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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOLDS SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER



Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President, draws the 50/50 winning number. The winner received \$1,400.



Pat Di Santo, HCCC Foundation Chair and Golf Committee Chair Richard Mackiewicz, Gerry Steiglitz, and Tariq Khan.



Foundation Director John M. Burns, Jr., Neil Burns, Ken Roberts, and Jose Balcaceres.

Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President at Hudson County Community College, announced that the College Foundation held one of its most successful Golf Outing fundraisers on Monday, July 9. The event — the Foundation's sixteenth — took place at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The HCCC Foundation Annual Golf Outing – one of four major fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation – had activities to please golfers and non-golfers (more than 100 attendees total) alike. The day's itinerary included a continental breakfast, shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., golf with refreshments served on the course, followed by cocktails, luncheon, and an awards ceremony with prizes for participants. HCCC Vice President for Planning and Development Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti said the event raised more than \$71,000.

"Our Foundation scholars are incredibly dedicated men and women who are working to make better lives for themselves and their families. Many of them work full-time and take classes full-time," Dr. Chiaravalloti said. "The scholarships and financial assistance offered through the Foundation helps ease their financial burdens, and allows them to concentrate more on succeeding in and completing their studies."

Dr. Chiaravalloti said the 2018 Foundation Golf Outing was planned and overseen by a committee of HCCC Foundation Board members. Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., HCCC Foundation Chair, chaired the committee; committee members include John M. Burns, Jr., Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, James Egan, Maureen Hulings, Philip Johnston, Monica McCormack-Casey, Kevin O'Connor, Mark Rodrick, Michael Ryan, Mirta Sanchez, and Joseph Sansone.

The Foundation would like to extend special thanks to the following sponsors: Follett Higher Education Group; Hudson County Community College; and Johnston Communications.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation HCCC is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students; it also provides seed money for the College's physical expansion and for new programming and faculty development.

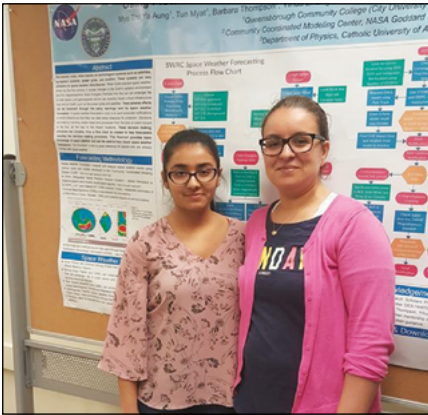


Follett: Robert Gioia, Eric Martin, Samantha Martin, and Scott Dunlap.



Phil Johnston: Mike Sarro, William Gavilanes, Foundation Director Philip Johnston, and George Sode.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Virti Shah (left) and Sarra Hayoune at Queensborough Community College presenting on their projects as part of the summer research program, National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates.



Pictured from left: Donna Good, Ana Polanco, and Prof. Ted Lai. Ana's daughter, Melanie, Lauren Lopena Judd, her friend Joseph Materowski, Hugo Iglesias, and Leticia Alfado Zunguze also volunteered at the Friends of Liberty State Park Picnic for the state employees assigned to the park on July 4.



Beta Alpha Phi chapter and alumni members volunteered in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on June 30. In the back are Ana Polanco, Lauren Lopena Judd, Leticia Alfado Zunguze, Anthony Ruiz, and Juan Cacho. The two children in the front are Ana's daughter and her friend.

Research and Development Council of New Jersey Scholarships

The Research and Development Council of New Jersey has awarded Merit Scholarships to six Hudson County Community College STEM majors and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society members: Nghia Vo, Ngoc Yen Nhi Vo, Reda Mastouri, Sarra Hayoune, Said Koubane, and Abderahim Salhi.

National Science Foundation Research Experiences

STEM majors and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society members Virti Shah and Sarra Hayoune appeared at Queensborough Community College to present on their projects on June 21. Since the start of the summer program, they have been working at different locations. Sarra is doing research at the American Museum of Natural History, and Virti is at Queensborough Community College.

