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## Hudson County Community College Foundation Hosts 19th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser





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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOSTS 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER**

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation invited area residents, professionals, and business leaders to participate in its 19th Annual Golf Outing. The event took place on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the picturesque Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ. Despite a rainy start to the day, the event raised \$65,000, which will be dedicated to HCCC students and the College's development.

The Golf Outing featured activities to please golfers and non-golfers alike, including a continental breakfast, shotgun start, cocktails, luncheon, and awards ceremony.

Established in 1997, the HCCC Foundation is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) corporation that provides tax-exempt status to contributions. The Foundation supports and promotes the College and its students by building awareness and developing financial resources. In keeping with its vision that all Hudson County residents should be afforded the opportunity to acquire a college education and enjoy the lifelong benefits of that education, the HCCC Foundation works diligently to find and generate funding that provides scholarships for students, seed money for new and innovative programs, stipends for faculty development, capital



*From left to right: Ron Uhaus, Philip Johnston, Philip James Johnston and Jose Torres.*

to assist the College in its physical expansion, and resources to address basic needs and insecurities of our HCCC community members and students beyond the classroom.

The HCCC Foundation has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships, totaling \$2 million, to deserving students. Additionally, students benefit each year from the hundreds of Book Vouchers and Knife Vouchers supplied by the Foundation for Culinary students. Each year, the Foundation also provides \$40,000 to assist students with course materials.

**ON THE COVER:** *The Hudson County Community College Foundation and its supporters participate in the Foundation's 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 12.*

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR SEAMLESS AND SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER TO BACCALAUREATE BUSINESS DEGREES**



*Seated from left: NJIT Provost and Senior Executive Vice President Dr. Fadi Deek and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. Standing from left: NJIT Assistant Dean Melodi Guilbault; NJIT Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services Dr. Basil Baltzis; NJIT Martin Tuchman School of Management Dean Dr. Oya Tukel; NJIT Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Dr. Laurent Simon; HCCC Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development Lori Margolin; HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Darryl Jones; HCCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment, Heather DeVries; and HCCC Acting Associate Dean for Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Dr. Ara Karakashian.*

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## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (PACDEI)

**H**appy August! We hope you are enjoying your summer so far. PACDEI is going strong for the summer with events that have something for everyone. One of our key initiatives is the Summer Inclusion Tour, more on this below. Please continue to enjoy all the activities and events and feel free to make any suggestions that you feel would grow diversity, equity, and inclusion (sense of belongingness) here at Hudson. Remember, we promote *Hudson Is Home!* We continue to be impressed with the contributions of our HCCC family and community members. As we continue to grow, we look forward to celebrating with everyone over time. PACDEI is working diligently to ensure that we have a well-rounded and broad embrace for all. The only reason we can do what we do is that each member of the College and community is embraced and encouraged to do the same for one another. We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks, in person. We would like to take this time to share a few items highlighting some of our initiatives over the past few weeks:

- July 1, 2021, PACDEI welcomed Hudson County Community College (HCCC) first ever Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Yeurys Pujols. PACDEI stands with the entire college community ready to support, partner, collaborate and work with the new office of DEI. Feel free to reach out to the VP of DEI and share your thoughts and ask questions.



- July 22, 2021, PACDEI put some finishing touches on the much-awaited Action Plan. It is being updated and will be circulated college-wide as soon as it has a final edit. Each of you will have the opportunity to review it and make any comments and/or suggestions that will enhance or support the overall message and efforts.

- July 1, 2021, PACDEI welcomed its, new CoChair, Jose Lowe, Director, Educational Opportunity Fund Program. Jose will continue in this new role for a 3-year term. Jose Lowe shared at the July Town Hall that he was excited about his new role and looking forward to what's to come for the future. Please congratulate him the next time you see him around campus or online.

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## HCCC ROLLS OUT NEW MISSION STATEMENT



**O**n July 1, 2021, Hudson County Community College began using an updated Mission Statement. HCCC's mission defines our purpose as an institution of higher education, our commitment to the students we serve, and our aspirations as a community. New, updated signs have been installed across the campus.

A new Mission Statement graphic is also available for inclusion in email signatures. Below are directions for embedding our mission statement into your email signature. Please do this to provide a tangible everyday reminder to all of our constituents of who we are and what we value as a college community.

