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From the Editor's Desk

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NJ STATE SENATORS VISIT HCCC LIBRARY BUILDING



(Top) New Jersey Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney (foreground, fourth from left) and State Senator Sandra Cunningham (foreground, second from right) with HCCC students.

(Bottom) New Jersey Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney (center) and State Senator Sandra Cunningham (right) with Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President.

On Wednesday, April 13, New Jersey Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and State Senator Sandra Cunningham visited Hudson County Community College for a tour of the Library Building. Following the tour, the legislators engaged in a question-and-answer session with HCCC students.

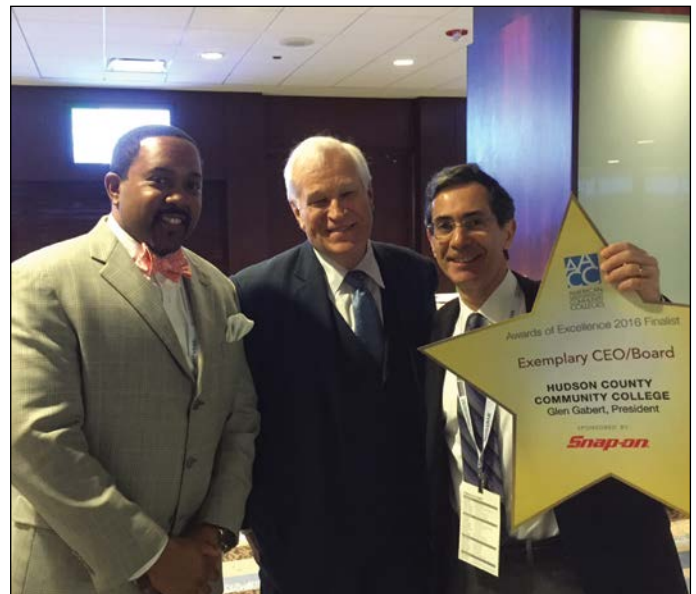


96TH AACC ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 96th Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) took place April 9-12, 2016, in Chicago, Ill. Leaders at Hudson County Community College attended the convention, including Dr. Glen Gabert, President, who was nominated for the Exemplary CEO/Board Award. Dr. Gabert was selected as representing the Northeast region, and therefore a finalist for the national award.

The award was presented on Monday, April 11 at the AACC's Awards of Excellence.

Pictured from left: Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Vice Chair of HCCC's Board of Trustees, Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President, and Dr. Eric Friedman, Ph.D., HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs at the AACC Annual Convention's Awards of Excellence Gala on April 11.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT TO REPRESENT CROATIA IN THE 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. announced that Matea Samardzic, an international student attending the College, has qualified to compete in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this summer. Ms. Samardzic will represent her home country, Croatia.

A member of the BMS Division of Scarlet Aquatics, which serves Bayonne and Jersey City, Matea posted the 11th fastest time in the world at the Croatian Nationals in March. Her time of 2:09.73 was well under the qualifying time for the Olympics.

Residing in Bayonne, Matea is a full-time student at HCCC where she is majoring in Psychology. She balances her academic schedule with the strict physical demands associated with training to compete in the Olympics, including training nine to ten times per week. Her coach, Mohamed Abdelaal, is a member of the American Swim Coaches Association (Level 3) and the College Swimming Coaches Association.

Matea began her studies at HCCC in the fall of 2015. Coach Abdelaal believes that commitment and work ethic are the building blocks to success in life, and those values have brought Matea to this point. The athlete spends two and three mornings each week training at the Pershing Field Pool in Jersey City before going to classes at HCCC. During the afternoons, the star athlete trains at Bayonne's Lincoln Community School, where she is a member of the SR2 program with Scarlet Aquatics.

"Matea is an inspiration to her classmates and her fellow athletes. We wish her the best of luck in all of her upcoming meets, and most especially in this summer's Olympics," said Dr. Gabert.



PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Brandy Stabley (left), 2015-2016 Pennsylvania State President, presents to Prof. Ted Lai the Continued Excellence Award for Advisors.



Prof. Ted Lai (right) is presented with the Horizon Award by Pattie Van Atter, Middle States Regional Coordinator.



Christopher Wahl (right), Dean of Instruction/Arts, receives the Middle States Regional Coordinator Award from Pattie Van Atter, Middle States Regional Coordinator.



The Beta Alpha Phi Chapter at Hudson County Community College received several awards at the Middle States' 29th Regional Convention-Dinner and Awards Banquet on Friday, April 8. They include:

- Middle States Regional Coordinator Award: Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts
- Distinguished Chapter Member: Betsy Apena
- Dr. Dan Houghtaling Scholarship of Promise: Betsy Apena
- Communication Award
- Chapter Officer Hall of Honor: Aaron Kates and Olga Glavna
- Chapter Member Hall of Honor: Betsy Apena
- Five Star Chapter
- Middle States Gold Chapter
- New Jersey C4
- Horizon Award: Prof. Ted Lai
- Continued Excellence Award for Advisors: Prof. Ted Lai



Beta Alpha Phi participated in a Beach Cleanup in Belmar, NJ on Sunday, April 17, 2016.



Engineering Science and environmental science students, and mathematics instructor, volunteered with the Friends of Liberty State Park on April 2.

EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



On Wednesday, April 20, the Hudson County Community College Foundation hosted its annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon. This event is a fundraiser to provide scholarships for College students. More than 100 employees donated to the Scholarship Fund. More than \$11,000 in donations was collected. It is not too late to contribute to help our students.

Thank you to Ro Vaccarella and Pat Murphy, who served as chairpersons for the luncheon

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2016 WEBINARS

The College's new Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place on third Tuesday of every month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.e4healthinc.com> and enter username *hccc* and password *guest*. Upcoming webinars are as follows:

- May 17: Communicating in Relationships: 5 Steps to the Best Fight Ever
- June 21: College Transition
- July 19: Taking Care of Your Skin
- Aug. 16: Bullying and Social Media
- Sept. 20: The Importance of Having a Will
- Oct. 18: Protecting Our Precious Lives: Cancer Awareness
- Nov. 15: Managing Holiday Madness
- Dec. 20: What to Look Out for as Our Loved Ones Age

For other EAP services, please call (800) 227-2195.

MILESTONES

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

- One Year** Lu Anne Salonga
- 15 Years** Ines Franco
- 30 Years** Iris Herrador

WELLNESS FAIR



Congratulations to Steven Mercado, Admissions Recruiter, who won a raffle for a gift basket of dental health items during the College's Health 360 Wellness Fair on March 29.

SUMMER HOURS 2016

The summer hour schedule will begin the week of May 16. Friday closures will begin May 20, 2016 and end on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016.

