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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOLD FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

The Hudson County Community College Foundation invites area residents and businesses to participate in its Fifteenth Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 10, 2017. The event will be held at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ, and will include: check-in from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.; continental breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. sharp (refreshments will be served on the course); and cocktails, luncheon, and awards at 2:00 p.m.

“Cutbacks in funding and financial aid are taking their toll on our students and the College,” said HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone, who noted that more than three-fourths of the College’s students receive financial assistance of some sort.

Mr. Sansone indicated that the Annual Golf Outing — one of four major fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation — has activities for golfers and non-golfers. A limited number of tickets are available.

Sponsorship and donor opportunities include: Tournament Sponsor with Foursome, \$6,000; Awards Sponsor with Foursome, \$4,000; Lunch Sponsor with Foursome, \$4,000; Breakfast Sponsor with Foursome, \$4,000; Golf Cart Sponsor with Foursome, \$4,000; Cocktail Sponsor, \$4,000; Hole Sponsor with Foursome/VIP Package, \$2,200; Hole Sponsor with Foursome, \$2,000; Cigar Sponsor, \$500; Individual Golfer, \$500; Lunch Guest Only, \$100; Hole Sponsor, \$400; and the VIP Package, \$50 per person, which includes a Lunch Prize Ticket, 50/50 Raffle, and On the Green.

Hudson County Community College Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to con-

tributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students by providing them with scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation provides seed money for the College’s physical expansion and for new programs and faculty development.



Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided scholarships to more than 2,300 students. In addition to the Annual Golf Outing, the Foundation’s Board of Directors also organize and hold the following fundraisers: Night at the Races (a family-oriented event), the HCCC Employees’ Scholarship Luncheon (where faculty and staff support the Foundation through pledged donations), Family Recipe Book, Annual Appeal, Dining Series, West Hudson/North Arlington Events (Taste of Fall, Casino Bus Trip, and Show & Dinner), North Hudson Mardi Gras, and the Holiday Scholarship Extravaganza in December, the largest and most festive of all of the Foundation’s fundraising efforts.

Complete information on the July 10th Golf Outing, including registration and dress code details may be obtained by phoning the College’s Office for Development at 201-360-4006 or emailing Mr. Sansone at jsansone@hccc.edu. You may also visit www.hccc.edu/foundation/golf to make online payments and donations.

STEM BUILDING NEWS

By Glen Gabert, Ph.D.

As you know, technology – especially computer technology – changes every day at lightning speed.

When our new STEM Building opens this Fall, there will be three instructional computer labs (Rooms S215, S317, and S417) and three open computer labs (Rooms S217 and S617) as well as the STEM Café (S514). In all, there will be more than 160 PCs in these labs.

In addition to Adobe Acrobat Reader, Flash and Shockwave, Microsoft Office, and other essential software, several of the STEM computers will be outfitted with programs specific to coursework. Among some of the more specialized the programs are:

- SimBio, designed to engage students in the scientific process as they experiment with realistic simulations of biological systems and analyze data to solve problems and answer questions.

- ProEngineer, a powerful program used to create and analyze complex designs (including 3D designs) with great precision.
- Silverlight, a development tool for creating engaging, interactive user experiences for Web and mobile applications.
- Visual Studio, which enables users to develop programs, as well as Web sites and apps, mobile apps, and web services in several programming languages and to debug and diagnose apps on any operating system.



We hope you will have the opportunity to see some of these programs in use at the opening of the HCCC STEM Building in September.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Pictured from left: Cledys Diaz Castillo (Secretary), Alyssa France (President), Juan Cacho (Vice President of Service), John Cantana (Vice President of Fellowship), and Leticia Alfado Zunguze.



Pictured from left: Tiffany Nguyen (Pennsylvania State President), John Cantana (Vice President of Fellowship), Bianelly Tellez (Vice President), Alyssa France (President), Leticia Alfado Zunguze, Cledys Diaz Castillo (Secretary), and Phoebe Perkins (Delaware State President).

Middle States Regional Academy

Leticia Alfado Zunguze, Juan Cacho, John Cantana, Cledys Diaz Castillo, Alyssa France, Letticia Perez, Bianelly Tellez, and Prof. Ted Lai attended the Middle States Regional Academy for Honors and Leadership at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. from June 15 to June 18.

Each chapter was challenged to prepare a vision board based on one of the Honors Study Topic themes in a short workshop. Beta Alpha Phi's poster was selected as one of the best.

Spring Induction and Officer Transition

On Sunday, May 7, the Beta Alpha Phi Chapter held its Spring Induction at the Culinary Conference Center, during which new chapter members were inducted and a new executive board was sworn into office. Congratulations to these incoming officers for the 2017-18 academic year:

Alyssa France, President
 Bianelly Tellez, Vice President
 Juan Cacho, Vice President of Service
 John Cantana, Vice President of Fellowship
 Joshua Eduard Fernando, Vice President of Scholarship
 Rosemary Negrin, Treasurer
 Cledys Diaz, Secretary
 John Waddleton, Vice President of Leadership

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 1: Chapter Meeting, 1 p.m., location to be announced
- Saturday, July 8: Summer Book Fair, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Arts Plaza Park
- Saturday, July 15: City Challenge Obstacle Race, New York (register at: <http://www.citychallengerace.com/volunteer.php>)
- Sunday, July 16: New York City Triathlon, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (register at <http://www.nyctri.com/new-york/volunteer>)
- Sunday, July 23: Lady Liberty Sharkfest, Liberty Landing Marina, 5 a.m.

