tutoring Association, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and other organizations for student success, tutoring, diversity/equity, administration, and design/construction.

This fall, the College will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the \$30 million STEM Building on the Journal Square Campus. The six-story, 70,070 square-foot structure will have the newest and best technologies and equipment of any school in the area. In addition to nursing and radiography, there will be a wide variety of STEM and STEM-related courses, including new Computer Science - Cybersecurity Option, Construction Management, and Biotechnology degree courses.

Additional information about the HCCC Open Houses and the RSVP are available online at [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse).

## HCCC PRESIDENT, DR. GLEN GABERT, SERVES AS 2017 MARSHAL OF JERSEY CITY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



On Sunday, March 12, Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of Hudson County Community College, was Grand Marshal of the 2017 Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade began at Lincoln Park and proceeded to Journal Square via Kennedy Blvd.

After the parade, a reception was held in Dr. Gabert's honor at the Culinary Conference Center.



# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern, and contemporary collections.

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



This Edward S. Curtis photogravure titled "Kicha - Co-manche" (1927) has been given in memory of Kiara Leigh Kharpertian, Ph.D., through the HCCC Foundation Acquisition Program. Pictured are her parents, Zoë and Theodore Kharpertian, Ph.D., HCCC Professor of English, standing beside the work dedicated to their daughter, who taught at English at HCCC during the spring and summer of 2009.

This Italian medieval manuscript page is antiphonal music, printed on vellum (sheepskin) from 1480 AD. It is one of the oldest pieces in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection. It is installed on the second floor of the Journal Square Library with other materials related to that period. Thank you to Clifford Brooks for the generous donation of this work.



## Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to Henry Scholder and his wife, the late Renee Fotouhi, who donated 22 art works and 199 art books. Renee owned art galleries in Manhattan and East Hampton, curated art exhibits, and produced performance art shows. She earned a B.A. from Vassar College and an M.A. in Fine Art from New York University. She began her career in New York City at Colnaghi, the American branch of a London gallery that has been in business for over 250 years. From there, she moved to the New York offices of Christie's auction house, where she worked as a specialist in Impressionist and Modern Paintings. At age 27, Renee established a Madison Avenue gallery. Later, she opened two Renee Fotouhi Fine Art galleries in East Hampton, and a SoHo gallery with Karen Cramer. Renee also produced a series of stage shows in East Hampton that featured appearances by performance artists including Laurie Anderson and Eric Bogosian. The donated art works and books come from her private collection. We hope to install the art work later this year.

Thank you to the Print Club of New York for the wonderful donation of the 25th Anniversary Commemorative book.

## Artist News

**Eleanor Antin**, whose work is installed on the second floor of 168 Sip Avenue (Building D), has work on exhibit at Alden Projects, 34 Orchard Street, New York.

From 1971 to 1973, Antin traveled with 100 pairs of black rain boots from California to New York. Along the way, she took photographs of boots she posed in rows, across beaches and highways, as if they were marching. She turned the photographs of the boots into postcards which she mailed to artists. Upon returning to New York she had a show at the Museum of Modern Art called "100 Boots," which included more than 50 postcards. The exhibit at Alden shows images from that project. Antin says, "Somehow the images that didn't make it into the final piece were too dramatic, too overtly political, too suggestive of other meanings."

If you like the **Chuck Close** portrait of Philip Glass in the North Hudson Library, you might enjoy the extraordinary gallery of Chuck Close's mosaic work that has been installed in the new Q Subway line at 86th Street. A huge copy of the Philip Glass portrait is at the entryway to the subway at 83rd Street and 2nd Avenue. You do not have to pay subway fare to see it! All three of the new subway stations have wonderful mosaics. Vic Muniz' work can be seen at 72nd Street, and Sarah Sze's work is at 96th Street.

**Nancy Cohen**, whose work is installed in the Dean's reception area on the third floor of the Cundari Building, will be exhibiting her work in a group show called "River Woman" through April 30 at Odetta, a gallery at 229 Cook Street in Brooklyn. The show explores "the fragility and the amazing resilience of the rivers in our lives." They are, "elemental, universal, sustaining, beautiful, dangerous. ..." Does this remind you of anyone you know? For more information, go to [www.odettagallery.com](http://www.odettagallery.com)

In a recent article in *The Los Angeles Times*, artist **Kerry James Marshall** discussed his life mission, to address a big omission: "When you go to an art museum," Marshall says, "the thing you're least likely to encounter is a picture of a black person. When it comes to ideas about art and about beauty, the black figure is absent."

The reporter asked Marshall when he first noticed the lack of black subjects in museum artworks. Marshall answered a different question.

"You have to take an overview of how the culture is structured," he says. "Even before I got to museums, I was interested in comic books. When you grow up looking at Superman, Batman, and all those superheroes, you take it for granted that is what superheroes are supposed to be. So then, when I see art books at the library, and I'm seeing Leonardo daVinci, Michelangelo, and Rembrandt, I think that's what artists look like."

"At a certain point, you have to decide whether you'd be satisfied always acknowledging the beauty and the greatness of what other people create or if you want to be in the same arena. You can't keep saying that a superhero is a white guy with a square jaw and broad shoulders because every time you say that, it means you can't be a superhero. You have to demonstrate that you believe you have the capacity to be a superhero too. Or the capacity to be an 'old master.'"

Our collection's work by Marshall is located on the second floor of 2 Enos Place outside the Writing Center in an entire floor devoted to works of art about writing and the written word. The Collection celebrates art about the "black figure" in a growing permanent installation in the Journal Square Library on the third floor long corridor. The exhibition includes work by many noted African-American artists including Emma Amos, Elizabeth Catlett, Willie Cole, and Faith Ringgold. We will be installing more works on this corridor in the coming months. On that same floor, on the right-hand corridor as you get off the elevator, is a permanent exhibition devoted to work by Hispanic American artists. Go take a look!

**Don Nice**, whose work is installed in the entrance to 119 Newkirk (Building I) and in the North Hudson Library, had paintings from the 1960s on exhibit at the Allan Stone Projects, 3rd Floor, 535 West 22nd St., New York City through April 2, 2017.

In a recent interview, artist **David Salle** offered an unexpected reason why artists exhibit their work: "You don't really know what you've done until you see it in that neutral space." The Collection's Salle work can be seen in a neutral space on the fourth floor of the North Hudson Campus.