The regular hours of operation during this time will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The College will not be open for regular business on Fridays during this period.

The College will go back to the regular five-day work week on Monday, Aug. 15.

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS

NEW HIRES

Jose Acosta, Custodial Supervisor

Alejandra Ayala, Academic Lab Coordinator

Jonathan Moncion, Custodial Supervisor

Willie Shirer, PC Technician

Kenneth Watson, Senior PC Technician

PROMOTIONS OF FULL-TIME FACULTY (effective Academic Year 2016-2017)

From Instructor to Assistant Professor:

Claudia Delgado, Academic Foundations (Math)

Christopher Drew, Criminal Justice

Velino Joasil, Life Sciences

Evgeniya Kozlenko, English as a Second Language

Catherine Sweeting, English

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Jeremiah Teipen, Fine Arts

From Associate Professor to Professor:

Abdallah Matari, Life Sciences

Laurie Riccadonna, Fine Arts

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Instructors (Summer/Fall 2016)

Advisor (Part-Time)

Assistant Dean of Student Services

Associate Dean of Enrollment Services

Associate Director of Advisement and Counseling

Chief Information Officer

College Lecturer, Academic Foundations - English

Community Education Customer Service

Assistant, Part-Time (multiple positions)

Community Education Instructors, Part-Time

(multiple positions)

Director of Admissions

Director of Career Development

Director of Student Activities

Executive Director (Center for Online Learning)

Facilities Worker (2 positions)

Instructor, Cooperating Basic English for

Transitional Program (Part-Time)

Instructor, Cooperating Basic Math for

Transitional Program (Part-Time)

Instructor of Computer Science

Instructor of Physics and Mathematics

Reader/Notetaker (Part-Time)

Safety and Security Associate (2 positions)

Secretary ESL Bilingual Program (Internal Only)

Systems Coordinator (Non-Traditional Programs)

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Web Portal Administrator (Part-Time)

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

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the *Higher-EducationJobs.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.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS OFFICIAL REDEDICATION OF CAMPUS STORE



Pictured at the rededication ceremony of the Hudson County Community College Campus Store on Thursday, April 7 are, from left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ilya V. Ashmyan, Executive Director of Engineering & Operations; Mandy Otero, Chair of the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors; Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of HCCC; Sharon Baron, Regional Manager, Sales and Operations, Follett Higher Education Group; Eric Martin, Manager of the Campus Store; Veronica Zeichner D'Alessandro, Chief Financial Officer; and Paula Pando, Ed.D., Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held a rededication ceremony of the Hudson County Community College Campus Store on Thursday, April 7. The store is located at 162 Sip Avenue in Jersey City.

The 4,000 square-foot Hudson County Community College Campus Store replaces the previous 2,000 square-foot store that was located at 26 Journal Square. The new site was designed by

DiCara Rubino Architects and was constructed by MOLBA Construction, Inc.

The Hudson County Community College Campus Store at 162 Sip Avenue and the Bookstore at the College's North Hudson Campus are operated and managed by the Follett Higher Education Group, Inc.

HCCC HOSTS LAW DAY CONFERENCE



Dr. Saul Kassin of John Jay College of Criminal Justice delivered the keynote address during HCCC's Law Day, which marked the 50th anniversary of the Miranda v. Arizona decision.

On Monday, May 2, Hudson County Community College's Division of Social Sciences hosted a Law Day Conference at the Culinary Conference Center. The theme of the conference was "Miranda: More than Words," referring to the landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court in June 1966, holding that detained criminal suspects, prior to police questioning, must be informed of their constitutional right to an attorney and against self-incrimination.

The morning session included a panel discussion on Miranda rights, delivery of student paper presentations, and a presentation on interrogation by Prof. Christopher Drew.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Dr. Saul Kassin, Distinguished Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, who discussed "Why Innocent People Confess – and What Happens When They Do."

SENATOR SACCO VISITS HCCC AND DINES AT CULINARY CONFERENCE CENTER



Nicholas Sacco (seated at right), New Jersey State Senator and Mayor of North Bergen, attended the Hudson County Community College Foundation's Subscription Dining Series on Friday, April 22. Sacco is pictured with Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (seated left), HCCC President, and standing from left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs; George Solter, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, North Bergen Board of Education, and Steven Somick, Business Administrator, North Bergen School District.

SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING AND DINNER AT HCCC



County superintendents, school principals, and guidance staff were invited by the College to a special informative dinner and presentation at the Culinary Conference Center on Tuesday, April 26.

ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS ENGLISH DAY



Elham Kamali (left), Academic Foundations English Secretary, and Joseph Caniglia, Interim Director, Academic Foundations English.



Academic Foundations English students participated in the event by preparing posters, reading essays, and performing in an open mic session.

On April 11, 2016, Joseph Caniglia, Interim Director of Academic Foundations English hosted the first Academic Foundations English Day. The event was very successful, with over two hundred attendees. Students comprised poster boards/essay presentations. In addition, they participated in an open mic session. Thank you to the faculty, administrators, and staff for all of their support in making this event possible. The faculty were responsible for motivating their students to participate in the event. A special thanks to Shawn Sapp for his excellent

performance in playing the drums. Everyone did an outstanding job. All students who participated in the event received a certificate. There were six prizes awarded for the top poster board/essay presentations. A special thanks to Student Affairs for providing the prizes.

The following students were awarded Kindle Fire's:

- Stephany Moreno - "Flint Michigan Water Crisis"
- Francina Sapp - "Views of Cancer"
- Bakir Shakoor - "Hope in Change"

The following students were awarded HCCC Jackets:

- Nicole Melindra - "Speaking Up"
- Yonathan Melgar - "Body Language"
- Mariana Salina - "Tomboy"

NJCCC BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

On Friday, April 22, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges hosted its annual Best Practices Conference at Middlesex County College. The event featured best practices presentations from colleagues and peers that connect to the Big Ideas Project, numerous vendor tables, networking, and much more.



Numerous departments and divisions from Hudson County Community College were represented at the conference.



Heather Devries (far left) and Andrew Bishop facilitate a discussion on "Integrating On-Campus Art Museums into College Composition."

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



On Thursday, April 21, Hudson County Community College observed an Earth Day event, where students attended a discussion regarding GMOs (genetically modified organisms). The discussion panelists consisted of Dr. Nadia Hedhli, Prof. Melody Lopez, and Prof. James Solomon.