SCHOOL OF NURSING HOLDS PINNING CEREMONY FOR CLASS OF 2017



On Wednesday, June 15, the School of Nursing held a graduation ceremony for its 2017 graduates at Saint Peter's University's MacMahon Student Center. The students, who received their Associate of Science degrees in Nursing from Hudson County Community College on May 18, received their Diplomas in Nursing from CarePoint.

2017 marks the last graduating class as a cooperative program. As of Fall 2015, the School of Nursing is located at Hudson County Community College's Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Avenue. The College will assume full operation of the program.

JULY ASSESSMENT NEWS

By: Dr. Paula Roberson

Middle States Commission of Higher Education has accepted the progress report on academic assessment at Hudson County Community College as of June 22, 2017. This was a great effort that all academic program leaders cooperated in completing. Research was conducted through numerous phone conferences, face-to-face meetings, and the collection of documented assessment information led by Dr. Paula Roberson to inform the academic progress report. This was a follow-up report from the previous monitoring report in 2016. Notably, the Assessment Committee is key in deciding upon procedures, processes, and the creation of forms to build a foundation and give structure to the assessment process. MSCHE has validated the assessment accomplishments of the college and those that the committee has made under Dr. Roberson's leadership. She extends a sincere thank you to everyone for their cooperation and commitment to professionalism in this endeavor. Congratulations to team Hudson County Community College!

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017 WEBINARS

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

- Wednesday, July 19: Preventing Burnout: A Balanced Life Check-Up (You've got the power to KEEP THE SPARK)
- Wednesday, August 23: Highs and Lows of Back to School (You've got the power to MAKE THE GRADE)

- Wednesday, September 20: What We Need to Know about Diabetes (You've got the power to KNOW YOUR NUMBERS)
- Wednesday, October 18: Eating through Celebration (You've got the power to TRIM THE FAT)
- Thursday, November 16: Holiday Budgeting (You've got the power to STAY ON TRACK)
- Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)

2017 NISOD CONFERENCE



Members of Hudson County Community College's faculty and administration attended the NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas from May 26 to May 29. The conference included, among other amenities, exemplary practices and programs explored during breakout sessions and roundtable discussions; NISOD's College Showcase highlighting best practices in colleges across North America and beyond; and an Administrator Series featuring upper-level administrators sharing real-world solutions to today's demanding campus challenges.

Pictured from left: Dr. Sean Egan, Melody Lopez, Lilisa Williams, Denise Rossilli, and Dr. Azhar Mahmood.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, will assume Chair of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Academic Affairs Affinity Group for the 2017-18 academic year.

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management, recently made a guest appearance on "One on One with Steve Aduato" to discuss developments at the Culinary Arts Institute. The interview may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCYjn9ULYGw>

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Isalia Crespo
Jennifer Navas
Vincent Salamone

Five Years

Sabrina Magliulo

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Positions

Assistant Director of Admissions

College Lecturer, Health Sciences

College Lecturer, STEM

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Dean of Libraries

Director of Grants

DSS Coordinator Advisor

Nursing & Radiography Programs Transition Assistant

Part Time Customer Service Assistant (2 positions)

Part Time Graphics Assistant

Part Time Office Assistant HR

Part Time Web Developer

PC Technician

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

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

FULL-TIME FACULTY PROMOTIONS

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
Patrick Moore (Psychology)

NEW HIRES

Alfa Rodriguez, Student Affairs Counselor
Samaya Yashyeva, TAACCCT Site Counselor

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern, and contemporary collections.

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



Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to Richard Zaborowski for the donation of the painting *Pink Rose* by Anne Kullaf in honor of his mother, Laura Zaborowski. (depicted above left)

Thank you to Nancy Scheinman for the generous donation of **Nancy Scheinman**, *Untitled* (1986) Mixed Media Collage. (depicted above right)

Artist News

Work by **Elizabeth Catlett** is included in the exhibit "Art of Rebellion: Black Art of the Civil Rights Movement" at Detroit Institute of Arts through Oct. 22. Closer to home you can see Catlett's work on the third floor of the Journal Square Library Building in the area devoted to work by artists of the African diaspora, and work about that experience. Catlett's work is also on view at the Cundari Building on the first floor in the Nursing Program area.

Nancy Cohen, whose work is on display in Dean Catherine Sirangelo's reception area, is having a sculpture show called "Liaisons" at Kathryn Markel on 529 West 20th Street in New York City until July 29.

