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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO ITS 20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Whether golfers or not, at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation's 20th Annual Golf Outing, donors and attendees had the chance to enjoy a beautiful summer day at a premier golf and country club while providing life-changing support for HCCC students.

New this year: HCCC students were incorporated into the festivities through a golf clinic and foursomes with HCCC supporters.

Nicole B. Johnson, HCCC Vice President for Advancement and Communications, invited area residents, professionals, business leaders, golf enthusiasts, and non-golfers to join the fun on Tuesday, July 19, at Forest Hill Field Club. Located at 9 Belleville Avenue in Bloomfield, NJ. Forest Hill Field Club, boasts a pristine 18-hole, Tillinghast-designed golf course, and is known as "the Oasis of Bloomfield."

"It is a great point of pride for everyone at HCCC that our students coined the phrase, 'Hudson is Home' because of the caring and connectedness they experienced these past few years," Ms. Johnson said. "Golf is an all-around developmental sport, and this event afforded our students the opportunity to experience and enjoy

the sport, and to feel at home on the course," she stated.

Donors and attendees at the HCCC Foundation Golf Outing enjoyed a game of golf, made new friends, networked with business and community leaders, and built relationships. Outing supporters learned about HCCC students' experiences firsthand, and students met the individuals and organizations' representatives who championed their efforts.

There was a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start with check-in, and continental breakfast from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Guest and sponsorship opportunities were available starting at \$125.00. Refreshments were served throughout the day, with cocktails and lunch served at 2:00 p.m.

For more information about the HCCC Foundation and to make a donation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCFoundationGolf>. As of July 20, the Golf Outing grossed more than \$84,000.

For video highlights from the Golf Outing, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCGolfHighlights>

ON THE COVER: *Scenes from the 20th Annual Foundation Golf Outing.*

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ONE OF 10 COLLEGES NATIONWIDE TO RECEIVE \$100,000 METALLICA SCHOLARS INITIATIVE AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been chosen from a highly competitive field of community colleges across the United States to receive \$100,000 for training that will transform the future of individuals and the community.

HCCC is one of just ten community colleges nationwide to have been named to the Metallica Scholars Initiative Cohort 4. As a recipient, the College will provide instruction and a pathway to certification in welding for previously incarcerated individuals. The life-changing HCCC program will partner with the New Jersey Reentry Corporation and the Governor's Reentry Training and Employment Center in Kearny.

The Metallica Scholars Initiative funding will provide students with tuition, textbooks, materials, Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) 10 training, consumables, helmets, safety glasses, jackets, and exam fees for American Welding Society certification. The scholars will also receive support from Hudson County Community College Student Success Coaches, plus tutoring, case management,



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financial services, food pantry groceries, and other basic needs beyond the classroom.

"Training and certification in welding, an in-demand, high-wage occupation, will be transformational for these students as they strive

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HCCC DELIVERS WORKSHOP ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TO CORRECTIONS OFFICER RECRUITS

On July 9, 2022, Anthony Jenkins, Adjunct Professor of Human Services, delivered a workshop on mental health and addiction to Hudson County Corrections Officer recruits at the USS Juneau Center in Kearny, New Jersey. Professor Jenkins spoke to the recruits about how mental health and addictions connect to their work in corrections and encouraged a compassionate, helpful, and culturally informed approach to working with incarcerated individuals. Professor Jenkins' workshop is part of an emerging partnership between HCCC and the Hudson County Department of Corrections to provide academic opportunities in collaboration with the Hudson County Public Safety Training Center that will lead to an associate degree at HCCC.



Edward Nestor, Chief of Staff at the Hudson County Department of Corrections, greets the corrections police officer candidates and introduces Professor Jenkins. (Courtesy of Dr. Alison Wakefield, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences)

NJ REENTRY CORPORATION AT THE CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) and Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs (second from right) converse with students from a Hot Food Proficiency Certificate cohort.