As well, awards were presented for the Earth Day essay writing contest. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Third Place: Vanessa Navarrete
- Second Place: Christina Rodriguez
- First Place: Joseph Segrif



Foundation Art Collection

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

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



Laurie Riccadonna, *Gardenias and Ladybugs* 2012, Watercolor and Gouache on Paper



Carolina Martinez, *Stacked*, graphite on paper work

Donor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Dr. Joan Rafter for the generous donation of *Gardenias and Ladybugs* by Laurie Riccadonna (above). This work is dedicated in honor of Dr. Rafter and her service to the College and our students from 1982 to 2014.

Thanks to a gift to the Hudson County Community College Foundation Acquisition Program by Dr. Glen Gabert and Gregory Ratcliff, the work *Gossip* by Elizabeth Catlett has been dedicated in honor of the marriage of Taynaya Denise Lee and Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq. The work is installed on the third floor of 70 Sip Avenue.

Artist News

The Sol LeWitt work, *Isometric Figure with Bars of Color*, installed on the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center, has been dedicated in memory of Allan Roy Bardack by the Hudson County Community College Foundation.

Congratulations to students Heather Giselle Acosta, Ailyn Lopez, Clara Reyes-Orozco, and Ma. Carmen Urbano for winning the 2016 Foundation Art Collection Art Supplies Gift Certificates awards.

Congratulations to HCCC student Carolina Martinez, whose work *Stacked* (above center), a graphite on paper work measuring 24" x 18" one of the 2016 Foundation Student Art Purchase Awards.

If you are interested in walking on water, you might enjoy travelling to Italy this summer to experience a Christo exhibit.

"The Floating Piers" will be installed at Lake Iseo in northern Italy, from June 18 to July 3. For 16 days, visitors will be able to walk on three floating pontoons across the lake, which connects Monte Isola and San Paolo islands, "with their picturesque hamlets and Roman ruins, to each other and the mainland." The work is made of 200,000 recyclable polyethylene cubes connected by 200,000 giant screws. The piers will be covered with a dahlia-yellow nylon fabric which will change tone as the sun sets.

It also will become an intense red when wet. "All our projects are related to physical sensations. I

do not like computers, I do not want to talk on the phone. I am related to things viscerally, not virtually," said the eighty-year-old artist. "Walking on very small paths covered with canvas, a very solid surface, all of a sudden you start walking on water." He added, the experience is something, "You have to feel." The Collection's Christo work is installed on the 5th floor of the new library building in Journal Square.

If you enjoyed the Edward S. Curtis installation of photgraveures of Native Americans on the fourth floor of the new Journal Square Library Building, you might be interested in an exhibit called "Contemporary Native Photographers and the Edward Curtis Legacy" at the Portland Art Museum in Oregon through May 8. The exhibit includes art by three contemporary Native American artists who critique Curtis' work. Zig Jackson, Wendy Red Star, and Will Wilson each engage with Curtis' images and create art in response, giving voice to a Native American perspective on Curtis' work. Their claim is that Curtis as an outsider imposed his vision of Native peoples upon them, forcing people accustomed to conventional clothing to pose as "savages, naked, with bows drawn back; or as shamans in ceremonial garb, summoning spirits from the sky." How does that look from the inside? It's worth visiting the Portland Art Museum website to find out more.

Gary Lang is having a solo exhibit of new paintings at Quint Gallery in La Jolla, California through May 28. Lang is known for painting circles and bulls-eyes. The practice for him is like meditation: "What painting meant, for me, it's about the transference of humanity, so if you're not present in the moment that you make contact with that surface, you're not really ... it's not a love affair. (sic) It's not so much as what you see; it operates differently. That's why looking through books is not the way to know about art, you have to saddle up next to a painting." The Foundation Art Collection work by Lang is a handmade paper-pulp bulls-eye painting called, "Target." It was made at the Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions, and we plan to install the work later this year.

Kerry James Marshall's work *15-May-01* is installed on the second floor of 2 Enos Place in the corridor devoted to works of art that include writing. Marshall is also having an exhibit from his comic

book series "Rythm Mastr," at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago through Sept. 25. His comics feature and all-Black cast of superheroes. The work is located in Black Metropolis, and includes sculptures of African deities that come to life. Almost all comic book superheroes are white, and Marshall wants to change that.

If you like the Jill Moser work *Gray Stills*, installed in the computer work center for the nursing program on the first floor of 870 Bergen, you might enjoy Heather Gaudio Fine Art's solo exhibition "Jill Moser: Paintings & Prints" being held April 16 to May 28 in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Yoko Ono is participating in a group show through June 10 at Modern Art Oxford in England called, "KALEIDESCOPE: A Moment of Grace." The show's title comes from an observation by German artist Gustav Metzger (born in 1926) that, "Every step in nature is a moment of grace." The show demonstrates in part how artist activism in the 1960s critiqued the art world as a way of commenting on "The Establishment." In this show, Ono has recreated *Painting to Hammer a Nail* (1961). In the gallery guide, it says, "Please pick up the hammer and add your own nail to the work." According to the exhibitor, "The work undermines the privileged role of the artist in the creation of an artwork and thereby, the uniqueness on which art's financial value is founded." Jeff Koons, Damien Hirst, and Kehinde Wiley all are contemporary artists who have teams of people make their art. The works sell for millions of dollars. Nonetheless, the simplicity of these materials and the use of gallery visitors to make the work lead us to ask: Is it a work of art if the artist merely told bystanders what to do? Is it a work of art if it's just nails hammered in to canvas? Many people apparently believe it is. We hope to install our Yoko Ono work at the College later this year.

David Salle, whose work *Untitled V* from the series *The Universe Mender*, is installed on the fourth floor at the North Hudson Campus, curated a group show called "Nice Weather" through April 16 at Skarstedt Gallery in New York. During a discussion of the exhibit, as reported by Scott Indrisek, one of the featured artists in the show, Nicole Wittenberg, said, "I think of a group show like a party," (where everyone needs to have good dancing skills). Indrisek also notes that a visitor to the talk asked "a convoluted question that had something to do with Guy Debord, the society of the spectacle, and about whether art is meant to resist the world." Salle replied, "It's so grandiose and self-flattering" to think painting could, or should, do that ... The idea of resistance is so abstract. That claim seems kind of fishy to me." Wittenberg added, commenting on Salle's work, "You resist boredom, as much as you can."

Congratulations to Jean Paul Sandoval, whose painting *Fishes & Needles* (33" X 13") won a 2016 Foundation Student Art Purchase Award.

REAL BEAUTY: UNCOVERED FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Credit: Candice Fernandez-Student at HCCC

The big closing event for Women's History Month invited the co-creators behind the Real Beauty: Uncovered movement. On March 30, Dani Allen, Dr. Esmilda Abreu Hornbostel, and Madeline Thompson LPC, held a panel to educate those in attendance about the movement. *Real Beauty: Uncovered* encourages women to embrace their inner beauty, accept themselves, and become more comfortable in their own skin. They challenge what the media defines as beauty with what real women define as beautiful.

