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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RECOGNIZED BY ACHIEVING THE DREAM
ORGANIZATION AS A 2023 LEADER COLLEGE**

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been designated a Leader College by Achieving the Dream (ATD), the national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing community colleges as catalysts for equity and mobility in their communities. HCCC is one of only 16 Leader Colleges in the 300-college ATD network.

"We are honored that Achieving the Dream has recognized Hudson County Community College with this designation. HCCC joined the Achieving the Dream network because their mission aligns with ours," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "ATD is dedicated to reaching deep into communities to open new pathways into and through colleges for the most vulnerable learners, moving the focus from whole college transformation to whole community transformation. HCCC is committed to reaching new levels of success by empowering our students to achieve their personal, academic, and professional dreams and goals. We remain steadfast in maintaining our focus on equity in student success, including degree completion, transfer pathways, gainful employment, and engaged civic participation."

ATD Leader Colleges play an important role in accelerating the adoption of effective practices within the ATD Network and across higher education. Leader Colleges are recognized for the quality of their work in whole-college reform, resulting in increased completion rates for all students. Leader Colleges develop innovative methods to work with other colleges, share knowledge, and exchange ideas about evidence-based reform strategies.

In December 2018, ATD President and CEO, Dr. Karen Stout, visited HCCC and made a presentation about the ATD mission. Shortly after, a survey was distributed to the entire College community and the overwhelming majority of respondents endorsed HCCC joining ATD. In January 2019, the College's Board of Trustees approved the resolution for HCCC to join the 2019 cohort of ATD New Member Colleges.

HCCC utilizes evidence-based data and programs to inform policy and practice in helping students bring their academic and career goals to fruition. The College has interwoven Achieving the Dream best practices into the work of the HCCC President's Advisory Council on Diversity,

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ON THE COVER: A glimpse of the joy at Hudson County Community College's 2022 Commencement celebration at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, NJ.

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESENTS NATIONWIDE '2023 TEACHING AND
LEARNING SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE
IN HIGHER EDUCATION'**

Last year, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation presented a first for New Jersey higher education – a national symposium dedicated to teaching and learning practices to promote social justice in colleges and universities. The symposium was enormously successful, and many of the nearly 500 registrants from seven states and 47 colleges and universities encouraged HCCC to make this an annual event.

From Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 3, 2023, HCCC presented its Second Annual "2023 Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education" free of charge to all attendees. The nearly 40 presenters and panelists included nationally prominent educators, authors, college and university presidents and trustees, community advocates and leaders, and students examined how social and racial issues impact employment, health and the health care system, the environment, mental health, spirituality, the justice system, corporate responsibility, and youth advocacy.

"We are exceedingly proud to present this comprehensive symposium. It has been a full

Pictured here, Hudson County Community College "Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education" keynote speaker, Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, President of Howard University and distinguished Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery.



year in the making," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "Realizing that the need for teaching about social justice grows more essential every day, Dr. Paula Roberson, the Founding Director of our HCCC Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, worked passionately to prepare a roster of important topics and to engage expert presenters from across the United States."

This year's symposium began with welcoming remarks from Dr. Brian Bridges, Secretary of Higher Education for the State of New Jersey and

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES EDWARD DE FAZIO TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has welcomed longtime Hudson County Prosecutor and Superior Court Judge Edward DeFazio as the newest member of the HCCC Board of Trustees (BOT). Judge DeFazio was sworn in at the Board's regular meeting on February 21, 2023.

"On behalf of the entire HCCC community, we are very happy to welcome Edward DeFazio to the College's Board of Trustees," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "Judge DeFazio has a long and outstanding record of public service and leadership in Hudson County and will be a great asset to the HCCC family."

A Jersey City native, Edward DeFazio is a lifelong Hudson County resident who has more than 40 years' experience in public service. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University, and his Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University Law School.

