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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOSTS 22ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA FUNDRAISER

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation invited the community to its 22nd Annual Holiday Gala. The theme for the 2019 fundraiser was "Cultures and Diversity" in acknowledgement of the Hudson County community and the College's students, faculty and staff.

The Gala was held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at the Culinary Conference Center located at 161 Newkirk Street. Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide scholarships for deserving HCCC students.

The evening included tours of the College's award-winning Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) kitchens where guests can enjoy world-class cuisine prepared and served by students and chef instructors. The HCCC 2019 Distinguished Community Service Awards were presented to Frank Gargiulo, retired Superintendent of Hudson County Schools of Technology; and Gary Greenberg, Executive Director and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County.

The Foundation also held its Lucky Odds Raffle that evening. The Grand Prize winner received 40 percent of raffle ticket sales; Second Prize received 6 percent; and Third Prize received 4 percent.

ON THE COVER: Scenes from 22nd Annual Foundation Holiday Gala

PHILIP JOHNSTON DONATES \$50,000 TO THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that the College's Foundation is receiving a \$50,000 personal donation from longtime HCCC Foundation Board of Directors member, Philip Johnston.

Mr. Johnston announced his gift at the HCCC Foundation's Gala Fundraiser on Thursday, December 5, 2019. "As you walk through life, it's good to look back and give somebody a helping hand," he stated.

"We are extremely grateful to Phil Johnston for this extraordinary gift, and thankful for the generosity and commitment he has provided to the College and our students for two decades," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "This gift will go a very long way in benefiting our students."

"Phil's tireless support of the school and its students is both generous and inspiring," said Richard W. Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., the Foundation's current Chair. "Foundations such as the one at Hudson County Community College are ever appreciative of 'doers or donors' and in Phil, it has that rare breed of one who is both a doer and donor."

Mr. Johnston is a native of Kearny, NJ who began his career in telecommunications at Bell New Jersey/ATT and Litton Industries. In 1977,

Located in the second most ethnically diverse city in the nation, Hudson County Community College is nationally recognized for its diversity and equity programs. HCCC students were born in 119 different countries and speak 29 different languages. In 2017, the Equality of Opportunity Project ranked HCCC in the top 5% of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions for social mobility.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Established in 1997, the Foundation generates financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, providing seed money for faculty programs, assisting incoming students in achieving academic success, providing for the College's physical growth as well as the cultural enrichment of Hudson County residents.

Since its founding, the Foundation has raised more than \$3.5 million in scholarships. The Foundation Art Collection, which was established in 2006, now includes over 1,250 works – most by nationally and internationally renowned artists.



he founded Johnston Communications Voice and Data and grew the company into the largest, privately owned vendor of communications systems in the New York metropolitan area. Mr. Johnston served as President of the organization until a little over a year ago when he retired and sold the company (now known as JCT Solutions).

Philip Johnston joined the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors in January 2000, and was Chair from 2010 to 2012. He serves on the Foundation's Executive, Finance, Nominating, Strategic Planning, and Golf Committees.

He also serves on the Boards of Directors of the local Pioneer Boys of America and West Hudson/South Bergen Optimist Club.

HCCC DISCUSSES INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP NJCU'S JISU DELEGATION



Clockwise from top left: Administrators from Jilin International Studies University (JISU), Hudson County Community College, and New Jersey City University; Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost (right) with JISU President Qin He; HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) with JISU President Qin He; NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson (center) with HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (second from right), Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost (right), and officials from NJCU and JISU.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber and Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Eric Friedman visited New Jersey City University to meet with NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson, Provost Dr. Tamara Jhashi, and President Qin He and a delegation from Jilin International Studies University (JISU).

JISU is the Chinese partner for the Confucius Institute at NJCU.

The ensuing discussion was filled with possibilities for international collaboration that align with the goals of the College.

CAI ALUMNI PARTICIPATE ON PANEL FOR MONTCLAIR STATE

On Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, Montclair State University (MSU) students and staff visited the Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) to have a panel and presentation on their Bachelor's Degree Nutrition and Food Science Major, Food Systems Concentration program. HCCC and MSU have an articulation agreement for Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry, and Hospitality Management students which allows for full transferability of their AAS degree credits towards the degree at MSU.

This information session was especially beneficial and relatable for our current students as the entire panel consisted of seven HCCC CAI alumni: Debra Bradley, Mercedes Castillo, Franz Derilus, Leana Lantigua, Quadeem Sellow, Eleeze Spann, and Debbie Stover. This special panel provided



great insight on the program and offered priceless advice on future career plans for our students. A Q&A session followed the panel, where students were given first-hand accounts of academics and college life at MSU.

The CAI of HCCC is fully committed to fostering relationships with institutions of higher education that will allow our students to build on their lifelong learning.

