

HCCC Happenings

A publication of the Communications Department



**TWO STUDENTS, EDUCATOR,
AND PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF
HCCC EARN NATIONAL AWARDS**





INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PTK News.....	13
Jobs	4
HR News	4
Continuing Education Programs	10
Alumni Profile	20

From the Editor's Desk

HCCC Happenings is on the College's website at <http://www.hccc.edu>

Items for the June newsletter are due by Friday, May 10, 2019.

Please send your news items, comments and suggestions to:

Jennifer Christopher, Director Communications Department
162-168 Sip Avenue, 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Phone: 201.360.4061
Fax: 201.653.0607
jchristopher@hccc.edu

PLEASE NOTE:

Digital photos must be high resolution JPG. This means 300 dpi at actual print size.

Images in this issue used for other purposes is strictly prohibited without the express advance consent of the Communications Department. Permission to use these photos may be requested by submitting a detailed summary to communications@hccc.edu.

HCCC ENGLISH PROFESSOR EARNS NATIONAL AWARD FOR DEDICATION TO STUDENT LEARNING

Many current students and alumni of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) look upon the College as an institution that changes lives in positive and long-lasting ways. These changes take place because of the dedication of the faculty and staff.

On Sunday, April 14, 2019, HCCC English/Literature Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English Catherine (Katie) Sweeting was one of just 22 community college professors in the United States to receive the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition. The award was presented at the 99th AACC Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Criteria for the award include demonstrating a passion for the students and the classroom; showing a willingness to support students; participation on college committees; and going above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors. HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said Professor Sweeting more than met all of the criteria.

"Professor Sweeting's receipt of this award brings pride to our entire HCCC community and exemplifies the life-changing impact of our extraor-



dinary faculty – day in and day out – that opens a world of opportunity for our diverse, motivated and exceedingly talented and grateful students," Dr. Reber said.

Professor Sweeting holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Northridge, and a Master of Arts degree from Queens College. Prior to becoming a tenured professor at Hudson County Community College, she served as an adjunct professor at Middlesex County College and Saint Peter's College.

"Everyone at Hudson County Community College joins me in congratulating Professor Sweeting, and thanking her for her extraordinary work on behalf of our students," Dr. Reber said.

On the cover: Clockwise from top left: Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Chris Reber with Assistant Professor of English Catherine Sweeting at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) convention; HCCC President Emeritus Dr. Glen Gabert (second from right) receiving the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award at Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention; Beta Alpha Phi President Abderahim Salhi (center) honored at both the PTK and AACC conventions; a delegation of HCCC administrators and students at the PTK convention; Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition award recipients and their college presidents at the AACC convention; HCCC attendees at the PTK convention; and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber presenting the PTK Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship to Sarra Hayoune.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO LAUNCH WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WITH THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that it will be sponsoring a Workforce Leadership Academy, a program designed to develop a local network of workforce development leaders to collaborate on solutions to common challenges. The Academy will be run in partnership with The Aspen Institute and was approved by the HCCC Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, April 16.

The Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy is the latest in a series of Aspen Institute-sponsored Academies in the United States and Canada, and the first to be offered in partnership with a community college. The Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy is one of four to be launched this year through the support of JPMorgan Chase, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg



Foundation. Hudson County Community College has received additional funding from the County of Hudson, the LeFrak family, and Mack-Cali.

Academy Fellows will be selected in a competitive application process. The College and its partners encourage senior-level managers from non-profit organizations, business associations, union-based training efforts, public agencies, and community colleges, who have the authority to implement changes, to apply. Applications are available online here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FGYWLT>. The deadline for submissions

Continued on page 14

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S LISA DOUGHERTY SELECTED AS 2019-2020 ASPEN PRESIDENTIAL FELLOW

Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment at Hudson County Community College (HCCC), has been selected by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program to join the 2019-2020 class of the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence. The leadership program is aimed at preparing the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success, both in college and in the labor market.

"Everyone at the College joins me in congratulating Lisa on this honor," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "She utilizes her role here at HCCC to ensure our students have the resources they need to be successful in attaining their academic goals and transforming their lives. Being an Aspen Fellow will increase her knowledge and fortify the strong leadership skills she already possesses."