HCC PARTICIPATES IN 'CHEFS 4 PARAMUS STRONG' FUNDRAISER



On Thursday, July 12, celebrity chef and Hudson County Community College alumnus Chef Bruce Kalman hosted "Chefs 4 Paramus Strong" at the Terrace at Biagio's Ristorante. This event benefited the families of the East Brook Middle School bus accident that occurred on May 17, 2018.

The evening was a strolling food event curated by Chef Kalman, who was joined by some of his chef friends in the culinary world, including Tyler Anderson of Millwright, Chris Scott of Butterfunk Kitchen, and Adam Gertler of Dog Haus. The students and chef instructors of the Culinary Arts Institute at HCCC volunteered as well. Chef Anuchit Pukdeedaromangrit prepared a dish of grilled chili beef with roasted rice powder and baby cilantro. Associate Dean Paul Dillon made the crowd favorite, jumbo

lump crab cakes and served it with a coconut green curry sauce. Chef Marissa Lontoc cooked a coconut sticky rice dessert wrapped in banana leaves and served with coconut sorbet and a tropical fruit salad.

The College came in full support with recruiter Janine Nunez, chef instructor Courtney Payne, and purchasing coordinator Lynette Lacson assisting during the event. Current students and graduates Cassandra Beltran, Joseph Valentin, Roxanne Reynosa, Luisa Cortez, Sakinah Marsh, Jael Lopez, and Marisa Torres volunteered as well. Some students were assigned to assist fellow chefs in their stations. This gave them an opportunity to learn new techniques from other chefs. Chefs 4 Paramus Strong was a successful and well-attended fundraising event.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS VISIT TO HCCC



Standing from left: Jacob Farberman, Ed.D., Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Student Success, and Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities. Seated: Angela Tuzzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities (far left) and several Peer Mentor students.

Jacob C. Farberman, Ed.D., the Executive Director of the New Jersey Center for Student Success, visited Hudson County Community College on Thursday, July 26. During his visit, he was able to see a student leader training in progress. Our dynamic student leader opportunities are essential components of HCCC's student success strategies.

Dr. Farberman received the tour of HCCC's facilities from Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, as a way to showcase the exemplary resources available to students at one of New Jersey's exceptional community colleges.

The Center for Student Success funds a Guided Pathways consultant for HCCC. The focus of the consultancy has been student advising and what can be achieved through a team-based approach.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall 2018

Start-Up Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

College Service Day
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Culinary Conference Center,
161 Newkirk St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

All College Faculty
Orientation & Meeting
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.,
Culinary Conference Center,
161 Newkirk St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Convocation
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Culinary Conference Center,
161 Newkirk St.

FACULTY & STAFF

SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
Business/Professional Writing
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
E511 (Culinary Conference Center)

For more information contact:
Lilisa Williams at lwilliams@hccc.edu
or call (201) 360-4015

TOWN HALL

with President Reber

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
STEM Building
263 Academy St.
First Floor, Multipurpose Room
Jersey City, NJ

HCCC faculty, staff, and students are welcome and invited to bring their own brown bag lunch.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 WEBINARS

The 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, August 22: Bullying

Wednesday, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health

Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging

Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Luis Sosa Santiago

Five Years

Rebecca Davis
Joseph Gallo
Robert Hamer
Azhar Mahmood
Lester McRae

10 Years

Salim Bendaoud
Ara Karakashian
Evgeniya Kozlenko
Kewal Krishan
Lauren O'Gara
Angela Pack
Maria Schirta
Susannah Wexler

15 Years

Syeda Jesmin
Ahmed Rakki

20 Years

Denise Phillips
Mirta Sanchez
David Winner

25 Years

Flordeliza Foster
Patricia Jones-Lewis
Linda Miller
Youcef Oubraham
Rosie Soy

30 Years

Philip Cafasso
Sami Khouzam

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accountant

Adjunct Positions (Fall 2018)

Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)

College Lecturer, English

College Lecturer, Health Sciences (Revised)

