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## From the Editor's Desk

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FORMS SPECIAL CULTURAL AFFAIRS TASK FORCE

n February, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) convened an introductory meeting of its newly formed Cultural Arts Task Force. Established by the College's Board of Trustees and Administration, the HCCC Cultural Affairs Task Force is intended to provide the College with guidance and assistance in determining goals focused on these issues: (1) the definition of the cultural affairs-related role of HCCC as a comprehensive community college; (2) identification of partnerships that should be sustained by the College regarding cultural affairs; (3) suggested structures and mechanisms that should be established and maintained by the College to assure that this role is met; (4) policies and procedures that should be put in place to assure that the College's art collections are well managed and advance the core mission of the institution; and (5) guidelines and suggestions for cultural programming and events that should be supported by the College.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert said the Cultural Affairs Task Force is comprised of three committees. The Executive Committee, co-chaired by Clifford Brooks, Special Assistant to the President for Cultural Affairs at HCCC, and Richard Mackiewicz, Esq. of Mackiewicz & Associates and Secretary of the HCCC Foundation, is to provide guidance and direction to the College Collections Committee and the Programming and Events Committee. The College Collections Committee, co-chaired by Mr. Brooks and Mark Rodrick, Vice President of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and a director of the HCCC Foundation Board, is charged with providing guidance and direction for using the College's Foundation Art Collection and related assets to advance the mission of HCCC as a comprehensive community college. The Program and Events Committee, co-chaired by James Egan, President of Nelson Ward and the Chair of the HCCC Foundation, and Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs, will provide guidance and direction about the wide array of culturally related credit and noncredit programs and culturally related events the College might sponsor, host or provide a venue while making the best use of the College's resources within the parameters of the College's mission.

The three committees are composed of a wide-ranging group of individuals from the community including educators, business people, members of local governmental cultural affairs departments, and individuals from the graphics, fine, visual, theater, dance, music and spoken arts arenas.

Mr. Brooks, who earned his bachelor's degree in French language and linguistics at Georgetown University, also holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers University and a Master's degree in Urban Education from New Jersey City University. In addition to serving as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University, University of Missouri, Eastern Nazarene College, New Jersey City University, and Baguio Normal School (The Philippines), he has been a librarian at HCCC and in the New Jersey public library system, and his opera education program at Sarah Caldwell's Opera Company of Boston and Opera New England and other work in the arts has earned him national recognition.

"Everyone associated with this Task Force was asked to participate because of their demonstrated interest over time in Hudson County," Mr. Brooks said. "The College's Board of Trustees, the President and each person involved with this endeavor understand that cultural activities can be a venue for academic, intellectual and personal satisfaction, as well as economic success."

Dr. Gabert noted that the Cultural Affairs Task Force's recommendations will inform the comprehensive, longterm strategic planning the College is about to undertake.

"The cultural community of Hudson County has blossomed significantly within the past few years, and in some ways this has been coincidental to the College's growth," said Dr. Gabert. "The Board of Trustees and my administration believe that the College can become a nexus of cultural programming for the community. The key is to make full and wise use of the College's resources as well as those of the community." *Continued on page12* 

#### WES MOORE SPEAKS AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) 2014-2015 Lecture Series continued on Thursday, Feb. 19 when Wes Moore, the author of *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* best-seller, *The Other Wes Moore*, addressed a capacity crowd at the College.

For more photos from this event, please visit www.digiproofs. com, password 021915HCCC.



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

#### Phi Theta Kappa Spring Awareness Week

February 9-13 was Phi Theta Kappa Week. All chapters were encouraged to promote Phi Theta Kappa. Beta Alpha Phi Chapter included the Community College Completion Corps, C4 campaign during this week.

#### MS Climb to the Top – NYC and NJ

Beta Alpha Phi will be participating in MS Climb to the Top NJ on March 28. The activity involves 33 flights of stairs - 822 steps closer to a cure - at Mack-Cali Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 5 in Jersey City, NJ. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. To join the team (Phi Theta Kappa, HCCC), please register at http://eventnjm.nationalmssociety.org/ site/PageServer?pagename=GEN\_NJM\_Register.

Beta Alpha Phi is also volunteering in Climb to the Top NYC at 30 Rockefeller Center on Sunday, March 1.

#### Research & Development Council of New Jersey Scholarship

Each year, the Research & Development Council of New Jersey awards \$1,500 and \$750 scholarships sponsored by Council member organizations to outstanding community college students studying in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics field. The applicant's grade point average, STEM field of interest, extracurricular activities, financial need, other awards, and post-graduation career goals are considered. The application is now available at http://www.rdnj.org/news/wp-content/ uploads/2015/02/2015-RD-Council-of-NJ-Merit-Scholar-Application.pdf.

Return completed application materials to: Research & Development Council of New Jersey, 127 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928, or email to Kim Case at kcase@rdnj.org (please request an email confirmation). Deadline for applications is Friday, March 27.