Ms. Dougherty and the 39 other Aspen Presidential Fellows will embark on a 10-month fellowship beginning in July 2019. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the fellows will work with mentors – current and former community college presidents – who

have achieved exceptional outcomes for students throughout their careers. Fellows will also learn from national experts about ways to harness data to assess student success outcomes, strategies for internal change leadership, and how to create strong external partnerships with K-12 schools, four-year colleges, and employers.

The Aspen Presidential Fellowship responds to a specific and growing need for a new generation of leaders who are well-equipped to meet the challenges of the future. Nationally, nearly 80 percent of community college presidents plan to retire in the next decade. The pathway to replace them has traditionally excluded women and people of color. The incoming class of Aspen Presidential Fellows is 65 percent female and non-binary, 43 percent are people of color, and their institutions vary widely in size and location.

"Evidence shows that substantial improvements in student success are achieved only when presidents have the commitment and skill needed to lead change within their institutions and through partnerships in the community," said Josh Wyner, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program. "These fellows have

been chosen because they embody that commitment and, we believe, will build their skills even further to become transformational presidents."



Ms. Dougherty was selected through a rigorous process that considered her abilities to take strategic risks, lead strong teams and cultivate partnerships, and focus on results-oriented improvements in student success and access.

The Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence is supported by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, College Futures Foundation, Greater Texas Foundation, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, Joyce Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



A delegation of officers from the Model United Nations Club attended the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston in February. Pictured from left are Joseph Caniglia, Model UN Advisor; Aboubacar Diane, Treasurer; Michael Okoye, Secretary; Prisca Agombe, President/Secretary General; Abou Traore, Society Development Officer; Jarell Bryant, Community Service Officer; HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; Chris Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost.

Dr. Eric Friedman (right), Executive Vice President and Provost, presents to Dr. Daniel Julius, Provost and Senior Vice President at New Jersey City University a plaque in appreciation of his efforts and work with HCCC. Dr. Julius will resume teaching full-time after a sabbatical.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DECENNIAL SELF-STUDY UPDATE MAY 2019



Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Middle States Visiting Team Chair, accepts questions from the audience at an Open Forum at the North Hudson Campus on April 2.

- The Middle State Commission of Higher Education conducted its site visit at Hudson County Community College from March 31 to April 3, 2019. The visit began with a welcome dinner for the Middle States Visiting Team on March 31. The event showcased our Culinary Conference Center and the work of our Culinary Arts students. Before the dinner, a networking reception allowed for the team members to meet HCCC students, faculty, and staff members. Members of the Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors also attended.
- The Visiting Team had extensive opportunities to meet with administrators, faculty, staff, students, Trustees, and alumni during their four-

- day visit. Two open forums were conducted for the College community.
- The Visiting Team Chair, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, presented the team's findings to the College community. The team had formulated suggestions and recommendations.
- The Middle States Commission will hold its general meeting on June 3, 2019. At this meeting, the Commission will review our Self-Study, the evidence and the visiting team's findings, and a formal decision will take place after that meeting. At the end of June, the College will receive notice of our official accreditation status.

HCCC HOSTS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY LUNCHEON



Standing: June Barriere. Seated from left: Yvette Ramos and Jacquelyn Delemos.

On Wednesday, April 24, the Office of Human Resources hosted the third annual Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon. The event was held in the Scott Ring Room of the Culinary Conference Center. Administrative Assistants and Secretaries enjoyed a lunch, massages and a gift of appreciation.

NEW HIRES

Deliana Acosta, Counselor

Patrizia Barroero,
Transitional Program Lecturer

Christopher Conzen,
Executive Director, Secaucus Center
(effective 5/17/19)

Nouara Oubraham, Library Associate

Tejal Parekh, EOF Counselor

Paola Valcarcel, Academic Lab Coordinator

Jing Yang, Director of Library Technology

TITLE CHANGES WITH INCUMBENTS

Heather DeVries,
Director of Curriculum to
Assistant Dean, Curriculum and
Academic Assessment

Nicholas Chiaravalloti,
Vice President for Development/
Assistant to the President to Vice President
for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to
the President

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK® DAY



Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, STEM, guides the young guests through a scientific experiment.



Miriam Masias (RN Nursing Program) provides the visitors with a hand cleanser – after which the children's hands are inspected in a darkroom.