### Steps to Add a Signature in Outlook:

1. Open Outlook and click "New Email."
2. In the Ribbon, click the Signatures button on the right side.
3. If you do not have a signature, click on New and name the signature "Mission Statement," then click OK.

If you have a signature already, click on the name "Mission Statement" to edit the graphic, click Save, and click OK.

4. Copy the Mission Statement image below and paste into the information box below your personal signature.
5. Before closing, check that Default signature in the upper right area is set to "Mission Statement" for both New Messages and Replies/Forwards.
6. Once this is set as above, click OK to save and exit.

**New Mask Protocol**  
Effective August 8, 2021:

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.**

**Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

*Your safety is important to us!*

## FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

First things first. In case you have not heard, the Office of Faculty and Staff Development is now under the Human Resources department and located on the 3rd floor of 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City. Now, on to more updates and highlights. The Office of Faculty and Staff Development is busy planning, in collaboration with several members from various departments, the fall 2021 semester start up events College Service Day (CSD) and All-College Faculty Orientation (ACFO). The theme this year, speaks to all our resilience, tenacity, and commitment to continuing making our institution a first-rate college, "Post Pandemic Excellence."

College Service Day will kick-off the start-up events on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. To accommodate the maximum amount of people, we are planning to hold the event in multiple formats and locations. In addition to our traditional on-ground event, we will also be streaming live using the new ITV technology and WebEx. Over the next week or two, you will receive or see announcements with details about where you can join the event. As in the past, the day will begin with a delicious continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. CSD

program start. The event will be held on-ground in the Culinary Conference Center in Journal Square and the multipurpose room located on the 7th floor at the North Hudson Campus on John F. Kennedy Boulevard. More details coming soon.

This year's event will be our first in-person event since spring 2020 semester and the excitement is mounting! We look forward to seeing everyone and hear all your stories, experiences, successes, growth, and yes, even your challenges. We expect there will be many examples and stories of how people managed throughout the past year to 16 months. Also, the fall semester will bring back many of the things we're used to like workshops, seminars, open discussions and so much more and we hope everyone will join in and participate to the fullest. We look forward to introducing new training, programs, and activities to enhance and improve our professional development offerings. Please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions with us. We look forward to sharing the professional development calendar with you as soon as it is complete.

Over the summer we partnered with Information Technology Services (ITS) to provide ITV and

Technology training for Adjunct Faculty Members on Tuesdays. The final two sessions in this special summer series are set for August 3rd and August 10th. We also hosted the virtual 7th Annual Adjunct Faculty Conference on Thursday, August 5th. This event allows faculty to come together and learn and share across departments and disciplines. This event is the collaboration of all six College divisions, STEM, BCH, H/SS, NHS, ENG/ESL and DADSS. We are grateful for their continued support.

The fall All-College Faculty Orientation, which happens at the start of each fall and spring semester, is scheduled for Thursday, August 26. Please keep a look out for emails with all the pertinent information in the coming weeks. The All-College Faculty Orientation provides a way for new and returning parttime and fulltime faculty to get a fresh start for the upcoming semester and share knowledge, skills, and ideas.

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## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

*Elisabeth Barnum*

Five Years

*Eric Adamson*

*Faisal Aljamal*

*Peter Cronrath*

*Karen Galli*

*Maria Lynette Lacson*

10 Years

*Craig McLaughlin*

20 Years

*Angela Hebert*

*Cathie Seidman*

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

*Adael Acosta*

*Faizan Aslam*

Five Years

*Rushi Bhatt*

*Justin Jandik*

*Daniel Mendez*

*Ana Velasquez*

For information about online, remote, and on-ground learning and the College's on-ground operations, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to visit the Return to Campus Task Force web page - [www.hccc.edu/community/returntocampus/](http://www.hccc.edu/community/returntocampus/)

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (PACDEI)

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• Congratulations are the order of the day! Once again, we acknowledge the fantastic job President Reber, Trustee Pamela Gardner, Vice President of DEI Yeurys Pujols, Professor Eric Adamson and Alum Representative to the Board of Trustees Koral Booth, for their dynamic presentation at the Association of Community College Trustee (ACCT) Virtual Diversity Institute. Their presentation is available to view by visiting this link at [https://youtu.be/mWm38wyK\\_7k](https://youtu.be/mWm38wyK_7k).

• PACDEI, along with the President, Board of Trustees, and HCCC congratulate our entire College community for being selected to receive the ACCT Equity Award for Northeastern United States. This is a sign that we are doing something that is moving the needed with our DEI efforts. We encourage everyone to get involved and to keep of the excellent work! Together, we are making a difference.