DeFazio began his career as Assistant Hudson County Prosecutor and rose through the ranks to become Homicide Unit Chief. He then served as Chief Judge of the Jersey City Municipal Court before returning to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office as First Assistant Prosecutor. A decade later he was appointed New Jersey Superior Court Judge. DeFazio left the bench in 2002 to serve as Hudson County Prosecutor for two five-year terms.

In 2012, DeFazio was appointed to the Superior Court bench where he served for seven years before entering private practice at the law firm of Bruno and Ferraro. He is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, New York, and before the United States Supreme Court.

Edward DeFazio's professional affiliations include the New Jersey State Bar Association; member, Past Officer and Trustee of the Hudson County Bar Association; member and past President of the North Hudson Lawyer's Club; member of the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission; and State Director to the National



Former Hudson County Prosecutor and Superior Court Judge Edward De Fazio (left) was sworn in as Hudson County Community College's newest Trustee on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

District Attorney's Association. He was named the 2006 "Lawyer of the Year" by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law.

"We look forward to working with Judge DeFazio and utilizing his extraordinary knowledge of Hudson County and the law as we continue to provide our students – and our entire community – with the very best educational opportunities," said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.

The HCCC Board of Trustees is the governing body of Hudson County Community College and is responsible for leading, advocating, and supporting the College's mission; ensuring fiduciary responsibility; establishing overarching goals and policies; and hiring, supporting, and evaluating the President.

The HCCC Board of Trustees is comprised of eight individuals appointed by the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners; and at least two individuals appointed by the Governor. Trustees maintain their trustee status until they are reappointed or replaced by the appointing authorities. The HCCC President serves as an ex-officio member, and the College's student body elects a representative from the graduating class to serve one year as a non-voting student alumni representative.

"I am honored to have been chosen as a Hudson County Community College Trustee," Judge DeFazio stated. "The College is a treasure, an incredible resource for our community, and together with my fellow Board members, Dr. Reber, and the entire HCCC team, we will continue accomplishing great things here."

HCCC CULINARY ARTS STUDENT COMPETED ON FOOD NETWORK'S HOLIDAY BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP



HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute's alum Aishia Martinez competed recently in the 9th season of Food Network's Holiday Baking Championship. A former Culinary Arts student and Hudson County native, Aishia introduced judges to traditional Puerto Rican staples, paying homage to her own family and cultural roots. As a student in 2016, Aishia represented HCCC in the San Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef Competition, during which she was scouted by Michelin Award winning restaurant Daniel NYC. Aishia's professional experience includes Daniel NYC, the W Hotel, and Battello.

MODEL UN CONFERENCE



On February 16 - 19, Joe Caniglia, Executive Director for the North Hudson Campus and advisor for the Model UN Club, accompanied eight Hudson County Community College students who participated in the Harvard Model UN Conference in Boston, MA. The students in attendance were Ahilia Munna, Avalina Gray, Montaha Osman, Tiana Malcolm, Vincent Steiner, Cardy Deriston, Ana Cantillo-Pagan, and Birva Pinto.

For seven decades the Harvard Model UN Conference hosts students from 40 countries to discuss global issues. Students learn to negotiate with others, and collaborate on policy proposals and detailed programs to solve global issues ranging from drone technology to territorial sovereignty.

Each college or university is assigned countries to conduct research on global problems. This year, Hudson County Community College was assigned to Egypt and Croatia.

We are here for you!

Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?
 Difficulty in a course?
 Dealing with mental health and wellness?

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

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

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

COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>.

Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify the calendar as necessary.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS

Deep Cleaning Your Life (All Employees, Live, Wednesday, March 22, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Life is a complicated web of stuff, places, people and responsibilities. How often do you stop and really look at the elements of your life? In this session, learn how to take the principles of "Spring Cleaning" and apply them to your whole life year-round.

Strategies for Developing Remote Employees (Leaders and Managers, Live, Wednesday, March 29, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

There are multiple benefits to remote employment, but it is not without challenges. We will explore strategies to construct a team environment that is inclusive and supports growth opportunities.