The women spoke about their mission with this project and why it was important. Our society commercializes beauty, women are touched up, airbrushed, and photoshopped in the media to meet unrealistic standards. Women of today look at these images and start to compare themselves to an image that isn't real. Dani had mentioned a time where she was on a date and the man that was with her had given her a number ranking on how attractive she was. It seemed like an innocent thing but as someone who was too sure of herself at the time it was a bit shocking to see a stranger rate her on just appearances. Comments like this are actually quite common in life.

Over 50 attendees, including those who volunteered to have their picture taken, arrived for the big revealing of their photos. Dani had mentioned that during the interviews, each woman had shared their definition of beauty and none of the definitions were physical. Women weren't just these physical objects. We have so many layers to our personalities it's that we can't just look



Dani Allen (right), photographer of the Real Beauty: Uncovered movement, talks about the project with attendees at the March 30 panel discussion.

at what's on the outside. That's what Real Beauty: Uncovered is all about.

When I had signed up to have my picture taken that's all I really expected. I was told to come in with no makeup and a black shirt. Walking into the room I saw some words on the whiteboard. The middle said "Real Beauty is..." and in different colors and each one just a quick inspiring words like "love" and "compassion". I met Dani and she asked me to write what real beauty meant to me in one word. It took me a while to figure out what it meant so I decided to hold off on writing until we were done. While we were talking she asked the question "Do you think you're beautiful?" My answer was "No." The conversation even went far deeper than the physical appearances. I spoke about past experiences that I don't really share with anyone which of course affected the way I saw

myself. After we were done I knew what real beauty meant to me and I wrote "Happiness" because to me the most beautiful people are the ones who are try happy with themselves.

Seeing my picture during the panel was amazing. I saw my big smile and I actually liked it. My smile wasn't a cheesy picture smile but a genuine smile. I instantly remembered everything we talked about and then I thought to myself. "I'm actually beautiful".

Other women who volunteered for Dani had also spoken about their experiences and their reactions to their pictures. Many happy tears were shed but overall each woman had looked at their picture and was so happy. We saw ourselves and felt overwhelmed. We weren't photoshopped, airbrushed, or painted on. We were ourselves and we are beautiful.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT: WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

Credit: Nicole Lesko – Advisement & Counseling

On Tuesday, March 29th, HCCC students got a unique opportunity to listen to a first-hand response panel titled "Women in the Workplace", which was hosted by the Women's History Month Committee in the B Student Lounge on the Jersey City Campus. With an amazing turnout of over 75 students in the audience, our excellent panelists shared their stories and experiences of being a professional woman in the workplace. The centerpiece of this event was the diverse backgrounds our panelists such as Dr. Nadia Hedhli (STEM), Professor Royal Ross (Business), Professor Cathie Seidman (Criminal Justice), Professor Denise Rossilli (Human Services), and Professor Melody Lopez (STEM). The event began with the Assistant Director of Advisement and Counseling, Rebecca Davis, asking the panelists questions that were aligned with the purpose of the event.

Panelist shared how they chose the career they did, what should women know who want to go in their particular careers, and they shared ideas on how to manage the challenges of balancing life/work/and personal needs.



Students approach panelists with inquiries during a discussion on "Women in the Workplace" on March 29.

These questions not only brought out a personal and in-depth discussion, but it also allowed students to see the similar/different struggles that come with each field of work and words of advice to those studying to pursue related careers. Examples of the major topics addressed include unequal pay for women and men, stereotypes of women in a professional setting, and the well-known stigma of maternity-leave when starting a family. The discussion lasted about an hour and ended with the chance for students to ask their own questions

they came up with and truly relate it to their own lives and experiences. The event was a great success, which we attribute to the exquisite panel of women, the participating students at HCCC, and the staff that came together to make it happen. A big thank you to the Women's History Month Committee and to the faculty who served on the panel! We look forward to seeing you at this event once again next year for another valuable discussion.

DIVISION OF NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Jersey City Slam Poets with HCCC's Interim Associate Dean of Humanities, Elizabeth Nesius, for NTP's Poetry Healing workshop on April 29. (from left to right) Rashad Wright, Elizabeth Nesius, Erin Anastasia, and Aaya Perez.

Division-Wide Events

On Friday, April 29, the Division of Non-Traditional Programs hosted a Lunch & Learn workshop on Poetry Healing. NTP's guest workshop leaders included Jersey City Slam poets Rashad Wright, Erin Anastasia, and Aaya Perez, as well as HCCC's Interim Associate Dean of Humanities, Elizabeth Nesius.

The JC Slam poets each gave powerful performances of their works and participated in a panel discussion and Q&A on using poetry as a form of therapy and creative release. Elizabeth Nesius led attendees in a fun writing workshop where they learned how to express themselves through poetry. Attendees, including various business partners and community members as well as a group of students from Kenmare High School, were then given the opportunity to perform their own poems to the crowd.

Project L.E.A.P. (Learning Enables All Possibilities)

HCCC's L.E.A.P. has developed its first STEM cohort program, in partnership with Harrison High School. The Harrison STEM Academy students are enrolled in two college courses this spring, 2016 semester. The students are slated to enroll in three more college courses for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. By the time each of these students graduate high school, they will have accumulated a total of 18 college credits.



Harrison High School STEM Academy students taking Dual Enrollment Courses through Project L.E.A.P.

The Harrison students have already expressed goals in pursuing STEM or health degrees at the post-secondary level.

Project L.E.A.P. (Learning Enables All Possibilities) allows students to enroll in and take college-level courses while completing high school studies. Upon graduating from high school, credits for the HCCC classes may be applied towards a college degree.

For more information on Project L.E.A.P. the L.E.A.P. department at leap@hccc.edu or 201-360-5330.

Community Education - In Your Community

CE congratulates its ESL Level 6 students for successfully completing the ESL program through Community Education. After students presented their portfolios, the students, Instructor, and department staff celebrated with a certificate presentation and reception on March 31. The program graduates have successfully met all the requirements to complete the six levels of the ESL program.

On Friday, April 22, Rosemary Quinones-Ericson, of Community Education, and Aneeqa Saeed, of the Center for Business and Industry, attended the 3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair, presented by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield New Jersey, held at the Red



(from left to right) Yaryna Kosiv, Instructor Ruth Kentner-Lootah, Tripti Pandey, Community Education's Emily Bauer, and Maryuri MacCagno celebrate Community Education's ESL Program graduates.



Community Education at Liberty State Park's Earth Day Celebration on April 23.

Bull Arena. Program, service and course information was shared with guests attending the event.