TOWN HALL HELD AT NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS



On Thursday, Dec. 5, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (left) hosted a Town Hall Meeting at the North Hudson Campus. Dr. Chris Conzen (foreground at right), Executive Director of the Secaucus Center, provides updates on activities there and High Tech High School students who will receive their high school diplomas and associate degrees in the spring of 2020.

REPORT OUT



Jedediah Palmer, Lecturer, ESL, discusses "Fostering Student Success in ESL."



Dr. Darryl Jones (left), Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Each semester, a Report Out is coordinated to illuminate the fine work being done across the College to promote student success.

ACUE MODULE LAUNCH TEAM

By Dr. Paula Roberson

The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation (CTLI) is excited to host on College Service Day, for an enthusiastic team of 36 faculty members, an orientation to the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) course "Effective Teaching Strategies." Focusing on the engagement and retention of students through evidenced-based instructional practices, Hudson's faculty members will complete this on-line course in an academic year earning a nationally recognized certificate in Effective College Instruction.

A weekly time investment of three hours includes: classroom implementation, feedback, and reflection, as well as reviews of videos that make this learning accessible and relevant to current pedagogical trends. "This course is advantageous for those who have little to no formal training in pedagogy and will greatly enhance the teaching and learning experience in the classroom. Some instructors are subject matter experts and offering strategies in instructional practices to optimize student learning is a win-win for students, faculty, and the College" states Dr. Paula Roberson, Director of the CTLI. This initiative supports the Strategic Plan and the Mission of the College and places students at the forefront.

The next course offering will be in January of 2021. Due to high demand and rapid enrollment of the course, interested faculty can reserve their space by submitting an application to Dr. Roberson available on College Service Day.

HOLIDAY MIXER



Photo courtesy of Dr. Darryl Jones

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Office of the President and the College Life Committee of the HCCC All College Council held a Holiday Mixer for faculty and staff. Pictured are members of the College community.



Photo credit: Abou Traore



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CHANGE IN STANDARD MILEAGE RATE FOR BUSINESS (2020)

The IRS has published new standard mileage rates for business expenses. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2020, the standard mileage rate for the use of your personal vehicle for College business travel will be 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven in 2020; down one half of a cent from the rate for 2019.

Please use this rate for filling out HCCC travel expense reports when using your personal vehicle for College business related travel in 2020.

Note: This does not apply to your regular travel commute from home to work.

DON'T MISS

Hudson County Community College
PODCASTS

Out of the Box



Tune in to our monthly podcasts for timely discussions about education, people, programs, events, issues and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County. Each session is hosted by HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber and features special guests and HCCC students.

To listen, visit
www.hccc.edu/outofthebox.

Spring 2020 Save the Dates!

SPRING 2020 SEMESTER START-UP EVENTS

College Service Day (CSD)

Tuesday January 21,
8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(includes breakfast start time)

All-College Faculty Orientation (ACFO)

Tuesday January 22,
4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Archana Bhandari
Fidelis Foda-Kahou
Jennie Pu
Kyle Woolley

Five Years

Antonio Acevedo
Salvador Cuellar
Marissa Lontoc
Robin Singer
Veronica Zeichner D'Alessandro

15 Years

Ana Cabrera-Triscritti

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

- Adjunct Faculty – Developmental English and Reading*
- Adjunct Faculty – English Composition I and II*
- Adjunct Faculty – ESL*
- Adjunct Faculty – Nursing*
- Adjunct Faculty – Radiography Program*
- Adjunct Faculty – Sociology and Anthropology*
- Adjunct Faculty (Three Positions Needed)*
- Advisor (PT)*
- Apprenticeship Program Coordinator (PT)*
- Certified Nurse Aide Instructor (PT)*
- College Lecturer / Clinical Nurse Specialist – Practical Nursing*
- College Lecturer / Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical*
- College Lecturer, Radiography: Didactic/Clinical*
- College Lecturer, English*
- College Lecturer (Radiography)*
- Dialysis Technician Instructor (PT)*
- Digital Marketing Services Manager*
- Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry*
- Instructor, Exercise Science*
- Librarian (PT)*
- Library Associate – Technology*
- Senior Accountant*
- Sign Language Interpreter (PT)*
- Skills Lab / Tutors (PT) (Two Positions)*
- Testing Assistant/Proctor (PT)*

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

**Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
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.

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Office of Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE VISITS THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AT MIDDLESEX, RARITAN VALLEY, AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Pictured in background from left: Angelo Soto, Sharon Daughtry, Peter Cronrath. Pictured in foreground from left: Carrie Rong Xiao, Jihan Nakhla, Paula Roberson, Lori Byrd, Darnelle Richardson. (Missing from photo: Sarah Teichman)

By Paula Roberson, Ed.D.