Congratulations to HCCC Art Professor **Christopher Schade**, whose painting *Arch 3 (Ithaca/Paris/Winter/Day)* was reproduced as the front

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS



Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of Hudson County Community College, greets guests at a reception celebrating the life of Georgia Brooks and the opening of an LGBTQIA exhibit in her honor, "A World Where We Belong."



Georgia Brooks, Academic Lab Manager at HCCC for 25 years and advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance, discusses in a short film leaving her Georgia hometown for New York and her discovery of books that validated that she was not alone with the same-sex feelings she was experiencing.



Jacques Mitchell, left, as Walt, and Annie Sage-Whitehurst, as Alice, perform a reading of Vanda's Juliana at a Georgia Brooks LGBTQIA Exhibition, Film Screening and Discussion on Tuesday, March 28.



Artist Margaret Murphy paints articles of women's black clothing in protest of the global backlash against women. Murphy's painting took place during the opening festivities of the "Quantum Overdrive!" exhibit.



"Quantum Overdrive!" curator Fred Fleisher, left, watches Margaret Murphy paint during an opening reception for the exhibit on Friday, March 3.



Fred Fleisher gives a talk as "Quantum Overdrive!" curator, detailing the concept and inspiration for the exhibition.



Laurie Riccadonna, Professor, Fine Arts, is interviewed by Verizon FiOS for the "Quantum Overdrive!" show. Three of Riccadonna's works are featured in the exhibit.

## FOUNDATION ART COLLECTION

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tispiece in the Winter 2017 edition of *Raritan*, a quarterly intellectual and arts journal published at Rutgers University.

**Joan Snyder**, whose digital print *Oasis* is installed on the fourth floor of the reception area of Academic Affairs (70 Sip Avenue, Building A), has work on exhibit at Franklin Parrasch Gallery, 53 East 64th Street in New York City through April 15. The artist began painting in 1962 when she took a painting elective course at Rutgers University. This show focuses on Snyder's drawings from the late 1960s. After earning a B.A. in Sociology, Snyder earned an M.F.A. from Rutgers in Painting in 1966. Snyder's major inspiration came from at-

tending a 1964 exhibit of Max Beckmann's work. His painting, *The Death Scene*, which includes a nude mourner who is crouching, inspired her to "express her own agony," in her work. Snyder's art is in the collection of many major museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.

**Lawrence Weiner**, whose work is installed on the fifth floor of the Journal Square Library Building, will be exhibiting his work at the Marian Goodman Gallery in New York City through April 22. The gallery is at 24 West 57th Street.

**Fred Wilson**, whose work is installed on the third floor of the Journal Square Library Building in the corridor devoted to art by and about the African-American and African diasporic experience, is having a solo show at the Neuberger Museum at Purchase College in Purchase, New York through July 30. The Neuberger exhibit is a survey of work from 1995 to the present. The work featured in the exhibition explores hidden agendas and how power is perpetuated by society's institutions. The HCCC Foundation Art Collection's Fred Wilson work shows the small portion of space devoted to work by African-American artists in major cultural institutions, by depicting a floor plan with a sliver of space blacked out.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The Career Development Center has had a busy semester as students prepare for the Job Fairs in April! Weekly workshops have covered topics such as resume writing, using social media in a job search, and building interview skills.

Stay tuned for next month's edition, featuring students and employers from both Journal Square (April 18, 2017) and North Hudson Campus (April 5, 2017) Job Fairs.

It is never too early to get started with Career Development! Career Development Center staff visit College Student Success courses to present on career exploration and navigating guided pathways. Students, often in their first semester of college, have a chance to have an interactive workshop come to them.

Employers have recognized how industrious Hudson County Community College students are and are eager to participate in on-campus recruitment. So far this semester, Sparkling Pool Services, ASA College, and Gymboree have spoken to students in the Library lobby about opportunities at their respective companies.



Career Development Center Advisors Carmene Elmera and Destynmarie Alicea present a workshop as part of the CDC Lunch and Learn Series.



Sparkling Pool Services recruiter Ariel Suter gets ready to speak with HCCC students.

After a rousing game of Career Development Jeopardy!, winning students pose with their CDC merchandise.

## CAREER CONFERENCE: ENGAGING STUDENTS IN CAREER EXPLORATION



Director of Career Development, Aparna Saini (left) and Dean of Instruction/Arts, Christopher Wahl.

The New Jersey Center for Student Success held its "Career Conference: Engaging Students in Career Exploration" as part of its Guided Pathways initiative on March 24, 2017. Hudson County Community College Director of Career Development, Aparna Saini and Dean of Instruction/Arts, Christopher Wahl presented "There's No Such Thing as a Small Career Office: Leveraging Resources through Guided Pathways". Attendees completed an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of their career centers, shared best practices across grades K-16, and created action plans to take back to their respective institutions.

Also among the 250 conference attendees were the following members of Hudson County Community: Sabrina Magliulo, Rebecca Davis, Nicole Lesko, Lidia Fernandez, Michael Carchia, Jenny Henriquez, and Jacqueline Castro.



Student Services staff attended the Career Conference sponsored by the Center for Student Success. Pictured from left: Jacqueline Castro, Student Development Associate and Coordinator of the Enrollment Center at the North Hudson Campus; Jenny Henriquez, Counselor; Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director of Advisement and Counseling; Sabrina Magliulo, Director of Advisement and Counseling; and Michael Carchia, Counselor. Not pictured: Nicole Lesko, Counselor and Lidia Fernandez, Counselor.

## GOLDMAN SACHS COLLABORATIVE UPDATE



Members of the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative learn about professionalism and being your authentic self.

On Friday, March 3, students from the Goldman Sachs College Collaborative attended a group session at New Jersey City University's School of Business.

Welcome remarks were made by NJCU School of Business Dean Bernard McSherry, Ph.D. Then students heard from Randy Wissel, Vice President, Real Estate Strategy Group at Goldman Sachs, about his professional career at Goldman Sachs

and what being authentic meant to him. "Being authentic and open is not always easy. People want to fit in... but ultimately you have to be true to yourself. Work hard, strive to add value, be honest, have integrity, and be yourself."

An interactive conversation followed, with Dane Holmes, Global Head of Investor Relations, Goldman Sachs facilitated by Margaret Chinwe Anadu, Managing Director, Urban Investment Group, Goldman Sachs. Mr. Holmes spoke candidly about his unique upbringing, his professional journey, and the inclusivity of Goldman Sachs.

