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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVANCES TO 2023 NATIONAL BELLWETHER AWARDS FINALS

HCCC is one of only two colleges named as nationwide finalists in all three program categories of this nationally acclaimed community college competition.

The Bellwether College Consortium has named Hudson County Community College (HCCC) a Top Ten Finalist in all three program categories for the nationally recognized 2023 Bellwether Awards: Instructional Programs and Services; Workforce Development; and Planning, Governance, and Finance. HCCC is one of only two colleges in the United States to be invited to compete in all three categories.

Established in 1995, the Bellwether Awards recognize community colleges that have cutting-edge programs worthy of replication. The competition and selection for Bellwether Awards demonstrate excellence, innovative spirit, and a results-driven mindset among the nation's finest community colleges. The Bellwether Award has been compared to football's Heisman Trophy because it is competitively judged and awarded by respected peers in leadership positions. Ten Bellwether Program Finalists have been selected to compete in each category.

"The significance of the Bellwether Award is that the winning programs are replicable, scalable, equity-focused, and demonstrate evidence-based success," said Dr. Rose Martinez, director of the Bellwether College Consortium. "With the complexity of issues facing our community colleges today, these finalists are extraordinary examples of colleges providing scalable solutions to tough challenges."

The HCCC "Hudson Scholars" program is a finalist in the Bellwether Instructional Programs and Services category that recognizes programs and activities designed and successfully implemented to foster exemplary teaching and learning in the community college. "Hudson Scholars" is a student support program that uses elements of national best-practice models, and provides proactive advisement, financial support, and early academic intervention. Increased revenue from improved retention can result in long-term sustainability and program expansion. "Hudson Scholars" has been recognized with the 2021-22 Innovation of the Year Award by The League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

The HCCC "Gateway to Innovation" project will compete as a finalist in the Workforce Development category that recognizes public and/or private strategic alliances and partnerships promoting community and economic development. "Gateway to Innovation" addresses workforce challenges by endeavoring to stabilize students' basic supports, enhance financial health, engage alumni, expand access to short-term healthcare credentials, and create projects associated with recession-resistant careers and industries. The JPMorgan Chase Foundation has contributed over \$1 million in support of this HCCC cutting-edge, workforce development project.

The College's DEI Recruitment and Retention initiative is a finalist in the Planning, Governance, and Finance category that recognizes programs or activities designed and successfully implemented to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the community college. With diversity, equity, and inclusion as the bedrock of its mission, HCCC engages employees with diverse perspectives to propel student success; offers pervasive and inclusive professional development, appreciation, and recognition; recruits and retain a diverse and committed workforce; and keeps the community connected.

A Bellwether Finalist is a community college with a program that scores highest in the first round of competition. The finalists' teams will make presentations to a jury of anonymous judges and fellow community college practitioners and CEOs and share how they significantly addressed a critical issue affecting their educational institutions. The rigorous awards competition is an integral part of the Community College Futures Assembly where the finalists compete. The competition will be held February 26-28, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas.

"We are very proud to be honored for these ground-breaking programs that illustrate the entire College's dedication to our students and community," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "We are working diligently on our presentations for the February competition."

ON THE COVER: Pictured here, Hudson County Community College's Bellwether Award Presentation Team. From left: Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources; Lori Margolin, Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Yeury Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President; John Urgola, Director II of Institutional Research and Planning; Dr. Christopher Reber, President; and Dr. Gretchen Schulthes, Director of Advisement.



SAVE THE DATE

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

Wednesday January 18, 2023

DEISSP COMPLETION CEREMONY



Members of Cohort 4 of the College's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Passport Program (DEISSP) at their completion ceremony on Dec. 16.

PSI BETA INDUCTION CEREMONY



On Saturday, Dec. 10, HCCC inducted new members into Psi Beta, the honor society for psychology students at two-year colleges.

HISPANIC STATE PARADE SCHOLARSHIPS



On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Hispanic State Parade of New Jersey, Inc. presented \$1,500 scholarships to two HCCC students: Dafne Morilla and Daniela Marina Pedroza.

REGISTER NOW

for Spring 2023 classes at HCCC!