Hudson County Community College hosted a Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work® Day (TODAS) on Thursday, April 25. TODAS gives children the opportunity to go to work with a parent or caretaker instead of going to school for one day.

ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



Congratulations to, from left, Lauren Drew, Chair; Angela Tuzzo, Co-Chair; and Jennifer Feliz, Secretary, who were elected as officers of the All College Council Steering Committee on April 24.

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin
Adriana Calixto
Jeff Roberson, Jr.
Estefany Ferreira
Parthkumar Patel

25 Years

Gregory Smith

Five Years

Robert Kahn
Lilisa Williams

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Faculty-Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
Administrative Assistant - Secaucus Center
Associate Director of Academic Advisement and Transfer Services
Associate Director of Counseling and Wellness
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer, English
College Lecturer (Radiography)
Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)
Coordinator, Workforce Academy (PT)
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Executive Director of Institutional Research
Head Tutor - Math, Science, & Business
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Instructional Designer
Instructor, Academic Foundations Math
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
Instructor, Computer Science
Instructor, English (3 Positions)
Instructor, Mathematics
Librarian (FT)
Librarian (PT)
Patient Access Representative Technician Instructor (PT)
Perkins Grant Coordinator
PC Technician (PT - 2 Positions)
PC Technician
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Student Success Coach - Secaucus Center
Vice President for Advancement and Communication

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

**Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

HCCC DISCUSSES EXPANSION OF EARLY COLLEGE WITH WEST NEW YORK EDUCATORS



Pictured from left: Dr. Burl Yearwood, Associate Dean of STEM; Stacy Olivero, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Clara Brito Herrera, Superintendent of Schools; Jorge Acosta, Administrative Supervisor of Educational Program; Francisco Barquin, Science Supervisor; and Scott Wohlrab, Principal, Memorial High School.

On Wednesday, April 10, representatives from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and West New York Public Schools met to discuss expanding Early College programs at Memorial High School. Memorial juniors and seniors are already taking HCCC courses ranging from Acting to Calculus, and soon all Memorial students will have access to Early College at HCCC. The expansion will include the ability to earn the first 15 credits of any associate degree, Career and Technical Education certificates in the Culinary Arts, Fine Arts, STEM, and Education disciplines, and complete associate degrees with pathways to

immediate employment and seamless transfer to four-year partners.

All West New York schools have been designated Future Ready Schools by NJIT and NJDOE, and the innovative programs already in place to fit well with existing and emerging HCCC curricula. HCCC administrators learned about industrial arts students at Memorial designing sustainable structures, robotic hands, and solar vehicles. Full certificate and degree programs are expected to come online in 2020.

HUMAN SERVICES CLUB



On Tuesday, April 9, members of Hudson County Community College's Human Services Club took a private tour of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Anthony Dovi, Associate Director of Admissions, hosted the group to lunch and a meeting with the Convener of the Bachelor of Social Work program.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Pictured from left: Mei Xie, John DeLooper, Lotta Sanchez and Devlyn Courtier.

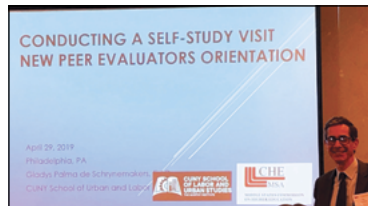
A letter by **Cathie Seidman**, Professor/Coordinator, Criminal Justice, was published by *The Star-Ledger* on Saturday, April 6. Seidman wrote the letter, "Judge's Penalty a Slap to Rape Victims," in response to a three-month suspension recommended by the Supreme Court of New Jersey's Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct in a case involving four alleged ethical violations.

Computers in Libraries 2019

Three of HCCC Library staff members along with the former Director of Library Technology headed to Arlington, VA for the annual Computers in Libraries conference held March 26-28. **Mei Xie**, Technical Services Librarian; **Devlyn Courtier** and **Lotta Sanchez**, Library Technology Associates; and **John DeLooper**, who is now Web Services – Online Learning Librarian at Lehman College, presented on HCCC Library's experience with ILS (Integrated Library System) migrations. The team explained the history of ILS and how they were implemented to improve library services. There are many different types of ILS serving different library needs; about 800 libraries change ILS every year. The team recounted HCCC's story of migration from the pre-

vious ILS, Sirsi, to Koha, which was a two-year project of research, financial budgeting, data transfers, and staff training. Sirsi was a proprietary ILS, and the software was installed only into clerical desks and other computers that needed it. Koha, on the other hand, was open source and cloud based; it could be accessed from not only the library clerical desks but from office computers and mobile devices. With the switch to Koha, HCCC joins many other libraries and companies using open source software for its versatility and customization.