**Here are a few noteworthy highlights from the Summer Inclusion Tour (SIT):**

• On July 1st we presented: *Children of the Border*. The program discussed immigration, federal policy effecting immigrants, and how real lives are impacted. This discussion was led by Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health-Related Programs.

• On July 8th we presented: *Motherhood Amid the Pandemic*. Jenny E. Boba, Associate Dean,

English and ESL, Marissa Lontoc, Lecturer, Culinary Arts Institute, and Carrie R. Xiao, Instructor, Accounting shared their experiences as mothers, gender roles, and other variables related to family and children.

• On July 22nd we held another session of the Barbershop. The session was facilitated by Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director, Educational Opportunity Fund Program. He presented on the title Conversation with Your Younger Self. This session is part of PACDEI's monthly series and is open to all male and male identifying members of the college community. Please feel free to contact Amaalah Ogburn, Associate Director, NHC for future topics.

We are thankful for the opportunity to provide this and other updates to the college community. For a complete calendar of summer events and programing visit PACDEI on the HCCC webpage or send a message to [pacdei@hccc.edu](mailto:pacdei@hccc.edu). We will gladly add you to our mailing list. Do not forget to check your email, each week, for updates through the PACDEI email or through emails from Communications. We invite you to join us live each month at the President's Town Hall where we share more on initiatives, programs, and activities. Please contact us if you would like to discuss how we can collaborate or support your DEI goals.

We thank the entire College community for your overwhelming support and efforts during these months. Please stay safe and continue to have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION 'NEW TO ADVANCED TECHNICAL EDUCATION' AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is the recipient of a three-year National Science Foundation (NSF) "New to Advanced Technological Education" grant that will enhance areas of study at the College. The nearly \$300,000 grant will support career opportunities for community members leading to a better educated and more skilled workforce for area businesses.

HCCC President Chris Reber said the HCCC "Strengthening Community College and Workforce Partnership" project will expand the College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) offerings. The project will support the de-

velopment of structured partnerships with local employers in associated industries, informed by a strong advisory board to ensure the rigor and relevance of the program.

"This grant is the outcome of three years of faculty and staff collaboration throughout the College - including the members of the 'Mentor Connect' technical assistance program," Dr. Reber stated. "We thank them for their diligence. This is the first time the College has received a grant directly from NSF, and the project will open the door to future NSF and other funding opportunities."

## HCCC PARTNERS WITH NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR SEAMLESS AND SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER TO BACCALAUREATE BUSINESS DEGREES

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Hudson County Community College (HCCC) signed an articulation agreement with New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. The signing took place at HCCC's Culinary Conference Center, located at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City.

HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber, was joined for the signing by NJIT Provost and Senior Executive Vice President, Dr. Fadi Deek. Also attending were HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Darryl Jones; HCCC Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Lori Margolin; HCCC Acting Associate Dean for Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Dr. Ara Karakashian; HCCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment, Heather DeVries; NJIT Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services, Dr. Basil Baltzis; NJIT Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Laurent Simon; NJIT Martin Tuchman School of Management Dean, Dr. Oya Tukul, and Assistant Dean, Melodi Guilbault.

"This new agreement will provide pathways for our students to become highly skilled, data- and

technology-driven business professionals at one of the nation's highly regarded polytechnic universities," Dr. Reber said. "We are excited to collaborate with NJIT on this venture."

"Expanding access to STEM education is a core component of NJIT's mission as well as its vision of being a preeminent public polytechnic research university with local and global impact," said Dr. Deek. "Removing barriers of entry creates exciting academic and professional opportunities and we look forward to welcoming students from HCCC."

Under the terms of the HCCC-NJIT agreement, students who earn an Associate of Science in Business Administration degree at HCCC will be able to transfer seamlessly to Bachelor of Science degree programs in Business, Business Online Accelerated Entrepreneurship, and Financial Technology at the NJIT Martin Tuchman School of Management.

Additional information about the HCCC Associate of Science in Business Administration degree program may be obtained by emailing Janine Nunez, Recruiter, at jNunez@hccc.edu, or phoning (201) 360-4640.