On Saturday April 23, Chislynn Mujica and Rosemary Quinones-Ericson attended Liberty State Park's Earth Day celebration to speak with attendees about Community Education's project-based Summer Youth Programs. CE's Summer Youth Programs will run from July 11 to Aug. 11. Registration is now taking place at 4800 Kennedy Blvd. in Union City and at 25 Journal Square, Room B107. Please call CE's offices at 201-360-4246/4154 to inquire about the youth programs. You may also find information online at: <http://www.hccc.edu/communityeducation>.



FALL 2016 OFF-CAMPUS EVENING CLASSES*

BAYONNE HIGH SCHOOL

Course Title	Course ID	Day	Credits	Class Time
College Composition I	ENG-101-05B01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
College Composition II	ENG-102-05B01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Speech	ENG-112-05B01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Basic Spanish I	MLS-101-05B01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra Workshop	MAT-070-05B01	Thurs.	1	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra	MAT-073-05B01	Thurs.	3	7 p.m.
Basic Mathematics	MAT-071-05B01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Introduction to Psychology	PSY-101-05B01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Lifespan Development	PSY-260-05B01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Principles of Sociology	SOC-101-05B01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
General Biology	BIO-100-05B01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.

KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL

Course Title	Course ID	Day	Credits	Class Time
College Composition I	ENG-101-05K01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
College Composition II	ENG-102-05K01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Speech	ENG-112-05K01	Weds.	3	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra Workshop	MAT-070-05K01	Weds.	1	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra	MAT-073-05K01	Weds.	3	7 p.m.
Basic Mathematics	MAT-071-05K01	Weds.	3	6 p.m.
Introduction to Psychology	PSY-101-05K01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Lifespan Development	PSY-260-05K01	Weds.	3	6 p.m.
Principles of Sociology	SOC-101-05K01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
U.S. History 1	HIS-105-05K01	Weds.	3	6 p.m.
College Algebra	MAT-100-05K01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.

UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Course Title	Course ID	Day	Credits	Class Time
College Composition I	ENG-101-05U01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
College Composition II	ENG-102-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Speech	ENG-112-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Children's Literature	LIT-209-05U01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra Workshop	MAT-070-05U01	Tues.	1	6 p.m.
Basic Algebra	MAT-073-05U01	Tues.	3	7 p.m.
Basic Mathematics	MAT-071-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Introduction to Psychology	PSY-101-05U01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Lifespan Development	PSY-260-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Principles of Sociology	SOC-101-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.
Introduction to Computers and Computing	CSC-100-05U01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Basic English II	ENG-072-05U01	Tues.	3	6 p.m.
Basic Reading II	RDG-072-05U01	Thurs.	3	6 p.m.

* Prerequisites and/or College Placement Test scores may be required

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LEARNING COMMUNITY DAY

By Syeda Jesmin, LC Coordinator

The Learning Community program held its bi-annual Learning Community Day on Thursday, April 14, in the Culinary Conference Center. The primary goal of the Learning Community (LC) Day is to showcase LC students' best work from their LC classes. The event has always been well attended and well acclaimed by members of the College community. This time, around 150 people — students, faculty, and administrators — attended the LC event.

In the first part of the program, LC students showcased their best work in the Poster Session. As in the past two semesters, the LC Students' Poster Session turned into a lively interactive event as all attendees were encouraged to view the posters, interact with the presenters, and finally select the best poster by completing an evaluation sheet. For their active participation, each attendee got a chance to win a prize in a raffle draw at the end of the program. The poster presentations covered such topics as Right versus Left Brain, Change Blindness based on an experiment, Schizophrenia, Steve Jobs, Neil Armstrong, and more. LC students enthusiastically answered questions from their fellow students, faculty, and staff during the Poster Session. Thus, the LC Students Best Work Showcase provided our students and attendees a unique opportunity to engage in an interactive learning experience.

In Spring 2013, the LC program initiated the LC Best Student Award in honor of a long serving former LC faculty, Prof. Sylvia Robb. Two students from each Learning Community are nominated by their respective LC faculty. This semester, each of the fourteen students nominated from seven



Dean of Instruction/Arts Christopher Wahl addresses the audience about the LC program.



Elena Nehrebecki, ESL Director, speaks to the audience about the LC Program.



LC Students (pictured from left): Genesis Holguin, Johanna Polo Abad, Rosa Escobar, and Eman Gouda are proud to present their poster, representing their group project on Schizophrenia, for their PSY 101 class.

Learning Communities was awarded a Certificate of Recognition, either for Academic Excellence or for Academic Achievement. Along with the certificate, a small gift was given to each award recipient.

In the last part of the program, a raffle draw was held for all who completed the Best Poster



Attendees are interacting with the LC Students - Poster Presenters, and completing evaluation sheets to vote for the best poster.

Evaluation sheets. Raffle winners were given out HCCC T-shirts and HCCC umbrellas.

The Learning Community Day is yet another way to celebrate the LC students' academic success.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION



More than 90 College faculty, staff and administrators attended an April 21 town hall meeting discussing enrollment and retention.

On Thursday, April 21, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Office of Institutional Research & Planning held a town hall meeting focused on enrollment and the retention of current students. Over 90 attendees came to hear statistics, analysis, and strategies. The largest group in attendance was faculty members. Elizabeth Nesius, Interim Associate Dean for Humanities, recorded all of the ideas and suggestions and is compiling a record to be discussed at a follow-up workshop to be held on Friday, May 6, hosted by Dean of Instruction/Arts Christopher Wahl and Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Town Hall meeting on enrollment and retention provided an opportunity for faculty members and other interested staff members to review program statistics and to see growth or diminution from year to year. Dr. Trombella's analysis focused first on divisions within Academic Affairs, and then on particular programs. Dr. Pando's presentation provided information on how enrollment services communicate to prospective students in a new social-media-enhanced environment where colleges compete more than ever before for student interest. Dr. Friedman focused on how faculty members can maintain professional, impactful relationships with students and how the faculty can engage in ongoing dialogue at the college regarding program enrollments.

HCCC PARTICIPATES IN NJC4 AT RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL

On Friday, April 1, Hudson County Community College participated in Rutgers Business School's first ever County College Case Competition. This event was the culmination of a months-long effort of HCCC students getting involved, participating in info sessions at HCCC and Rutgers, competing during a Spring Break HCCC "Knockout Round", and developing a full-scale, interactive presentation on a case study about IKEA. The HCCC team presented on IKEA's expansion into the Asian markets. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

The HCCC members of the NJC4 team were Ambar Castillo, Andres Pinagorte, Betsy Apena, Justin Martinez, Kinal Patel, Michael Zambrano, Joaquin Melara, Alexander Calle, and Sophietou Ndiaye.