After the program, GSCC-HCCC Pod member Kevin Pun remarked "The opportunity to hear speakers from Goldman Sachs, especially at such a prestigious level, has been motivating and inspiring. This session was a great opportunity to hear different perspectives about what professionalism and being authentic in the workplace means. I am looking forward to applying everything I've learned in my time in this program and presenting to The Collaborative in May."



## SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWS



**D**r. Christiane Warren, Associate Dean of Social Sciences, attended a conference in Higher Leadership in Education on Friday, March 24. The title of the conference was "The Future of Higher Education 2027." The conference took place at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

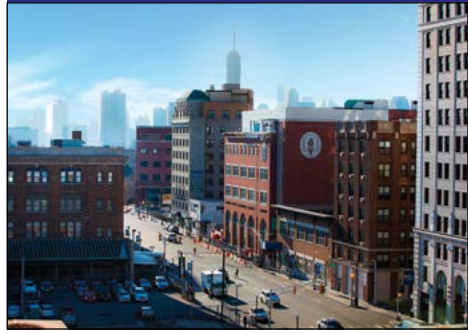
The Human Services Club and the Career Development Office hosted a panel of professional social workers on Wednesday, March 29 in honor of Professional Social Workers Month.

The Criminal Justice Club hosted Dr. Raymond Rainville, co-author of "Exploring and Understanding Careers in Criminal Justice: A Comprehensive Guide" on Monday, March 27. Topics of discussion included: networking, resume and interview presentation, and exploring different opportunities in

the criminal justice field. Dr. Rainville is the former chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Saint Peter's University. He is currently a criminal justice faculty member at SPU.

Professor Richard Walker's CRJ 224 (Police-man's Role in the Community) class welcomed five police officers to the North Hudson Campus for a "Coffee with a Cop" event. "Coffee with a Cop" is a national community policing event that allows police departments to build community trust with citizens. Students, faculty, and staff spoke with Captain Nichelle Luster and four of her colleagues about policing issues and non-law enforcement topics. The event was held on Tuesday, March 28 in the Multi-Purpose Room with the assistance of North Hudson Campus Executive Director Yeurys Pujols.

## HCCC TO LIMIT OPEN CAMPUS BUILDINGS DURING WEEKENDS



**H**udson County Community College's Facilities Department is implementing different energy-saving measures in campus building operations. One of the resources being examined as an optimization of space usage on weekends. Classes will be placed in a most compact way (building-wise), so the rest of the campus facilities will be shut down, resulting in savings on utility, security, and housekeeping expenses.

Beginning on Saturday, April 1, 2017, the College will keep a limited number of campus buildings open on weekends.

Buildings which will generally remain open are:

- 168 Sip Avenue (D)
- 161 Newkirk Street (E)
- 870 Bergen Avenue (F)
- 81 Sip Avenue (G)
- 71 Sip Avenue (L)
- North Hudson Campus (N)

All other Journal Square buildings will close at 10 p.m. on Friday and open at 7 a.m. on Monday.

On Fridays during summer hours (May 19 to Aug. 11), only 870 Bergen Avenue and 161 Newkirk St. will remain open (with the exception of May 19, when 161 Newkirk will be closed). The North Hudson Campus will also be closed on Fridays during summer hours.

During holidays (such as Good Friday (April 14) and Memorial Day (May 29), all buildings on both campuses at the College will be closed.

These closures no doubt will pose an inconvenience to some. However, with 2016 posting the second warmest summer in New Jersey history – a trend expected to continue – the College is taking proactive measures to keep the costs of cooling numerous buildings – including electricity, water, supplies, and the wear and tear on several AC units to a manageable level.

At a later date, the College will conduct a cost-effectiveness study on the building closures.

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



*Pictured from left: Dr. Sasha Patterson, Dr. Christiane Warren, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Paula P. Pando, and Vivyen Ray.*

**O**n Wednesday, March 1, the Women's History Month Committee, the Office of Student Activities, and the Division of Social Sciences presented "Women in Leadership" at the Culinary Conference Center on the Journal Square Campus.

The event, which welcomed students, staff, and faculty, opened up with a Keynote from Dr. Sasha Patterson, the NEW Leadership Program Manager from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Dr. Patterson discussed women in politics from a historical point of view, and educated the audience on what female representation in government looks like now.

Following the dynamic and informative keynote, the event featured a panel of powerful and inspiring women in leadership. This panel consisted of Dr. Paula P. Pando, Senior Vice President of the North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services, Vivyen Ray, Chief Human Resources Officer, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Division of Academic Development and Support Services, Dr. Christiane Warren, Associate Dean, Division of Social Sciences, and Dr. Sasha Patterson. Each woman explained their career path, which has led them to their current positions, role models and sponsors they have had along the way, and provided insight and tips to the women and men in the room on how to help decrease the gender gap in top leadership positions.

## SPOTLIGHT ON NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS



### Fourth Annual 'Girls in Technology' Symposium: The Day in Pictures

The fourth annual "Girls in Technology" symposium provided the young women attending with opportunities to learn more about STEM-related activities and careers. Over 200 middle and high school students attended, along with chaperones.



North Bergen High School junior Isabel Carvajal delivered her winning essay titled, "The Beauty of Technology." The essay was a thoughtful perusal of the amazement of embracing technology. Isabel wrote:

"To say that technology is something that only 'excites me' would be an understatement to what I believe many of us here share a passion for. Technology has always been a field of growth that never seems to be ephemeral in its concept – in a sense, it is something all-consuming in all our lives in the strangest sense of the world. The world as we know it has had a shock and has a shock with every decade and every advancement in the field; only twenty years ago, our cell phones and computers and GPS would all be categorized in book shelves as 'Science Fiction.' But I believe that is the true excitement in a way – the wonders of the unknown and the possibilities for us - the curiosity that has led us this far and the journey that still lies ahead for the field. I am alive to be in that field, we are all alive to see this beauty take shape before us and each, and every one of us has a chance to shape it in the way we wish. Personally, I hope to build my career purely around Computer Science and shape the future that will inevitably come – that inevitably is almost haunting in a way though, isn't it? This technology that has just grown and grown into a monster of its own, yet it is only monstrous if we let it be one. I want to capture this monster for my own curiosity, my own intellectual pursuits, and (if I am ever lucky enough) to change and shape the world in a marvelous way. I would like to capture this monster that is simultaneously one of the most beautiful things we have witnessed and built, as I feel everyone does in some way – to connect into all parts of our lives and the lives of others, to just feel and witness what we can do and build. Excitement is not the only thing I feel for technology – I believe in a burning passion for it, because so many of us can affect it at once in such large and small ways simultaneously.