The Sandwich Generation: Multi-Generational Caregiving (Pre-recorded; available 24/7 through March 31) – Many middle-aged people find themselves stuck caring for both ends of the age spectrum—helping both their children and their parents navigate finances, social lives and changes in capacity for independence. This kind of caretaking can cause burnout and exhaustion. This webinar will review the phenomenon of the sandwich generation and how we can better manage the needs of our changing families. We'll discuss ways to have productive conversations with aging parents around their needs, ways to troubleshoot burnout as a caregiver and how to keep your own family running smoothly.

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

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Marian Betancourt
Christian Liebl
Cecily McKeown
Fabiola Ocean
Denzel Smith

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Salma Abdelwahed
Ayman Azab
Luisa Carranza
Samantha Rodriguez

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Dan Brookes, Business Developer
(effective Feb. 22, 2023)

Michael Byrne, Strategic Marketing Director
(effective March 13, 2023)

Ronny Canales, Administrative Support Specialist
(effective Feb. 22, 2023)

Kristofer Fontanez, Web and Portal Services Manager
(effective Feb. 22, 2023)

Everett C. Mapp, Coordinator, Instructional Technology and Testing (effective Feb. 27, 2023)

R.M. Stineman, Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs (effective March 13, 2023)

Jack Velazquez, Building Superintendent
(North Hudson Campus) (effective Feb. 22, 2023)

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME FACULTY

Tameka Moore-Stuht, Instructor, Speech (Non-tenured)
(effective Jan. 23, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Jasmine Pascua, Instructor, Culinary Arts
(Non-tenured) (effective Jan. 16, 2023 to May 31, 2023)

Gary Sasala, Instructor, ESL (Non-tenured)
(effective Jan. 23, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Joyce Alvarez, Coordinator, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (effective March 6, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2023)

Lori Byrd, Interim Director, Nursing Program (effective Feb. 22, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Andrea Goodwin, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources (effective Feb. 22, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Eileen Lynch, Development Coordinator (effective March 13, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Stephanie Pina, Interim Assistant Director, Human Resources (effective Feb. 22, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE

Jacqueline Castillo, Transcript Evaluator to Transcript Coordinator (effective Feb. 22, 2023)

Jamar Johnson, Academic Advisor to Academic Counselor (effective Feb. 22, 2023)

SAVE THE DATE!

STAFF AND FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Wednesday, March 29
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Questions?

Contact: Anna Krupitskiy at akrupitskiy@hccc.edu
or Andrea Goodwin agoodwin@hccc.edu

SAVE the DATE



2023 COMMENCEMENT
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
11a.m.

Red Bull Arena
600 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ 07029

Save the Date!

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

26TH ANNUAL GALA
will be held on
Thursday, December 7, 2023
6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

foundation@hccc.edu

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Dr. Clive Li**, Instructor, Engineering Science, on the recent publication of "Single-Site Molecular Ruthenium(II) Water-Oxidation Catalysts Grafted into a Polymer-Modified Surface for Improved Stability and Efficiency" in the peer-reviewed journal ChemElectroChem. Dr. Li collaborated with **Dr. Yosra M. Badiei**, **Oshane Annon**, **Christina Maldonado**, **Emily Delgado**, **Caroline Nguyen**, **Christina Rivera**, and **Abril Flores Ortega** at Saint Peter's University's Department of Chemistry.

'2023 TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION'

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former Vice President of Research and Member Engagement at the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, President of Howard University and distinguished Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery.