HCCC's Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation sent teams led by Dr. Paula Roberson on three fact-finding visits to better understand the inner workings of various teaching and learning Centers. These centers are hubs of professional development in higher education across the country, focusing on collaboration, scholarship, and enhancement of teaching and learning.

A team from HCCC visited Middlesex County College Center for the Enrichment of Learning and Teaching in November 2019 and met with their director, board members, and faculty at their CELT building. The members shared facts about their Mentoring Teams, bylaws, open-door classrooms, and their professional development days for fac-



Pictured from left: Sarah Teichman, Sharon Benjamin, Robert Kahn, Lori Byrd, Paula Roberson, (from Raritan) Andy Manno, Lauren Braun-Strumfels, Alyssa Valenti. (Missing from photo: Peter Cronrath.)

ulty enrichment. This visit immediately gave the attendees a chance to refocus on what was important in the overall approach of our start-up Center.

The visit to Raritan Valley Community College in December 2019 was attended by fifteen members of RVCC including faculty and leadership who shared pertinent information about their Center, its growth and development, and how deeply embedded the Center is within their college culture. Six faculty and staff members from Hudson met in the Center, which housed two floating computer labs, AV equipment, faculty artwork, kitchen, and a private conference room. The three-hour visit was a rich sharing of ideas, visions, and reflection. Their President, Dr. Michael McDonough, sent his thoughts to our team; "The Center encourages the participation of our adjunct and part-time faculty, too – an essential audience if we are to improve teaching and learning."

Our final visit was to Columbia University's five-year-old Center for Teaching and Learning. Nine faculty members met with their Executive Director and two Associate Directors. At Columbia, faculty members are able to submit proposals to the provost's office for grants through applications. Members are awarded anywhere from \$2,000 to

\$25,000 for projects which are linked to tenure, promotion, and research. The Columbia Center has 40 employees, which include a dedicated technology team, private consultations, student panels, research, onboarding, and much more support. We were also honored to be a part of their Center for the Professional Education of Teachers (CPET) workshop. There, students who were teaching in public schools, presented their projects for feedback and review prior to submitting them to CPET for approval.

Over 19 full- and part-time faculty and staff members participated in all three visits enabling a benchmark and aspirational view of various Centers. The CTLI aims to embrace innovative technology in the classroom, current trends in teaching and learning and subject matter and encourages diverse teams to collaborate in specialized research topics. As an educational institution, the focus on quality in teaching and instructional enhancement improves the learning experience for students. "What happens within the classroom is most important to increase their success within and beyond our walls," states Dr. Paula Roberson, Director of the Center, "and learning best practices in pedagogy will support those initiatives."

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Dr. Eric Friedman presenting "Keep Calm and Communicate: Employing Effective Communications in the Accreditation Process" at MSCHE.



Pictured from left at (ACTE) CareerTech VISION: Nydia James, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Gihan Nakhla, Daniel Andre, Sharon Daughtry, Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, and Dr. Azhar Mahmood

On Monday, Dec. 9, Executive Vice President and Provost **Dr. Eric Friedman** presented "Keep Calm and Communicate: Employing Effective Communications in the Accreditation Process" at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) conference as part of a pre-conference session.

A delegation from Hudson County Community College – **Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Burl Yearwood, Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, Daniel Andre, Sharon Daughtry, Nydia James, Dr. Azhar Mahmood, and Dr. Gihan Nakhla** – attended the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) CareerTech VISION conference in Anaheim, Calif.

in December. This conference had high-quality professional development, prime networking opportunities, and direct access to thousands of individuals and organizations representing all facets of career and technical education.

ENROLLMENT NEWS

EARLY COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN PARENT NIGHT SESSION



Adriana Soto, Student Success Coach (left) and Dr. Christopher Conzen, Executive Director.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, Hudson County Community College, in partnership with the Hudson County Schools of Technology, invited prospective students and parents to an Early College Parent Information Session at High Tech High School. Almost 100 parents and students attended the event to learn more about the opportunities the program offers.

The Early College Program has been expanding and making a great presence, allowing students the freedom of exploring the concept of college and collegiate level

academia as well as save on college tuition costs. Another advantage is that it provides students an opportunity to discover what field they decide to choose by giving them the option to sample courses in areas of interest.

High Tech High School currently has two active associate degree programs: Environmental Science A.S. and Science and Mathematics A.S. The College anticipates that by giving students these college opportunities it will lay a stronger foundation for career direction and, as a result, a successful future.

INFORMATION SESSION HELD AT JERSEY CITY CITY HALL



On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Hudson County Community College's Office of Enrollment Services held an information session about the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) at Jersey City's City Hall. Pictured are members of the Enrollment Services team with Dr. Darryl Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (left).