## ACHIEVING THE DREAM

### SAVE THESE DATES!

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



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

on  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2021**  
**12 p.m.**

Join us at:

<https://tinyurl.com/HCC-AugTownHall>

Meeting number (access code): 132 446 1805

Meeting password: AugTH2021



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

[SingleStop@HCCC.edu](mailto:SingleStop@HCCC.edu)

or visit <https://www.hccc.edu/single-stop>

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

# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,500+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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

## DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Janette Staloff for the wonderful donation of the painting by Fred Staloff.

Thank you to Bill Rodwell for the generous donation of drawings, paintings and sculpture.

Thank you to the Estate of David Beck for the donation of works by Isabel Bishop, James Grashow, and Elihu Vedder.

## ARTIST NEWS

NJTV's program, "State of the Arts," has a wonderful series of short films about New Jersey artists, including many who are featured in the Foundation Art Collection. For more information about **Nancy Cohen** (whose work is in the mezzanine reception area of 870 Bergen, and the new Hudson Helps area on the third floor of 70 Sip Avenue), **Maya Lin** (whose work is on the first floor of the Gabert Library), **Chakaia Booker** (in the lobby of 70 Sip Avenue and the STEM Building lobby among other places), **Bette Blank** (second floor of 2 Enos Place), **Jacob Lawrence** and **German Pitre** (third floor, Gabert Library), **Bernarda Bryson Shahn** (fifth floor, STEM), **Willie Cole** and other artists in the Foundation Art Collection, please take a look here: [https://www.stateoftheartsnj.com/portfolio\\_category/visual-arts/](https://www.stateoftheartsnj.com/portfolio_category/visual-arts/)

Three artists in the Foundation Art Collection – **Michael Byron**, **Judy Pfaff** and **Buzz Spector** – are featured in a group show, "Bilingual: Abstract and Figurative" at Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis through Aug. 14. Usually artists stick to making either abstract or realistic art (which is also called

"representational" art). All of the artists in the show do both abstract and representational art. The Michael Byron work in the campus collection is representational, as is the Judy Pfaff. The Buzz Spector works in our collection are words sewn into paper: "The irony" and "As if ..." Would words be considered abstract or representational?

Two artists in the Foundation Art Collection will be exhibited at Alexander and Bonin in a group show called "Index" through Aug. 20. **Sylvia Plimack Mangold's** work is installed in the North Hudson Library, and **Willie Cole's** work is displayed on the first and third floors of the Gabert Library. Irons

and iron shapes are featured in all three of Willie Cole's works on campus. According to Alexander and Bonin, speaking about the work on display at their gallery, Cole "began developing a series of iron scorches on smooth, canvas-covered ironing boards in the early 1990s. Recently, the artist created *Domestic Shields XIII-XVI* (2020-21). The four individual works are a distillation of personal and collective stories: the role of African-American women in domestic labor, marking and branding practices representative of distinct African ethnicities, and the ironing board as protective armor."

If you like **Fred Wilson's** work, which is installed on the third floor of the Gabert Library and in the second floor computer lab on the North Hudson Campus, you might enjoy the show "Hiding in Plain Sight," at Pace Gallery, 540 West 25th Street,



*Willie Cole's work Men of Iron (2004) Digital Print, 22" x 29" is on exhibit on the third floor of the Gabert Library.*

through Aug. 20, 2021. According to Pace, "This group exhibition brings together 18 international artists who use the language of Minimalism and abstraction to distill complex subjects into forms that reveal new frameworks of meaning, revelation, and resistance for the here and now." In Fred Wilson's work on our campus, he is critiquing an important American art museum about the small percentage of art they exhibit by African-American artists

If you've been on campus over the last few months, or if you're returning soon, you may notice that there are over a hundred new and interesting works of art installed all over the place. Thanks to the many generous donors who looked around their homes during this difficult time and thought of the HCCC Foundation Art Collection.

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

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

**For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit [www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html](http://www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html)**

**Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools? Go to [www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html](http://www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html)**

## **Do you know someone who has extra display cabinets they want to give away?**

The Foundation Art Collection welcomes inquiries about donating large display cases to use for permanent exhibitions of small sculpture. Call (201) 360-4007 or email [ASiegel@hccc.edu](mailto:ASiegel@hccc.edu) with more information.

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

We have received a large donation of posters designated for HCCC offices. If you'd like to see images and choose posters for your area, please email [ASiegel@hccc.edu](mailto:ASiegel@hccc.edu) for a link. **Please note:** This is not Foundation Art Collection art, but there are many lovely and interesting images to choose from.

## DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

presents

This fall the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery will open by appointment with public tours scheduled throughout the semester. Please email [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu) for visitor guidelines or to schedule a tour after September 9, 2021.

The gallery will host two mid-career retrospectives of HCCC Art Coordinators, Laurie Riccadonna and Jeremiah Teipen. Teacher As Artist exhibit continues in the HCCC Libraries at both campuses. The exhibition features printed books by Eileen Ferrara. Ferrara doubles as the Fall 2021 Gallery Coordinator for New Jersey City University Galleries in Jersey City. The fall schedule closes with the Student Art Department Exhibition. The virtual show highlights the talents of graduating students on Dineen Hull Gallery's FLICKR page.

### FALL EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:

#### TEACHER AS ARTIST: EILEEN FERARA

HCCC Journal Square and North Hudson Libraries  
Opens: SEPTEMBER 9

#### HCCC ART DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR SHOWCASE

featuring the works of Laurie Riccadonna and Jeremiah Teipen  
Opens: SEPTEMBER 9

#### HCCC STUDENT ART DEPARTMENT VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Opens: DECEMBER 3



Teacher As Artist Eileen Ferrara with printed books and matter.

For more information, email: [gallery@hccc.edu](mailto:gallery@hccc.edu)

## THE PLAYBILL GALLERY (A LOVE STORY)



A New York tradition dating back to 1884, a *Playbill* is the program for a Broadway or Off-Broadway play. This compilation of 118 *Playbills* was originally seen as part of an art exhibit held at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III, and Dennis C. Hull Gallery at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City in February 2020. The exhibit was accompanied by *The Playbill Gallery (a love story)*, a solo play and podcast written and performed by Professor Joseph Gallo. Using these *Playbills* to collectively tell the story of a life in the theatre, Gallo's play cast a humorous and reverent spotlight on the unique journey that each live theatre experience brings.



Professor Gallo founded and developed the Hudson County Community College's Theatre Arts Program. A recipient of the Kennedy Center Prize for Innovative Teaching in Theatre, he received his MFA in Playwriting from Ohio University.

Professor Gallo has generously donated these *Playbills* to the College's Permanent Art Collection.

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



HCCC student **Jazmin Margalef** (*photo above*) has undertaken an internship at NJ Citizen Action, a non-profit organization that which immigrants gain access to healthcare. She is conducting research, using research methods, and in June she presented in front of the State of New Jersey Health Committee legislators.

**Warren Rigby**, 2019-2020 Student Government Association President, was recently interviewed by *The Guardian* as part of an article about free community college programs nationwide (specifically New Jersey's Community College Opportunity Grant). The article may be viewed at <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/jul/19/biden-plan-free-community-college-transform-higher-education>

## ENROLLMENT NEWS

### Your SHOT at \$100!



## ATTENTION STUDENTS:

HCCC looks forward to welcoming you back to campus this fall and strongly encourages all students to be vaccinated against COVID-19!

*Students who are registered for Fall 2021 classes and show proof of vaccination will receive \$100!*

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you are registered for credit classes this fall, you are eligible no matter how you are taking your classes (on-ground, remote, online). If you are registered for Continuing Education or Workforce Development classes this fall, you are eligible if any of your classes are on campus.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's simple! Once you are registered for the fall semester, submit proof of vaccination at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-VacProof>

Once verified, students who are signed up for direct deposit will receive \$100 in their bank account, and other students will receive a check in the mail for \$100.

### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email the Return to Campus Task Force at [return@hccc.edu](mailto:return@hccc.edu).



HCCC Enrollment Representatives will be available at the following locations and times to discuss any questions you might have about HCCC!

*\*Campus tours will all be available at designated timeslots\**

- ✓ **Get your questions answered**
- ✓ **Receive information on programs and services offered**
- ✓ **Receive a guided tour**
- ✓ **Complete an enrollment step**

- **Wednesday, August 4**  
Building A, Front Entrance  
(70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City),  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
\*Campus Tour – 11 a.m.

- **Wednesday, August 11**  
North Hudson Campus  
Front Entrance  
(4800 Kennedy Blvd,  
Union City), 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
\*Campus Tour – 12 p.m.