College Lecturer, Nursing

College Librarian Archivist PT

Community Education Instructors PT

(multiple positions)

Counselor

Custodial Worker

Dean of Libraries

Director of Career Development

Director of Health Related Programs

Director of Purchasing

Engineering Science Instructor

Help Desk Manager

Instructor, Accounting

Instructor, English (2 positions)

Instructor, Environmental Studies

Instructor, Mathematics

Instructor, Medical Assisting

Instructor, Romance Languages

Librarian FT

Library Associate PT

Manager, Web and Portal Services

Payroll Office Assistant (PT)

PC Technician

Perkins Coordinator PT

Senior PC Technician

Sign Language Interpreter (PT)

Student Financial Aid Assistant

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**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

2ND ANNUAL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION EVENT



From left to right: Wajia Zahur, Christine Cacnio, Dee Franco, Matt Fessler, Veronica Gerosimo, Janine Nunez, Victoria Orellana, Yeury Pujols, Lisa Dougherty, Cellestine Mabeya, Tieka Harris, and Dr. Paula Pando. In front: Michael Vaughn



Counselors enjoying the view and the company at the Liberty House.

On Wednesday, May 30, Director of Admissions Matthew Fessler and his team hosted Hudson County Community College's 2nd Annual High School Counselor Appreciation Event at the Liberty House. This event gives the College the opportunity to recognize and appreciate our high school counselors, while building relationships that will lead to future collaboration. There were brief remarks, beginning with Lisa Dougherty, Dean of Enrollment, who welcomed the group and introduced the HCCC team in attendance, followed by Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, who updated the counselors on new and exciting offerings at the College. Finally, Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for Student and Educational Support Services and the North Hudson Campus, inspired the counselors to refer students to HCCC as the first step on their educational journey.

The rest of the evening was dedicated to connecting with colleagues and enjoying the beautiful view. Each counselor left with an HCCC swag bag, HCCC materials, and a list of their alumni who recently made the Dean's List at HCCC. The Admissions team is already looking forward to next year's event!

More information may be obtained by emailing admissions@hccc.edu.

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at: www.hccc.edu/testschedule.

FAREWELL TO DR. PANDO!



On Wednesday, July 18, members of the College community, past and present, came together to celebrate Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Services, who is leaving Hudson County Community College to become the President of Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. The evening was bittersweet, with a wide range of emotions, including laughter, tears, and even singing!

HCCC, especially the Student Affairs Division, will miss Dr. Pando's leadership, knowledge, and unwavering commitment to student success. We wish her farewell and good luck in her next adventure.



The current HCCC Enrollment Guide is now available at www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide



Take the next step and register for Fall classes at HCCC!

- More than 100 course offerings to choose from; classes online or in-person at 2 easy-to-reach campuses.
- Credits transfer to major four-year colleges and universities.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships available for eligible students.
- Courses available 7 days a week online and in-person.
- Take HCCC classes at four local schools: Bayonne HS, Kearny HS, Union City HS, and Washington Middle School (Harrison).

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS: 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS: 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ (adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)



APPLY & REGISTER NOW!

View the Enrollment Guide at www.hccc.edu/fall

Classes begin on **September 4, 2018!**

For more information contact admissions@hccc.edu
201.714.7200

Foundation Art Collection

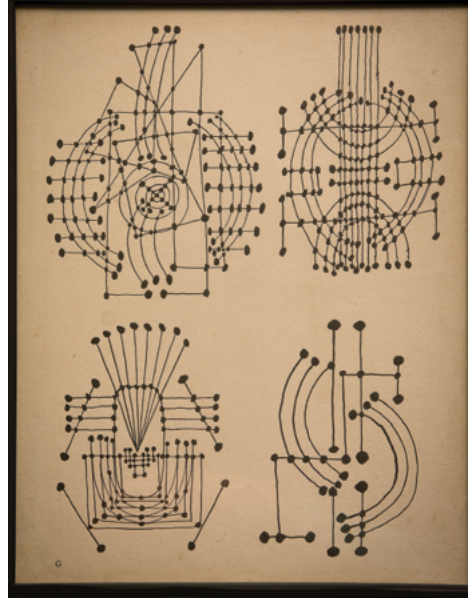
The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. 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.