HCCC Offers Classes in Multiple Modalities

On-Campus, Online, Remote, Hybrid (On-Campus/Online), Hybrid (Remote/Online), and Immersive Telepresence Video (ITV)

Classes begin on Monday, January 23, 2023

View Course Schedule at www.hccc.edu/schedule

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For more information on how to register, go to www.hccc.edu/admissions/register-for-classes

For more information contact: admissions@hccc.edu text (732) 509-4222 or call (201) 714-7200

New Policy for Winter/Spring 2023: Students must register at least one day prior to the first class meeting.

STEM CAREER PANEL

Standing from left: Dr. Fatma Tat, Mohammad Qasem, Raffi Manjikian, and student moderator Justin Mosquera. Seated from left: Dr. Clive Li, Dr. Gunes Senturk, and Dr. Nadia Hedhli. Missing from photo: Dr. Raffaella Pernice.



On December 1, 2022, the HCCC community. Students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni were invited to learn about STEM majors and careers. The event was held in the STEM Building and 75 people attended either in person or remotely.

exploration experiences? What are the careers people often do not about that can be had with a STEM major? Do you have words of advice to share with students interested in your field? Tell us some common myths or challenges students do not realize about your field. What is most rewarding about your work in the field?

Led by student moderator, Justin Mosquera, a panel of STEM faculty answered questions that made students more interested about pursuing STEM-based careers. The questions included: What types of careers do STEM majors prepare students for? Could you list some of your personal major/career

The faculty's responses made it apparent that themes such as student success, DEI, collaboration, and teamwork were being emphasized. To learn more about STEM-based careers, or the majors we offer, please visit: <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/academic-pathways/stem/index.html>.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

College Project

The 2022 College Project included visiting high schools to promote Hudson County Community College. In addition to visiting high schools, Beta Alpha Phi chapter also held seminars at the College. The chapter collaborated with alumni, Financial Aid, Hudson Career, Transfer Pathways, and others to help students with the transfer process, scholarships, financial aid, resumes, and other topics.

Save the Date:

Middle States Regional Convention

The 2023 convention will be held March 10 -12 at the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson, Maryland.

For More Information

HCCC students who believe they may be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa may contact Beta Alpha Phi Advisor, Professor Theodore Lai, at tlai@hccc.edu.

NJ STATE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH HCCC STUDENTS

HCCC has taken bold steps in creating affordable and meaningful cannabis education for our students and local community. Our actions have garnered the interest of many high-level administrators with regard to cannabis control within the state of NJ. In December 2022, the New Jersey State Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) Chairwoman Dianna Houenou and Commissioner Charles Barker visited our CAN 121 Justice in Cannabis students for their final presentation.



Cannabis Regulatory Commission members pictured with HCCC students and faculty.

Students in our CAN 121 Justice in Cannabis course conducted a hypothetical advocacy presentation on the topic of social equity and received valuable feedback from

the Commissioners. This was the first time that the Commissioners participated in a college final project with students, making this a historic event for HCCC. A special thank you to Jessica Gonzalez, Esq., Adjunct for Cannabis Studies, for spearheading this event—and for Jason Thomas, Adjunct for Cannabis Studies, for his support.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS

Bringing Mindfulness into Your Life (Live – All Employees), Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mindfulness practices are shown to reduce stress and provide a variety of benefits to an individual's mental health. In this session, learn how mindfulness techniques can be used in everyday life for a more present and intentional existence.

Supporting Work/Life Balance (Live – Leaders and Managers), Wednesday, Jan. 25, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Our definition of work/life balance may look different than it had in the past. Join us to discuss ways to maximize your support for employees' work/life balance while remaining productive.

The Struggle Is Real: Strategies for Time Management (Pre-Recorded) – Most of us can feel overwhelmed when we have a lot to do — responsibilities at work, planning our kid's birthday party, and remembering all the details of daily life. This webinar will discuss realistic strategies for effective time management. We'll review managing email clutter, the roots of procrastination keeping yourself motivated and more.