Clients of the New Jersey Reentry Corporation have been enrolling in the Culinary Arts Institute since April 2022. The New Jersey Reentry Corporation facilitated their enrollment at HCCC – specifically, the Governor's Reentry Training and Employment Center in Kearny. This special cohort of four students has been completing studies within the Hot Food Proficiency Certificate credential, an 11-credit experience of four hot food production lab classes, and a food service sanitation lecture class. Students have learned proper knife skills, along with how to prepare sauces, soups, appetizers, and savory dishes, coupled with ServSafe Management and teamwork. All restaurants in the State of NJ must have at least one person who holds ServSafe Manager Certification, enabling them to not only supervise the sanitation, but also train employees and take corrective actions. The Certificate prepares students for immediate employment in restaurants, hotels, and banquet facilities.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



On Monday, July 4, Phi Theta Kappa volunteered at the picnic for state workers at Liberty State Park as they have done for 10 years. For the holiday, many were reassigned from other park and forest divisions to help at Liberty State Park each year.



From July 22 to July 24, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter volunteered at the New York City Triathlon. Pictured: Advisor Prof. Ted Lai (left) with Oliver Pavot, past computer science major and Vice President of Service in Central Park. Pavot has been a triathlete since 2015.

The summer season has not kept Beta Alpha Phi, Hudson County Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, from remaining active in the community. Here are a few highlights:

STEM Summer Institute

Congratulations to Birva Pinto and Daniel Menendez on their acceptances to attend the STEM Summer Institute at Rider University in July. They joined Marlene Andalia and Mariam Sadek at the four-day, highly competitive program which only accepts 20 students annually.

Fall Scholarship Applications

The Fall Scholarship Application is open for Society members. The application deadline is Thursday, Dec. 1. On the website (<https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/transfer-student-scholarships>), click on "Apply Now" in the middle of the page. One application covers all scholarships for which a member is eligible. For transfer scholarships, Members should check each college's instructions.

HCCC PRESIDENT REBER INTERVIEW ON 'REAL TALK WITH FERNANDO URIBE'



Hudson County Community College President, Dr. Christopher Reber was the special guest on a July 18 episode of "Real Talk with Fernando Uribe." Topics discussed during the show included the advances of the perennial community college in the tri-state area and what needs to improve in higher education.

To view Dr. Reber's interview, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXvS_biFbXQ

Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a TOWN HALL MEETING

on Monday, August 8 | 12 p.m.

In-person at:
Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room,
 Jersey City, NJ
North Hudson Campus
 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N703,
 Union City, NJ

Virtual at:
<https://tinyurl.com/TH-August>
 Meeting number: 2631 428 9983
 Password: Aug2022

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Anita Belle
John Chisholm
Keirsten Gordon
Mackenzie Johnson
Matthew LaBrake
Richard Remoura
Brian Ribas
Alyssa Rupnarain
Elizabeth Ryan
Imane Zehaf

10 Years

Alison Bach
Shannonine Caruana
Claudia Delgado
Craig McLaughlin

15 Years

Daryl Osemwota

20 Years

Nancy Booth

25 Years

Dorothy Anderson

30 Years

Jani Decena White
Issam El-Achkar
Mohammad Imam

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Monteria Bass
Jamary Bobe
Matthew McClintock
Shiv Patel
Wesley Pena
Christian Rodriguez

Five Years

Aphyra Verna

Ten Years

Dalila Djerroud

HCCC FEATURED IN AACC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT



Hudson County Community College was recently featured in "Community College Spotlight," a service of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The "Spotlight" focuses on the College's continued emphasis on Student Success and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and underscores HCCC's outreach efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can read the Spotlight here: <https://www.aacc.nche.edu/2022/07/28/hudson-county-community-college-spotlight>

PRESIDENT REBER PROFILED IN *HISPANIC OUTLOOK ON EDUCATION*



In a recent edition of *Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine*, HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber discusses, among other things, what drew him to the College, its mission, and how the tagline "Hudson is Home!" was coined. Read the article at <https://www.hispanicoutlook.com/articles/dr-christopher-reber>

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS FOR AUGUST 2022

Self-Care for Caregivers (Live – All Employees),
Wednesday, Aug. 17, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Caregiving is a demanding responsibility and often a full-time job. In this session, discover how to develop the boundaries, resiliency, and self-care techniques that will help you care for yourself so you can care for others.

Adaptable Leadership in an Ever-Changing World (Live – Leaders and Managers),

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In the face of change it is easy to get stuck, but adaptable leaders are always on the lookout for opportunity. In this session we'll discuss how the habits of adaptable leaders can benefit you.