HCCC Enrollment Services - 70 Sip Avenue - First Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306  
(201) 714-7200 or text (201) 509-4222 | [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu)

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ERASES FINANCIAL BALANCES TOTALING \$4.8 MILLION FOR 4,800 STUDENTS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has expunged \$4,861,188 in outstanding financial balances for approximately 4,800 students. The forgiven debt covers all outstanding balances for the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020, as well as Spring 2021 semesters, when the pandemic imposed catastrophic challenges that disproportionately impacted students and residents of Hudson County and metropolitan New York.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said the expungement was extended to all students, regardless of grade-point average, credits earned, continued enrollment during the pandemic, and the amount of the balance. "COVID-19 has impacted our students and our community physically, emotionally, and economically, and eradicating all students' outstanding financial balances was simply the right thing to do," he stated.

The College utilized funding provided through the Higher Education Relief Fund of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), also known as the CARES Act. The U.S. Department of Education allows colleges and universities to use this funding for any component of students' attendance, or for emergency costs that have arisen because of the pandemic, including tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care.

Dr. Reber said that the College has distributed nearly \$8.5 million in CARES Act funding to more than 5,348 individual students to date, with additional funding and support for students forthcoming. "Hudson County Community College is committed to meeting the academic, social, economic, and emotional needs of all of our students. We are doing all we can to remove barriers that students encounter in achieving their academic and career dreams," he stated.

Enrollment for the Fall 2021 semester at HCCC – which begins Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and returns to full on-ground operations – is now in progress. The schedule and details for on-ground, online, and remote courses is available at [www.hccc.edu/schedule](http://www.hccc.edu/schedule). Information about admissions, applying, and comprehensive financial aid opportunities may be obtained by emailing [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu), texting 732-509-4222, or phoning 201-714-7200.

**REGISTER NOW**  
for Fall 2021  
classes at HCCC!

View Course Schedule at  
[www.hccc.edu/schedule](http://www.hccc.edu/schedule)

**APPLY NOW** for Fall classes!  
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## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



At Liberty State Park on Saturday, July 10, pictured from left: Leticia Alfado Zunguze, Bashir Bivens, and Hugo Iglesias.



Misano Ishilda (second from left) volunteering at the NYC Triathlon on Saturday, July 10.



Beta Alpha Phi Chapter advisor, Prof. Ted Lai, volunteering at Liberty State Park on Saturday, June 26.

### Membership Certificates

For a digital copy of membership certificates, members may log in at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org). Click on your name in the upper right corner. On the left, go to Membership & Participation. Click on Membership Details. Scroll down and Generate Membership Certificate. If you want a replacement hard copy of the certificate, you may order it from the Phi Theta Kappa Store: <https://www.ptk.org/Store.aspx>

### Scholar Snapp

Scholar Snapp (<https://www.scholarsnapp.org>) guides users through the scholarship application process. It allows the storage of information for an application to be used for other applications. Users may be able to avoid preparing multiple applications individually. Scholar Snapp, a free service from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, will be incorporated into PTKEdge Transfer.

### Nota Bene 2020 Edition Available

The 2020 issue of *Nota Bene* is available at [https://portal.ptk.org/Portals/0/docs/nota%20bene/nota\\_bene\\_20.pdf](https://portal.ptk.org/Portals/0/docs/nota%20bene/nota_bene_20.pdf) Competition for the 2022 edition will open later in the year.

*Nota Bene*, Latin for "note well," is Phi Theta Kappa's honors anthology. It recognizes outstanding writing of Phi Theta Kappa members and demonstrates to the literary public the academic excellence and commitment to scholarship found at two-year colleges. The first issue of *Nota Bene* was published in 1994; it has been published annually ever since. The Ewing Citation Scholarship Award, a scholarship of \$1,000, is given to the author of the *Nota Bene* manuscript considered to be the most outstanding of all entries.

### Save the Date: Fall Induction

Beta Alpha Phi's Fall Induction will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7. New chapter members who have been inducted since May 3 are asked to send a photo to Professor Lai. The photo will be placed in a frame. HCCC alumnus Dr. Marco Ashamalla is a scheduled induction speaker.

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Oct. 10: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Liberty State Park; register at <http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/JerseyCityNJ>
- Sunday, Oct. 17: Bike MS; register at <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1842&eventID=601>
- Saturday, Nov. 6: Friends of Liberty State Park 5K Run and Fun Run, behind the Administration Building, 200 Pesin Drive

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

**To apply to Year Up you must...**

- be between the ages of **17-26**
- have a HS diploma or GED
- enroll at HCCC and major in **Business Administration, Business Liberal Arts, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Hospitality Management or Management**
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We're accepting applications on a rolling basis, and spots can fill up quickly!