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management, Professor Elana Winslow, Professor Sharon Daughtry and Professor Homiler Phanor accompanied the students to Rutgers for the competition.



Members of Hudson County Community College's County College Case Competition, pictured with Paul Dillon (standing, third from right), Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management; Prof. Sharon Daughtry (standing, fourth from left), and Prof. Elana Winslow (standing, fourth from right).

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Prof. Kewal Krishnan (left) with Prof. Mamta Vyas of Essex County College.



Prof. Kewal Krishnan (left) with Prof. Gabriela Sprague of Brookdale Community College.



Kate Bellody (left) and Devlyn Courtier presenting at the NJEDge Faculty Showcase at Stevens Institute of Technology in March.



In March, **John DeLooper** attended the Code4Lib conference in Philadelphia, PA. Code4Lib is a volunteer driven organization of technology librarians, archivists, and others who focus on the intersection of coding, libraries, and more. Topics featured at this conference included linked data, institutional repositories, and improving website user experience. Other issues discussed included considerations about emerging standards for storing, retrieving, and sharing library data, along with methods for creating more equitable access to library resources.

On March 23, **Kate Bellody** and **Devlyn Courtier** presented a poster at the NJEDge Faculty Showcase at Stevens Institute of Technology. The poster, "Gaming in an Academic Library: Using Technology to Support Student Services", detailed the process of developing the Library's first video game tournament and how it aligns with the Library's goals for programming and outreach.

Professor **Kewal Krishnan** attended the Mathematics Association of Two-Year College of New Jersey Spring Meeting at Brookdale Community College on April 9.

The Italian Educational and Cultural Center for the Arts at Casa Colombo in Jersey City, New Jersey is pleased to announce an exhibition titled *La Storia* featuring work by the artists **Michelle Vitale**, **Laurie Riccadonna** and **Jen Mazza**. The exhibition opened on March 22, 2016 and runs through May 5.

Elsa Morante's seminal novel of Italian women and children's experience and struggles during the Second World War, *La Storia*, provides both the theme and the title of the exhibition. Like *Morante*, each of the artists in the exhibition is concerned with the "dailyness" of living and the ways in which seeming banal experiences come together over time to create meaning and even define a life. In all of the works selected, the artists' reveal their interest in the ways pattern and repetition accumulate to create broader, more profound meaning. Each too is concerned with the variety of women's experience, choosing subjects or materials that are frequently casually and patronizingly defined as women's interest.

"Floral Galore," **Laurie Riccadonna's** exhibit of "garden-themed" art, opened on May 1 and will be available through July 24 at the Van Vleck House, 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair.

JERSEY CITY TROPICAL TRANSFER FAIR IS A SUCCESS

Credit: Antonio Talamo-Advisement & Counseling



Jocelyn Wong-Castellano, Peer Leader; Nicole Lesko, Counselor.

On March 31, the Advisement and Counseling Center hosted the bi-annual Transfer Fair featuring 37 institutions. The Luau Hawaiian themed fair welcomed students with floral leis upon entering and the opportunity to win HCCC t-shirts, car decals, and water bottles from the prize wall. As they visited with various colleges, students and staff were able to kick back and enjoyed a delicious mocktail drink from the Tiki Bar and delicious snacks.



Jada Gore, CASS Counselor; Jamar Johnson, CASS Assistant; Nakiya Santos, Peer Leader.

Our local colleges, including NJCU, Saint Peter's, Montclair State, and Rutgers, showed great representation as they educated our students on the programs offered. Many out-of-state colleges, such as Columbia, New York University, Maryland University, and New Hampshire University were also present. The information being discussed amongst the 146 students present was that of scholarship opportunities, enrollment process, and majors offered by the respective colleges. Overall the event was successful in carrying out the main purpose which was to help students learn



Adrienne Crosby, Campus Operations Specialist, Adjunct Faculty, University of Phoenix.

about the great opportunities offered to them as a graduate of HCCC!

The Transfer Fair would not have been possible without the sponsorship and support of the Office of Student Activities, Advisement and Counseling, and the help from a number of individuals staff members from across campus. Thank you to all who attended! We encourage students and staff who were not able to make it this time to look for our transfer fair next semester.

FDU SCHOLARSHIP GALA



Dr. Joseph Tormey (left), Director of the International School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Fairleigh Dickinson University with Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Barbara Friedman at the scholarship gala held at The Mansion at the University's Florham campus in Madison.

The theme of the event was "Salute to the Gilded Age."

Several former HCCC students who have transferred to the bachelor's degree program volunteered at the event.

BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING CLUB TRIP




On Thursday, April 7, the Business and Accounting Club visited the New Jersey City University business school at the Harbor-side Financial Center in Jersey City. There was a large turnout: 35 students and Professors Marc Mittleman, Royal Ross, and Lester McRae.

The group was welcomed by Dean McSherry of NJCU, and the students were given a presentation and tour of the facilities. Many of them came away more informed about what NJCU has to offer and impressed with the business oriented environment.

HCCC FOUNDATION HOLDS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HOBOKEN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Pictured from left: Freeholder Anthony Romano, Tim Calligy, Marelyn Rivera, Joseph Sansone, Eileen Carvalho, Robin Piccapietra, Maureen Hulings, Mirta Sanchez, Christine Bridgell (Committee Vice Chair), Vin Addeo, Michele Corvino, Britney Montgomery, Christiane Hoffman (Committee Vice Chair), Susan Costomiris. Present at meeting but missing from picture: Joseph Napolitano, Sr., Joseph Napolitano, Sr. and Maureen Hulings



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

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
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May 2016

Terms: Summer and Fall 2016

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2 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	3 Journal Sq. <u>9:00 AM & 1:00 PM</u> NHC 9:00 AM	4 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	5 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	6 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	10 NHC 9:00 AM	11 	12 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM 5:00 PM w/appt.	13 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
16 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	17 Journal Sq. <u>9:00 AM & 1:00 PM</u> NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	18 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	19 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	20 College Closed
23 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	24 Journal Sq. <u>9:00 AM & 1:00 PM</u> NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	25 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	26 	27 College Closed
30 College Closed	31 Journal Sq. <u>9:00 AM & 1:00 PM</u> NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City		

College Placement Test

- *Approximately 2-3 hours
1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
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 4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes
 The WPT is required when Eng 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language placement test

- *Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours
1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
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SPRING/SUMMER 2016 CLEP



CLEP

Session I: 9:00 a.m.