Dahlia Elsayed, whose work *And Goosebumps* is installed at the Student Lounge in North Hudson, is having a show in Houston, Texas at Apama Mackey Gallery through Aug. 19. Called, "new flags for new feelings," the exhibit comes out of the artist's recent experiences. Elsayed writes, "Sometime in February I ran out of words to describe the turmoil of our current conditions. I made a flag that



summed up the feeling and called it *Flag for Last Night*. ... Then I made another flag, and another, and another: *A Flag for Futile Practices*, *A Flag for Not Biting Your Tongue*, *A Flag for a Nostalgic Pause*, *A Flag for Planning Escapes*, *A Flag for Silence*, *A Flag for Goosebumps*. Maybe they could be useful to silently communicate when the words run out?"

Hudson County artist **Ben Jones**, whose work *Shango Wallpaper Series #4, #29* will be installed later this year, is having a major exhibition, called "Resistance," at Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes in Havana, Cuba later this year from July 21 to Oct. 23.

Isca Greenfield-Sanders' exhibition "Keep Them Still" was on view at Ameringer McEnery Yohe through July 1. *The New Yorker* staff writer Adam Gopnik, who wrote the catalog essay, said her works are rooted in "a time that we cannot quite locate and a beach we cannot quite visit—something stilled that challenges our imaginations and moves us by its immobility." You can see Greenfield-Sanders' work closer to home in the lower level of 119 Newkirk Street (Building I).

Franc Palaia, whose work *Circo Italiano* is on view on the second floor of 119 Newkirk Street (Building I), has curated the 4th Outdoor Sculpture Biennial on the Wildenstein Estate, overlooking the Hudson River in Dutchess County. The exhibition features 18 sculptures by Hudson Valley and regional artists, and will be on view through Oct. 31, 2017. Included among the sculptors is **Tom Holmes**, whose *Glass Mobile* is on exhibit on the first floor of the Journal Square Library.

Over 270 works by **Carolee Schneeman** from the 1960s to the present are on exhibit in a comprehensive retrospective at the MMK – the Mu-

seum of Modern Art at Frankfurt am Main in Germany. It will travel to New York's Museum of Modern Art later this year, and will be just a PATH/subway ride away. The Foundation Art Collection Schneeman work has been removed temporarily due to the construction in the Cundari Building at the new STEM building passageway. We hope to re-install it later this year.

On the third floor of 2 Enos Place are works that cause this curator to sometimes refer to that area as the "Hallway of the Slightly Unsettling." Included, tucked behind a column, is a **Nancy Spero** work called *Maypole-War*. Another much larger sculptural version of this work was featured at the 2007 Venice Biennale, and is now on view at Galerie Lelong, 528 West 26th Street in New York City. Critic Jillian Steinhauer notes, "When you first step into Galerie Lelong, Nancy Spero's *Maypole: Take No Prisoners* (2007) looks almost festive, with dozens of bright red ribbons hanging down and then swooping back up from the 15-foot-tall central pole. But it takes only a slightly longer look to register the 100 aluminum heads attached to those ribbons, as well as the variety of carnage they represent: bloody necks and faces, outstretched tongues, mouths open mid-scream or -vomit. If a dance occurs around this maypole, it's one of violence and death." Spero returned to this theme in her work throughout her career. Her first example was in 1966. She said of that early work, that it was a "manifesto" "against a senseless obscene war, a war my sons could have been called up for....These works were exorcisms to keep the war away." Steinhauer writes, "What does it mean for war to be a ritual? How do we confront the brutal fact that violence is part of who we are?"

STUDENT ART REVIEW CLOSING RECEPTION



Pictured from left: Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs; Fred Fleisher, Adjunct Art Professor and Spring Curator at the Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery; and Laurie Riccadonna, Professor, Fine Arts.



2017 Studio Arts – Computer Arts graduate Steven Mosquez with his artwork. Mosquez was a docent in the Gallery.

HCCC FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM SUMMER 2017



Brian Carpio (center), with Detective Ivan Palacios (left), and Detective Joseph Casazza (right).

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A CONCEPT-BASED CURRICULUM WORKSHOP



On Tuesday, June 6, the School of Nursing hosted a daylong workshop, “Developing and Implementing a Concept-Based Curriculum.” The workshop provided a basic understanding of the concept-based curriculum (CBC) in nursing education.

The workshop was facilitated by Linda Caputi (pictured), MSN, Ed.D., RN, CNE. Dr. Caputi is President of Linda Caputi, Inc., a nursing education consulting company. She has worked with dozens of schools over the last 20 years on numerous topics.

Dr. Caputi is currently a site visitor for the National League for Nursing’s (NLN) new nursing accreditation commission, the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).



Joseph Morrell (right) with Executive Director Dinah E. Hendon, Esq. (left).

NEW ONLINE COURSES offered at HCCC for the Fall 2017 semester!



To view the classes currently available, please visit www.hccc.edu/schedule and click on the “Online” option.

For more information, please contact the Center for Online Learning at (201) 360 – 4038, or email col@hccc.edu

Hudson County Community College has added new Online Classes which you can turn into a degree!

Take advantage of the opportunity to save time and money by attending classes online wherever you may be. As long as you have an internet connection, you can take the next step toward finalizing your degree!