Courtier, DeLooper, and Sanchez also did a short presentation about HCCC Library's electronic circulation and how other libraries can start circulating their own based on patron needs. As part of this, they presented statistics from 2017 and 2018 showing which equipment was the most circulated. Audio headphones and smartphone chargers topped the list of most circulated items across both campuses. This illustrates the needs of today's students to be connected to media and the digital world at all times.



Dr. Eric Friedman attended orientation for self-study evaluators at Middle States.

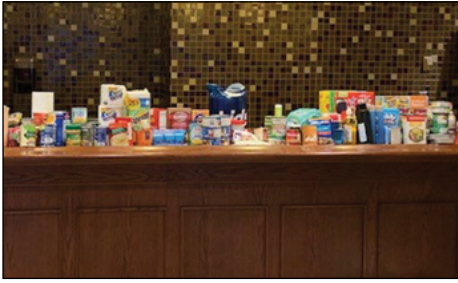


Pictured from left: Daniel Andre, Dayneesa McMillan, Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, and Joseph Caniglia at the National Alliance for Partnerships and Equity National Summit for Educational Equity.

Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, attended "Conducting a Self-Study Visit: New Peer Evaluators Orientation" training by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, **Dayneesa McMillan**, **Joseph Caniglia**, and **Daniel Andre** attended the National Alliance for Partnerships and Equity conference in Arlington Virginia. The conference focuses on building educators' capacity to implement effective solutions for increasing student access, educational equity and workforce diversity.

ENROLLMENT NEWS



The Student Affairs team donated over 400 items and \$360 in cash to the new Food Pantries.



This puzzle team would not give up until the 1,000-piece Movie puzzle was complete!



"Hudscar" winners, recognized by our students for providing outstanding service in the Division's new Student Experience Surveys.

STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWS

The Student Affairs Division held its annual Spring Training Day on Wednesday, March 20. The theme for the day was "Lights, Camera, ACTION!" The agenda was packed with movie-theme topics including a "Behind the Scenes" look at the Multiple Measures pilot, a look at our future "Sets" in the new Student Center and Academic Tower, a "Sequel" to our fall training day, which included updates and progress on initiatives, and an opportunity for teams to "Write the Script" with their ideas for new ideas and initiatives, including the development of a Student Affairs Mission Statement. It wasn't all work, though! "Hudscars" were awarded to colleagues who were recognized in our new Student Experience Surveys. As a team building exercise, the team worked on a 1,000-piece movie jigsaw puzzle. Even though the training was over by 4:30 p.m., a small group of determined



The entire Student Affairs Division – Lights, Camera, ACTION!

colleagues stayed until almost 7 p.m. to complete the puzzle. The future is bright and full of ACTION for the Student Affairs Division!

Darlery Franco, Assistant Dean of Testing/Assessment, has been selected to participate in

the 2019 NASPA Certificate Program in Student Affairs Law and Policy. This 23-hour, intensive residential program provides an opportunity for in-depth study to enhance student affairs professionals' knowledge and understanding of law and policy.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

Continuing with our Financial Literacy series on March 6, Ed Gonzalez from Sallie Mae spoke about Budgeting and Money Management with students. They learned how to create a budget, its benefits and how to use student loan money wisely. The last financial literacy event for the spring semester held on April 3 was about "Student Loans: Borrowing and Repayment" with guest speaker Dorothy Gilliard from HESAA. In this session, students learned about all types of federal as well as alternative educational loans and the various repayment options available. Both events well attended. If anyone has ideas for a financial literacy event, please email Christine Petersen at cpetersen@hccc.edu. Look for information on our fall financial literacy series on the MyHudson portal in the summer.

FAFSA completion workshops continued in March and concluded on April 10 in an effort to encourage current students to meet the state deadline of April 15 to file their 2019-2020 FAFSA's. Free food and free FAFSA was the theme and all were well attended. Look for more workshops on the MyHudson portal beginning in July.