#### **Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, March 1: MS Climb to the Top, 30 Rockefeller Center
- Thursday, March 5: College Transfer Fair, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Culinary Conference Center
- Saturday, March 7: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, L318, 71 Sip Avenue, 1:00 pm
- Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13: Middle States Fellowship, Parsippany, N.J.
- Friday, March 13 Sunday, March 15: Middle States Regional Convention, Parsippany, N.J.
- Monday, March 16: Oberndorf Lifetime to Completion Scholarship Application Available
- Thursday, March 26: College Transfer Fair, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, North Hudson Higher Education Center
- Saturday, March 28: MS Climb to the Top NJ, Mack-Cali Harborside Financial Center

## **CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NEWS**

BI attended the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Meeting at Liberty Science Center on Feb. 9. It was a great opportunity to network with new businesses to promote free training being offered as well as upcoming events.

On Feb. 10, Alda Julienne (Director at Fidelity Investments), Ora Welch (President & CEO of HOPES CAP Inc.), and Michelle Richardson (Director of Hudson County Parks and Community Services) were panelists at CBI's Lunch & Learn for Black History Month. Attendees were treated to stories of how their heritage helped shape their careers. It was truly inspiring to hear the richness of their history, from humble beginnings to their places of prominence in their respective sectors. Please see the schedule of events below for future Lunch & Learns.

CBI partnered with the Jersey City Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Hudson County Workforce Investment Board, and Hudson County Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise to hold an information session for small business owners on Feb. 17 at the Culinary Conference Center. Attendees were able to network with each other and hear about resources available to them in the county. Other organizations on hand to share information were Greater Newark Enterprises, New Jersey City University, and Sustainable Jersey City.

On Feb 17, CBI also began three 60-hour sections of English as a Second Language (ESL) training for unemployed clients from the Hudson County One Stop. Two more sections are slated to run after the initial three sections complete. All classes will run in HCCC's Union City campus, and CBI antici-



Lunch & Learn panelists for Black History Month with moderator, Ana Chapmna-McCausland. From left to right: Alda Julienne (Director at Fidelity Investments), Ora Welch (President & CEO of HOPES CAP Inc.), Ana Chapman-McCausland and Michelle Richardson (Director of Hudson County Parks and Community Services)

pates seeing a total of 100 students through this program between February and June 2015.

#### Get free training for your business!

Your business may be eligible for free training. CBI is currently enrolling for Spring 2015. Offerings: Excel Levels 1 – 3, Sales Skills Boot Camp, Problem Solving, Supervisory Skills, and Management Skills. If you are interested in more information, please contact Catherine Mirasol at cmirasol@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4241. Other training topics include:

#### • Team Building

Personal Management & Business Professionalism

#### **CBI 2015 Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, March 10 Lunch and Learn – Women's History Month: Panel Discussion

Wednesday, March 25 Girls in Technology Symposium

Friday, April 7 Lunch and Learn – Healthcare Industry Week: Panel Discussion

Friday, April 7 Health Fair (Healthcare Industry Week)

Tuesday, May 5 Lunch and Learn - Nonprofit

Friday, May 8 Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Industry Week Event

Tuesday, June 3 Job Fair

Thursday, June 25 CBI Annual BBQ – 15th Anniversary Celebration

Visit CBI on Facebook and Twitter! View upcoming events, look through past events pictures, and get the latest news on training opportunities. "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cbihudsoncounty and "Follow" us on Twitter: twitter.com/ cbihudsoncounty.

## CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

The Hudson Online Faculty Teaching training provides an overview of the course development process as well as the pedagogy best practices for teaching online and hybrid courses. This training is mandatory to teach an online or hybrid course.

The "Getting Started with Blackboard" workshop provides an overview of Hudson's Online learning management basics tools and features on how to setup a web-enhanced course using the Quality Matters design standards.

Below is the schedule of training sessions for March 2015. All sessions will take place in the Center for Online Learning Lab at 25 Journal Square, First Floor.

Hudson Online Faculty Training

- Tuesday, March 10, 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17, 4 p.m.
- Friday, March 20, 9 a.m.
- Friday, March 20, 4 p.m.

Getting Started with Blackboard

- Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m.
- Friday, March 13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, March 16, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 18, 4 p.m.

Webinar Presentation

• "Start with the End in Mind: Building Guided Pathways to Student Success" – Monday, March 2, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please register on the Center for Online Learning portal page for all professional developments. If you have any questions, please send an email to col@hccc.edu.

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

## BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE 2015

Friday, April 24, 2015 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Camden County College Blackwood, NJ

**Theme: Student Success** 

Keynote Session: Generational Higher Education Strategies Chuck Underwood, Founder/ Principal, The Generational Imperative, Inc.

Full program information and registration details to follow.

# NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

Jacqueline Castillo, Transfer Student Coordinator/Recruiter

Rozeena Rathore, General Accountant

Sheila Soriano, Student Financial Assistance Specialist

Kenneth Watson, PC Technician

## MAJORS EXPLORATION FAIR

n Thursday, Feb. 26, the Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS) hosted a Majors Exploration Fair in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square. Students were able to meet with faculty and administrators from each division in the College to get knowledge about potential career paths.



Pictured from left: CASS Counselors Nathan Brabant, Rebecca Davis and Marie Mahood.



Marc Mittleman (left) and Lester McRae representing the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division.

## JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions: *Administrative Assistant* 

Assessment Coordinator

Assistant Director of Advisement & Counseling (12-Month, Administrative Position)

Associate Dean for Research and Planning

Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance

College Lecturer (Criminal Justice)

College Lecturer (Health Services)

College Lecturer (Humanities)

Coordinator of Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs

Dean of Non-Traditional Programs

Director of Career Development

Director of the Conference Center

**Director of Contracts & Procurement** 

Director of Health Related Programs

Secretary - STEM and Social Sciences

**Tutoring Coordinator** 

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.* 

## **MILESTONES**

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

> **10 Years** Roberto DeFina Giovanni Studuto

> > **35 Years** Maria Arroyo



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.

#### Artist News

Will Barnet's portrait of Robert Blackburn was recently installed in the fourth floor portrait gallery at the North Hudson Higher Education Center. Robert Blackburn was a legendary figure in contemporary printmaking, as both artist and printer. He was the founder of the Blackburn Workshop and a teacher, friend and sage to innumerable artists, including Will Barnet, Romare Bearden, Jasper Johns, Jacob Lawrence, and Robert Rauschenberg. Passages, the first comprehensive exhibit of Blackburn's work, originated at the David Driskell Center at the University of Maryland and got rave reviews there. The complete exhibit is now on view at Kenkeleba House in the East Village, a facility dedicated to exhibiting the work of African-American, Latino, Asian American and Native American artists.

Michele Vitale Loughlin, whose work "Grant Street Cleaners" is installed in the Student Lounge in the lower level of 2 Enos Place, will have a show through mid-April at Windows on Columbus, 135 Green Street in downtown Jersey City. The show was curated by Eileen Ferrara.

**Barbara Madsen**, whose limited edition prints depicting insects have adorned various buildings at Hudson County Community College, and whose work, "Off Kilter II," is now featured on the third floor of 2 Enos Place, is having an exhibit at The Art and Picture Collections at Mid-Manhattan Library on Fifth Avenue at 40th Street in New York City. The show is called: Plastic Age: IN/ OUT, a site-specific exhibition of photographs and a sculptural installation. Madsen says, "My collection of objects is at the core of my hybrid practice – photography, print sculpture and installation. I select the spectacular and mundane object: the inside of a toy, the handle of a tool, a tube, a dented ball, the guts of a vacuum, a part from a hair dryer. I build architectural spaces for these objects to reside in. I'm creating a space where fits and misfits coexist. My method is sometimes minimal, often classical and other times neo-pop-baroque." Many more works by Madsen will be installed at the College in the coming year.

Gordon Parks, whose photograph Place de la *Concorde* is on the fourth floor lobby of 70 Sip Avenue, is one of the most celebrated African-American artists of his time. His photographs focusing on life under segregation during the 1940's in Fort Scott, Kansas are the subject of a major exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston through September 2015. These works were intended to be part of a 1950's Life magazine story about segregation that Life magazine never published. Parks, the first African-American photographer who worked for Life, was raised in Fort Scott, the youngest of 15 children. Had Life Magazine - at the time one of the most popular magazines in America - published these pictures, this work surely would have been an influential part of the emerging mass-consciousness of the necessity for social justice that led to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's.

**Duda Penteado,** whose print work "We Are You" was recently donated by Benjamin J. Dineen



Faith Ringgold "Coming to Jones Road: Under a Blood Red Sky #8", 2007, Digital print with hand lithography, Edition of 60 Printed at the Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions at Rutgers University in New Jersey Collaborator: John C. Erickson

III and Dennis C. Hull, is having a show called "Constructive Interference" at Art House, which is right around the corner from the College on 136 Magnolia Avenue (behind Dunkin Donuts). In the exhibit, Penteado and photographer Luiz C. Ribeiro have collaborated on works where Penteado paints on Ribiero's landscape photographs. Art House is open Sundays, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., and during normal business hours. On Sunday, March 22, they will host a book signing and artist talk with Duda Penteado. Art House also hosts an Open Mic the first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever wanted to perform, you can present, "five minutes of anything," according to Christine Goodman, the Executive Director of Art House.

Faith Ringgold's work, "Coming to Jones Road: Under a Blood Red Sky #8," (2007) at the North Hudson Higher Education Center has been dedicated with gratitude to Associate Professor Liliane MacPherson, who taught at Hudson County Community College for 33 years, and exposed countless students to the arts and culture through numerous trips she organized to museums, sculpture parks, and Broadway plays.