"But I feel there is one thing to ask for everyone who holds a love and excitement for technology – in what way can we make beauty a reality? Do any of you believe such a thing is possible? I believe so, for I see that it lies right in front of us for us to take hold and soar with."

"They say the sky is our limit, but the true limit is with us, and I believe that is our greatest power – excitement in this field, in this budding technology. I know of so many others that share this excitement, which I believe is the greatest part of it all – the future that lies ahead with so many bright minds waiting to take it for themselves."



A panel discussion, "A Day in the Life of Women in Technology" followed. The panel was moderated by HCCC Instructional Technologist Adele Merlino.



Workshops and activities included: a coding/decoding competition conducted by NJCU Educational Technology Leadership doctoral students; a "World of Drones" session conducted by Towhee Co./JC Fab Lab; a robotics race from PicoTurbine International; a virtual reality experience from Digital Bodies; and a community wind, solar, electric, and hydro energy planning lab presentation by the HCCC STEM Division. Students also viewed – and casted votes for – students' contest displays which centered around the theme, "Technology: Past, Present, and Future."



Dr. Miriam Frolow, Director of Academic Affairs, University of Phoenix – a sponsor of the event – addressed the group during lunch. Mikaila Read, Manager of Community Partnerships, Girls Who Code, spoke on coding.



Winners of the display contest were announced at the luncheon.



Fahima Bacha, a North Bergen High School teacher who is also a professor of mathematics at DeVry University and an Educational Technology Leadership doctoral student at NJCU, received the 2017 Woman in Technology Leadership Award.

We are grateful to the partners, sponsors, and patrons of this year's "Girls in Technology" Symposium: The Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano, Liberty Savings Federal Credit Union, Mona Lisa Pizzeria Ristorante, SILVERMAN, and University of Phoenix.

### CBI Commemorates First Supply Chain Management Training Class Completion

On Tuesday, March 28, the Center for Business & Industry (CBI) held a graduation brunch for students who completed the first Supply Chain Management certification courses.

The Supply Chain Management training is made possible through the Ready to Work New Jersey (RTWNJ) grant. The RTWNJ program is administered by the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development and funded with state and federal grants. RTWNJ provides training and job development services, as well as on-the-job training primarily for the long-term unemployed and underemployed, with preference being given to unemployed military veterans. The program is also designed to help incumbent workers who seek training to advance their careers with their current employers.

#### Robin Ware, a graduate of Supply Chain Management Class of 2016-2017, said:

"I decided to take the Supply Chain Management Certifications because I felt it may enhance my educational background. I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration and I currently do not have any work experience in the field. With these certifications I am looking forward to getting more job opportunities."

"During the program, I have learned many aspects of Supply Chain Management that I did not know before. In the past, I thought SCM was only for factories. Now, I know that every industry deals with SCM, no matter how big or small the business is."

"Now that I have completed and graduated from the LINC: Supply Chain Management pro-



*Graduates Herman Gomez, Kevin Finan, Carlos Hernandez, Hitesh Patel, Brian Domingo, Ismail Amin, Robin Ware, Pablo Pantoja, and Jesus Ariel Aggabao, with Instructor, Stuart Rosenberg.*



*Supply Chain Management Instructor: Stuart Rosenberg.*

*Graduates Herman Gomez, Kevin Finan, Carlos Hernandez, Hitesh Patel, Brian Domingo, Ismail Amin, Robin Ware, Pablo Pantoja, and Jesus Ariel Aggabao, with Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Aileen Vega, College Lecturer; Ana Chapman-McCausland, Dean of Non-Traditional Programs; Aycha Edwards, Coordinator, Center for Business & Industry; and Catherina Mirasol, Assistant Director, Center for Business & Industry.*



gram; I aspire to obtain employment in Procurement and or Demand Planning."

The curriculum and materials for the Supply Chain Management program were developed through LINC: (Leveraging, Integrating, Networking, Coordinating Supplies), a national supply chain management education and certification program administered by a consortium of nine colleges and universities and led by a national team from Broward College in Florida.

Of the 16 students participating in the HCCC CBI Supply Chain Management program, all passed their exams, and six have successfully acquired positions in supply chain management.

A second Supply Chain Management training cycle will be offered in partnership with Union County College's Talent Development Center for Transportation, Logistics and Distribution.

Congratulations to all our students!

### Center for Business and Industry Receives Award for Work with Hudson County Veterans

On Saturday, March 4, 2017, the Brownstone in Paterson hosted "The Annual SOS Catholic Charities Stakeholders Award Breakfast." This breakfast recognizes the efforts of individuals and organizations that have done outstanding work in serving the local veteran population. The Center for Business and Industry was recognized for its yearly Veterans' Resource and Job Fair, in partnership with the County of Hudson, Hudson County Offices of Veteran Affairs and Disability Services, and Catholic Family & Community Services - Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark. The fair includes over 50 resource providers and employers from across the region.



*2017 Award Recipients*



*David Pearson, Outreach Coordinator, The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS); Joann Northgrave, Coordinator, Hudson County Office of Veterans Affairs; and CBI staff.*

## THE PLACES THE STUDENTS MAY GO...



Student speaks to a representative from the Rutgers-Newark campus.

The Center for Academic and Student Success sponsored its annual College Transfer Fair on Wednesday, March 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The festivities were moved from the original timeslot of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hopes of attracting both day and evening students and making the event more accessible.

Each year, the Advisement and Counseling department chooses a theme. This year, the witty topic borrowed from Dr. Seuss's book title, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* As always, refreshments were provided based on the theme of the day. This year, there was loads of candy: M&Ms, Swedish Fish, and even cupcakes layered in green, pink, and purple, the colors of the Dr. Seuss's book.

Upon entering, students were directed to a prize wall where each person had a chance to win movie tickets, power banks, T-shirts, school pride items, and even copies of Dr. Seuss's book to read and enjoy. Dr. Seuss's work is an inspiring read for "kids" of all ages! Additionally, pre-registration to the event earned students a raffle ticket to win an Android tablet. This year, the winner of the tablet was Jihea Sung.

A total of 33 colleges attended, and 93 students came out for the event. The representatives addressed the questions of interested students with ease. Valuable information and networking opportunities were gleaned through candid conversation between the students and the college representatives.



Students share schools that they hope to transfer to in the future.

Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director of the Center of Academic and Student Success and organizer of the Transfer Fair, said, "What I love about our College Transfer Fair is that it really makes students aware of the opportunities that are out there for them and helps them start networking with schools they might be interested in."