Christine Petersen, Associate Director (left) presents Sylvia Mendoza, Associate Dean, with the NJASFAA William G. Murphy President's Award.

Christine Petersen, current President of NJASFAA (New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators) passed the gavel to new incoming president Mike Livio, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Princeton Theological Seminary at the 51st annual conference in Atlantic City, March 13-15, 2019. NJASFAA serves to promote the effective administration of student financial aid in New Jersey. At the President's reception on March 13 with the theme to come dressed in your best Black and White attire, Ms. Petersen



Christine Petersen (left), President of NJASFAA (New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators), passed the gavel to her successor, Mike Livio, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Princeton Theological Seminary.

presented Sylvia Mendoza, Associate Dean of Hudson County Community College with the William G. Murphy President's award for her outstanding contributions to the President and NJASFAA. It was a fantastic night of food, fun and networking. 171 NJASFAA members attended this great event. Ms. Petersen concludes her presidency on May 31, 2019. NJASFAA is dedicated to providing education and training to financial aid administrators and assisting students and families to obtain access to higher education.



Dorothy Gilliard of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) delivers a presentation on student loans during a "Real Money" workshop on April 3.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at:

www.hccc.edu/testschedule.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS



On Friday, March 15, the Office of Student Activities held its Women's Empowerment Dinner in honor of Women's History Month. Through games, laughter and heart-to-heart conversations, students, faculty and staff were able to come together to uplift one another and create a safe space for those to share their story.



On Sunday, April 7, OSA teamed up with Peer Leader Jeremy Purcell for an off-campus Hiking Trip to Hacklebarney State Park in Long Valley, NJ. Students were able to enjoy the beautiful view of nature.



During spring break, the Office of Student Activities held a community service event with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that helps surrounding communities worldwide to build and improve homes for those in need. The volunteers were able to help with the repairs in a home in Jersey City that had been affected by Hurricane Sandy. Student volunteers with OSA Programming Assistant Kyara Martin



On March 22, the Office of Student Activities had one of its off-campus bus trips to Medieval Times.



OSA Programming Assistant Kyara Martin (left) with the students roasting marshmallows.



Peer Leaders Najee Wehner (left) and Joseph Arce (right) helping with the repairs.



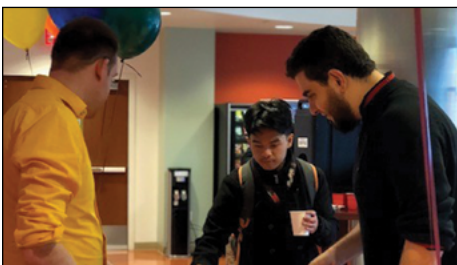
The Office of Student Activities kicked off HCCC Pride Month with delicious breakfast and giveaways on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.



On Tuesday, April 9, the Office of Student Activities hosted Mind Reader Robert Channing, "The Mentalist" at the North Hudson Campus.



The Inter Club Council (pictured with the Assistant Dean of Student Life and Leadership) had its annual meeting, where the Jersey City Office of Sustainability visited HCCC to discuss citywide initiatives and how our student leaders can help. (Photo courtesy of The Photography Club)



Warren Rigby (Student Government Association Vice President of the North Hudson Campus) serves breakfast to students.



On Thursday, April 11, the Office of Student Activities kicked off its their first #TruckinThursday event this semester with Incrediballs at Journal Square Campus and Zoelily Empanadas at North Hudson Campus.



On Friday, April 12, students, faculty and staff were able to pick up their shirts from the Office of Student Activities (OSA) and participated in the Day of Silence to support LGBTQIA individuals who are bullied across the country. Students and staff supported this cause by wearing this shirt and taking a vow of silence -- standing up against the hate and silencing the bullies.



The Office of Student Activities hosted an off-campus trip to Gravity Vault Indoor Rock Climbing Gym in Hoboken on Friday, April 5.



Dr. Nancy Booth (second from left) and her students enjoying delicious empanadas.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media such as prints, drawings, 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.



This image of Foundation Art Collection donors Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull was made at their home in Secaucus using a pinhole camera. In order to credit the artist, we are looking for the name of the photographer who made the image. Please contact the Foundation Art Collection at (201) 360-4007 with any information. We will be most grateful to hear from you.