Artwork by **Fred Wilson** will be on exhibit at the Montclair Art Museum through May 17 in the show, "Come as You Are: Art of the 1990's." The collection recently received two untitled Fred Wilson black photogravure diptychs from the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull gift, which we are in the process of preparing for installation later this year. The exhibit is an overview of art made in the United States between 1989 and 2001 — from the fall of the Berlin Wall to 9/11 — and is organized around three principal themes: the "identity politics" debates, the digital revolution, and globalization.

## JERSEY CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE MEETING



n Wednesday, Feb. 18., Hudson County Community College hosted a delegation from Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop's office for a half-day meeting, introducing them to the College, its services, facilities, and future programming. In addition to meeting with the College's leadership, the guests took a tour of the Library, academic buildings, and teaching kitchens.

# **NOTIBREVES**

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTA NUEVO PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN A INFANTES Y NIÑOS – UNA ADHERENCIA AL ACTUAL PROGRAMA DE A.A. ARTES LIBERALES

Hudson County Community College ha desarrollado una nueva opción de grado, en respuesta al enfoque nacional y estatal de entrenar a profesionales de la educación. Estudios para la nueva opción de Infantes/Niños – una adición al existente programa de A.A. Artes Liberales – estarán disponibles la próxima primavera.

El nuevo Asociado en Artes Liberales – Educación de Infantes/Niños (Nacimiento a 3 años) apoya al desarrollo profesional de quienes trabajan en centros de cuidado infantil. Fue creado en respuesta al Acta Head Start del 2007, que indica que el personal de Educación Temprana debe tener su Grado de Asociado o tener trabajo de curso en cuidado y desarrollo de infantes/niños, que se acumule hacia un grado de dos años.

El programa de HCCC fue diseñado utilizando los Estándares de la Asociación Nacional para la Educación de Niños Pequeños (National Association for the Education of Young Children – NAEYC), que proveen un marco común a nivel nacional, para todos los sistemas de desarrollo y programas para profesionales en educación temprana. El programa también fue desarrollado en relación con la Oficina de Educación Temprana del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos, y Professional Impact New Jersey una organización que apoya el crecimiento de educadores de Educación Temprana.

El nuevo programa de HCCC, proveerá a profesionales de la educación de infantes/niños de las herramientas para observar, documentar, y evaluar para apoyar a niños pequeños y sus familias, y finalmente promoverán el desarrollo y aprendizaje del niño, y construirá relaciones entre familia y comunidad. El programa además promueve el uso de propuestas efectivas para el desarrollo y utiliza contenidos de conocimiento que construirán un currículum adecuado,

Aquellos que completen el programa en HCCC podrán buscar obtener su CDA y Credenciales en infantes/niños – que son esenciales para empleo en cuidados de infantes/niños – y también pueden continuar sus estudios hacia un grado de Bachiller, en una institución de cuatro años. "A través de los años, legisladores se han dado cuenta que muchos educadores han profesado: Educación temprana, de alta calidad provee a niños de fundaciones fuertes para el éxito en los estudios y en la vida," dijo el Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC. En el discurso del Estado de la Nación, el Presidente Barak Obama, hizo un pedido al Congreso de expandir el acceso a alta calidad preescolar para todos los niños en los Estados Unidos.

Información adicional acerca del nuevo Asociado en Artes Liberales – Educación de Infantes/ Niños, puede ser obtenida contactando a Alison Friars, Coordinadora del Programas de Educación en HCCC, al (201) 360-5364 o por correo electrónico afriars@hccc.edu.

## Está considerando un título o certificado universitario? Asista a Nuestra Casa Abierta

Averigüe porque Hudson County Community College es Uno de los Mejores Valores Educacionales!

## **CASA ABIERTA**

Sábado, 11 de Abril 10 a.m. a 1p.m. Centro de Conferencias – Artes Culinarias 161 Newkirk Street Jersey City, NJ 07306

Amayha Jimenez

Inició su *mundo de posibilidades* en HCCC! Clase del 2013, Transfirió a Columbia University

### Durante la Casa Abierta usted podrá ...

- Aprender acerca del proceso de admisión
- Aprender acerca de asistencia financiera
- Descubrir oportunidades de transferencias después de graduarse de HCCC
- Conocer el campus
- Conocer a estudiantes, facultad y profesionales universitarios
- Aprenda como terminar sus estudios y obtener su título en HCCC. La Universidad aceptará créditos de instituciones acreditadas; usted puede ahorrar tiempo y dinero transfiriendo hasta 30 créditos.
- Infórmese acerca de opciones de clases en línea y en fines de semana

#### Para registrarse vaya a www.hccc.edu/openhouse



# Office of College Life

Each month, the "College Life Corner" will introduce members of the College community and recognize milestone anniversaries among our employees. We will highlight employee publications, awards, officers in professional organizations, community service, and academic accomplishments.