Artist News

Donald Baechler, whose work is installed in the second floor of the Gabert Library, will be participating in a group exhibit in Amsterdam through Sept. 12. Called "In Times of Plenty (The Shape of Things today)," the show explores art about "everyday objects." By putting these objects in a gallery setting, "these artists are asking us to question, not only the nature of art, but more the nature of our contemporary society, with its rampant consumerism, disposable culture, and overexposure to iconic brands. We are surrounded – these artists say – by the things we idealize (the iPhone), the things we think we need (the robot vacuum cleaner), the things we desire (cars)." The exhibit invites us to reflect on "the headspace they occupy, the environmental impact they wield, and the insatiability they breed in us." As you can see in the work at the Library, Baechler's work uses popular images and objects in a collage-like process to create a picture. Baechler's work is in the collections of The Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and The Centre George Pompidou, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris, among other places.

Christo has a new installation in Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London through Sept. 23. It's a giant floating sculpture that you can only see up-close by using a paddle boat. Called "The London Mastaba," the piece resembles an Egyptian pyramid. In fact, the word "Mastaba" means pyramid. It's over 65 feet high, 190 feet long, and made of painted brightly colored barrels. The artist says of the work, "All interpretations welcome." Closer to home, the Foundation Art Collection's installation



of prints from the 1960s, including work by Christo, Roy Lichtenstein, Meret Oppenheim, and other noted artists, recently migrated to the first floor of 2 Enos Place. All of the 2 Enos building is devoted to contemporary art. The lower level includes contemporary Japanese prints in the corridor, and the student lounge is devoted to American art influenced by Japanese culture. The first floor is art of the 1960s. The second floor, surrounding the Writing Center, has many works that include the written word. The third floor features art about the totalitarian state. Come and take a look! All interpretations welcome.

Check out our first Picasso, a wood engraving donated by Henry Scholder and the late Renee Fotouhi. It's installed on the first floor of the Gabert Library along with many other beautiful works of art. Often art dealers disassemble books that contain original prints by well-known artists, and then sell the prints individually. This print comes from a dismantled book called *Le Chef-d'œuvre inconnu* (The Unknown Masterpiece) by Balzac, illustrated by Picasso. This Picasso-illustrated version of the story is also in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art. If you'd like to read the story in English, you can find it at Project Gutenberg: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/23060>. It is about artists and painting. If you'd like to see a facsimile of the entire Picasso-illustrated work, you can see it here, and read it in the original French: <https://bit.ly/2z1Fq28>

If you like the signed offset lithograph by **Wayne Thiebaud** in Dean Paul Dillon's reception area, you might enjoy reading this article about the 97-year-old artist's new show at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City: <https://bit.ly/2L4XXv2> - or even going to New York for a visit. Thiebaud cites Cezanne and Degas as critical influences, and in the cakes and pies he has drawn on paper you can see the acute attention of Cezanne and the dramatic use of space Degas mastered. The Morgan Library & Museum is walking distance from the end of the PATH line at 34th Street (at 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street), and the exhibit is open through Sept. 23. Admission is free on Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MIDDLE STATES UPDATE

We are happy to communicate that June and July have been busy months as initial drafts of chapters of the Self-Study report have been completed with input from chapter committee members.

In his first days at Hudson County Community College, President Dr. Chris Reber, stated: "Our preparation for the Middle States reaccreditation process, including our Self-Study and the spring visit by the Middle States Evaluation Team, is fundamental to our future ability to serve students and achieve our goals. In fact, our authorization to offer federal financial aid is dependent upon our maintaining full accreditation status from Middle States. For these reasons the Middle States reaccreditation process is the College's top priority this year, and everyone plays a role in our success."

- In July, Dr. Reber announced to the College community that the role of Accreditation Liaison Officer will transition to Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Cabinet Members, Co-Chairs, and the Dean of Institutional Research and Planning have been provided with the initial rough draft of the Self-Study report for comments and feedback.
- Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College, Chair of the Evaluation Team for Middle States, will be on our campus during the Fall semester for a Preliminary Visit. Schedule is forthcoming.