ARTIST NEWS

Works by artists **Emma Amos** and **Miriam Schapiro** are on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library, and on the second floor of the Joseph A. Cundari Center in Journal Square. These artists' works are also featured in a new exhibit at New York's Whitney Museum called "Spilling Over: Painting Color in the 1960s" through the end of August. The title of the exhibition, "Spilling Over," comes from a statement by artist Bob Thompson, whose work is also at the Whitney, "I paint many paintings that tell me slowly that I have something inside of me that is just bursting, twisting, sticking, spilling over to get out. Out into souls and mouths and eyes that have never seen before. The Monsters are present now on my canvas as in my dreams."

If you like the work by **Christo** on the first floor corridor of 2 Enos Place, you might want to start planning your Spring 2020 Paris trip right now. Christo will be wrapping the Arc de Triomphe. Built in the early 19th century, the Arc de Triomphe honors those who fought for France, and is perhaps the most famous architectural structure of its kind. Christo's Paris work will be called *L'Arc de Triomphe Wrapped (Project for Paris, Place de l'Etoile-Charles de Gaulle)*. He will wrap the arch with silvery blue polypropylene fabric and 7,000 meters of red rope in a project he first con-



Congratulations to the student winners of this year's Foundation Art Collection purchase awards: **Lemmuel Escalona** for *The Elemental Echo*, an archival digital print (24" x 30") and **Susanah Outar** for *Shade*, an acrylic painting (24" x 18"). We look forward to framing and installing these works later this year. Also, congratulations to this year's student winners of the Foundation Art Collection art supplies awards: **Lindy Pagan**, **Mahinour Abdou**, **David C. Rodriguez**, and **Tien Huynh**.

ceived in 1962, near the time he made the work in our collection. The Paris work will be on view April 6-19, 2020. Christo is famous for wrapping huge objects. It's a living.

Christopher Hartshorne, whose woodcut, *Mountain Peak*, is in the fifth floor Follett Lounge at the Culinary Conference Center, will be exhibiting new woodcuts in an exhibition called "Intergrams" at the Goodyear Gallery at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, through May 20.

Ben Jones will be showing his work in an exhibition called "Extinction Notice" through May 30 at the African American Art & Culture Complex in San Francisco. The exhibit is a "call to action, signaling the need to strive to create a world of justice and peace for ourselves and the generations that follow." Jones says, "I want to lift people up, give them a sense of empowerment and redemption." Closer to home, you can see Ben Jones' work on the third floor of the STEM Building.

Valeri Larko, whose work is on display on the fourth floor of the STEM Building in an exhibit about the Urban Landscape, will be showing her work at WallWorks NY in the Bronx from May 18 to June 19, 2019. For more information go to www.wallworksny.com.

If you like the work of **Agnes Martin**, you might enjoy this short film made about her and her work. She says about her paintings, "From music, people accept pure emotion, but from art, they demand explanation. Well, these things are pure emotion." <https://youtu.be/902YXjchQsk>

Congratulations to HCCC Art Professor **Chris Schade**, who will be exhibiting his painting called *Apartment at the Painting Center* in an exhibit called "Green, The Impossible Color" through May 19. The Painting Center is located at 547 West 27th Street in New York City.

New Jersey native **Joan Snyder**, whose work is installed in the student lounge area on the first floor of the Joseph Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Avenue, and in the fourth floor Academic Affairs reception area at 70 Sip Avenue, will be exhibiting her early work through June 8 at Franklin Parrasch Gallery, 53 East 64th Street in Manhattan. At the time she was making only these works, during the second wave of the Women's Movement, in 1971, Snyder said, "Women are emerging from history because history needs them to show the way to peace and the way to another kind of strength and reflection."

Nancy Spero, whose work *Maypole-War* is on exhibit on the fifth floor of the Gabert Library, was recently featured in a Museum of Modern Art short film about her work, published in conjunction with her posthumous retrospective exhibit *Nancy Spero: Paper Mirror* through June 23. If you're interested in the women's movement and women in art, you might find this interesting. https://youtu.be/Ux3e_gWK5W8

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4009. For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection>.

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents



JERSEY CITY WRITERS POETRY WORKSHOPS



JC Writers leads a poetry boot camp, "It Doesn't Have to Rhyme," on Sunday, April 7.