For comments & suggestions for "College Life Corner," please contact College Life at (201) 360-4011 or efriedman@hccc.edu.



Jenny Nesenjuk Counselor, CASS

Using what she learned as a peer advisor in the career center during her last semester of college – the experience of helping and guiding others – Jenny Nesenjuk has become a source of support for many of HCCC's students as they negotiate their way through college.

"I'm that person that they come to when they need somebody to help. It's a good feeling that they trust me." She is a counselor at HCCC, having earned a Master of Arts in Counseling from Montclair State University with a concentration in Student Affairs in Higher Education, and teaches four sections of HCCC's College Student Success (CSS) course. Many of her CSS students come back to see her for assistance with charting their academic pathways and choosing the right major.

Jenny focuses on one-on-one support and encouragement, using her experience from previous jobs as a career advisor. Her own parents were extremely supportive when she changed directions from her original interests in video production to counseling and higher education administration, and their consistent encouragement became a model for her as she interacts with students in an urban community college. Beyond her many meetings with individuals, she enjoys being part of larger projects such as the recent Majors Exploration Fair that she cofacilitated with Sabrina Magliulo, the Director of Advisement and Counseling Services. "The hope," she says with a smile, "is that we'll have an even bigger fair in the fall!"

"I enjoyed my jobs before HCCC, at Chubb and William Paterson University, but I never remember having the wonderful feeling I have now of waking up and being excited about work every day. When a student comes to see me and says 'I got the internship' or 'I got an A,' that's the most rewarding thing!" says Jenny.

Spending time with Jenny leaves the interviewer inspired: "I think a lot of students don't understand what support services are available. I give them a lot of credit for what they're doing: juggling work and school and childcare. They come here after a full day of work; they want to be here. One of my most memorable experiences was when a student came in to ask to withdraw from school because she had no one to watch the kids. She was in agony about having to withdraw. We spoke and she ended up staying, realizing she could ask a relative for help. I've run into so many students like this who need encouragement and someone to talk to. I go home at the end of the day and I'm tired but I feel like I've done meaningful work."

The larger team she works with in Student Affairs - financial aid, registrar, other counselors, faculty members - bounce ideas off of each other and provide mutual support. "There's a willingness to listen, a feeling that we're all here doing this for the same reason," she says. "We take pride in what we do and it's like a family. My own extended family motivates me and I like the environment at work. I know if I want to keep moving forward—and the same goes for the students here-I need to stay open to increasing my knowledge." Jenny has plans to pursue a doctorate as she moves along in her own journey while encouraging and helping students.



Homilier Phanor, 12-Month Lecturer, Business

Among the classes that he teaches in the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division at Hudson County Community College, one that he enjoys the most is Honors Macroeconomics. "I infuse different parts of the business and cultural environment into the course," he says. "I'm guided by David Kolb's writings on experiential learning and his teachings about bringing in different types of experiences to the teaching/ learning situation. Take the internet, for example; it's just one piece of the larger cultural and economic story. Students should use it and learn from it but not in isolation. I bring a variety of business experiences from what I've done into the classroom."

Homilier loves explaining to students about hedge fund accounting, tax accounting, real estate investment trusts, business mentoring, and what he refers to as "credit analysis." He was previously working in the private sector in these areas. He became an adjunct instructor in 2010, teaching accounting. "Even before I came to teaching, I was the one in the office presenting new laws to my peers. It comes naturally."

HCCC reminds him of his own experiences as a first-generation college student. His parents were Haitian immigrants, and he understands what first-generation students go through as they try to understand the requirements of college. He wants to develop a program to support first-generation students. "It takes resilience," he offers, "and being willing to talk to others about what you are experiencing."

As an undergraduate, he majored in management science with a minor in music, but his parents encouraged him to focus on business and pursue music through other venues. This semester, at HCCC, he teaches economics and accounting. He is a member of the Advisory Board in the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division.

To provide learning experiences off-campus, he plans trips and would like to take students to visit the Federal Reserve and Bloomberg headquarters. "This would let the students see and understand other opportunities; where they could work; teamwork in action; and to speak to people off-campus and know that everyone comes from diverse backgrounds and needs diverse knowledge," he says.

"My journey looks like this: I was one of those kids who was at the bottom of the class. The reason I am studying resiliency is that my sister passed away in 2002, and it changed my life. Years ago, when I was younger, my GPA was awful. I worked hard. I changed. I did well in graduate school and earned multiple masters' degrees in Finance, Accounting, and Management, but I also studied religions and ethics. I learned focus and concentration. I improved my GPA. I am never going to look back. I tell students, don't wait for a traumatic event to attempt to change your life for the better. I think about what I will leave behind, what kind of legacy I will leave. I want to inspire them to do the same."



Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice-messaging emergency-alert system in the event of a crisis or emergency that poses an immediate and life-threatening danger to the College community.