Hopefully, the College Transfer Fair sparked new interest and an expanded list of viable options beyond the local schools within Hudson County. Information is power and through events like this one, students are empowered to make informed choices and important life decisions. Ms. Davis' comment to the students for future events like this was, "It is never too early to start researching schools you might be interested in. This helps you better prepare for what could be a competitive application process and can also provide students with ways to become eligible for different types of transfer scholarships."

Many thanks to the Office of Student Activities, Flik, Student Services staff, faculty, and students alike for making this event attractive and fun. The Center for Academic and Student Success thanks you for your generous efforts to make this event worthwhile. Together, as a team, we strive and succeed in serving students before, during, and after their studies here at HCCC!

## HONORS TRANSFER TALK



Melanie MacCaskie, Admissions Counselor at The New School, discusses the transfer process to Hudson County Community College students at an Honors Transfer Talk on Thursday, March 2. Representatives from Columbia University and New York University also attended.

## REAL MONEY 101



Dorothy Gillard (center) of the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. (HESAA) with Christine Petersen (left), Associate Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, and Sylvia Mendoza, Executive Director of Financial Aid, during a "Real Money 101" presentation on Thursday, March 9.

## HEALTH360 WELLNESS FAIR



Students from HCCC's School of Nursing performed blood pressure checks for HCCC employees during the Health360 Wellness Fair on Monday, March 27.

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April 19: In-person registration for new students

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS



Student Government Association and advisor, Veronica Gerosimo, attend the ASGA Conference in Philadelphia.



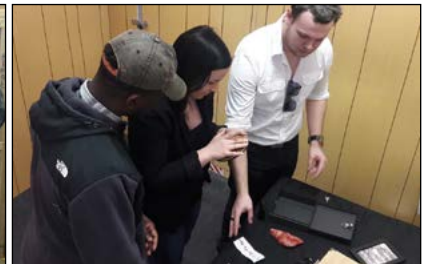
Professor Laurie Riccadonna and Jeremiah Teipen chaperone a group of students to the Dia: Beacon art museum in Beacon, N.Y.



The Office of Student Activities organizes a trip to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.



Students at the Journal Square Campus take on the Office of Student Activities' "Escape the Room."



### National Society of Leadership and Success

HCCC's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), the nation's largest collegiate leadership honor society, is halfway through the Spring 2017 induction process, with about 100 students taking the steps towards induction. Induction will take place on Friday, May 5 at 5 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center. This induction class follows the news that HCCC's chapter has been named an Order of Sigma Chapter, an honor awarded to the top 10% of 546 chapters nationwide. HCCC was honored to be one of 27 chapters to earn it this semester, and one of only three community colleges.

The steps towards induction start with an Orientation, where new members who were invited to join based on GPA and credits earned, learn about the benefits of NSLS, which include scholarships and leadership development. During this step, the members are exposed to their first leadership building workshop, where they learn about different communication styles, and why it is important to know how you communicate and how others communicate. Next, they participate in a 3-hour leadership Training Day, where they work with their peers to identify their purpose, learn techniques for working in a group communicating their mission, goal settings, and more. At this point the students are put into success networking teams (SNTs) setting goals, action plans, and encouraging each other for the rest of the semester.

Members of NSLS have been offered the opportunity to hear speeches from influential lead-

ers including Barbara Corcoran, real estate entrepreneur and costar of *Shark Tank*, Curt Menefee, award-winning television personality, Anderson Cooper, award winning journalist and television personality, Charles Duhigg, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, and Trevor Noah, *The Daily Show* host and best-selling author. Invitations are sent to students before the beginning of each semester. If you are a student or have a student that would be a perfect fit for NSLS please email [OSA@live.hccc.edu](mailto:OSA@live.hccc.edu) for more information.

### SGA Blood Drive

On Feb. 28, 2017, SGA hosted New Jersey Blood Services for a blood drive held in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square. 49 pints were donated.

### Self-Defense Classes

Resident Personal Trainer, Adam from Own Your Fitness led two self-defense classes as part of Women's History Month. Adam demonstrated basic self-defense techniques, but emphasized on the mental part of self-defense and the importance of always being aware of your surroundings. Due to popular demand, the Office of Student Activities will schedule additional self-defense classes with Adam both this semester and next. You can work out with Adam every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square, until April 26.

### Dia: Beacon

On March 3, Professors Laurie Riccadonna and Jeremiah Teipen chaperoned a trip, co-sponsored

by the Office of Student Activities, to Dia: Beacon, an art museum located in Beacon, New York. Located in a former Nabisco box painting factory, the museum presents the Dia Arts Foundations collections of art from the 1960's to the present as well as special exhibitions and public projects. The group of students experienced a guided tour of the current exhibit which included pieces from Robert Morris, Lawrence Weiner, Walter De Maria, Agnes Martin, and more.

### Escape the Room

On March 2, the Office of Student Activities presented "Escape the Room," bringing the social craze that pins small teams of students against a clock, working together to solve clues and puzzles to Escape the Room.

### HCCC Serves: Community FoodBank of NJ

On Saturday, March 11, the Office of Student Activities organized a group service trip to the Community FoodBank of NJ, where students helped sort and re-pack food items, clothes, toiletries, and various items for those in need.

### ASGA Conference

On Saturday, March 25, members of the Student Government Association and their advisor, Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, attended the ASGA Philadelphia Student Government Training Conference, where they were able to connect with SGAs from all over the country and partake in workshops.

## HCCC FOUNDATION HOLDS MARDI GRAS EVENT



Pictured from left: Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President; North Hudson Scholarship recipient Lisseth Umanzor; North Hudson Scholarship Committee Chair & HCCC Foundation Director Monica McCormack-Casey; and Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development.



Pictured from left: Nicole Sardinias, DNP, RN-BC, CCRN-K, NEA-BC, member of the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors, with Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President.



Chef Sami Khouzam (second from right), Associate Professor, with students from HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute.



HCCC Foundation Chair Mandy Otero (center) greeting guests.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation's North Hudson Committee held its annual Mardi Gras fundraiser on Thursday, March 2 at Hijos y Amigos de Fomento in Union City.

The event raised more than \$17,000 which will be added to the North Hudson endowment for student scholarships.