PARK LIGHTING & SNOW SOCIAL



On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Hudson County Community College held a Park Lighting & Snow Social. The event celebrated the accomplishments of students and showed appreciation for their campus involvement.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

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

NLS INDUCTION



Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean, Student Life & Leadership, announces honorary membership and advanced leadership certification in the Society.



Prof. Theodore Lai (left), recipient of an Excellence in Service to Students Award, with Dr. Clive Li, who received an Excellence in Teaching Award at the ceremony.

On Friday, Dec. 6, Hudson County Community College held its semi-annual induction of members to the campus chapter of National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS).

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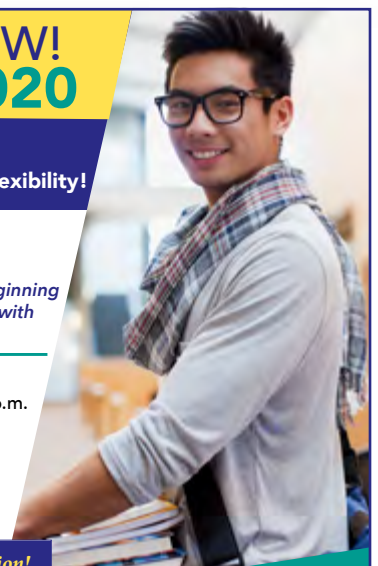
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UPDATE ON HCCC'S COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

At its December meetings, the Dream Team continued analyzing the results of the ICAT Survey and the Capacity Café. A portion of the February Town Hall meetings, scheduled for February 3, and February 13, will be devoted to an open forum where members of the Dream Team will highlight certain points of interest from the ICAT Survey Results and the Capacity Café worksheets. After a brief presentation, members of the Dream Team will welcome feedback and questions from the College community. The ICAT Survey Results in their entirety will be shared with the College community via email ahead of the first Town Hall meeting.

Throughout the spring semester, the Dream Team will continue its deep dive into HCCC's data. In an effort to support the development a data-rich culture, the Dream Team is planning to introduce various data points to the College community in the form of monthly "data bytes" and an HCCC Fact Card. Additionally, members of the Data Team have started planning a Data Summit, which is tentatively scheduled for early to mid-March. At the Data Summit, members of the College community will be invited to reflect on data specific to their functional area. Keep an eye on your email and the HCCC portal for more information!

SAVE THE DATE!

**Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's
March 2020 Visit:
March 5 and 6**

**Curious about the
ICAT Survey and
the Capacity Café Results?**

**Attend a February
Town Hall Meeting!**

TOWN HALL with President Reber

**Thursday, February 3
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Monday, February 13
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Culinary Conference Center,
Jersey City

**HCCC faculty, staff, and students
are welcome!**

Light Refreshments will be served.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Beta Alpha Phi Chapter participated in a cleanup of Don Ahern Veterans Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 14.

All-USA Academic Teams

Congratulations to Beta Alpha Phi officers Rimsha Bazaid (Vice President) and Kailyn Segovia-Vasquez (Vice President of Public Relations) on their nomination to the Phi Theta Kappa 2020 All-USA Academic Team. By virtue of their nominations, they are automatically on the All-New Jersey Academic Team and will be honored at a special day in May in Trenton.

MSR Superhero

Congratulations to Jamie Swanson, who has become the third member of Beta Alpha Phi to be selected as a Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Region Superhero. Swanson was nominated for November for outstanding engagement of others in the Phi Theta Kappa Experience.

Holiday Service Projects

Beta Alpha Phi volunteered at two Jersey City locations on Wednesday, Nov. 27 to provide Thanksgiving meals to seniors and the needy: St. John's School (3044 Kennedy Boulevard) and 153 Monticello Ave.

An HCCC and Phi Theta Kappa alumna was at AngelaCares Thanksgiving Feed the Seniors on Nov. 27. Brianna Armour became member in 2016 and graduated in 2017. She packs and delivers holiday meals every year. Three current members – Camila Gonzalez, Sofia Pazmino, and Briana Espinosa – and advisor Prof. Ted Lai volunteered after class.

STEM SPOTLIGHT

Construction Management Presentation

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Division held a presentation session of Construction Project Management (CNM 222), a capstone course in the Construction Management A.A.S. degree program.

In every course of the Construction Management program, there is a presentation session at the end of the semester. Students discuss a topic related to that course. The objective is to improve their presentation and speaking skills and to groom their leadership qualities.



Students in the Fall 2019 Construction Project Management course with Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Darryl Jones (left) and Khursheed Khan (center), course instructor.