To sign up for these webinars, visit eap.ndbh.com, enter company code HCCC, and scroll down to the "Check Out Our Webinars" box. Questions? Connect with your EAP account manager, HR department or 800-624-5544

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Ingrid Aviles
Madeline Cruz
Bernard Adamitey

5 Years
Peter Cronrath
Sharon Daughtry
Clive Li
Michael Whelpley

10 Years
Denise Rossilli

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Rachid Afoulki
Abanob Basta
Lisa Bellan-Boyer
Melissa Franco
Mayra Gomez
Ayesha Kashif Ahmad
Darshika Patel
Mansi Patel
Prachi Patel
Samantha Ramirez

5 Years
Manuel Preciado
Cynthia Wilson

2022 HUDSON IS HOME (HIH) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS



HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (left) presents the Collaboration and Team Achievement Award to Julio Maldonado, Custodial Manager, accepting on behalf of the Facilities team.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, Hudson County Community College concluded its 2022 Employee Recognition Program with the announcement and presentation of the Hudson Is Home (HIH) Awards. Nominations for each award were submitted by members of the HCCC community, and a selection committee determined the winners.

We are here for you!



Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?

Hudson County Community College cares about you and wants to help.

Please complete the General Concern Form at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care>.

A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.




HOLIDAY MIXER



On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Office of the President and College Life Committee hosted a Holiday Mixer Event at the Culinary Conference Center. The event included an ugly holiday sweater contest and karaoke performances.

CULINARY PLAZA PARK LIGHTING



Pictured from left: June Barriere, Veronica Gerosimo, Dr. Lisa Dougherty, Dr. David Clark, HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber, and Angela Tuzzo.


On Wednesday, Dec. 7, Hudson County Community College held a holiday lighting ceremony at the Culinary Plaza Park.



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **TOWN HALL MEETING** on **Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.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

<https://www.hccc.edu/calendar> for link to meeting



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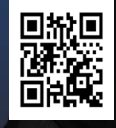
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Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,825+ 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 works are in the Collection, and new additions to the Collection.

Donor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Edward Giobbi for the 17 books, catalogs, and exhibition cards about his work; Henrietta Mantooth for the *Jail Birds* installation (see data below); Sue Reinhart for the 2012 book *Sue Reinhart: Spirit Figures*; Henry Scholder for the mid-20th century painting by Henry Varnum Poor, *View of Crow House with Figures, Autumn*; and James White for the Robert Kipniss 2019 mezzotint *Crest w/trees* and its accompanying printing plate. We begin the new year enriched by your generosity.

Artist News

We are currently installing the work of 98-year-old artist Henrietta Mantooth on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. Please come by and take a look!

Henrietta Mantooth is a painter, visual artist and former journalist who has worked in the theater as a set designer, inventor of collaborative stage productions, and performer. Combining these professions, Mantooth creates large art installations concerning mass incarceration in America, and works with speakers, performers and audience feedback.

The *Jail Birds* installation first came to life in Woodstock, New York, at the Kleinert/James Center for the Arts in 2014. Then called, *Jail Birds and Flowers*, the art we now see on the sixth floor was shown at this large space, which was crowded with a varied and responsive audience. A vociferous crowd responded to four speakers who had worked professionally or volunteered in prisons. A fifth speaker spoke of his 15 youthful years behind bars where he learned modern dance with a volunteer choreographer. He performed on the installation's floor section with music to an enthusiastic audience which included ex-prisoners, families of the incarcerated and members of organizations working for justice in their communities. A message, written in the gallery log: "Bless you for your activism at age 90," and signed by "Karen", an inmate's mother, encouraged Mantooth to take the installation to the village of Catskill, New York, where a 2015 program, on *Creating Justice* was underway. Mantooth also took her art to 14th Street in Manhattan, where she appeared as the "Human Talking and Listening Machine" engaging passersby, alongside her colleague, Nicky Draven, in "solitary confinement," imprisoned in a large



Part of the "Jail Birds" installation by Henrietta Mantooth. This work brings attention to the challenges faced by the incarcerated.

box, telling his story through a small window with bars. This was an "Art in Odd Places" event: each autumn since 2011, over 60 artists and performers have created public art interventions—visual and performance art events on 14th Street.

The artist writes, "If birds are messengers, the *Jail Birds* landed here to tell the stark story of millions of Americans behind bars. These prisoners are real women, men and teenagers, assigned numbers and filed away (not safely, but out of sight) and used as cheap labor. Some have been arrested randomly and jailed when unable to pay fines. Poverty, discrimination, segregation, and the color of their skins have paved the way in this intentional system of modern slavery." The artist thanks scholar Michelle Alexander for adding the words "The New" to "Jim Crow" to remind us of today's continuing injustice.