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS 'POWER YOGA: STRENGTH AND STRETCH' CLASSES OUTDOORS AT CULINARY PLAZA PARK



*"Power Yoga: Strength and Stretch" class on Tuesday, July 6.*

Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development invited area residents to bring their mats and participate in the new "Power Yoga: Strength and Stretch" classes. Sessions were held Tuesdays and Thursdays, from July 6 to July 29, in the College's Culinary Plaza Park. The energetic classes were designed to explore the fundamentals of power yoga, an intense and mindful workout that helps develop breath, and strength of body and mind. Each class begins with a sun salutation yoga flow. Certified Yoga Instructor Riddhi Kaur taught proper alignment in warm-up poses that link breathing and movement; poses that strengthen muscles and spine; and a cool-down with deep stretching and breathing exercises.

The next Yoga in the Park program begins on August 24. For more information, please contact Riddhi Shah at [rsah5698@live.hccc.edu](mailto:rsah5698@live.hccc.edu) or call (201)-360-4224

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

SUMMER YOUTH & TEENS PROGRAM

**IN-PERSON  
CULINARY FOR  
KIDS IS BACK!**

**BEGINNING AUGUST 16!**  
9 AM - 4 PM  
HCCC CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE  
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AGES 9 - 15 YEARS OLD

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Contact Carmen Guerra at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu)  
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VIRTUAL COURSES STILL AVAILABLE

## CONTINUING EDUCATION KICKED OFF ITS POPULAR SUMMER YOUTH & TEENS PROGRAM



Continuing Education kicked off its popular Summer Youth & Teens Program on July 12th with its Digital Photography program. The weeklong course, taught by local photographer, William Ortega, offered a creative opportunity for kids, with or without experience, interested in improving their skills in digital photography. Throughout the week kids used various devices



with digital cameras to examine the concepts of exposure, color balance, and composition and lighting techniques. They explored projects like macro photography, landscape, and portraiture, and learned about post-production editing at HCCC's computer lab. The week included a field trip to local destinations for an on-location photoshoot.



At Continuing Education's Summer Youth and Teen Program, both middle school and high school students will experience a variety of engaging and enriching programs. Our unique programs emphasize self-discovery, cognitive reasoning, and cooperative thinking using a hands-on approach.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hccc.edu/summeryouthprograms> and contact Carmen Guerra at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu) or call (201) 360-4224.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, August 2

Last day to withdraw for Online B

### Wednesday, August 4

Last day to complete official withdrawal from Summer II

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Front Entrance,

### Tuesday, August 10

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join via <https://zoom.us/j/93885148547?pwd=SzBQdjJWdV04RVEvWTl3ZU1PdllXZz09;Passcode:328105>

### Wednesday, August 11

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City)

### Thursday, August 12

Radiography White Coat Ceremony, 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

### Monday, August 16

Regular hours resume

### Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18

Final Exams for Summer II

### Tuesday, August 17

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. Join via [https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m5e57ee2db55ea4fccd6ccb6986b2bc7;Meeting number \(access code\): 132 446 1805; Meeting password: AugTH2021](https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m5e57ee2db55ea4fccd6ccb6986b2bc7;Meeting%20number%20(access%20code):%20132%20446%201805;Meeting%20password:%20AugTH2021)

### Wednesday August 18

Final Exams for Online B

### Wednesday, August 25

College Service Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.; and North Hudson Campus

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, August 26

All College Faculty Orientation, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

## FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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This fall the Office of Faculty and Staff Development, in partnership with Dr. Angela Pack, Assistant Professor, Education, is set to launch the Adjunct Faculty mentoring program. We are very excited about this program and the opportunities it provides adjunct faculty that will increase their use of HCCC's services and resources that will strengthen and impact student success outcomes. Dr. Angela Pack has been working for several months to create the framework for this program. Please watch for flyers and other announcements where you will be directed on how you can register so that you don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to volunteer to be a mentor or mentee.

Hudson County Community College's Faculty and Staff Development portal page provides information about professional development and resources available. We partner with departments around the College to bring you robust and broad opportunities. Please feel free to reach out for additional information.