Among the symposium's expert presenters and panelists were Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, former and first female African American President of Spelman College; John K. Pierre, Esq., Chancellor of Southern University Law Center; Jacquie Abram, author of *Hush Money*; Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General for the State of New Jersey; Dr. Jessica Pryce, Child Advocate, Social Scientist, TED Presenter, and Executive Director of the Florida Institute for Child Welfare; Dr. Sarah Ketchen-Lipson, Fulbright Scholar and Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Law, Policy and Management at Boston University, who was sponsored by Christie Campus Health; James McGreevey, former New Jersey Governor and Chairman of New Jersey Reentry Corporation; Esther Suarez, Prosecutor, Hudson County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office; Carmella Glover, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Officer of Arthur W. Page Society and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University; and Dr. Teik Lim, ninth President of New Jersey Institute of Technology and distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

"Social and racial issues affect each and every person in this country in different ways," Dr. Reber said. "Teaching and learning about social justice, and how we can develop and strengthen our collective sense of equality, equity, and fairness, are essential to the wellbeing of our communities."

STEM INTERNSHIP INFORMATIONAL SESSION

In an effort to prepare HCCC students for competitive internship opportunities, Dr. Gunes Senturk and Dr. Raffaella Pernice, in conjunction with the Environmental Club advisor Dr. Clive Li, hosted a STEM Internship Information Session. The hybrid event on February 16, 2023 was a success, with over 35 students attending in-person, and 39 attending virtually. Speakers included Ivy Birkhold, Scientist and Process Engineer of Merck, Dr. Vijay Chalivendra, Professor of Mechanical Engineering for the College of Engineering, University of Massachusetts, and Dr. Todd Holden, Professor of Physics at Queensborough Community College who discussed the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. Public Relations E-Board Member Justin Mosquera, emcee for the event, offered additional insight and contact information for students to continue their engagement with the speakers. Additional support was provided by Professors Fatma Tat, Raffi Manjikian, Mohamed Qasem who told the community about the HCCC School of STEM and its mission to ensure students' success.



The Environmental Club is a gathering of students who meet regularly to promote awareness of environmental issues, and empower students to take action and work on environmentally related science projects. For information about the Environmental Club or about this event, please contact President Sofia Ruseva (sruseva7924@live.hccc.edu), Secretary Abdullah Abbasi (aabbasi7186@live.hccc.edu) or Treasurer Natasha Luccia (ncarles-novikov8512@live.hccc.edu).

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Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI), which provides leadership and counsel in fostering a welcoming, diverse, equitable and inclusive environment; the HCCC "Hudson Helps" program, a compendium of wraparound services, programs, and resources that focus on basic needs beyond the classroom and result in greater student success; and "Hudson Scholars," the College's innovative, national award-winning program that utilizes proven best practices, and provides proactive advisement, financial stipends, and early academic intervention to ensure that a greater number of students facing financial challenges, language barriers,

employment concerns, and family responsibilities complete their college education, achieve their goals, and realize their dreams.

Since joining the ATD Network, Hudson County Community College has demonstrated continuous improvement in retention and graduation rates. HCCC has frequently attended annual DREAM meetings, filed annual student success action plans and reports, and has served as an invited presenter at ATD national meetings and webinars.

Join us at the Spring 2023

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: Your check-in and starting point will be at the Student Center located at 81 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (next to HCCC's Journal Square Gabert Library)

WHEN: Saturday, March 25
from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

HOW: Registration is required!
<https://tinyurl.com/OpenHouseSpring2023>
to register now!

Campus-wide tours
at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

www.hccc.edu/openhouse



SAVE
the
DATE

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society
Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Induction Ceremony

Friday, April 28, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.
Gabert Library, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ



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

Monday, March 27
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In-person at: Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Jersey City, NJ

Virtual: <https://tinyurl.com/TH-March>
Meeting number: 2633 068 5275
Password: MarTH2023

HCCC STUDENT FILM SCREENED
AT NYC FILM FESTIVAL



Professor Joseph Gallo and his students at the screening of the HCCC film "The Girl Who Got Frozen" at the NYC Indie Theatre Film Festival.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,825+ works is installed in the public areas of campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

Each month, this page in *HCCC Happenings* provides updates on artists whose works are in the Collection, and new additions to the Collection.