Connect-ED will allow the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email and/or text message.

Both HCCC students and employees have been automatically registered by College email in the emergency-alert system and will receive alerts unless they opt out. Users may access the College's web site, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register additional contact information.

Free and Confidential: HCCC will provide this emergency service free of charge to students and employees – there is no charge to sign up. However, mobile service providers may charge a fee for incoming messages depending on an individual's plan.

Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

For information about Connect-ED, visit www.hccc.edu/emergency Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!

## **BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING CLUB VISITS NYSE**

n Wednesday, Feb. 18, Prof. Lester McRae and Prof. Elana Winslow accompanied the Business & Accounting Club on a trip to the New York Stock Exchange.

First, the group was shown the visitors' balcony, receiving a history of the NYSE and an overview of their day-to-day operations. The group enjoyed

the iconic view of the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Students had a question-and-answer session with the representative. The group was then allowed onto the trading floor, dividing into smaller groups and paired with a DMM (Designated Market Maker) who spoke about the job, the market



and answered a wide range of questions from the students related to their education, careers, backgrounds, and investing among other things.

The group toured the exciting trading floor and watched news outlets cover the business world. Some may have been seen in the background of CNBC's set that day.

## KICK-OFF MEETING HELD TO LAUNCH TRANSITIONING NURSING PROGRAM



## HCCC'S PRESIDENT GABERT VISITS NATION'S CAPITAL



During the 2015 National Legislative Summit of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) in February, Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert (right) met with United States Congressman Albio Sires (left) in Washington, D.C. to discuss Pell Grant programs and President Obama's proposal for free community college education. Rep. Sires serves the 8th Congressional District of New Jersey.

n Thursday, Feb. 5, members of the Hudson County Community College attended a kickoff meeting to discuss the College's nursing program. The College recently announced that its Board of Trustees had approved agreements which provide for the eventual transfer and physical relocation of the cooperative allied health registered nursing and the radiography programs from CarePoint Health-Christ Hospital to HCCC, and the development of an affiliated 2-year/4-year associate/baccalaureate nursing degree program with Saint Peter's University.

Pictured from left: Michael Reimer, Dean for Student Services; Jennifer Christopher, Director of Communications; Christopher Wahl, Dean of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Catherine Sirangelo-Elbadawy, Associate Dean, Allied Health; Shari Siegelbaum, Esq., attorney for the College; Thomas Brodowski, Vice President for Administrative Services; Carol Fasano, MA, RN, NP, C, CNE, Dean of the CarePoint Health School of Nursing Carol Fasano, Dean of the CarePoint Health School of Nursingand Peter Kelly, Senior Advisor for External Affairs of CarePoint Health.

## **PROFESSIONAL NOTES**

In April, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will present **Dr. Eric Friedman**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, with the Distinguished College Administrator Award during the Society's 97th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. College administrators (vice presidents, deans, etc.), nominated by their Phi Theta Kappa chapter, are selected for this international distinction based on outstanding support provided to Phi Theta Kappa.

On Friday, Feb. 6, Professors Kewal Krishan, Claudia Delgado, Dr. Ferdinand Orock, and Theodore Lai, and Transfer Counselor Jonathan Kull attended a conference at Montclair State University. The conference, hosted by MSU's College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Education and Human Services, provided attendees with an update on all aspects of the new innovative degree program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with K-6 teaching certification. The University found it important to collaborate with local two-year colleges to improve their project and so that it can recruit students into this new degree program.

HCCC at Montclair State University in February. Seated from left: Claudio Delgado and Kewal Krishan. Standing from left: Theodore Lai, Dr. Ferdinand Orock.



## CAI STUDENT IN SAN PELLEGRINO<sup>®</sup> ALMOST FAMOUS CHEF COMPETITION





The Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) has had a long history of preparing students for participation in challenging and rewarding cooking competitions. Its most recent and significant involvement from the Spring 2015 semester is no exception.

On Feb. 8 and 9, 2015, the Culinary Arts Institute was able to participate in the Northeast Regional Qualifying Competition for the San Pellegrino® Almost Famous Chef Competition, at SD26 Restaurant in New York City. The winner of this regional competition was to advance to the national finals in Napa Valley, California. The participant from Hudson County Community College was Karen Rueda, who is in her second year of studies earning an A.A.S. in Culinary Arts. Karen's well-inspired entry for the competition was her recipe for Aji Halibut, which included butterpoached halibut with Aji sauce, saffron mashed potatoes and fried vegetables.

It must be noted that this competition did not simply entail a two-hour time frame of food production. The entire two-day event included media training, water conservation lectures, questionand-answer sessions, and interviews of each contestant. Representatives from Nestle<sup>®</sup>, along with many famous chefs from the metropolitan New York City area, were part of the judging and spectator audience.