- BIO 111 – Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 211 – Anatomy & Physiology II
- CRJ 111 – Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 120 – Introduction to Criminal Law
- CRJ 200 – Constitutional Liberties and Rights
- CRJ 214 – Corrections
- CRJ 220 – General Police Organization & Administration
- ENG 112 – Speech
- ENG 211 – Business Communications
- PSC 102 – American Government
- MAT 110 – Pre-Calculus
- MAT 111 – Calculus I

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is partnering with local organizations to provide a yearly, two-month, paid summer internship in a field in which internship experience is not traditionally compensated. Facilitated through the Career Development Center, the Internship Program offers students hands-on experience working with a leading organization in the field and provides an opportunity to build a powerful network of professional contacts. This summer, two students are participating: Brian Carpio, a Criminal Justice major who will be interning at the Union City Police Department, Joseph Morrell, also a Criminal Justice major who will be interning at the Waterfront Project, Inc. in Hoboken NJ, To learn how to get involved, please contact Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development, at 201-360-4221 or asaini@hccc.edu

LEAD HUDSON COUNTY: DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

Lead Hudson County is a new initiative dedicated to cultivating the leadership skills of the men and women who will guide and influence every aspect of life in our area in this 21st century. The program is presented by Hudson County Community College in partnership with the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey and Saint Peter's University.



MEET THE CLASS OF 2017



JOHN BLICHARZ

City Stories: Diverse Voices of Hudson County (Fall 2018), John J. Tyler Publishing.

Developing passionate writers and publishing works that help to define our undefinable culture, John J. Tyler Publishing, with its inaugural release, *City Stories: Diverse Voices of Hudson County* (Fall 2018), a collection of works from Hudson County writers, seeks to engage us in conversations on what makes Hudson County uniquely diverse.

John Blicharz, who by the leadership and assistance of Lead Hudson County Fellowship has developed John J. Tyler Publishing and Project Write Read Rewrite, is the Director of The Hub, Centralized Tutoring Services at New Jersey City University, where he has been instrumental in the development of the centralized tutoring model and its data driven initiatives. John holds a B.A. in English, M.S. in Criminal Justice, and is completing his Doctorate in Literature at Drew University. He is recipient of the 2014 NJCU Provost Award in recognition of outstanding involvement in student life and the 2013 NJCU Academic and Leadership Award and has presented on student success, writing, and literature—John will be presenting at the Transatlantic Connections Conference in Donegal, Ireland in January 2018.



SCOTT CAREY

Metropolitan University: Increasing Knowledge; Improving Care

Mr. Carey's project created a local, organization-wide training program designed to meet the needs of our changing healthcare landscape. The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality of care provided to Hudson County residents at Manhattan Family Health Network by increasing knowledge within MFHN's workforce. The primary objective is to create and implement a mandatory continuing education/workforce development program for MFHN's front-line staff. The desired outcome is that the knowledge gained in the training program will help MFHN staff members adapt to today's changing healthcare delivery system, develop a better understanding of their role within the new landscape, and deliver primary care to Hudson County residents that promotes overall wellness and health.

Scott Carey has served as the Chief Operating Officer of Metropolitan Family Health Network since 2008 and has over 20 years of experience in health care administration. In his current capacity, Mr. Carey oversees daily operations at MFHN's three Hudson County locations. Mr. Carey has served in a variety of inpatient and ambulatory healthcare settings during the past 20 plus years.

Mr. Carey holds a Bachelor's degree from Lebanon Valley College, a Masters in Social Service from New York University, and a Masters in Health Systems Management from New York University.



DAVID CLARK

Center for Community Service & Civic Engagement at Hudson County Community College

Dr. Clark is proposing a centralized Center for Community Service and Civic Engagement at Hudson County Community College that will holistically meet the varying needs of our diverse students, faculty, staff, and greater community. The center's focus would be to provide purposeful, meaningful, enriching, and engaging programs and services that will provide a seamless transition to and from Hudson County Community College. Additionally, through more civic engagement activities, the center could become a leading innovator for Hudson County and beyond through various collaborative programs housed at the center.

Dr. David Clark currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Student Services at Hudson County Community College. In his current role, David oversees Career Development, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), and the Office of Student Activities.

He holds a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from St. Louis University. In addition, he has an MBA and BBA from Delta State University.



LISA DOUGHERTY

Corporate Educational Partners (CEP) at Hudson County Community College

In April 2015, the Governor's Council on Higher Education released its Strategic Priorities for New Jersey Higher Education. In the report, the council set a goal that by 2025, 65% of New Jersey adults (ages

25-64) will attain a post-secondary degree or certificate, or for short "65 in 25." Through Corporate Educational Partnerships (CEPs) with local employers, HCCC can offer working adults in Hudson County an opportunity to earn a post-secondary credential, which will benefit the student, their employer, HCCC, the county of Hudson, and the state of New Jersey. HCCC looks forward to being a valuable contributor to the attainment of "65 in 25."

Lisa Dougherty joined Hudson County Community College as the Dean of Enrollment Services in October 2016. In her role, she oversees the functions of Admissions, Financial Aid, Testing and the Registrar. Prior to joining HCCC, Lisa spent 15 years working in Admissions and Enrollment for several institutions under the DeVry Education Group umbrella. Lisa graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and from Keller Graduate School of Management with a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management.