- The first draft of the Self-Study will be shared with the Core Committee and Steering Committee at the end of August. The draft will be distributed to the College community in September for review and feedback.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



End of Summer Book & Art Fair August 25, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Continuing Education, in partnership with the Office of Student Activities and JCFamilies.com, will host a Book & Art Fair on Saturday, August 25 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at HCCC's Culinary Plaza Park, located across the street from the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. Attendees can purchase new or used books, shop from local food and street fair vendors, and participate in various activities, including children's book readings and art and crafts workshops. There will also be face painting and live entertainment for kids.

Admission is free, but each attendee must register at www.tinyurl.com/hcccfair2018

If you would like to donate books, please contact Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4262.



Students learned how to visually present data in clear, effective manners and were taught methods for creating eye-catching instructional illustrations during CE's Infographics course, June 18-20.



Paul and Denise Silverman enjoy making a chocolate walnut torte at CE's Chocolate I class with Chef Luci Brasil on June 16.



Students in CE's Chocolate I class learned the ABC's of chocolate with Chef Luci Brasil on June 16.



Students learned how to create powerful brands on a budget through the power of storytelling and marketing during CE's Branding for Business course with Luca Cusolito of Creative Enabler from June 13 to June 27.



Students learned how to captivate and engage an audience, cope with nerves, and deliver messages with clarity and confidence at CE's Mastering Public Speaking class on July 11-18.



Students learned how to code and develop apps during Continuing Education's Summer Youth and Teen Programs STEM Week.

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CAREER CORNER

Each month we'll be answering your questions about Career Development.

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Q: What is the easiest way to learn about the Career Development Center's hours and offerings?

Our revamped Career Portal features everything you need to know about setting up an appointment and upcoming workshops. Find our portal under "Support Services" for web based resources to practice for your interviews or aid in your job search using our powerful job search engine, College Central Network. Our portal also offers Career Planning Guides that will help you write your cover letters and resumes.

Did you know?

Stay tuned on social media and through our Career Development portal page for more information on the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative and how you can apply! The Goldman Sachs Collaborative is a life-changing opportunity. Ten HCCC students will be selected to collaborate in a team with Goldman Sachs coaches to get a behind-the-scenes look at corporate culture, hear from speakers about professionalism, participate in team building activities, and have the opportunity to network with industry leaders. Each student will earn a \$1,000 stipend for participating in the program.

Career Development Center 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, Third Floor

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES



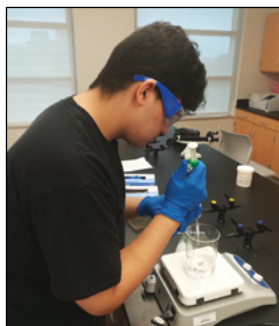
Joane Neira taking lab notes.



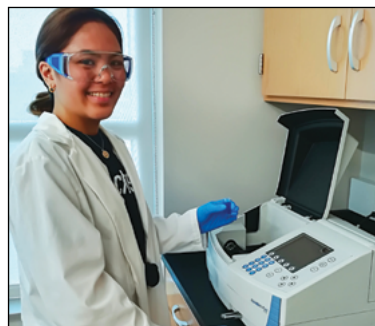
Andrew Simon making algae beads.



Genina Perez using a pipette to transfer a solvent from a beaker.



Yusuf Khadir synthesizing photo-catalyst.



Ysabelle Mikaela Calara using a spectrophotometer.



John Kongtcheu working in the Chemistry lab.

The Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) engages undergraduate students in composite material research and guide them towards possible career paths and college programs in the field. This eight-week intensive summer research program (Y2018) combines formal classroom instruction and hands on research both independently and with Dr. Clive Li in the STEM Division. Students are given the opportunity to work with high school students, college students, and graduate students on scientific research projects of their choosing, with the goal of having their research entered in national competitions or published in scientific journals.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 1

New Student Orientation, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, August 6

If registered before August 1, 2018, full payment or payment plan arrangements must be made, or financial aid awards must be in place by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7

Business/Professional Writing, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room E511. This workshop will focus on the basics of writing for education and business professionals.