There were a total of nine institutions that participated in this competition. Although HCCC did not finish in first place, we were provided with Karen's scoring and analysis of her dish. In addition to preparing food for the judges, her dish was also prepared by the organizers and served to the spectators. Karen won the authentic first prize when she was invited by one of the judges (Chef Jean Francois of the famed New York City restaurant, Daniel) to partake in normal business operations at his establishment, with the likelihood of an internship. This invitation stemmed from her splendid participation and success in this contest.

The Culinary Arts Institute would like to thank Chef Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit, who was instrumental in training and mentoring Karen for this competition. We would also like to thank Ara Karakashian for spearheading all communication with the organizers of this event.

We congratulate Karen for her successful participation in this event and challenge all of our students to sharpen their levels of expertise in the food service industry continuously.

## PRESIDENT HOSTS HCCC LEADERSHIP TEAM BREAKFAST



The Leadership Team Breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 4, at the Culinary Conference Center. Dr. Glen Gabert, President, hosted the event and provided status reports on the Institutional Focus Goals 2015 and Cultural Affairs Task Force. Dr. Paula P. Pando, Vice President for NHHEC and Student Affairs, provided an update on the Accreditation of the North Hudson Campus. Thomas Brodowski, Vice President for Administrative Services, provided an update on FY2016 Budget and Capital Projects.

Considering pursuing a degree or certificate? Attend Our Open House

Find Out Why Hudson County Community College is One of the Best Educational Values Anywhere!

**OPEN HOUSE** 

Saturday, April 11, 2015 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Culinary Conference Center 161 Newkirk Street Jersey City, NJ 07306

Amayha Jimenez Started her world of possibilities at HCCC! Class of 2013, Transferred to Columbia University



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#### **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 degree.

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 next column for free study resources.For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support
- Services at (201) 360-4157 in advance.

#### On the 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 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions; an appointment is required for 5 p.m. sessions.
- For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1).

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

What's covered on the standard 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

#### What's covered on the 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

#### **Free Study Resources:**

- Review/Brush up on your Arithmetic & Algebra skills by creating a free account at EdReady: http://www.hccc.edready.org
- Review/Brush up on your Writing skills at Purdue OWL: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
- Prepare for the Accuplacer and view Sample Questions: http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students

#### Additional Study Resources available for purchase (optional):

- The Official Accuplacer iPhone/iPad Study App
- available on iTunes (\$1.99)
- The Official Accuplacer Web-Based Study App for PC/Android (\$2.99)

## March 2015 (Term: Online B, Summer/Fall 2015)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Journal Sq.	Journal Sq.	Journal Sq.	Journal Sq.	Journal Sq.
9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	9:00 AM & 1:00 PM			
9	<b>10</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM		<b>12</b> NHHEC 9:00 AM only Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>13</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
<b>16</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>17</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>18</b> Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	<b>19</b> NHHEC 9:00 AM only Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	20
<b>23</b>	24	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Testing Locations:</b>		
Journal Sq.	Journal Sq.	Journal Square: 2 Enos Place, Jersey City		
9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	NHHEC: 4800 Kennedy Blvd, Union City		

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 27

Women's Toiletry Drive – Help support WomenRising, a local non-profit, by donating items like lotion, deodorant, and other toiletries for women in need. Office of Student Activities, 25 Journal Square, Room 104, and NHHEC Enrollment Services.

#### Monday, March 2

Open Hours at the Makerspace, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Makerspace in the Library Building (71 Sip Ave.) will be open with all supplies and equipment available for use. Visit the Makerspace during open hours to explore, create, and innovate using a variety of technology equipment and arts and crafts supplies.

"Start with the End in Mind: Building Guided Pathways to Student Success" live stream with Rob Johnstone and Davis Jenkins, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, First Floor. To register, please visit the Center for Online Learning portal page.

Women's History Month Resource Fair, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### Tuesday, March 3

Women's Health Screenings - Learn how to be healthy mentally, physically and emotionally. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day – Montclair State 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 Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Please note: A completed online application must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day.)

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge (Academic Development & Support Services)

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

Basic Reading - Reading Comprehension Strategies, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

Mirror & Me Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge. Who are you? What does that even mean? Join us for an interactive workshop that seeks to strengthen our understanding of self-perception and identity all while decorating your very own personal and fashionable mirror! What will you see when you look into the mirror?

#### Wednesday, March 4

Basic Writing - Essay Review Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

Basic Writing - Proofreading for Common Errors in Writing, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

Win Big BINGO, 3 p.m., NHHEC

College Life Committee presents "Long Gone Daddy," a reading of a new solo play by Joseph Gallo, 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, Fifth Floor, 161 Newkirk Street. Refreshments will be served.

#### Thursday, March 5

College Transfer Fair, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Meet with admissions representatives from various colleges and universities that are interested in HCCC students.