OTIS WASHINGTON

Hudson Chamber Chapter Model

The goal of Otis' project is to successfully create Chamber Chapters and connect Hudson County businesses by bringing Chamber events, business-to-business deals, and workshops to all municipalities.

The plan is to start with grouping together surrounding municipalities to form chapters, and move towards working with current members in those areas to create relationships with local business to host annual or monthly events in each-group of municipality.

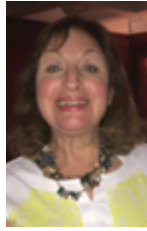
Otis Washington serves as Manager of Membership for the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce. In this role, Mr. Washington is responsible for developing the Chamber's membership and works with all members to help them better take advantage of events, programs and benefits.

Prior to joining the Chamber in June 2016, he worked in Membership Management for eight years with various YMCA's in New York City and Wisconsin. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, NY.

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LEAD HUDSON COUNTY: DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

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CAREN FREYER-DESOUZA
Harrison-Kingsland Branch
(HKB)

The Harrison-Kingsland Branch (HKB) is an abandoned freight line, which extends 4 miles through Lyndhurst Township, North Arlington Borough and Kearny, connecting to the Main Line at the northern end and the M&E at the southern end. NJ TRANSIT currently owns the right-of-way.

The Town of Kearny, under the leadership of Mayor Al Santos, initiated zoning changes and tax incentives, which led to substantial housing and mixed-use development in the area surrounding the proposed Bergen Ave. station. Presently, rail service demand to Manhattan is predominately accommodated by PATH, at the Harrison Station.

Kearny has renewed interest in revisiting the reactivation of the Harrison-Kingsland branch and is leading a coalition to move the planning process forward, with the goal of working directly with NJ TRANSIT to develop a pilot program for service to Hoboken.

She served as Vice President Director of Governmental Relations for Parsons Brinckerhoff for over 25 years and led corporate development team on Hudson Bergen Light Rail, Bayonne Bridge, and Pulaski Skyway projects and the infamous Access to Regions Core Tunnel.

She has always been a woman on the move, graduating high school and Kean University in three years with degrees in Political Science and Public Administration.



MICHELLE PEREZ
Prepare & Excel: Explore Hudson County Higher Education

Through research and dialogue, Michelle discovered the need for high school students in Union City to explore institutions of higher education early on in their high school careers. She sees this as a necessary service for all students in Hudson County. Her project centers around creating affordable and personal tours, conversations, and direct engagement between Union City High School and Saint Peter's University in Hudson County. The goal is to explore and expand the project so all juniors in high school will learn that there are incredible institutions in their own county.

Michelle Pérez is currently a choice candidate for a Master of Arts at the School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University. She is an alumna of Saint Peter's University where she received a BA in Political Science. She has served as the one-year alumnus/a trustee to serve on the Board of Trustees 2016-2017 of Saint Peter's University, the student Board Member for Alpha Sigma Nu for a second year, and the first fellow for the cohort of the Lead Hudson County internship. A dual-citizen, Michelle serves her fellow Colombian citizens at the Consulado General de Colombia, in Newark, New Jersey.



VICKY LLERENA
Designated Incubator Space in Hudson County

Vicky's original idea proposed an affordable incubator space for Hudson County small businesses. After continued research, Vicky discovered that Kearny Point incubator space addressed both concerns of affordability and accessibility. Its expansive 2 million square foot space offers scalable spaces starting at \$125/month and currently implementing a shuttle transportation system to and from PATH stations in Hudson County. Her project has evolved into a more feasible project that would benefit all 17,321 registered small businesses in Hudson County.

Vicky is proposing a robust, user-friendly website that would allow Hudson County businesses to access small business information based on the user's locality. Comparably, the website would function very similar to Trulia's platform – a homebuyer or renters website that can find properties based on their desired location.

Vicky Llerena is CEO, host, and marketing strategist for Social Vibes Media, a digital marketing agency in Hudson County. Vicky brings with her over 10 years of experience having worked at Univision WXTV-41 and PR Newswire. She works with small businesses and solo entrepreneurs to help them grow their business online. Vicky serves as the social media brand ambassador for the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ.

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWS

Richard Walker (Lecturer, Social Sciences) attended the annual Rutgers University-Newark Conference sponsored by the Reentry Coalition of New Jersey on June 22. The conference theme was "Homelessness and Prisoner Reentry: Examining Barriers to Housing Stability and Evidence-Based Strategies that Promote Improved Outcomes." Various speakers provided information that examined the interconnectedness of reentry issues such as mental illness, homelessness, incarceration, and reintegration. The conference was held at the Center for Law and Justice on the Rutgers University-Newark campus.

Jerry Lamb (Instructor, Criminal Justice) presented a series of workshops to promote the Career Technical Education Grant at HCCC. Dr. Lamb provided information on the importance of recruiting non-traditional students into historically male and female dominated programs. Furthermore, the workshops described ways to retain the students in order to maximize student success. Dr. Lamb presented on June 10, 12, and 14 at the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street.