Artist News

Each year, the College acquires the annual presentation print from The Print Club of New York. This year's print, *Vol*, by **Didier William** is a wood carving, polymer plate, letter press print. Editor Gillian Greenhill Hannum notes in the *International Print Collector's Societies Newsletter* that William was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and earned his BFA in painting at Maryland Institute College of Art and his MFA in painting and printmaking at Yale. He has exhibited at many places, including the Bronx Museum of Art, The Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. She notes, "Much of his work focuses on the presence of gravity. Mindfulness is an important aspect of his practice, and he brings the viewer into the moment ... to explore the conditions of space a body can occupy. For William, this was a way to think about immigration, where the ground is snatched from beneath you. What happens when gravity is taken away? What remains?"

If you like **Emma Amos's** and **Faith Ringgold's** work, now on view at the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, you might enjoy going over to the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers where you can see the exhibit "Matrix: Prints by Women Artists, 1960 - 1990," featuring prints by Emma Amos, Helen Frankenthaler, the Guerrilla Girls, and Faith Ringgold, on view through April. Also on view through April is "Artists Select: Valerie Hammond & Kiki Smith Celebrate 25 Years of Neiman Center Prints," at the LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, 310 Dodge Hall, 2960 Broadway at 116th Street, New York. **Kiki Smith's** work can also be seen on the top floor of the STEM Building.

Jan Wurm's painting *Lear and His Fool* is on view on the second floor of the Gabert Library. In a 2020 interview with Livia Stein, Wurm talks about her inspirations and her work. This is part of her project documenting the lives of Northern California women artists, the "Bay Area Women Artists' Legacy Project." Wurm says that "isolation" inspired her early art. When she was 8, her parents moved from California to a little town in the Austrian Alps. She had no friends, so after school, she would go home, do her homework, and then "what was left in my room was drawing and



Identity, by Emma Amos, 2006, Digital Print with Hand Lithography, 12 x 12 in. Thank you to Deseree McFarlane, whose generous donation through the Hudson County Community College Foundation Acquisition Program made possible the purchase of this work.

my colored pencils and my watercolors and my pastels, and that's what I did until I was 12," when her family moved back to the U.S. She says, "It was all formed. It was sort of all decided. [Art] was my language. That is what I was using to communicate and express everything that otherwise would be shared with people." Stein asks the artist if she went to a lot of museums in Europe. Wurm says, "Like a duckling, I was imprinted very early with a lot of the visual language that still is there... That happens with the art and the architecture and the environment that we're looking at when we're very young, and it was so strong there." Wurm has recently curated two shows, one about her teacher Richard Diebenkorn's work, and another about Diebenkorn's teacher, artist David Park. Wurm says it was the "greatest gift to have the privilege of doing these things." She says that curating and writing allows her "to illuminate and share" art that is "really important." In the process of creating these shows, she explored the thought

and development of artists, and it taught her "how and why I came to the things that I valued." For more information, you might enjoy watching the whole video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zemzL6m42lk&t=1218s>

In a January 2023 article in *Art in America*, "Woman Up: Nina Yankowitz Defies the Patriarchy," Glenn Adamson gives long-overdue recognition to Yankowitz's art calling her, "a significant figure in feminist art," and comments on her early work's reception "or lack thereof." Reviewing her recent exhibition at Eric Firestone's gallery space on Great Jones Street in New York City (works produced between 1967 and 1972,) Adamson writes, "These paintings ought to be in the collections of the Whitney Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, and other major institutions. Instead, they have been in storage for 50 years. How did this happen?" In answer to that question, he discusses gender discrimination in the art world. He also mentions that Yankowitz was only 21 when she first made these works, and that she is not keen on self-promotion. Further, Yankowitz refuses to confine herself to one artistic medium, Adamson notes, "For the last five decades, Yankowitz has continued to explore the fusion of music, technology, and visual art." We are glad to see her getting some of the praise she deserves. We appreciate her interdisciplinary courage, and hope to install her recent donation later this year.