The instructor of CNM 222, Engr. Khursheed Khan, works with the New York City Department of Transportation and has more than 30 years of field experience. Presently, he is in charge of all of the bridges on the East River in Manhattan.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Prof. Richard Walker and his CRJ 221 students visited the Lyndhurst Police Headquarters on Dec. 3. The students engaged in a question and answer session with one captain, two sergeants, and one officer from the department. The topics included: community policing, use of force, officer training, the civil service test, and other components of police work. At the conclusion of the session, Sergeant Haggerty, Sergeant Passamano, Captain Carrino, and Officer Brown provided a brief tour of the LPD headquarters.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media such as prints, drawings, 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.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to alumna Martina Nevado for the generous donation.

Thank you to Christie's auction house for finding *Tulips, Japan* (1980) a dye-transfer photograph by Ernst Haas, and ensuring it made its way to Hudson County Community College. We look forward to installing these works in the coming year.

ARTIST NEWS

Famous comedian **Steve Martin** is also an art collector. In this interview with the BBC and the Museum of Modern Art, Martin talks about how he looks at abstract art. While neither of the artists whose works Martin talks about are in the Foundation Art Collection, this short piece is a good primer in how to start to think about looking at abstraction. Spoiler alert: it's not funny. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=231&v=ovyEMINZITE&feature=emb_logo

You can see **Faith Ringgold's** work in the Gabert Library on the third and sixth floors. Both works reflect on racism, encountered by the artist directly and in the history of African American exploitation. In a recent interview, Ringgold said, "I am fully aware of the attention I am now getting in the art world, and grateful... But I am also aware that it has taken a very long time, for I had to live to be 89 years old to see it happen." Ringgold says female African American artists are still underrepresented. "Even as many more women are hanging on the walls of the major museums, such women are predominantly white ... Also, there is a bias even in the selection of black women, favoring those who have little or no politics." Ringgold's work is rich in political content. She says, "I became a feminist out of disgust for the manner in which women were marginalized in the art world ... I began to incorporate this perspective into my work, with a particular focus on black women as slaves and their sexual exploitation." For a self-guided tour of the art of the African Diaspora at Hudson County Community College, click on this link: <https://www.hccc.edu/uploadedFiles/Pages/Foundation/BHM%20walking%20art%20guide%202019.pdf>

Ringgold also recently said, "You can't sit around waiting for somebody else to say who you are. You need to write it and paint it and do it."

Rest in peace, feminist artist **May Stevens**. Stevens died last month at the age of 95 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her most famous series, titled



Mickalene Thomas, Portrait de Priscilla Petite Chien (2012) Limited Edition Archival Pigment Print.

Big Daddy, made in the 1960s and 1970s, addressed racial bigotry and the Vietnam War. Two artworks are currently on view at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, which is free and open to the public from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays. Her work *The Band Played On* is installed on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. The title of the work is also the title of an early and important book by Randy Shilts about the AIDS epidemic.

Two works by **Mickalene Thomas** grace the first floor of the Gabert Library. Both are portraits of her beloved dachshund, Priscilla. *The New York Times* noted recently, "Few artists have had more museum exposure in the past couple of years than Thomas, who rocketed to art-world fame in 2012 with a show in Los Angeles, and at the Brooklyn Museum, 'Mickalene Thomas: Origin of the Universe.'"

Her new exhibition, "Mickalene Thomas: A Moment's Pleasure," is on view at the Baltimore museum until May 2021. The Times notes Thomas is doing something unusual with her fame: sharing the spotlight. The show includes eight Baltimore-affiliated, African American artists. "When you are confident in what you're doing, you can extend yourself," she said. "You can suggest, 'How about this artist, too?' It doesn't diminish you to do that. ... I think a lot of people are stingy. A lot of artists — mostly male artists, I think — hold on to their access, hold on to their knowledge and hold on to their resources."

The need to help out other African American artists is based on Thomas' experiences after the Brooklyn Museum show. "I'm very conscious of being a queer black woman in America," she said.

A comprehensive new study published by the World Health Organization (WHO) discussed the connection between culture and health. Examining 900 publications over a 19-year span, the 146-page report asks: "What is the evidence on the role of the arts in improving health and wellbeing?" The answer they found is that art has positive overall effects for mental and physical health at all stages of life.

Food for thought: Lin-Manuel Miranda, who became famous because of his work on the hit musical *Hamilton*, wrote in the December 2019 issue of *The Atlantic Magazine*, "All art is political. In tense, fractious times — like our current moment — all art is political. But even during those times when politics and the future of our country itself are not the source of constant worry and anxiety, art is still political. Art lives in the world, and we exist in the world, and we cannot create honest work about the world in which we live without reflecting it. If the work tells the truth, it will live on."