The Curriculum and Support Services Sub-Committee for the Public Safety Institute held its first meeting on June 20 in the Culinary Conference Center. The committee will develop and recommend guidelines for the development of a curriculum and support services that shall be provided by the Public Safety and Fire Academy. Guidelines will include at least three components: a police training curriculum that would be eligible for professional accreditation and could be implemented in the short-term (2017-2018); a fire training curriculum that would be eligible for professional accreditation and that could be implemented in the short term (timeline to be determined); guidelines for the development of an academic plan for a broader curriculum that would implement over the long ranges and that could be eligible for broader accreditation (Middle States), and would therefore make students eligible for federal aid programs and transfer for degree programs. The sub-committee will also determine the type of student support services that should be provided through the Academy. The committee members include: James Sharrock (Hudson County Sheriff's Office Rep-

resentative); Ana Chapman-McCausland (Dean, Non-Traditional Programs); Richard Walker (Lecturer, Social Sciences); Paula Pando, Ed.D. (Senior Vice-President, Student and Educational Support); and Keith Stith (Deputy Chief, Hudson County Prosecutor's Office). Mr. Sharrock and Dean Chapman-McCausland are serving as co-chairs of the sub-committee.

The Cyclical Program Review Committee continued to hold meetings to assess the Education programs for Early Childhood, Special Education, and infant/toddler areas. The most recent meetings took place on May 25 and June 26 in the Library Building, Lower Level Conference Room. The committee members include: Christiane Warren, Ph.D. (Associate Dean of Social Sciences); Robin Singer (Instructor, Education); Alison Friars (Instructor, Education); Angela Pack (Coordinator/Assistant Professor, Education); Jerry Trombella, Ph.D. (Dean, Institutional Research & Planning); and Richard Walker (Lecturer, Social Sciences).

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS

Division-wide Events

On Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., the Division of Non-Traditional Programs (NTP) is hosting an outdoor Summer Book Fair at Culinary Arts Plaza Park. The event is free and open to the public. (Rain Date: Sunday, July 9)

NTP has partnered with WORD Bookstore, Newport Mommy, Speranza Theater Company, and HCCC's Office of Student Activities to present a day of book shopping, readings, literary presentations, and family fun.

Attendees can purchase new or used books, shop from local food and street fair vendors, and participate in various activities, including a children's story time author reading presented by WORD Bookstore and two "Storybook to Stage" (performance and crafting workshops) presented by Speranza Theater Company.

Live music will be performed by singer/guitarist Justin Raro and there will be face painting for kids and giveaways for all. Free Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream will be provided from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., courtesy of HCCC Student Activities.

Proceeds from HCCC's donated books will support family literacy programming. Please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu or 201-360-4262 to be a volunteer or vendor.

Community Education Assessment Survey

The Division of Non-Traditional Programs is currently conducting a county-wide assessment to determine the needs of the Hudson County community. The purpose is to better evaluate new community education programming. If you would like to fill out a brief survey on CE classes, please go to: www.hccc.edu/survey/ntp/community

Center for Business and Industry

The Center for Business and Industry (CBI) has successfully begun the second cycle of its "English for Diplomats" class for the Colombian Consulate in Newark, New Jersey. The class is being taught by CBI Lecturer, Otoniel "Otto" Bolaños, for the Colombian Ambassador, Dr. Jaime Alberto Acosta, Colombian Consuls Dr. Divia Cepeda Rojas and Dr. Alejandro Mahe, and their staff. This unique class has been specially customized to meet the needs of the Colombian Consulate, which include writing for business, negotiating in English, verbal communication, and various other skills pertaining to the diplomatic field.

In an effort to open doors to a larger community and invite more consulates to participate in similar training sessions, CBI has also welcomed Dr. Ana Lorena Siria, of the Consul of El Salvador, and her staff to participate in the "English for Diplomats" course.



Colombian Diplomatic officials editing their essays and participating in an open debate.



From left to right: Mr. Manuel Mendoza, Sofia Vila, Estefania Guzman, and Jessenia Leon, for the Colombian Consulate. Ms. Evelyn Saz Vice-consul of El Salvador. CBI Instructor Otto Bolaños. Ms. Yudy Mendez, Colombian Consulate legal affairs. His Excellency Jaime Alberto Acosta Carvajal, Colombian Ambassador, Dr. Ana L. Siria, Consul General of the Republic of El Salvador, Natalie Chadid and Catalina Aristizabal for the Colombian Consulate.

Community Education

Summer Youth CHILDREN OF HCCC EMPLOYEES ENJOY A 50% OFF SUMMER YOUTH CLASSES

CE's popular Summer Youth Program is starting up again on July 10 and will run through the end of August. The program is for youth ages 5 through 17 years and includes STEM, SAT PREP CLASSES, CULINARY ARTS, and THEATER CLASSES.

A Summer Youth information session and orientation will be held on July 5, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square.

For more information on the Summer Youth Program please contact Carmen Guerra at 201.360.4260 or cguerra@hccc.edu.

Community Education has begun recruiting for a new cycle the New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) program. The class will run from Monday, July 24 through Monday, August 21 and will meet biweekly. This intense bridge course is designed to meet the needs of the updated requirements of the Department of Education (DOE). The program will offer another Introduction to Teaching course this fall, as well as Semester 1 and a special bridge course for students who have completed the 24-hour Introduction to Teaching and Stage I.