Are you a student this term at HCCC, who has made some great art you want to enter in a contest?

Enter the HCCC Foundation Student Art Awards Contest. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, April 11, 2023 but you can enter now!

At the Spring 2023 awards ceremony this year, the Hudson County Community College Foundation will make up to six cash awards totaling up to \$1,600 to students enrolled at the College (during the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 semester).



To apply for the awards, email **Andrea Siegel at asiegel@hccc.edu for an application.**

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

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

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

Explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools! Go to www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Contemporary Peacemakers: Waves of Change Exhibit

Now to April 7

Inspired by the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the HCCC Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery has been transformed into a center for social change. HCCC celebrates Dr. King's activism through history, the arts, and community with the exhibit, *Contemporary Peacemakers: Waves of Change*. The exhibit takes inspiration from Régine Michelle Jean-Charles', *A Trumpet of Conscience* for the 21st Century: King's Call to Justice. Jean-Charles examines the influence of Dr. King's 1960s-era speeches on American social movements. The exhibit timeline begins with King's legendary visit to Jersey City and archives social changes throughout the decades, ending with the Black Lives Matter movement, and Tamika Palmer's virtual event in the Gallery in February 2021. Other highlights include an interactive-word display created by the Poetry and Language Collective, NJ Reentry Program's original works of art, a digital mural by the PACDEI Student Action Group, and an ever-changing food donation sculpture sponsored by Goya Foods.



Singer-songwriter KÄRMA performs "Contemporary Peacemakers: Waves of Change" opening reception on Feb. 15.

Singer-songwriter and audio engineer KÄRMA performed on February 15. With roots in Jersey City, NJ and Dallas, TX, her music reflects her connection to R&B while incorporating modern production techniques and elements of electronica, hip-hop, and ambient music. Her voice has been described as warm and emotive, with a powerful resonance. She has been featured in *The Jersey Journal*, and has performed at SOB's, Webster Hall, SXSW and more.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Upcoming Programs

NICET Level 1 Certification

(Weekend Preparatory Course) (Virtual)

Saturdays and Sundays | March 4-26 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Price: \$350

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nicet-level-1-certification-weekend-preparatory-course-registration-463722676007>

Effective Workplace Communications (Virtual)

Mondays (6 Sessions) March 6, 2023, through April 10, 2023

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Instructor: Mary Anne Kochut | Price: \$125

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-workplace-communications-course-winter-2023-registration-482616317397>

Welcome to Computer Basics (In-Person)

Thursdays (7 Sessions) | March 9, 2023, through April 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Instructor: Johnstone Libutsi | Price: \$150 | Jersey City Campus

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-computer-basics-winter-2023-registration-482645574907>

Microsoft Office Excel III (In-Person)

Wednesdays (6 Sessions) | March 15, 2023, through April 19, 2023

| 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Instructor: Johnstone Libutsi | Price: \$175 | Jersey City Campus

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-office-excel-level-iii-registration-367827731647>

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY

Martina Nevado

Class of 2019, Associate in Fine Arts – Studio Arts

Martina Nevado was born in Lima, Peru. She is a fine artist and writer. From a young age, she knew that she wanted to teach art and was always designing and creating. She made her toys, designed her first dress at age 11, and had it sewed by hand.

After coming to the United States, Martina worked in child care for 15 years. She enrolled in Baking and Pastry at Hudson County Community College. Still, she never stopped working on one of her great passions: art and fashion design, thus earning her Associate Degree in Fine Arts – Studio Arts in 2019. As a visual artist, she received an

invitation to exhibit her work in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, and Paris.

Despite difficulties and challenges, Martina supports the community by providing sewing and cooking workshops in public libraries and schools. Tina is currently the Founder and CEO of Tina & Kids' Creations LLC (www.tkcreations101.com), a school of design and gastronomy that inspires children in the community to develop their creativity. She believes that they, in turn, will be capable of doing great things.