Thanks to the hard work of Kristofer Fontanez, Darius Gilmore, Roy Groething, and Omar Williams, the **Foundation Art Collection is now searchable online**. You can search for Foundation artworks thematically or individually. For example, you can find all the artworks in a specific media (such as painting, drawing, photograph, sculpture, etc.). You can also search for a specific subject matter, such as portraits, landscapes, food, abstraction, 19th Century, etc. You can look up artworks made by artists who have a specific geographical origin, for example, art of the African diaspora, Filipino art, Hispanic art, Japanese art, Middle Eastern/North African art, etc.; or you can look for works by male or female artists. You can also go directly into the database and look up individual artists. Go to <https://www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections/> and scroll down. If there's a specific category you'd like to be able to search by, and you don't see it, please let us know. Contact the Foundation Art Collection at (201) 360-4007 or email Andrea Siegel, the coordinator, at ASiegel@hccc.edu

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

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection,

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

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit

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If you'd like a free tour of the Collection, please contact Andrea Siegel, PhD, Foundation Art Collection Coordinator at ASiegel@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4007.

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

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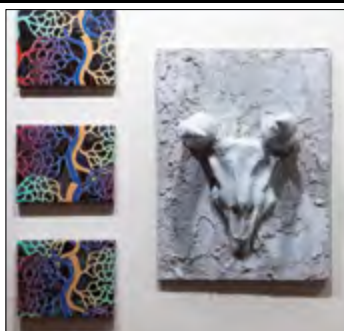
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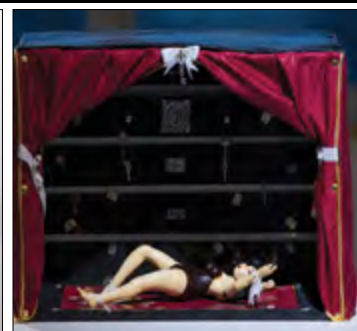
STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AT HCCC HIGHLIGHTS WORK OF STUDIO AND COMPUTER ARTS MAJORS



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (left) is presented with original artworks by Angelika Figueroa ("Crayon Fun") and Lindy Pagan ("Liberty View"), graduating students in the "Portfolio and Presentation" capstone course. Both works were included in the Fall 2019 Student Art Exhibition.



Artwork by Francheska del Valle and Evelyn Cortes-Rivera from the Fall 2019 Student Art Exhibition.



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) invited the community to view the Fall 2019 Student Art Exhibition, which featured the work of 23 students from the College's Associate of Fine Art – Studio Arts and Computer Arts programs. The exhibition was curated by HCCC professors Laurie Riccadonna and Chris Bors.

The students gave an Artists' Talk on Friday, Dec. 13. The exhibited works were from graduating HCCC student artists' Portfolio and Presentation course capstone class. Included were paintings, drawings, sculpture, book art, digital prints, video, and animation. The students will continue their studies at New Jersey City University (NJCU), Rutgers University, and the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

The College's Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) in Studio Arts and Computer Arts programs offer students a foundation in the visual arts. The HCCC professors in both programs are all working artists and designers who bring their experience to the classroom. Students learn the rigors of visual arts careers and gain an intermediate level of experience.

For up-to-date program and event information, please visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

FOUNDATION NEWS



Pictured: Chef Instructor Puk with students for Thai Cooking - TD Bank employees as well as North Hudson Scholarship Committee members.

Thai Cooking Class

HCCC Foundation Treasurer and North Hudson Scholarship Committee Chair, Monica McCormack-Casey took a Thai Cooking class at HCCC Culinary Arts Institute. She won the class voucher at the Silent Auction at the Foundation's Mardi Gras fundraiser.

HCCC Foundation Pop-Up Dining Fundraiser Features 'Chopped' Champion's Cuisine

The Food Network's "Chopped" champion, Claude Lewis, brought his signature West Indian Caribbean cuisine to the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation's recent Pop-Up Dining Fundraiser. Proceeds will provide Foundation scholarships to deserving HCCC students.



Foundation Board Directors and guests with Chef Claude Lewis at the Nov. 22 Pop-Up Dining event.

On Friday, Nov. 22, the Jersey City native prepared a delicious, five-course dinner with wine pairings at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, located at 161 Newkirk Street in the Journal Square area of Jersey City.

Born to West Indian immigrants in 1980, Chef Claude's childhood included spending months at a time visiting Antigua and Barbuda where his parents were raised. He maintains that filling up on the culture and living off the land there contributed to his healthy lifestyle. His family life, coupled with more than 20 years of experience in professional kitchens, serve as Chef Claude's inspiration for adding a modern twist to authentic West Indian Caribbean food.