Mantooth grew up during the Great Depression when the dust storms that turned hard-working farm families into impoverished migrants, and Franklin Roosevelt was elected president in 1933. A White kid in a highly segregated Kansas City, Missouri, Mantooth was aware early of the damage of race discrimination. Art influences were the five-and-dime stores—a predecessor of today's "dollar stores"—and the mud hole near the porch of a small, brown-shingled house where she and her sister shaped dolls with corn-silk hair and made paints from mulberries and washtub bluing—a popular laundry mixture then used to prevent white fabrics from yellowing. Mantooth's techniques and ordinary materials still reflect these childhood improvisations. She graduated with a degree in



From left to right: Prof. Michael Lee (his back is to the camera), installer, Gavin Brown (assistant to Henrietta Mantooth), Henrietta Mantooth, the artist's daughter-in-law and son at the installation of "Jail Birds."

journalism from the University of Missouri. That profession took her to Latin America where she traveled to outlying rural areas in Venezuela and Brazil, talked with poor farm families, and wrote their stories for publication. Mantooth's work is also influenced by travels in Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia; she lived and worked in Latin America for 18 years. She also followed colorful pilgrimages in northern Brazil where people traveled on mules and horseback. Rediscovering her talent in art, Mantooth studied painting in France, Italy, and Greece. She was married to journalist, Henry Bagley for 44 years until her husband's death, and has two grown sons and five grandchildren.

Mantooth's paintings have been shown in museums and galleries nationally and internationally including the Sao Paulo, Biennial; the Museum of Modern Art in Sao Paulo and Bahia; the Newcomb Museum in New Orleans; the Queens Museum and the Ford Foundation Gallery NYC. She has won many major art awards and grants, including those from the Pollock Krasner Foundation, the Joan Mitchell Foundation, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She designed sets for the Circle Repertory and was a member of that acting company for 15 years. She is a member of the Actors Equity and Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Arts (SAG-AFTRA) labor unions, and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. You can find out more about this artist at her website: HenriettaMantooth.com.

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

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Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Spring 2023 Exhibit Calendar

Contemporary Peacemakers Exhibit February 6 to April 7

Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery is transformed into a center for social good, inspired by the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Highlights include Professor Dorothy Anderson's personal collection of artifacts that focuses on the art and culture of African diaspora. The exhibit will also showcase HCCC departments, courses, and students through policies and processes, and explore avenues of positive community impact. Supplementary programs will be hosted throughout the exhibition.

Theatre in the Gallery: Joseph Gallo March 20 to March 24

Professor Joseph Gallo founded the HCCC's Theatre Arts Program. Gallo also is an American playwright and actor. He will be showcasing his newest play in the gallery, *Yuppies Invade My House at Dinnertime*. Performance dates and times will be announced closer to the date.

Jersey City Public School District Poetry Festival Words-Worth April 18 to April 20

Jersey City Public Schools light up the Dineen Hull Gallery once again with a poetry exhibit and performances representing our youngest and talented voices citywide.

HCCC Spring Student Art Exhibition May 2 to May 12

Closing Reception, May 12
The HCCC Art Department offers a wide variety of classes in computer and fine arts taught by professional artists living in the New York metro area. HCCC celebrates the artistic talents of our community with a bi-annual student exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. Join the Art department students, professors, and staff on May 12 for the Student Presentation and Reception. Light refreshments will be served.

Jersey City Public School District Student Exhibition May 22 to June 7

See rising stars in the visual arts! The Jersey City Public School District is filled with students with amazing creative talents. HCCC is proud of our ongoing partnership showcasing city-wide high school artists in the Dineen Hull Gallery.