#### Friday, March 6

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Free Flick Friday/Reel Talk (Free Angela and All Political Prisoners, 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Brooklyn Nets vs. Phoenix Suns, Barclays Center, Brooklyn, game time: 7 p.m. Admission: students: \$10, guests: \$35. Purchase tickets at http:// NetsvsSuns.eventbrite.com

#### Monday, March 9

Herstory - An interactive multimedia performance that traces the history of women in America, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### Tuesday, March 10

Women's Health Screenings - Learn how to be healthy mentally, physically and emotionally. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day – Seton Hall University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Center for Business & Industry Lunch and Learn panel discussion, "Perspectives from Professional Women in the Community," 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration required; for more information, please contact Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4262.

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Basic Writing - Proofreading for Common Errors in Writing, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

HCCC Coffeehouse: Spotlight on Women, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

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

#### Wednesday, March 11

Instant Decision Day – Fairleigh Dickinson 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 Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Please note: Nursing and Radiographic Technology program students are ineligible to participate in this event.

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center (Social Sciences)

Makerbot, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Makerspace, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave. Learn about 3D printing and begin creating objects using our Makerbot 3D printer. Free, but registration is required. Register for the workshop at http://hccclibrary-3dprintingmarch.eventbrite.com. Registration is limited to 12 participants.

New Pathways Information Session, 6:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Call the Community Education office at 201-360-4244/4246/4255 to register.

Broadway show, Wicked, The Gershwin Theatre, 222 West 51st St., New York City, show time 7 p.m. Admission: student: \$25, guest: \$50. Purchase tickets at http://wickedhccc.eventbrite.com

#### Thursday, March 12

Mini-Facials and Massages, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. NHHEC

CASS Fashion Show, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### Friday, March 13

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

#### Saturday, March 14

Women's Heritage Trail Trip to Boston, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Register at https://hcccbostontrip. eventbrite.com

#### Monday, March 16 - Sunday, March 22

Mid-term exams – advisement period

#### Monday, March 16

Lucky Bamboo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 25 Journal Square & NHHEC Student Lounges

#### Tuesday, March 17

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge (Humanities)

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center (Academic Development & Support Services)

Meeting of ESL Book Group, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Library Building (71 Sip Avenue), Room L505. Group will read *A Wife for My Son* by Ali Ghalem.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

National Society for Leadership & Success Live Speaker Series, 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center and NHHEC Multi-Purpose Room. Featured speaker: Arianna Huffington, "Thrive."

#### Wednesday, March 18

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

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#### Thursday, March 19

Instant Decision Day – Rutgers University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Please note: A completed online application must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. Nursing and Radiology/ Radiographic Technology program students are ineligible to participate in this event.)

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., outside 81 Sip Ave.

#### Friday, March 20

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

#### Saturday, March 21

NJ Makers Day Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library Building, 71 Sip Ave. Join us to celebrate the first NJ Makers Day. The HCCC Library is one of the many sites across New Jersey hosting a maker event. All Makerspace supplies and equipment will be available for your use during these hours. We encourage you to bring your children and families so you can enjoy an afternoon of creating together.

#### Monday, March 23

Women's History Month Closing Ceremony - Join us in celebrating the contributions of women throughout history and on our campus. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Please register in advance by emailing OSA@live.hccc.edu

Massages and Mini-Manicures, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### Tuesday, March 24

Online Session B classes begin

Instant Decision Day – St. John's University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Please note: Nursing, Fine Arts and Graphic Arts program students are ineligible to participate in this event.)

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge (Social Sciences)

Meet the Deans & Their Teams, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center (Humanities)

Open Hours at the Makerspace, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Makerspace in the Library Building (71 Sip Ave.) will be open with all supplies and equipment available for use. Visit the Makerspace during open hours to explore, create, and innovate using a variety of technology equipment and arts and crafts supplies.

#### Wednesday, March 25

Girls in Technology Symposium, Culinary Conference Center, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information please contact Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu.

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

#### Thursday, March 26

College Transfer Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City. Meet with admissions representatives from various colleges and universities that are interested in HCCC students.

#### Friday, March 27

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Free Flick Friday Reel Talk (Miss Representation), 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### Monday, March 30 - Sunday, April 5

Spring/Easter Break – no classes

#### Tuesday, March 31

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Graduating Students: Tell Us Your Story!

Hudson County Community College's Communications Department needs your help in identifying unique and exceptional graduate student stories to use in publicity for the upcoming Commencement ceremony as well as future marketing materials.

HCCC's Communications Department will be pitching these stories to media during the Commencement season and would be pleased to hear from students willing to be interviewed. Some past noteworthy stories covered by media included students who:

For more information please contact the Communication Department at 201.360.4060 or email at Communications@hccc.edu.

- Were age 50 or older while studying at HCCC
- Had served in the military
- Had relatives on HCCC staff or of HCCC alumni
- Were family members graduating together
- "Beat the odds" (earned a degree despite an adversity, disability, etc.)

In addition, we would be interested in highlighting inaugural classes of HCCC's newest degree programs!

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