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey is a partnership between New Jersey City University and Hudson County Community College. NPTNJ offers a statewide, alternate route teacher preparation program designed to provide candidates with the skills and strategies necessary to become excellent, successful teachers. Candidates take NPTNJ coursework at local NJ community colleges either on campus or as a hybrid program. The program provides a process for individuals who already hold a bachelor degrees (or higher) to become licensed teachers without having to complete a traditional teacher training program. The NPTNJ program is regulated and approved by the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE).

For more information please contact Luis R. Sosa Santiago at 201-360-4244 or lsosasantiago@hccc.edu.

Community Education Has a New Home!

The Office of Community Education has moved to the Culinary Conference Center (161 Newkirk St.), Room E504.

Hudson County Community College

Summer Book Fair

Saturday, July 8
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HCCC Culinary Arts Plaza Park
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

MORE LEAP SUCCESS FROM JERSEY CITY AND UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



On May 12, our Jersey City and Union City High School cohorts successfully earned six college credits upon completion of the Culinary LEAP Program. They had a positive experience as they engaged in hands-on learning alongside Chef Clode, Chef Fong, Chef Sean, Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management on the Hudson County Community College campus. Thank you to the administration staff at Jersey City Public Schools: Mrs. Juanita Sifflet, Mrs. Cheryl Bishop, Erma Percival, Latonya Garcia, Chef Talley, and the Union City High School administration: Mrs. Debbie Addas, Mrs. Yamilet Sanchez, and Mr. Ryan Lewis.

gently used items were donated by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Division. We appreciate your kind donation and look forward to the students utilizing them to enhance their Hospitality Management skills.

On June 2, the UCHS students in the Child Development Associate LEAP Program successfully attained 11 college credits. They gained externship experience at local daycare centers while simultaneously attending courses with the HCCC instructors Doris Ervin, Julia Arena-Piccoli, and Alison Friars. Students sat for the CDA license in June. A special thank you to the staff at UCHS: Mrs. Debbie Addas, Mrs. Yamilet Sanchez, Mrs. Marilyn Schilkie, and Mr. Ryan Lewis.

Thank you to Assistant Professor Ara Karakashian for hand delivering dining and entertainment wear to the Union City High School Hospitality Management program. The

This past academic year, Memorial High School LEAP Theater students swept audiences across New Jersey off of their feet with stellar performances of their original creation, "El Otro Lado"(The Other Side).

"El Otro Lado" is a compilation of rich stories of the Latin diaspora. These stories were gathered by the actors through conversations with community members, friends, and relatives, and were re-told in moving monologues, colorful song, and dance.

Please join us in congratulating MHS LEAP students and their amazing instructor Beth Baur for being recognized among sixty (60) school districts as winners of the Outstanding Work of Innovation and Invention, and Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship and Directorial Insight.

Additionally, they were nominated for Outstanding Overall Production of a High School Play, Outstanding Achievement by an Acting Ensemble of a Drama, Outstanding Achievement in Choreography or Movement, Excellence in Educational Impact and Community Outreach, and The Peter Filichia Award for Pushing the Envelope in Academic Theatre. Congratulations on your winnings and nominations, MHS!



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For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at (201) 360-4195, or email OSA@live.hccc.edu

Share your photos this summer with more than just your friends and family. Share your summer experiences on social media, with HCCC, and be **eligible to win a prize!**

Take a picture while out on an internship, away on vacation, at work, or just out in the community **while holding an HCCC item** to be **entered to get your Fall 2017 textbooks covered up to \$500! Other top images will win HCCC Swag!**

Make sure to use #HCCCSummer2017 and tag the official HCCC pages when posting to Facebook and Instagram.

HCCC Summer Spirit 2017 will take place from June 1st until July 30th. *Be advised that your photo may be used in Hudson County Community College marketing materials.*

LEAP Program



PRE-CALCULUS
Offering for Summer II
July 10 to August 15

Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays
 2:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

71 Sip Avenue, L Building, Room L412
 Jersey City, NJ 07306

For new students, SAT scores of 540 or higher accepted or required Accuplacer scores.

This course is for LEAP high school students only.

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Testing & Assessment Center
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Jersey City NJ 07306
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Website: www.hccc.edu/testing
Email: testing@hccc.edu



College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT **seriously!** Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward a degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

July 2017 Terms: Fall 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	4 College Closed	5 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	6 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	7 College Closed
10 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	11 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	12 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	13 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	14 College Closed
17 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	18 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	19 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM	20 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	21 College Closed
24 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	25 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	26 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	27 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	28 College Closed
31 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level, Jersey City NHC (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City			

College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes

The WPT is required when ENG 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language Placement Test

*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 3

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day – College closed

Thursday, July 6 – Tuesday, August 1

Exhibit: "Collect Hudson," 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Monday, July 10 – Tuesday, August 15

Summer Session II

Monday, July 10

HCCC Foundation Golf Outing, 8 a.m., Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield. For additional information, please visit <http://www.hccc.edu/foundation/golf> or contact Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Payment for all Summer II courses is due by 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12

Workout Wednesday at Liberty State Park, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Thursday, July 13

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

Monday, July 17

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Tuesday, July 18

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Office of Advisement & Counseling. Please RSVP at my.hccc.edu/advisement.