Session II: 1:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$20 per test

CLEP Fee: \$80 per test

May

Tuesday, May 10

Thursday, May 26

June

Tuesday, June 7

Wednesday, June 15

Research your Institution's CLEP/Prior Learning Assessment Policy:

HCCC students may be awarded up to 30 credits toward a degree and 15 credits toward a certificate for the prior education experience in several ways: Transfer Credit, CLEP, Advanced Placement, NYU Foreign Language Proficiency Tests, Work/Life Portfolio Assessment, Military courses, and Credit by Examination. The College does not guarantee the transferability to other institutions of credit earned in these ways.

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4. Reschedule appointment at least two business days in advance to avoid \$20 Rescheduling fee. Testing Center is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Study Resources:

- Students can view reference copy of CLEP guide at the HCCC Libraries.
- Visiting students can purchase study guides through CLEP's My Account portal.

STEM NEWS



The STEM Division celebrated Pi Day on March 14. The value of pi is approximately 3.14159.

STEM Faculty Member **Dr. Azhar Mahmood** represented HCCC's STEM division at the Major Exploration Fair held at the North Hudson Campus.

STEM Showcase at Liberty Science Center

Dr. Azhar Mahmood (STEM Instructor) and **Dr. Mojdeh Tabatabaie** served as judges at STEM Showcase held at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey with the participation of approximately 300 local students (grades 5 through 12). The next phase will be the presentations of projects by the gold medal recipients during a round of "super judging" where two finalists will be selected to represent the Jersey City Medical Center/Barnabas Health STEM Showcase at the prestigious Intel International Science and Engineering Fair this spring in Phoenix. Younger finalists will also be chosen to advance to the Broadcom Masters competition in Washington, D.C.

STEM Students Selected for DUESS Summer Fellowships

Two STEM students at HCCC - **Ann-Marie Walker** and **Alexander Cid** - have been offered DUESS Summer Fellowships at Rutgers University - Newark through the Bridges to Baccalaureate (B2B) program coordinated by Dr. Ferdinand Rock.

Each award carries a stipend of \$4,000 and free housing at the University. The students will pursue research projects in Near Surface Geophysics, Urban Geochemistry, or Urban Biodiversity.

Only 12 awards were made from 130 applications. Congratulations to Ann-Marie and Alexander!

Student of the Month

Kendall Carter, biology major at HCCC, was the recipient of "BIO 115 (Principles of Biology I) Student of the Month" award. This award has been instituted for a few years by **Dr. V. B. Joasil**, biology instructor, in an effort to encourage hard working students in some of his courses. The selection is based on many criteria (punctuality, academics, among others). When asked about the meaning of this award "It means a lot to me; it means that my hard work and dedication are appreciated" Kendall replied sans hesitation. She added that the challenge at HCCC has played



Student of the Month Kendall Carter

an important role in her personal and academic growth (time management, assertiveness, preparedness for class, etc...). Kendall Carter's dream is to become a surgeon.

STEM Summer Internship

Through the effort of Dr. Nadia Hedhli, Environmental Studies Coordinator, two of HCCC's environmental studies major students are poised to experience a summer internship at the New Jersey City University (NJCU) Geoscience Department. **Loraine Mendez** and **Christina Rodriguez** will spend the summer of 2016 working on ocean acidification under the mentorship of Dr. Deborah Freile and Dr. Hun Bok Jung. The students will study calcareous algae from the tropics, heavy metal concentration in sediment, soil, plants and crabs in several Bahamian islands, sediment quality of urban rivers (Passaic and Hackensack), and coastal groundwater discharge to the ocean.

The internship is funded by the B2B program. Special thanks to Dr. Nurdan Aydin, Professor and Chairperson of NJCU Geoscience and Geography Department, for her cooperation in this effort.

Pi Day

On Monday, March 14, the STEM Division sponsored a Pi Day celebration on the first floor of the Library Building. Students brought computer software running all digits in pi (π). Ifts and slices of pizza were distributed to students. Some of the participants played chess and other games.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 2

Law Day Conference, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Theme: Miranda Rights

3D Printing, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue. Learn about 3D printing and begin creating objects using our Makerbot 3D printer.

Honors Council Meeting, 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room L318

HCCC Student Excellence Awards Ceremony (by invitation), 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Join us for an evening of celebrating the accomplishment of our HCCC students at our annual recognition ceremony.

Tuesday, May 3

All Honors Meetup, 12 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room L318

Spring Super Smash Bros. Tournament, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue. Sixteen bracket match, single elimination. Limited to 32 participants. Registration is required to compete. You may only compete in one tournament at one campus. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Register and read the complete details at: <http://hccclibrarysmashbrosmain16.eventbrite.com>.

Interviewing workshop, 5 p.m., Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Wednesday, May 4

Bagel Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Center, Student Lounge

Job Searching workshop, 12 p.m. North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Spring Super Smash Bros. Tournament, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Sixteen bracket match, single elimination. Limited to 32 participants. Registration is required to compete. You may only compete in one tournament at one campus. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Register and read the complete details at: <http://hccclibrarysmashbrosmain16.eventbrite.com>.

Resume Writing workshop, 3 p.m. Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Keys to Professionalism workshop, 5 p.m. North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Thursday, May 5

#TruckinThursday, outside of 81 Sip Ave., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All College Council Luncheon for committee members, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, 12 p.m.

Decorate Your Graduation Cap, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace, and North Hudson Campus. Let your personality shine

at Commencement! Decorate your graduation cap using the 3D printer and arts and crafts supplies. Bring your graduation cap to decorate or design creative pieces to attach later.

Honors Student Paper Presentations, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Honors Poster/Project Showcase, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Resume Writing workshop, 3 p.m. Career Development Center (2 Enos Place, Lower Level)

Phi Theta Kappa Day, Trenton

Friday, May 6

Libraries at Journal Square and North Hudson closed

Presentation of ACRL Excellence in Libraries Award, 9:30 a.m., 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

An Afternoon in Bollywood, Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave., 1 p.m. Selections will be performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Clubs in the Park, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park. Come close out the year with a bang! Join other clubs/organizations and student leaders as we celebrate the end of the year with a cookout and more.

Spring Super Smash Bros. Tournament (Main vs. NHC winners), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Winners from each campus will square off in a Main vs. NHC match. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Register and read the complete details at <http://hccclibrarysmashbrosmain16.eventbrite.com>.

Monday, May 9

Graduation Photos, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

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

Opening reception for Unframed: An Exhibition of Visual Arts by HCCC Students, Faculty, and Alumni, 71 Sip Ave., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 – Monday, May 16

Last classes and/or final exams including Off-Campus Centers

Tuesday, May 10 – Sunday, May 15

Exhibit: Unframed: An Exhibition of Visual Arts by HCCC Students, Faculty, and Alumni, 71 Sip Ave., 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

Graduation Photos, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

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

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, 5 p.m.