As Our Parents Age (Pre-Recorded)

Aging is part of life. Preparing to care for the changing needs of an aging parent may not be easy or simple. Sometimes we need help identifying what kind of assistance or understanding a parent might need. We may have trouble altering our expectations or exploring how to help our parents adjust. Whether it concerns household chores or duties, financial assistance or dealing with family conflicts, there are ways to age flexibly and with more ease. In this webinar we will discuss: the stages of aging and how to assess a parent's needs at each stage; how to initiate and have difficult family conversations; finding support solutions for emotional, financial, social and health problems; and balancing self-care with caregiver responsibilities.

To sign up for these webinars, visit eap.ndbh.com, enter company code HCCC, scroll down to the "Check Out Our Webinars" box.

Questions? Connect with your EAP account manager, HR department or 800-624-5544

SAVE THE DATES FALL 2022 START-UP EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
College Service Day

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
All College Adjunct Faculty Orientation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Convocation

Additional information to follow!

Meet the
Executive Director
and
Administrative Staff
of the HCCC
North Hudson Campus

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS
4800 Kennedy Blvd.,
Multi-purpose Room (N203)
Union City, NJ
Refreshments will be served

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to overcome a host of barriers and secure a positive future," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "We are very proud to have been chosen for this selective cohort and value the opportunity to offer a promising future for students and their families. This training will prepare a much-needed workforce for our community."

Since establishing the Metallica Scholars Initiative in 2019, the All Within My Hands (AWMH) Foundation has been working with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to provide direct support for career and technical education programs across the United States. Having grown from a concept to a strategic and thriving educational priority that focuses on enhancing skills and supporting students who want to enter a traditional trade or other applied learning programs, the Metallica Scholars Initiative has made a measurable impact. AWMH is replicating the program further by adding the ten colleges in Cohort 4 to the roster, and investing \$1.8 million for the expansion.

"Our goal for the Metallica Scholars Initiative is to shine a light on workforce education and support the next generation of tradespeople. With the addition of the 2022-23 Metallica Scholars program, our grants will reach over 2,000 men and women in 32 community colleges across 27 states," stated All Within My Hands Executive Director, Pete Delgrosso. "We are honored to support these students of all ages and backgrounds and look forward to growing the program even further in the future."

Nearly every industry in New Jersey depends on the construction sector for physical growth. Welding is key to the success of many construction

and manufacturing projects. The trade requires fresh and professionally trained talent as current welders age out of the field. The American Welding Society reports that by 2025, the United States will face a shortage of more than 400,000 welding professionals.

Hudson County Community College launched its first welding course in Spring 2022 as an elective in the College's Advanced Manufacturing associate degree program. As a result of demand, HCCC also created a noncredit version of the course that incorporates basic welding skills with preparation for the Certified Welder Test accredited by the American Welding Society. The course introduces students to welding fundamentals and provides opportunities for training in Shielded Metal Arc Welding and Tungsten Inert Gas Welding.

The HCCC 10-week welding course will be held in-person at the Governor's Reentry Training and Employment Center in Kearny, where New Jersey Reentry Corporation has invested in a newly constructed, state-of-the-art welding lab designed in collaboration with the American Welding Society and HCCC. Classes will be limited to a maximum of 12 students each.

Additionally, Dr. Reber said the College has contacted area employers who have expressed an interest in hiring students who attain the Certified Welding credential.

"The impact on the welding student graduates will be significant and transformational," Dr. Reber stated. "We are grateful to All Within My Hands and the American Association of Community Colleges and look forward to working with our many community partners to ensure the success and sustainability of this program."

About All Within My Hands (AWMH)

Established by the members and management of Metallica in 2017 as a means to invest in the people and places that have supported the band, the Foundation is focused on supporting sustainable communities through workforce education, the fight against hunger, and other critical local services. All expenses of the Foundation are covered by the band, the board, and a few special friends so that 100% of donations go to the organizations it supports. AWMH is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

About American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

As the voice of the nation's community colleges, the AACC delivers educational and economic opportunity for more than 10 million diverse students searching for the American Dream. Uniquely dedicated to access and success for all students, AACC's nearly 1,100 member colleges provide an on-ramp to degree attainment, skilled careers and family-supporting wages. Located in Washington, D.C., AACC advocates for these not-for-profit, public-serving institutions to ensure they have the resources and support they need to deliver on the mission of increasing economic mobility for all.



CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>. Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify the calendar as necessary.

Monday, August 15

Regular business hours resume (Monday- Friday)

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, Room N105S

Wednesday, August 17

Secaucus Center Open House, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discover-the-secaucus-center-tickets-388645277487>

Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18

Final Exams for Summer II

Thursday, August 18

Final Exams for Online Session B

Monday, August 22

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, August 24

College Service Day

Thursday, August 25

All College Faculty Orientation, 6 p.m.

Friday, August 26

Late registration for Fall 2022

Wednesday, August 31

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

Wednesday, August 31 - Wednesday, September 14

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

Wednesday, August 31 - Wednesday, October 5

Culinary Cycle I

Wednesday, August 31 - Wednesday, October 19

Online Session A

Wednesday, August 31 - Monday, October 24

On-Campus/Remote Session 1 L (No class - 9/28)

Wednesday, August 31 - Tuesday, October 25

Culinary 7-week session 1 (EA)

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

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,750+ 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 Elmira Duygu Zaimoglu for donating the wonderful catalog of work by noted Polish-American artist Jan Sawka.

Artist News

Duke Riley's work, *The Scuttling of the S.S. Gay* is on display on the lower level corridor of the Gabert Library. His new exhibition, "Death To The Living, Long Live Trash" is on view at the Brooklyn Museum through April 23, 2023. If you are 19 years or younger, admission is free.

According to the Museum, "Riley's practice often tackles political and social issues and examines the relationship between the precarious nature of the waterfront and transgressive culture." The exhibit looks at "the ecological impact of capitalism across centuries, connects the history of American maritime art to current themes of environmental justice [and includes] over 250 new and recent works from Riley's Poly S. Tyrene Memorial Maritime Museum series, which re-envision traditional New England maritime crafts ... through the use of bottle caps, syringes, and other plastic beach trash. The series also includes Riley's contemporary interpretation of scrimshaw (ink drawings historically etched into whale's teeth), replacing commemorative portraits of whaling captains and shipowners with those of CEOs and lobbyists from the plastic, beverage, and

petroleum industries, and swapping the medium's base material of bone with repurposed plastic containers."

If you like **Joan Semmel's** work, which is on view in the studio arts classroom 516 in the Gabert Library, you might enjoy making a pilgrimage to Ithaca, New York to see her retrospective exhibition, "Joan Semmel: Skin in the Game," on view at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University through August 21. (It was previously on view at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.) Semmel has earned acclaim for her nude self-portraits, which she began painting in the 1970s. According to the artist, "I was interested in how my position as a woman affected my choices as an artist. I couldn't possibly relate the same way as a man would, for instance, to the genre of the nude. By using myself as the model those differences immediately became self-evident."

An exhibition of **Barbara Kruger's** work will be on view at the David Zwirner gallery at 519, 525 & 533 West 19th Street, New York City through August 12. Gallery admission is free. According to *The New York Times*, the artist deploys "the tools of mass communication shepherding to make the sheep think." The exhibit at Zwirner coincides with the Kruger installation mentioned in the last *Happenings*, "Barbara Kruger: Thinking of You. I Mean Me. I Mean You." in the Marron



Duke Riley, "The Scuttling of the S.S. Gay" (2000), Polymer Intaglio Print, 17.75 x 12.5 inches, Edition 1/50.

Family Atrium of The Museum of Modern Art, on view until January 2, 2023. You can also see the Newark-born artist's work on the second floor of 2 Enos Place outside the campus Writing Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Even though the Metropolitan Museum of Art on 5th Avenue and 82nd Street in New York City has now raised its admission to \$30, if you are a student in New Jersey, Connecticut or New York, and you bring your student ID to the Museum, you can pay what you wish. I usually choose to pay a dime or a quarter. It's a wonderful inexpensive way to see some of the greatest art in the world.

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

To make a monetary gift in support of the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicole Bouknight Johnson at (201) 360-4069 or nicolebjohnson@hccc.edu

To donate artwork, find detailed information here: www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

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

BUSINESS, CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION OFFERS ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE IN ACCOUNTING

The Certificate in Accounting program prepares graduates already in the field, along with new accounting students, with the minimal accounting job skills required for employment. Potential careers include accounting, bookkeeping, financial analysis, tax preparation, and payroll accounting.