CarePoint Hiring Event:

Gateway to Innovation will host a hiring event with CarePoint Health Network– Bayonne Hospital, Christ Hospital, and Hoboken University Medical Center– on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will support our Gateway to Innovation students and HCCC Alumni within employment opportunities with their network. For more information contact hmiranda@hccc.edu.

Hudson County Community College

10th Annual Girls in Technology Symposium

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Activities include: Panel Discussions, Student Displays, Presentations, Contests, Giveaways and More! High schools and middle schools are invited to attend at no cost. Meals are included.

To register, or for volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, contact Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu.

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Isma'il Griffin

Class of 2022

Associate of Science - Exercise Science

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

Between walking and public transit, both of HCCC's campuses were really accessible for me. Also, as a transfer student, they were able to see me as a person rather than my previous GPA.

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

My favorite memory was how much HCCC really cares about its students. One of my professors, Professor Hosick, would consistently go out of her way to email students when there were upcoming food drives for those dealing with food insecurity, and would even help us learn to navigate our classes and financial aid. She always went above and beyond to make sure our needs were being met both in and outside of the classroom, and I really appreciated that HCCC had plenty of tools available to help students succeed.

How did you become interested in Exercise Science?

I've played organized sports since I was 5 and have been running and weight lifting since 13, so I have always had a passion for fitness. When I got my personal trainer certification, clients would ask me questions that I struggled to answer because I didn't have the knowledge or language to explain various concepts and movements. I think there is a big misconception that exercise science is an easy major where you only need to count reps and add weights, but there is so much more to it, and that pushed me to want to understand every aspect of the science behind the movements.

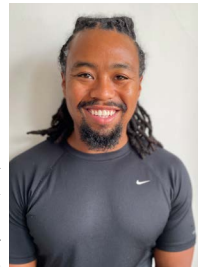
How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career/ life now?

My time at HCCC has set me up with successful tools like time management, working with others, and working consistently hard to prepare me for the transition to attended Rutgers University. Even more so, I am much more confident and knowledgeable when it comes to being a personal trainer; I have a much more solid foundation after my time at HCCC.

What is a typical workday for you?

I'm probably the busiest I have ever been, which has turned me into a very schedule-oriented person in order to effectively manage my time! Most mornings start with a run around Liberty State Park before traveling around Jersey City to

meet with clients. I then head to New Brunswick for afternoon classes and some library time. On my way home, I'm usually able to squeeze in a workout before training a few more clients in the evening.



The most memorable clients I've worked with so far has to be a couple who were completely new to training and were very intimidated by the barbell. One of them started out barely able to bench 5 lbs. dumbbells, but by the end of our time together, she was benching 55 lbs. with the barbell and squatting 175 lbs. It was so awesome to see each one's confidence grow in the gym along with their abilities, which will always be my favorite part of my job.

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

My mom is incredibly hardworking and kind, so those were qualities were instilled in me from a young age. As much as I still have a competitive streak in me from my years of playing sports, I think that some people focus on that too much. I enjoy helping my coworkers and classmates, because I think its best if we can all learn and succeed together rather than trying to outdo one another. I think there are enough pieces of the pie to go around, and ultimately it creates a better culture and feels good to collaborate with others.

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

My advice to recent HCCC grads is to make a schedule and stick to it, because it can be hard to transition from a consistent class schedule to having a completely unstructured day. I would tell them to be proud of their accomplishment; in my short time at Rutgers, I have already seen a difference in the student body and found my classmates at HCCC to have many more obstacles in their personal lives. I think it makes all of us appreciate our degree that much more to have struggled and still found success on the other side.

For new students, I would tell them to take it slow and don't be embarrassed to ask questions! Everyone is here to learn, so there's no need to try and look smart instead of reaching out for help when you need it. There are plenty of tutors to choose from, and overall, professors have your best interest in mind as long as you try to stay involved and make an effort in class. Enjoy the process of getting your degree, 2 years goes by quickly!

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