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

### NIGHT AT THE RACES Trotter



**Friday, April 7, 2017**  
**Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment Center**  
**Starting at 6:00 p.m.,**  
**Post Time 7:15 p.m.**  
**\$125.00 Per Ticket**  
**(Employee Rate \$75.00)**

Price includes Admission, General Parking, Racing Program, TV Monitors, Pari-mutuel Windows, Guest Seating, an extensive buffet of fresh salads, appetizers, varied hot entrees and pasta station and dessert tables.

Cash bar - Beverages are not included in package price.

Business casual attire - Athletic attire, jeans, sneakers, or t-shirts will NOT BE ALLOWED

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## HCCC Department of Community Education

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We hope we may count on your support for the 2017 HCCC Foundation Annual Appeal. Should you have any questions, you may address them to me by phoning (201) 360-4006, or by emailing [jsansone@hccc.edu](mailto:jsansone@hccc.edu).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Hudson County Community College will hold its 18th Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. The funds raised from this event will be used to provide scholarships to HCCC students. Donations, regardless of size, are welcomed (a donation of \$50 or more will entitle the donor to admission to the event).

To participate and for more information please contact Mirta Sanchez at (201) 360-4004 or [msanchez@hccc.edu](mailto:msanchez@hccc.edu). A donor form and payroll deduction form are available at MyHudson or the HCCC Foundation Office.

The co-chairpersons for the luncheon are Alexa Riano, Denise Rossilli, and Christiane Warren, Ph.D. Members of the luncheon committee are Alison Bach, Tim Brown, Dr. Shannonine Caruana, Christine Cacnio, Dr. David Clark, Linda Guastini, Julio Maldonado, Mark Murray, Elizabeth Nesius, Cathleen Sova, Mirta Sanchez, and Lilisa Williams.

## Save the Date! Criminal Justice Information Session



Come learn about our Criminal Justice Program and why HCCC should be your first choice for college.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center  
161 Newkirk Street  
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(two blocks from the  
Journal Square PATH Station)

Light refreshments will be served.

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## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Dr. Azhar Mahmood (fifth from left) at the Jersey City Medical Center Barnabas Health STEM Showcase at the Liberty Science Center on March 13.



On March 2 and 3, Prof. Claudia Delgado and Prof. Kewal Krishnan attended the conference, "It all adds up!" offered by Cengage Learning in San Diego, California.

Yamilka Garcia, a 2016 graduate of Hudson County Community College, has obtained a position at the Whitney Museum in New York City. Garcia was a Federal Work Study student for the Foundation Art Collection during the 2015-16 academic year and had an internship with an arts organization in the Dominican Republic after graduating.

Dr. Robert Ingoglia, adjunct instructor in the Department of History, published the following reviews in the American Library Association's Choice: *Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*: a



On Saturday March 4, Prof. Sean Egan (left), Prof. Maria Schirta, Prof. Claudia Delgado, and Jenny Bobeia, Transitional Program Coordinator, presented in the Tristate Best Practices Conference at Bergen Community College.

review of Selena Daly's *Italian Futurism and the First World War* (University of Toronto Press, 2016) which appeared in the March 2017 issue; and a review of Lucia Ceci's *The Vatican and Mussolini's Italy* (Brill, 2016) appearing in the April 2017 issue.

Azhar Mahmood, Ph.D., Instructor of Chemistry, STEM Division, served as a judge at STEM Showcase held at Liberty Science Center on March 13, 2017. More than 300 Hudson County students presented their projects.



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

### On day of CPT:

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

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

## April 2017 Terms: Summer & Fall 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>4</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>5</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>6</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	<b>7</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
<b>10</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>11</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>12</b> X	<b>13</b> NHC 9:00 AM	<b>14</b> <b>College Closed</b>
<b>17</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>18</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>19</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>20</b> NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>22</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
<b>24</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>25</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>26</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM	<b>27</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>28</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
<b>TESTING LOCATIONS:</b>				
Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level , Jersey City				
NHC (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City				

### College Placement Test

\*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

### Writing Proficiency Test

\*90 minutes

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

### English as a Second Language Placement Test

\*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

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

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## CLEP FEBRUARY- APRIL 2017

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Spring 2017 CLEP

Session I: 9:00 a.m.  
Session II: 1:00 p.m.  
Registration Fee: \$20 per test  
CLEP Fee: \$80 per test

### April

Wednesday, April 12  
Thursday, April 20  
Tuesday, April 25

### Review your Institution's CLEP/ Prior Learning Assessment Policy:

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

Important: HCCC students must review their Program Evaluation to ensure the CLEP exam(s) will meet degree/graduation requirements. Visiting students, please review your institution's CLEP Policy prior to paying fees.

### CLEP Appointment:

1. Space is limited! Contact the Testing Center for availability prior to paying fees.
2. Return completed Registration form with \$20 receipt to the Testing Center to secure appointment in advance. Walk-ins are not accepted.
3. Register/Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP's My Account registration portal: <http://clep.collegeboard.org/started>
4. Reschedule appointment at least 2 business days in advance to avoid \$20 Rescheduling fee. Testing Center is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

### Study Resources:

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, April 1

Online Registration begins for Summer 2017

Open House, 10 a.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City. To RSVP, please visit [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse).

### Sunday, April 2

Walking Tour of Greenwich Village, 10 a.m. Join us for a walking tour focused on LGBTQIA history in NYC's own Christopher Street and Greenwich Village.

### Monday, April 3

Wrap Session presented by North Hudson Writing Center and the English Department, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room, Second Floor

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

### Tuesday, April 4

Last day to complete official withdrawal from classes at HCCC (15-week (in-person and online); 12-week LEAP; and high school site courses – please consult the Registrar or Winter/Spring 2017 Schedule of Courses (inside cover))

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

### Wednesday, April 5

Breakfast and Binaries, 9 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Stop by for breakfast and make your mark on our Genderbread person.

Food for Thought Conference, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk St. Free admission; pre-register at <http://www.tinyurl.com/foodforthought2017>

Job Fair hosted by Career Development Center, Center for Business and Industry, Division of Non-Traditional Programs, and Office of Student Activities, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room. Meet face to face with local companies and organizations and find a job that is right for you! Open to the public as well.

Own Your Fitness Group Workout, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Thursday, April 6 – Thursday, June 1

Exhibit: "Textuate" featuring Christine Vidal DaCruz, Library, 71 Sip Avenue & North Hudson Campus Library

### Thursday, April 6

Wordsmithing with Lana Rose, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus Library. Celebrate National Poetry Month with spoken word artist and Wordsmithing Web founder, Lana Rose! Lana will perform some of her works and lead Wordsmithing challenges to inspire creativity and unleash your inner writer.