The courses in the 31-credit program can be completed online, remotely, or on campus. Upon earning the certification, credits can be applied towards the A.S. degree in Accounting, which students can complete entirely online.

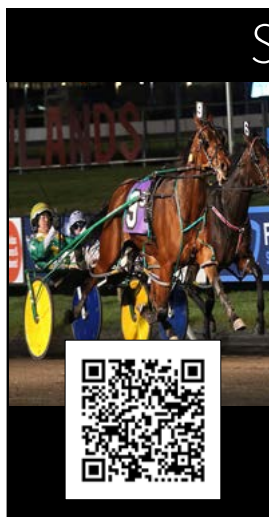
SAVE the DATE

NIGHT AT THE RACES Friday, September 16, 2022

Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment Center
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
Post Time 7:15 p.m.
\$165.00 per Ticket

Any questions, please contact:
foundation@hccc.edu

www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/



CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GATEWAY TO INNOVATION

Gateway to Innovation has enjoyed a successful first year! The program grant was extended five months because of efficient money management. In all, 145 students received training in our Patient Care Technician, Certified Nurse Aide, Hemodialysis Technician, and Pharmacy Technician certification courses that provide stackable credentials. Ninety of the students passed their certification exams, and the program has a 100% employment retention rate after 90 days. Additionally, the program -- which offers HCCC students and alumni received career development services -- counseled 77 HCCC students in financial literacy, and engaged more than 400 alumni.

The Gateway to Innovation program partners HCCC with community stakeholders and employers who support healthcare, business, finance, and technology career pathways. Through the Employer Advisory Board, the program is gaining first-hand insight into employers' needs, and with this information, we are developing Gateway 2.0. This program will offer stackable credentialing, wrap-around services, and experiential learning, which aligns with finance and technology careers.

ALUMNI CAREER FAIR

CEWD, led by the Alumni Manager and the Gateway to Innovation team, held the first HCCC Alumni Career Fair from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on July 19 - 21 in the HCCC Culinary Conference Center. Employers from healthcare, social services, business, banking, IT, transportation, travel, logistics,



CEWD hosts employers at the Subscription Dining Series. Pictured from left: Luis De La Hoz, Valley National Bank; Maritza Reyes, HCCC; John Sasso, Ernst & Young; and Dan Brookes, HCCC.



Healthcare employers from RWJBarnabas Health, CarePoint Health, Englewood Health, and Alliance Health attended the HCCC Healthcare Career Event on July 19, 2022. Pictured above are recruiters from Alliance Community Healthcare, Inc. with members of the HCCC team: Dan Brookes, Betsey Barnum, Ms. Maria Lita Sarmiento, and Curtis Mincey Jr.

and hospitality met with HCCC alumni seeking employment. Employers found the number of attendees and their preparation and qualifications very impressive.

In all, 110 alumni met with and 20 employers



Hemodialysis Cycle 2 class with Instructor Ernest Fiabu, and the Fresenius Dialysis Machine in classroom D203 (168 Sip Ave.).



On July 21, 2022, recruiters from TLD (Transportation, Logistics, and Distribution), NJ Transit, Council for Airport Opportunity, and PANYNJ met HCCC alumni during the Career Fair 2022 event. Pictured are the three recruiters from NJ Transit who held one-on-one interviews with candidates for various company job opportunities.

recruiting for 10 companies. This level of attendance resulted in building internships, strengthening community partnerships, engaging alumni, and providing employment placements. The attending employers were so satisfied they requested additional HCCC Career Fairs!

Upcoming Programs

This Basic Life Support Certification (BLS) class uses a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that drive better outcomes for adult, child, and infant patients.

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

www.tinyurl.com/BLSSummer22

Foundations of Blockchain and Cryptocurrency: HCCC Continuing Education presents a program that strives to prepare students for our coming future by utilizing blockchain technology to secure everything from tax payments, voting, medical records, and, most importantly, currency transactions in our digital society.