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or visit

www.hccc.edu/community/arts/doca-culture.html



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, January 2

College Closed – Given for New Year's Day (Sunday)

Tuesday, January 3

College Reopens — day after New Year's Day (Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday; Faculty – Holiday)

Late registration for Winter 2023 term begins

Thursday, January 5

Virtual Accessibility Service Student Hour, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8481658>

Friday, January 13

Faculty Workshop: Remote Proctoring with Honorlock, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8575973>

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (College closed)

Tuesday, January 17

Faculty Workshop: Interactive Video Discussion with "Flip" in Canvas, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8566153>

Faculty Workshop: Getting Started with Canvas, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8594088>

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Mary T. Norton Room. For agenda and virtual log-

in information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/abouthccc/board-of-trustees.html>

Wednesday, January 18

Late registration for Spring 2023 begins

College Service Day, 9 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street; North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N404 and virtual. Please visit www.hccc.edu/calendar for login information.

Thursday, January 19

Student Workshop: Student Introduction to Online Learning, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8593490>

Faculty Workshop: Remote Proctoring with Honorlock, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8575974>

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

Friday, January 20

Faculty Workshop: Copying Content Between Courses in Canvas, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8578622>

Faculty Workshop: Video Conferencing with WebEx in Canvas, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8598936>

Tuesday, January 24

Student Workshop: Student Introduction to Online Learning, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8593492>

Wednesday, January 25

Town Hall Meeting, 10 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk Street. Please visit www.hccc.edu/calendar for login information.

Faculty Workshop: Remote Proctoring with Honorlock, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8575975>

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Please visit www.hccc.edu/calendar for login information.

Thursday, January 26

Faculty Workshop: Copying Content Between Courses in Canvas, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8578623>

Monday, January 30

Faculty Workshop: Video Conferencing with WebEx in Canvas, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8598937>

Tuesday, January 31

Faculty Workshop: Unichack (Plagiarism Detection in Canvas), 1 p.m. RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8599031>

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Academic and Workforce Pathways Program successful semester completion ceremony. From left to right: Hudson County Executive, Thomas DeGise, LaKeisha Jones, Fabiola Ocean, Student Success Coach, Rebecca Schafer, Sabrina Butterworth, HCCC Dr. President Christopher Reber, Carinell Pellot, Quiana Nobles, Amandeep Tiwana, Lieutenant Williams, Hudson County Department of Housing and Community Reintegration, Quantesa Wade, Hudson County Commissioner Anthony Romano, and Corporal McClary, of the Hudson County Department of Housing and Community Reintegration



Continuing Education Students in Puerto Rico

In December 2022 Continuing Education launched its first “Cultural and Spanish Immersion” program for au pairs in Puerto Rico. While learning the Spanish language, students gained insights into Puerto Rican culture. Each day, students studied standard Spanish vocabulary and grammar in a classroom, learning the subtle verbal nuances of Spanish-speaking culture. After the language sessions, students explored San Juan and surrounding areas – its history, people, music, food, and culture – the Boricua way!

Learn more about Continuing Education’s Au Pair Program by visiting: <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/au-pair/index.html> or by contacting Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at cfarrell@hccc.edu

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HCCC CENTER FOR BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

5 Business partnerships to know about

*Are you interested in
partnering with us to provide
training for your workforce?*

Contact us at CB@hccc.edu

Hudson Community Enterprise

HCE serves our community by providing individuals with disabilities and those who are under-served with the skills and support they need to achieve a successful path to employment. We are honored to be a part of their important mission by providing grant-funded skills training!

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

IBEW Local-164 and HCCC are going strong! Three years of providing AutoCAD I & AutoCAD II to IBEW members has been mutually rewarding. We are honored to have the opportunity to transfer Union required trade training into credits for members interested in HCCC’s Construction Management degree program.

PACO Agency, Inc.

PACO, a Jersey City community staple, joined us this year as one our newest partners. We are delighted that they are investing in their workforce by providing professional development. Even more exciting is that their training is grant-funded so neither PACO nor their employees pay out of pocket!

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Since 2015, HCCC and PANYNJ have partnered to deliver culinary skills training for their new kitchen employees. We are excited to see how we can further expand training areas to meet PANYNJ’s needs.

ZT Systems'

We are proud to be a part of ZT Systems' workforce development team. In the last five years, we have provided technical and workplace skills training that enabled their employees to move up in their jobs.