Chef Claude has worked as a sous chef, and as a certified pizzaiolo at Porta in Jersey City. He is in the midst of opening Freetown Road Project, a restaurant named after the villages of Old Road and Freetown in Antigua and Barbuda. There, he will showcase cuisine created from the viewpoint of a West Indian American, with the focus on family and food.

A special thanks to Chef Puk, Tonja Webb, Janine Nunez and the students from the Culinary Club, who were instrumental in the success of this event.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Scenes from CE's Japanese Ramen culinary class on Oct. 19 with Chef Kim Fong. In this hands-on class students learned the philosophies and recipes behind Japanese ramen style broth and how to prepare delicious bowls of ramen from scratch at home.



Scenes from CE's Fun with Gingerbread culinary class on Dec. 7 with Chef Fran Sipple. Students enjoyed making gingerbread cookies and houses while learning unique decorating techniques and an icing recipe they can easily make at home.



Scenes from CE's Fall Harvest Baking class on Nov. 23 with Chef Fran Sipple. Students learned how to use seasonal ingredients to make apple cider doughnuts and pumpkin bread in this hands-on class.



Scenes from our November Photography in NYC weekend intensive program specifically designed for Au Pairs who want to earn CEU credits. Twenty au pairs from around the world gathered at HCCC to explore photography concepts such as exposure, color balance, and composition with local professional photographer, William Ortega. This special weekend course also included a field trip to several famous locations in NYC, which was used a creative backdrop.

Intro to Photography

CE is offering a 9-hour Photography in NYC weekend session on Jan. 25 and 26 - Open to all!
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/hcccjanphoto>

www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation

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CONTINUING EDUCATION &
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Eastern
Millwork**

Holz Technik Academy is now accepting applications for our July 2020 class.

Deadline for submission is February 1, 2020



HOLZ TECHNIK ACADEMY is a career opportunity for students interested in technology and manufacturing. It is a unique partnership between Hudson County Community College and Eastern Millwork, Inc. whereby students receive on-the-job training AND earn an associate's degree.

STUDENTS IN THE ACADEMY RECEIVE:

A job with Eastern Millwork, Inc.

- Starting salary of \$24,500/year
- Incremental raises throughout the 5-year program
- \$70,000/year salary guaranteed upon graduation.
- 3 days a week apprentice training.
- Full benefits including health insurance with premiums 100% paid by Eastern Millwork.

Earn your college degree

- Free tuition towards an associate's degree program in Advanced Manufacturing from Hudson County Community College
- 2 days a week classroom studies

Pathway towards a bachelor's degree,

- which could further increase the salary.

Please visit:

<https://www.hccc.edu/apprenticeship>

For more information, contact:

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YEAR UP

Welcome Reception

#YUNJLAUNCH2020

**Celebrate the
Launch of Year Up's
New Site at
Hudson County
Community College**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

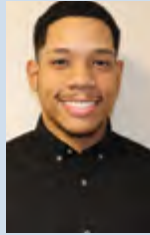
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Year Up New Jersey HCCC Welcome Reception

Year Up NYNJ celebrates its new partnership with HCCC. Year Up is committed to serving more young adults in the great state of New Jersey and is expanding its proven workforce development program to Hudson County and beyond. A Welcome Reception will be held on Thursday, January 16, 5-7 p.m. to invite community based organizations and community leaders who wish to explore ways to collaborate in order to connect more students to meaningful careers. This is the first of a series of events to take place in 2020. This event is hosted by Year Up New Jersey Office of Admissions and HCCC's Office of Enrollment Services. If you have any questions, contact Year Up NYNJ at AdmissionsNYNJ@YearUp.org or call (646) 341-6800.

Featured: Year Up NJ Admitted Student



"I was intrigued by all the opportunities that Year Up has to offer, including helping me get into the field of my dreams, finance. At my job Chipotle during the lunch rush every day, Business Executives from Chase Bank come downstairs to eat. I often ask them questions about their work, if they enjoy it, and if they see themselves working in finance long term. They would tell me how gratifying it was to help people who work tirelessly to stay afloat financially and to see how appreciative they are for their services made it worth it. I learned that doing what you love may take you places you've never thought about going to and that you can make a difference for others at the same time. That is something I look forward to somewhere in my future. Giving my all and showcasing my eagerness to learn within a program like this would be a great way to help me gain connections and broaden my horizons."

Joshua De La Cruz, Business Administration Major

ABOUT YEAR UP

Year Up is an intensive one-year program that enables young adults to move from minimum wage to meaningful careers in just one year. The program combines hands-on technical and professional skills training, hands-on corporate internship experience at a top company, support, and career guidance. As you work toward completing your associate's degree at HCCC, Year Up will help launch your professional career.