Our office and the entire HR department is here to collaborate with each department and division to help bring professional development and employee training to you and to make sure all your professional development needs are being met. If you think of something that we could do to add to your work experience, don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to our continued collaborations with the Center for Online Learning, North Hudson Campus, Academic Affairs, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Student Affairs, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, and the College Libraries.

In addition to checking us out on the portal page and the webpage feel free to stop by our office. You can reach us on the third floor located at 70 Sip Avenue in our new location under the human resources department. Information about faculty and staff development can be found on our portal page at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

We hope you have an amazing rest of the summer and that you are looking forward to an awesome upcoming fall semester! Please feel free to contact us or reach out to us via phone or email to the HR department at [hr@hccc.edu](mailto:hr@hccc.edu) and just put in the attention line office of faculty and staff development. You can also send emails to [lwilliams@hccc.edu](mailto:lwilliams@hccc.edu) or call 201-360-4015. We can't wait to see you and share more updates. Remember to stay, connected, stay tuned, and remember Hudson is Home!

## Mental Health Resource for Our Students: TalkCampus



**What is TalkCampus, and how can it help?**



Online global mental health support network



Peer-to-peer support



Access to instant, any time 24/7

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



**An increased ability to cope and feel less alone**



**Higher levels of self-esteem and confidence.**



**A greater sense of well-being and resilience.**



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

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

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

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



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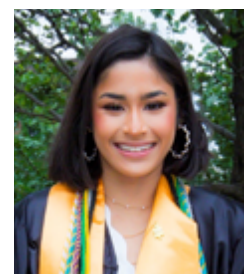


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## Jasmine Ngin

### Class of 2021

### Associate of Science – Computer Science



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

Growing up, I was always lectured with the importance of education. "Go to school and you'll make a lot of money. You never have to work as hard as I did." It's a common phrase stated by most immigrant parents. The only issue was that I had no semblance of hard work nor the value of money. I was naturally smart; getting 100% on my exams got me through high school even though I never did homework. In addition, I wasn't allowed to work. So subsequently, when I went to a university straight out of high school, I immediately flunked. After a year of laziness, I had finally gotten my first real job afterwards as an insurance agent. It was an okay job, but I knew I had to work harder than others because I had no degree. My potential outweighed the workload I was given and it bothered me so much. Eventually, a turn of events happened and I moved to New Jersey, left my job, and said I have to turn my future around and HCCC was just my savior.

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

Funny thing is, I've never been inside of a "classroom". I did all my classes online, yet I think I've had the best experiences of my life through ZOOM. My fondest memories are of the countless zoom meetings in Student Government friends along with my Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative.

#### How did you become interested in [major/career]?

When I an insurance agent, I dealt primarily with Social Security/Medicare recipients. So these elderly men and women are usually retired and most of them rely on their Social Security check to buy food, pay rent, buy medicine, and of course pay insurance premiums. With Medicare, not all things are covered, so people need what are called "Medicare Supplement plans" or else they can pay hundreds of thousands out of pocket. But these plans that we were selling were extremely expensive on their own. I had multiple members blaming me for their loved ones dying because they couldn't afford the hospital bill without insurance, but they couldn't afford insurance either. That truly hurt, and ever since then I've wanted to become an actuary and many majors can lead to that path, but I chose computer science because it reforms alongside the workplace.

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

It's made me a more well-rounded person and above all else it made me learn how to communicate. Never be afraid to ask for help. There have been so many times at HCCC that I was struggling in a class and I just asked the professor for assistance and they worked with me with no hesitation. Don't be afraid.

#### What is a typical work day for you?

My workdays really aren't typical!

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

My most memorable projects would have to be the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. Not only are the companies so kind, but the faculty here at HCCC are masters at their craft and are tremendous mentors. They've impacted my life the most. In addition, I'm currently working on a project to help inmates go back to college and I am so excited for that to come to fruition.

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

My biggest inspiration is my grandmother. She escaped the Khmer Rouge genocide, barefoot, with 3 kids on her back, to give us a better life. If I ever feel like giving up, I always think "what would grandma do?"

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

Keep your connections with HCCC. You did not spend months with a professor, classmate, advisor just for nothing. They are valuable assets in life, just like you will be to them! They could help you get that one job!

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

GET INVOLVED! I hated high school because I never found the right group for me. However, if I had joined a club or participated in some type of reoccurring activity, I would've loved school so much more. Don't make college a high school experience! Go out, take advantage! You never know what you'll get out of trying.

## HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

### If so join, socialize and network!

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