Wednesday, August 8

Radiography Program Graduation, 11 a.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street

Monday, August 13

Regular hours resume (Monday-Friday)

Tuesday, August 14

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

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Town Hall with President Reber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., First Floor, Multipurpose Room

Monday, August 20 – Friday, August 31

Basic English, Math, and Algebra Boot Camps, Session 5

Tuesday, August 21

New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Tuesday, August 28

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus,

Wednesday, August 29

College Service Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, August 30

Late registration begins

All College Faculty Orientation & Meeting, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

ALUMNI CORNER

John Barone

Class of 2003

Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts

Chef for U.S. Alpine Ski Team at 2018 Winter Olympics



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

After researching many culinary schools, I chose HCCC because the class sizes were small, there was a lot of hands-on training and one-on-one attention from our instructors.

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

I enjoyed learning about international foods. To open a book and escape to a different part of the world and learn about the different flavors was amazing to me. It definitely sparked my interest to travel.

How did you become interested in Culinary Arts?

I have always had a passion for cooking. At an early age, I have many memories of being in the kitchen watching my mom prepare dinner. I always loved to watch the process from chopping to mixing to cooking to presenting the final dish.

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

My culinary education at HCCC gave me the confidence to walk into a formal kitchen knowing certain important fundamental skills to get me started.

I now live in Northern California as a private chef. My days can be pretty busy depending on if my client is entertaining for the evening or if they will just have a quiet family dinner. Most days start with creating a menu based on any dietary restrictions and seasonality of ingredients. The morning usually consists of shopping at markets for ingredients for the menu. I then head to my clients home.

When I arrive I will talk with the estate manager who will fill me in if there have been any last minute changes to the schedule of my client. I will then unload all groceries and begin my preparation. If there is a larger event occurring on that day, I will have help from the other staff of the home to set up. Otherwise I will do this myself.

When it is time for my client to eat, I present them with the first course and allow them to eat while I go back to the kitchen to finish the second course. After they have finished, I present them with the second course. The same procedure follows with each of the following courses. Once finished, I will clean up and organize my ideas and menu for the following day.

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

It's really hard to pick one. I am lucky to have had so many wonderful experiences, each special and unique. If I had to choose, I would pick one of my most recent adventures. In February of this year (2018), I was recruited to cook for the U.S. ski

team in Pyeongchang, South Korea at the Winter Olympic Games! Cooking for competitive athletes is so rewarding because you're supporting their physical performance, and in this instance it was for Team USA!

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

One of my mentors and inspirations is Thomas Keller. I worked under him while my time spent at The French Laundry in Napa, CA.

Chef Keller really instilled in me a high respect for ingredients being prepared. I learned how to source and use ingredients that are in season and local. I gained a "sense of urgency" and "attention to detail" which still remain with me today in and out of the kitchen.

I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to set foot in some of the kitchens of the best restaurants in the world. Working under each chef really taught me valuable lessons.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Keep an open mind and soak up as much knowledge as you can from all the experiences you have. There is no one right way to do a certain task, but by keeping an open mind, you will be able to form a culinary rolodex to pull from as you advance in your culinary career and form your own style of cooking.

Always have respect. There are many different roles in a restaurant. A pot washer does not have the prestige of being the executive chef, but they are both equally important. Without one, the operation does not run efficiently and smoothly.

Finally, grow and adapt with the world. As we learn more about farming practices and our impact on the environment, it is extremely important to be an educated consumer and know exactly how and where our food is coming from.

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

Keep an open mind and learn and do things that are not in your comfort zone. Similar to the advice to the Culinary graduates, I think that advice can be used in all aspects of your life. Also, it is most important to pursue a career that you have a passion for, NOT based on how much money you could make. To find your purpose is extremely important in life.

One of my favorite quotes is from Confucius: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

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