Real Money 101 sponsored by the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. RSVP at <http://hcccrealmoney101.eventbrite.com>

Safe Space Training, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N402. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to take part in a two-hour training that seeks to educate them on how to truly create a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for the LGBTQIA community.

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Alumni Association, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

### Friday, April 7

Trip to Whitney Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. The formation of self and the individual's place in a turbulent society are among the key themes reflected in the work of the artists selected for the 2017 Whitney Biennial. The exhibition includes sixty-three participants, ranging from emerging to well-established individuals and collectives working in painting, sculpture, drawing, installation, film and video, photography, activism, performance, music, and video game design.

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

Friday Free Draw in the Gallery, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Register in person at Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Safe Space Training, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Journal Square Campus, L313. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to take part in a two-hour training that seeks to educate them on how to truly create a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for the LGBTQIA community.

"Supporting English Language Learners in Content Courses" workshop facilitated by Lauren Drew, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room L327

HCCC Foundation Night at the Races, 6 p.m., Meadowlands Race Track, Pegasus East. For tickets and information, please contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, at (201) 360-4006 or [jsansone@hccc.edu](mailto:jsansone@hccc.edu).

### Saturday, April 8

Online Registration begins for Fall 2017

National Museum of Mathematics, New York, NY. Discover a side of math that you've never seen! Register at [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets).

Gardening in Liberty State Park, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will help to plant and take care of flowers, plants, and trees.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring 2017 classes begin for Culinary Cycle III (Day)

### Monday, April 10

Deadline for nominations for HCCC Foundation Employee Courtesy Award

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

Sundaes on Mondays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Nursing Information Session for LPN Program, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue, First Floor

Nursing Information Session for RN Program, 5 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue, First Floor

### Tuesday, April 11 – Thursday, April 13

Career Boot Camp, 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

### Tuesday, April 11

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

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

“Understanding Guided Pathways” workshop facilitated by Chris Wahl and Eric Friedman, Ph.D., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room L427

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

### Wednesday, April 12

Breakfast and Binaries, 9 a.m., North Hudson Campus. Stop by for breakfast and make your mark on our Genderbread Person!

Work the Runway: Dress for Success Professional Attire Showcase, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Pre-registration is required at <https://careerfashionshowhccc.eventbrite.com>.

Coffee & Conversation with the President, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room. For more information, please contact Lilisa Williams at [llwilliams@hccc.edu](mailto:llwilliams@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-4015.

Own Your Fitness Group Workout, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Thursday, April 13

Make Your Own Rainbow Candle, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Stop by to create your own rainbow candle in support of the LGBTQIA community.

Everything Ballroom: Classroom Basics II, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, North Hudson Campus. For more information and to make a reservation, visit [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets).

### Friday, April 14 – Sunday, April 16

Easter recess – College closed

### Monday, April 17

In-person registration begins for Summer/Fall 2017 for current and previously enrolled HCCC students

### Tuesday, April 18

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

Job Fair Sponsored by M&T Bank hosted by Career Development Center, Center for Business and Industry, Division of Non-Traditional Programs, and Office of Student Activities, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Meet face to face with local companies and organizations and find a job that is right for you! Open to the public as well.

“Kinky Boots,” show time 8 p.m., The Al Hirschfeld Theatre. Tickets for Students: \$20; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$42. Purchase tickets at [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets). Based on true events, “Kinky Boots” tells the heartwarming and humorous story of two people with nothing in common — or so they think! Charlie is a factory owner struggling to save his family business. Lola is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. With a little compassion and a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learns to embrace their differences and creates a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen! But in the end, their most sensational achievement is their friendship.

### Wednesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 26

Book Binding, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace. In this two-part workshop, we will explore Coptic book binding, a historic method of sewing together sheets of paper and two covers to make a finished book. Using traditional tools and materials, you will transform a simple drawing pad of paper into a unique, personalized hand-bound notebook.

### Wednesday, April 19

In-person registration begins for Summer/Fall 2017 for new, first-time students

Artist Professional Development Workshop & Social Networking Event, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For more information and to make a reservation, visit [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets).

Own Your Fitness Group Workout, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Thursday, April 20

#TruckinThursdays, 11:30 a.m., 81 Sip Ave. exterior and North Hudson Campus exterior. Check out some of Hudson County’s finest food trucks (while supplies last).

Hackathon, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Makerspace, and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Create and collaborate at our very first hackathon! A hackathon is a gathering where people work together on various computer programming projects in a short period of time. Bring a device, share ideas and code with your peers, and develop working programs!

STAR Employee Luncheon, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

### Friday, April 21

New Jersey Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference, Union County College, Cranford. Register at <http://www.cvent.com/d/nvqbkn>

Day of Silence, 11 a.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby, and North Hudson Campus. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students across the world take a vow of silence on a Friday in April known as the Day of Silence. This quiet, but powerful student-led action raises awareness about the silencing effect of anti-LGBTQIA bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Stop by to pick up a shirt to wear today, showing your support.

Musical performance by HCCC faculty members Eldad Tarmu and Jared Pauley, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge (Second Floor)

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

Building Up Your Interview Skills, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

### Saturday, April 22

Trip to Amish Country, Bird in Hand, PA. Visit the heart of Lancaster’s Amish Country and enjoy a tour of the theater, homestead, and farmlands.

### Monday, April 24

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

Sundaes on Mondays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

A Night with the Queens, 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Join us for a night you will never forget! In collaboration with The Beacon Light Fund of New Jersey, the night will kick off with a performance Miss Gay NJ Latina, Miss Gay NJ, and Miss Gay NJ at Large, hosted by Harmonica Sunbeam! Following the performance, the queens will sit down as part of a panel touching on topics such as how they came in to doing drag, HIV awareness, the stigmas that come with being a drag queen, even in the LGBTQ community, and more!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, April 25

Stereotypes in Society, 10 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Sponsored by the Teacher Education Club, this interactive event gives students a forum to voice and challenge stereotypes that currently exist within society. Stop by and tell us what you think!

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

Library Book Club discussion of "You Can't Touch My Hair" by Phoebe Robinson, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Avenue

Library Book Club discussion of "Modern Romance" by Aziz Ansari, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus Library

Major Exploration Workshop, 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

"Now What?" Alumni Success Stories, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

### Wednesday, April 26

HCCC Foundation Employee Scholarship Luncheon, 11 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Bagel Wednesday, 11:45 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Bagel Wednesday is back in Journal Square! Start off your morning with coffee, bagel, and all of the fixings! Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

All College Council General Meeting, 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Own Your Fitness Group Workout, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge  
Major Exploration Workshop, 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

"A Bronx Tale," show time 7 p.m., Longacre Theatre. Tickets for Students: \$20; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$40. "A Bronx Tale" is a streetwise musical that takes you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s — where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. Featuring a doo-wop score, "A Bronx Tale" is a story about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family.