New member induction for National Society for Leadership and Success, Culinary Conference Center, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

NHC Renaming Event and End-of-Semester Graduation BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Come close out the year with a bang! Join us as we celebrate the end of the year with a cookout and more!

Division of Academic Development and Support Services Graduation Celebration, 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Thursday, May 12

Decorate Your Graduation Cap, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace. Let your personality shine at Commencement! Decorate your graduation cap using the 3D printer and arts and crafts supplies. Bring your graduation cap to decorate or design creative pieces to attach later.

Decorate Your Graduation Cap, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Let your personality shine at Commencement! Decorate your graduation cap using the 3D printer and arts and crafts supplies. Bring your graduation cap to decorate or design creative pieces to attach later.

Information Session, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, May 13

HCCC Theatre Festival, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Saturday, May 14

New York Yankees vs. Chicago White Sox, game time 1:05 p.m., Yankees Stadium, 1 E 161st St., Bronx, NY. Admission for students: \$10.00; Guests: \$25.00. Purchase tickets at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>. Enjoy the game and an all-you-can-eat buffet all the way through the seventh inning.

Monday, May 16 – Thursday, June 9

Exhibit: Unframed: An Exhibition of Visual Arts by HCCC Students, Faculty, and Alumni, 71 Sip Ave., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday through Thursday, except for May 30)

Monday, May 16

Graduation BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park. HCCC graduates are invited to come out and enjoy a final cookout before graduation.

Honors Council Meeting, 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room L318

Tuesday, May 17

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Commencement Formal, Liberty House, 76 Audrey Zapp Drive, Liberty State Park, Jersey City, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission for students: \$10.00, Guests: \$15.00. Purchase tickets at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>. Celebrate the closing of another school year at our annual graduation formal. Enjoy an evening of music, food, fun, and so much more.

Wednesday, May 18

Library Book Club, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Selection is Brooks Headley's Fancy Desserts by Brooks Headley.

Grad vs. Faculty Kickball Game, location TBA, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come out and enjoy a game of kickball between our HCCC faculty, staff, and student graduates!

Thursday, May 19

Last day to submit final grades to the Registrar's Office

Commencement, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 23

Summer Session I begins (in-person and online)

Last day to add Online Summer A session courses

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

Last day to add/drop (Summer I)

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – College Closed

Tuesday, May 31

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

READ-A-BOOK MONTH AWARDS



Pictured from left at the Read-a-Book Month award ceremony: Yeury's Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; Alexa Riano, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs; Dr. Nancy Booth, Professor, ESL; Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Cynthia Coulter, Librarian.

On Thursday, April 14, the North Hudson Campus awarded prizes to students who participated in the "March Is Read-a-Book Month" from March 1 to April 13, completed an entry form, and submitted it at the NHC Library. Entry forms were randomly drawn to win prizes ranging from gift cards to movie tickets to books for various reading levels.

#TRUCKINTHURSDAY



On periodic Thursdays each semester, the Office of Student Activities hosts #Truckin-Thursdays, during which local vendors provided students with samples of their delicacies. On April 14, students at Journal Square had the opportunity to enjoy falafel, while students at the North Hudson Campus were treated to Belgian waffles, ice cream, and assorted toppings!

COFFEEHOUSE



On Tuesday, April 19, singer/songwriter Rachel Brown performed as part of the HCCC Coffeehouse series. A recipient of the prestigious ASCAP Foundation Robert Allen Award for Songwriting, as well as the Songwriter's Hall of Fame Abe Olman Award for Excellence in Songwriting, Brown is preparing to release her second EP, *The Band*.

HCCC STUDENTS BAKE UP A STORM



As has become customary, Baking & Pastry students of Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute are at it again! In addition to designing and preparing cakes, cookies, breads, and other delicacies within the kitchen classroom with actual ingredients, they also designed items for display in the lobby at the Culinary Conference Center.

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Oliva Montero, Class of 2010 Associate in Arts, Criminal Justice



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

Funny story, I actually did not choose Hudson County Community College or any other college. My mother not knowing anything about the education system in the United States and lacking the language managed to get to HCCC and registered my brother and me. What can I say, lack of knowledge is not an excuse when you have clear goals.

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

More than one favorite memory, it was a favorite class. Introduction to Criminal Justice taught by Professor James Coviello Esq., transmitted his love and passion for this career in such manner that all of his students perceived it and enjoy every second of the class. I personally learned a lot with him, hence why I took any classes he taught.

How did you become interested in Criminal Justice?

I earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice because I have always looked for ways to help those around me and the fact that I am assertive made it a great match. A criminal justice degree was just the stepping stone for my goal of furthering my education in International Relations. An Associate and two Bachelor degrees later and the goal is still alive.

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

HCCC taught me many educational lessons, but also brought into my life an abundance of people with similar goals that made it much easier to achieve. Having such diverse student body is a great advantage for life lessons, understanding people's background and culture makes you grow as an individual. In the educational aspect, HCCC offers a vast of resources that are valuable to students, one experience that I recall was an internship at the court house, which helped me have a better understanding of the everyday duties that the job entails.

What is a typical work day for you?

I am currently working at the North Hudson Library, therefore a typical day for me involves helping patrons (students, staff/faculty) whether is finding materials aka books, or helping them with specific projects; planning displays for the North Hudson Library and helping with our makerspace events. Sometimes, my duties shift from library related tasks to recommending students scholarships or internships or simply learning about their education goals.

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

I love being involved in the community and I am always looking for events or projects to work with. This year I was able to volunteer for a mentoring power hour through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) and it impacted me so much. On this occasion, we, the mentors were to advise middle school students about career choices, but to be honest I think we learned more about them that they did about us, besides reminding us about passion. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience since those kids are so hungry for success and so appreciative of our time, unlike what many people may think that this is a lost generation. Even though, I did not organize this event, I was honored to partake in it.

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

Though I admire several people and made sure to surround myself with positive and uplifting people, I have to give it up to my mother as being my biggest inspiration even in the workplace because she has worked very hard all her life and made sure that her children were raised to be educated adults with values. Her work ethic is beyond comprehension and she taught me that there is no small job, that anything I commit to do I must do giving it my all, or I should not do it at all.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

NEVER FORGET YOUR VALUES! Be passionate about your career/dreams and everything will fall into place. Stay focused. If you know what you want, go for it; and if you do not know what you want, enjoy the ride and do not worry so much about the outcome.

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

It is a great day to start your career. Ask questions; find a mentor and do not let a momentary failure have a permanent repercussion in your life.

HCCC Alumni: Get involved!

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