August 8, 2022 – October 3, 2022 (Mondays)
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Instructor: Morgan Hill
Price: \$125

Location: Online

This live class will be held online via the Webex or Zoom platform. Participants will receive an email with details on how to access the live course 24 to 48 hours before the start of class.
<https://tinyurl.com/CECryptocurrency>

Microsoft Office Excel Level II: Whether you need to crunch numbers for sales, inventory, information technology, human resources, or other organizational purposes and departments, the ability to get the right information to the right people at the right time can create a powerful competitive advantage.

August 9, 2022 – September 6, 2022 (Tuesdays)
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Instructor: Johnstone Libutsi

Price: \$145

Journal Square Campus

<https://tinyurl.com/CEExcel-Level-II>

Summer Youth & Teens Program:

SAT PREP Math/Language Arts: Get a jump-start on the SAT and impress those college recruiters with these two-weeks preparation programs.

SAT LA PREP

August 1-11, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Price: \$275

SAT MATH PREP

August 1-11, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Price: \$275

In-Person Culinary Academy:

Students will learn to bake kid-friendly desserts.

BAKING II - *4 DAY WEEK*

August 8-11, 2022 (Monday- Thursday)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Price: \$355

COOKING I - *4 DAY WEEK*

August 8-11, 2022 (Monday- Thursday)
August 15-18, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Price: \$375

COOKING II - ***FULL WEEK***

August 22-26, 2022 (Monday-Friday)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Price: \$470
<https://tinyurl.com/CESummerYouth2022>

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the Hudson County Schools of Technology
One High Tech Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

ALUMNI CORNER

Priyanka Mistry

Class of 2020

Associate of Science – Computer Science



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

I chose to attend Hudson County Community College because it was my first option when I started applying for college in my senior year of high school. The College was close to my home, and I could afford tuition. I saw that HCCC had a reputable Associate Degree program that led to earning a B.S.

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

My favorite memory of HCCC has been working as a federal work-study student for the English and ESL Division and the Communications Departments. In both environments, I learned how to work under pressure and gained experience in improving and strengthening my communication skills.

Other memories which I can never forget are conversations with professors, support staff, security, and classmates. I found these conversations inspiring; they motivated me and taught me not to give up in life, no matter what happens.

How did you become interested in an IT career?

I became interested in an IT career while watching YouTube videos on how to repair computers and printers; and volunteering at the Jersey City Public Library, where I have provided instruction in supporting patrons on computer basics and troubleshooting with Wi-Fi. I decided to learn about different types of hardware and software. Technology is a prevalent career and the fastest growing industry worldwide.

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

HCCC significantly impacted my life, and I have learned a lot from every person I have met at HCCC. It also helped me prepare for the next step of my journey: pursuing my bachelor's degree in Information Technology with Network and Information Security Specialization. The College prepared me for the real world – when I find a job in my field. Moreover, it has helped me achieve my dreams.

What is a typical work day for you?

A typical workday for me is first to check my email accounts. I then peruse *The Jersey Journal* and other newspapers for College news clippings and

advertisements. I attend classes in the morning or evening, depending on the day of the week. I complete homework and assignments; I try to finish projects before their due dates. I assist my mother with housework and watch the news to see what is happening worldwide. Finally, every day I try to learn new things that will prove helpful to me later in life.

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

My biggest inspirations are my parents because they came to the United States to give my brother and me a better life so that we do not have to struggle later in life. Without their support, I could never have come this far, and I would not have achieved any of what I have achieved. They have always understood and supported everything. Moreover, I note all the excellent professors who have been very inspirational to me and advisor Michael Carchia, who helped me go in the right direction and motivated me from when I started HCCC in 2018.

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

Some of my biggest inspirations included Professor S. Ripley and her supervisor (also a professor); some of the people with whom I work in Student Life and Leadership; President Reber, whom I had the pleasure of interviewing for an assignment for Rutgers.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Keep moving forward, and never give up on your dream. Continue with finishing your bachelor's degree. Remember that every moment is an opportunity; try to learn from everyone around you. Moreover, take advantage of HCCC Alumni Services and Career Services, which can help you update your resume to find better jobs.

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

Stay focused, work hard, ask questions if you are confused about anything, and connect with your classmates and everyone in college who can help you go on the right path. Attend college events, take part in a work-study program that can help grow your skills, and you will succeed. Don't give up easily.



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