CLIMATE CHANGE BUSINESS RESILIENCY INTERNSHIP FOR HCCC STUDENTS



Left to right: Associate Vice President Lori Margolin, Business Dean Ara Karakashian, Ph.D., Intern: Dayanna Mariduena, STEM Dean Burl Yearwood, Ph.D., Executive Director Michelle Richardson, Director of Career Services Tatiana Gaona Zuniga, Intern Nilsson Faria, Intern Sofia Ruseva, Intern Justin Mosquera, Program Coordinator Rosennies Feliz, Professor Elana Winslow, Business Developer Maritza Reyes. NOTE: Missing, Intern Kahliil Inane.

Hudson County Economic Development Corporation (HCEDC), in partnership with Hudson County Community College (HCCC), came together to provide a paid internship program for HCCC students. The 11-week internship program was launched on September 19, 2022, as a national demonstration program awarded to 20 grantees nationwide, funded by Wells Fargo Foundation, working in partnership with Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC).

As one of the eight grantees from New Jersey, HCEDC partnered with LISC Greater Newark,

and HCCC’s Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD), to build this program in response to the increasing frequency and intensity of climate disruptions on businesses. Through the program, interns had an opportunity to:

1. Join business owners and learn about climate change and other hazards that put businesses at risk, by utilizing a series of training webinars led by the HCEDC;
2. Join business owners and participate in UCEDC-led (Union County Economic Development Corporation) training on a

range of business topics that incorporate continuity planning as a necessary component of business sustainability;

3. Participate in site visits, and meet with business owners to learn about the risks they face and assess their level of preparedness;
4. Utilize tools to build continuity plans; and
5. Receive learning and professional development support from HCEDC and HCCC Office of Career Services’ leadership and staff.

On November 30, five selected interns presented their final project to an audience including the Deans of the STEM and business programs, professors, administrators, and HCEDC staff. This case study approach incorporated the use of the program’s climate change curriculum and continuity planning tools. During the interns’ final project, they shared their experience and key learnings around working with businesses to identify hazards, assess business risks, and develop action plans. Their presentations were followed by a Q & A session that served as a testament to the value of this unique internship opportunity.

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ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY

MARIAN BETANCOURT
Class of 2019 – A.A .Business

Like many others, I am an immigrant who arrived here with only a bag of dreams and hope. I worked as an Assistant Manager of a retail store. After getting my Associate Degree in Business at HCCC, I completed my studies at Kean University, and graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Marketing.

After graduating from college, I knew I wanted more, and there was more. I started applying for a variety of jobs, believing that a door would open. After many interviews with no job offer, you get discouraged and lose faith in believing something better exists for you. Then I had the opportunity to receive an interview from HCCC with the help of Ms. Maria Lito Sarmiento, Alumni Manager. I realized this is where I belong. Being a student at HCCC was an advantage in preparing to be part of this “Hudson is Home” family and to be able to contribute to its growth.

I am now a Student Success Coach for NJRC (NJ Reentry Corporation). It has been a great privilege

and honor to contribute to my department through this organization. I do something that excites me and makes me proud. This position has helped me grow both personally and professionally. I see a brighter future and look forward to what the future holds for me.



Who do I want to thank in my search for a new career? God for opening the door when I believed that there were no doors that would open. My advice for HCCC students is to keep going, fight for your dreams, and don’t lose faith and hope.

Above all, use the resources available to you. Knock on doors and build relationships. One day, that door will open up to the new journey of who you want to be.

Upcoming Programs

Basic Italian Level 2 (Virtual)

Mondays & Thursdays (10 Sessions)
January 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, February 2, 6, 9, 13, & 16
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Price: \$85
Instructor: Gabriela Fossati
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-italian-level-ii-virtual-registration-470445363747>

Basic French Level 1 (Virtual)

Wednesdays - January 18, 25, February 1, 8 & 15.
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Price: \$85
Instructor: Georgette Batubenge
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-french-level-i-virtual--registration-470520538597>

Microsoft Level 3 (In-Person)

Thursdays (6 sessions)
January 26 through March 2
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Price: \$175
Instructor: Corazon Lacsamana
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-office-word-level-iii-registration-368374868147>

Welcome to Computer Basics (In-Person)

Tuesdays (7 Sessions)
January 31 through March 21
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Price: \$150
Instructor: Corazon Lacsamana
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-computer-basics-winter-2023-registration-482645574907>

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