Twilight Tuesday: JCAST 2017 Warm-Up, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, July 19

Workout Wednesday at Liberty State Park, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Monday, July 24

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Tuesday, July 25

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

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Office of Advisement & Counseling. Please RSVP at my.hccc.edu/advisement.

Twilight Tuesday: Reading Series Preview, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, July 26

Workout Wednesday at Liberty State Park, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Monday, July 31

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

ALUMNI CORNER



Safiatou Coulibaly Class of 2008 A.A., Liberal Arts, Elementary/Secondary Education

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

I came to the United States in 2006. Months later, after living in New Jersey and attending a literacy program, the director asked me if I considered going back to school. I said no, but she insisted that the classes offered by the program were not challenging enough for me. She gave me a piece of paper with "HCCC, Journal Square" on it and told me to check it out. A few weeks later, I went to Hudson County Community College and enrolled. I graduated two years later, in 2008, with an associate degree in Elementary/Secondary Education.

I transferred to New Jersey City University and earned my Bachelor of Arts with honors in Sociology with a Minor in Political Science in 2010. I earned a Master of Science in Social Work with a Minor in Law at Columbia University in 2014. I pursued a field of practice in International Social Welfare and services to Immigrants and Refugees with the program in Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming.

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

As an immigrant who found herself away from her family and friends, I had a hard time making new friends at the beginning because of language barriers. One of my favorite memories out of the classroom was becoming a member of Phi Theta Kappa, which allowed me to overcome loneliness, meet other immigrants/native people, and helping others made me feel great.

Some of the great memories I enjoyed inside the classroom were working with my peers. Group work, although very frustrating, promoted me to be an active learner, allowed me to reinforce my own learning by taking steps and leading some of the groups, and allowed me to be a negotiator and a team builder.

How did you become interested in your major?

Very quickly, I realized that education would not only enable me to pursue my dream; it would also enable me to help others, specifically young people and immigrants, to realize their dreams as well. The life I have lived so far inspired me to become

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FALL 2017 OFF-CAMPUS EVENING CLASSES COLLEGE CREDIT CLASSES

HCCC offers students the opportunity to advance their college education by providing convenient access to required college courses during evening hours at Bayonne High School, Kearny High School, and Union City High School. Classes are still open and available for students who wish to attend! Take the first college credit class at the Off-Campus Locations.

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an advocate for unseen or unheard people. As I have been given the gift of improving people's lives, I decided to impart the same blessing. Now, as a social worker, I am able to help people who face injustice.

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

HCCC in general prepared me to be knowledgeable about a wide range of social, emotional, and human behavioral areas. Having the privilege to be part of such a diverse group of people at HCCC allowed me to conduct assessments and provide help to a wide variety of individuals.

The Child, Family & State and Domestic Violence & the Law classes I took allowed me to examine the legal system's response to families and battered women. I gained a better understanding about the legal system, domestic violence, and youth/children's rights. My education and experiences helped me prepare with a wide range of problems.

What is a typical work day for you?

I have been employed as a Forensic Social Worker at the Juvenile Rights Practice at Legal Aid Society in Manhattan Family Court since November 2014, as part of an interdisciplinary team providing representation to children who are before the Family Court on child protective, Person In Need of Supervision (PINS), delinquency, and termination of parental rights petitions.

Part of my position, among other things, includes: interviewing client, family members, and other planning resources; assessing clients and families; determining/advocating for clients' wishes; educating client and others regarding the court process; providing crisis intervention and short-term counseling; consulting with attorneys; mediating family disagreements and negotiating plans; conducting agency, home, school, and hospital visits; reviewing and evaluating service plans and agency records; making appropriate referrals; providing court testimony; and preparing affidavits and other documents.

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

As a student at Columbia University, I worked within a variety of settings with diverse individuals providing me with numerous and valuable experiences. As a co-leader for the Policy Caucus, I supported the needs and interests of students and encouraged them to cross the micro-macro divide to foster policy discussions.

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

I was born in Mali into a very poor family where women have limited privileges (I am the youngest). I was seven years old when my mother passed away, and I was lucky enough to be raised by my grandmother – who was very determined to give me a good education, which was never granted to any of my brothers and sisters - in Senegal. Through my whole educational path, I met numerous people (peers, teachers, even strangers) who were very eager to see me succeed.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

After graduation, you may not land your dream job right away. Despite your efforts, you may find yourself unemployed for some time. With some determination, you may be able to find a job. It might not be your dream job, but it might pay the bills and give you more experience. The more experience you gain, the more you get closer to your dream job. The more you get out there, the more you build a work ethic and make connections which at the end can give you the job you wish for.

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

Attend your teachers' office hours. The more the teacher knows about you, the more they can assist you with any difficulties you may encounter. Set up group works with your peers to do your homework. Be with friends/peers that inspire you to do better, and stay away from negativity and peer pressure. Ask questions; question everything. You want to learn to be educated, not just to have a degree.

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