ATTEND AN INFO-SESSION AND LEARN MORE

Join us at an upcoming info-session and learn more about the Year Up program. To attend an info-session, sign up at:
www.yearup.org/apply

WHO CAN APPLY

- 17-24 years old
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Not have received a bachelor's degree or be within a year of completion
- Eligible to work in the US
- Motivated to launch a professional career

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- A.S. Business Administration
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Our office is located at 168 Sip Avenue, D212, Jersey City or reach us at AdmissionsNYNJ@yearup.org or 646-341-6800

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day – College Closed

Thursday, January 2

College Open

Late registration begins for Winter Intersession

Friday, January 3 – Friday, January 17

Winter Intersession

Tuesday, January 14 – Friday, February 14

Exhibit: "New World Water," Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Thursday, January 16

New Student Orientation, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Year Up New Jersey HCCC Welcome Reception, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. RSVP at yunjlaunch2020.splashthat.com

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – College closed

Tuesday, January 21

Late registration begins for Spring 2020

College Service Day, 8:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

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

Wednesday, January 22

New Student Orientation, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

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

Friday, January 24 – Thursday, February 6

Add/Drop Period for 15-week regular, LEAP and Culinary Evening classes

Friday, January 24 – Thursday, March 12

Online Session A

Friday, January 24

Classes begin for regular, online/regular, hybrid, LEAP and Culinary Evening classes

Monday, January 27 – Thursday, February 27

Culinary Cycle I classes

Friday, January 31

Last day to add ONR/Hybrid classes

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ALUMNI CORNER

Kristofer D. Fontanez

Class of 2016

Associate of Science – Computer Science

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

There were a few factors that led me to decide to attend HCCC. The Journal Square Campus location was very convenient since it is only one bus ride away from me. I was also offered the NJSTARS scholarship for graduating at the top 15% from William L. Dickinson High School. Along with the help of financial aid, I am proud to say that I was able to achieve a free ride for my entire journey at HCCC and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

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

My favorite memory of the College was working for the Early College (formerly LEAP) department as a work-study student. This was my very first real job experience where I worked for them as a secretary role. A simple goal of being able to use a computer for work-related assignments made me feel like I was taking steps in the right direction in gaining experience with my passion for computers. The HCCC atmosphere also adds to the memory because everyone treats each other like close friends and family. I really feel at home here with such a diverse and vibrant community.

How did you become interested in Computer Science?

When I first witnessed the old bulky desktop computers as a child for the first time, I was always fascinated at how a keyboard and mouse can control what to create or display on a monitor. Having a simple hands-on experience with that out of curiosity expanded my vision in the world of computers and technology. As I grew older and interacted more with computers, I realized that I could make this as a profession and grew interested in Web Development.

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

My time at HCCC prepared me for my next step journey, which was to pursue a bachelor's degree of Computer Science at New Jersey City University. Thanks to HCCC's Instant Decision Day events, NJCU accepted me and offered me a Presidential Scholarship due to my high GPA. Due to this, I was able to achieve yet another free ride in my next college education chapter. Long story short, I overachieved my expectations and graduated Summa Cum Laude from NJCU. Now I am very happy and proud to say that I have returned to HCCC and achieved my dream of working as a Web Developer for the College. Who knew this spotlight entry would be added in by yours truly?

What is a typical work day for you?

A typical work day for me is first going over the plans and assignments for the day with my supervisor,



Omar Williams. We use a ticket system to keep track of all incoming requests on what needs to be changed or updated on the website or on the portal. I reach out to whoever submits the ticket if I need more information and use code such as HTML and CSS, software such as Photoshop among others, to make the necessary updates and close the ticket.

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

The most memorable case was when my supervisor had to go on vacation for two weeks since his wife was having a baby. I had to work by myself when it came to making updates on the HCCC website regardless of still being new to the job. I felt that this was a challenging moment where I could prove him and myself that I can handle the work in a professional matter. After those two weeks, he was very content that I could be relied on and I was very proud of myself.

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

My biggest inspirations are my parents and my faith in God. I feel like if it wasn't for my belief and the encouragement and love from my parents to pursue what I wanted to do, I may have never been able to reach where I am today. I am truly thankful for all the support and blessings I received.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Congratulations! You have just completed a major chapter in your story! But as your own author, the rest is still unwritten. Begin the next chapter of your life with your head held high and achieve your next goal. Your degree is something you can now forever treasure, and no one can ever take it away from you.

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

For those starting their college careers, aim high and achieve high! For those starting their college journeys, don't overthink and be intimidated if you are looking at the big picture of your college journey and beyond. Take it one step at a time. Strive to always do your best and do well in your classes because it will be beneficial to you. Always grab the opportunity of free tuition whenever possible. The support and resources are there, but only you can take the initiative and achieve your goals.

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