### Thursday, April 27

Georgia Brooks Memorial Breakfast, 8 a.m. 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For tickets and information, please contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu

Graduate Salute, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. HCCC graduates are invited to come out and finalize everything in this "one-stop shop" before taking the final walk across the stage!

Professional Development Faculty Roundtable, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Everything Ballroom: Bring Your Child to Work Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, North Hudson Campus, and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For more information and to make a reservation, visit [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets).

### Friday, April 28

PRIDE Conference: There Is a Place in the Movement for Everyone, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71

Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. Admission is free for HCCC students; faculty, staff, and community members. Register at [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets).

Trip to Raaka Chocolate Facility Tour, Brooklyn, NY. Raaka Chocolate makes organic, bean-to-bar chocolate in small batches in Brooklyn. All of Raaka's bars are organic, soy-free, gluten-free, nut-free, and vegan. Join us for a tour of their factory and see how they go from bean to bar.

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

EOF Graduation Dinner, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

### Saturday, April 29

Cherry Blossom Festival at Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Brooklyn, NY. Tickets for Students: \$10; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$25. Purchase tickets at [www.hccc.edu/tickets](http://www.hccc.edu/tickets). Sakura Matsuri, the annual cherry blossom festival at BBG, offers over 60 events and performances that celebrate traditional and contemporary Japanese culture. The festival marks the end of hanami, the Japanese cultural tradition of enjoying each moment of the cherry blossom season.

Open House, 10 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To register, please visit [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse).

### Sunday, April 30

Trip to Raaka Chocolate Facility Tour, Brooklyn, NY. Raaka Chocolate makes organic, bean-to-bar chocolate in small batches in Brooklyn. All of Raaka's bars are organic, soy-free, gluten-free, nut-free, and vegan. Join us for a tour of their factory and see how they go from bean to bar.

## FACULTY & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Hudson County Community College Guided Pathways Team members attended the Guided Pathways Advising Conference on Friday, March 17. The event was organized by Dr. Christine Harrington, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Center for Student Success. The keynote speaker for the conference, Dr. Melinda Karp of the Community College Research Center, led the group of community college staff and faculty, from around the state in a process of exploring new ways to conduct student advisement.



Through funding provided by the Perkins Grant, several HCCC faculty and staff members were trained on how to improve retention and enrollment of Career and Technical Education (CTE) non-traditional students. The training was facilitated by Charlotte Gray, Education Program Development Specialist, Office of Career Readiness of the New Jersey Department of Education. Ms. Gray has been working on retention efforts for decades. Pictured above are: Sirhan Abdullah, Nursing; Jerry Lamb, Criminal Justice; Marissa Lontoc, Culinary Arts; Issam El-Achkar, Electronic Engineering; Rafiq Siddiqui, Computer Science; and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development. Each of these individuals will participate in delivering a series of workshops on retention and enrollment strategies.



Pictured from left to right and from back row to front row: Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director, Advisement and Counseling; Christiane Warren, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Social Sciences; Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts; Christine Harrington, Ph.D., Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Student Success, New Jersey Council of County Colleges; Jennifer Rodriguez, Coordinator, LEAP Program; Michael Reimer, Dean of Student Services; Sabrina Magliulo, Director, Advisement & Counseling; Lilisa J. Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development; Melinda Karp, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University; and Apana Saini, Director of Career Development.

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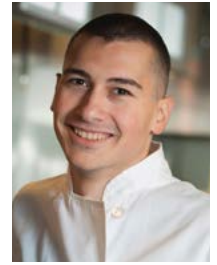


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## Joseph Cuccia

Class of 2008

A.A.S. in Culinary Arts



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

I started taking classes at the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College when I was in high school. The program was recommended to me by a friend who was in the culinary world his whole life. I found the Culinary Program to be very professional, interesting and educational. It is where a part of my foundation as a Chef comes from. I found the instructors to give real life experience that most professors do not have. It was a lot more hands-on than other programs and it was about the skills; which I still use today. Also, obtaining a degree versus a certificate was very important to me, so this was the right choice for me. I was very fortunate to have attended a prominent private high school in New Jersey and basically had my pick of schools. I still chose to go to Culinary School in HCCC.

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

I think back and a memory that pops into my head was the day of the annual Gala. This is one of the only places you will see over 100 people preparing for 200 people. I was the first one in the kitchen in the morning and one of the last to leave. It was a 20-hour day and it was worth it. I also remember the Chefs who were in charge saw my passion and encouraged it and fed it. For that I am grateful.

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

HCCC especially the Culinary Arts Institute prepared me for what it is like to be in a professional kitchen. It gave me real, hands-on experiences both in and out of the classroom. The externships really started me on a path that led me to where I am now.

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

Who are the people who inspire me? I have been very fortunate to have a great family. First and foremost, my sister and partner Jenna Cuccia. Without her to push me and keep me going, we would not be where we are today. The restaurant industry as a whole

has shaped me into the man I am and continuously inspires me. I can name a very long list of great chefs and restaurateurs who I know and have had an impact on my cooking and business. But I am not one to name drop. The industry standard who those before me have created; that is what inspires me and makes me strive to do better and continue to learn and grow.

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

My advice would be and what I tell most recent graduates "keep your eyes open and your mouth shut." This means listen, learn, and be a sponge. To be successful, you must be willing to admit you don't know everything and need experience and knowledge. So, go look for it. Take a job for the experience, not the money. It will get you further in life. Work harder than everyone else and stay humble.

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

If you are just starting college, listen to this. My father always told me "it's not where you start, it's where you finish." The small steps we take will eventually lead us to greater things. Work your way though and stay focused. Overcome the little obstacles and they will add up. Also pay attention and do your work. This is college; you don't have to be there if you don't want to so do not waste anyone's time.

To the Culinary students, I would advise to ask questions and not just go through the motions. Absorb as much information as you can. Make mistakes in the kitchens in school. After that it is the real deal. Work hard, work clean and do not be afraid to get burnt – it's going to happen so just keep going.

**HCCC Alumni: Get involved!** For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email [alumni@hccc.edu](mailto:alumni@hccc.edu).