Writers, Mark Skizydcake (left) and Augie Catarella, participate in the JC Writers Residency: Second Annual Jersey City Poetry Festival: Poetry Reading on Thursday, April 25.



For the Spring 2019 semester, Jersey City Writers, a community group of over 1,200 writers, led a prose and poetry writing residency at Hudson County Community College. JCW offered a writing bootcamp open to HCCC students and staff, as well as local writers. Participating writers also had the opportunity to read their work at the DOCA Rooftop Reading Series.

ROOFTOP READING



Michelle Vitale (left), Director of Cultural Affairs, with Jersey City Writers leaders and featured performers.



Dr. Shannonine Caruana, Assistant Professor of ESL, discusses the legacy of Prof. Johanna van Gendt and the establishment of a scholarship.

On Thursday, April 4, the Department of Cultural Affairs hosted with JC Writers a Rooftop Reading Open Mic. Featured performers were Jeb Borkowski, Herbert Plummer, Anisa Rahim, and Carmen Vega.

The event also served as a tribute to Johanna van Gendt, HCCC Instructor of ESL, who passed in May 2017. A scholarship is being established in her honor.

RECEPTION FOR 'URBAN CROSSROADS' AND 'TEACHERS AS ARTIST'

"Teacher as Artist" Miguel Cardenas (right) discusses his artwork in the Gabert Library with reception guests. Cardenas' art will be on display in both College Libraries through the end of June.



On Thursday, April 18, the Department of Cultural Affairs held a joint reception to mark the closing of the "Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure" exhibition and the opening of the newest "Teacher as Artist," Miguel Cardenas.

"Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure" was the result of a comprehensive four-month study aimed at changing the landscape through collaboration, networking, and community activism. Collaborators included New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Architecture and Design, Rutgers University's Master of Landscape Architecture, Jersey City Art Council's Architecture and Design Committee, and the newly formed Bergen Arches Preservation in partnership with Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy and Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance.

The Department of Cultural Affairs supports local artists through a variety of solo exhibitions throughout the College campus through the "Teacher as Artist" exhibition program. Jersey City-born pop artist Miguel Cardenas worked as an architect for a number of years. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Pratt Institute and a master's degree in Advanced Architectural Design and Theory from Columbia University. He currently practices as a freelance architectural designer and works full-time with autistic students at Dickinson High School's Special Education Department.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Resources to Grow Your Business

On Tuesday, April 9, Lori Margolin, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, participated in a panel discussion of "Resources to Grow Your Business." This event was sponsored by the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation and held at the North Bergen Public Library.



Lori Margolin (second from right), Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, with fellow panelists on "Resources to Grow Your Business." North Bergen Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco is pictured third from left.

Girls in Technology Symposium

The next generation of girls who pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are expected to be a driving force in sparking innovation. Although women compose only 25 percent of the nation's workforce in these fields, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is working to support more women who are interested in STEM education and careers.

CEWD hosted its Sixth Annual "Girls in Technology" Symposium on Thursday, March 28 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center. The event included breakfast and lunch, as well as a panel discussion, demonstrations, presentations, and hands-on activities. About 200 students from the following schools attended: Bayonne, Hoboken, High Tech, Kearny and North Bergen High Schools; Memorial High School in West New York; Dickinson, Liberty and Snyder High Schools, James F. Murray School (P.S. 38), and M.E.T.S. Charter School in Jersey City; Miftaahul Uloom Academy, Union City High School Academy for Enrichment and Advancement, and Union City High School; and Passaic Gifted and Talented Academy. Up to 50 school administrators, faculty, educational partners and staff also participated.

The symposium began with a welcoming address by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, followed by remarks from HCCC Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Lori Margolin, who introduced the event's essay contest winner, Lyna Bacha of High Tech High School.

Panelists of a discussion on "A Day in the Life of Women in STEM" included Dr. Natalie Batmian, Director of the Office for the Promotion of Women in STEM at Rutgers University; D'Jvonne David, President of Dynamic Digital Air, LLC;

Shelley Goldman, Program Director, D2.0 Architecture Governance, AT&T; Allie Surina, Marketing Data Scientist at Priceline; and Sophie Wakita, Manager of the Tech & Design Studio at Liberty Science Center. Zakia Hmamou, Instructional Technologist for the HCCC Center for Online Learning, moderated.

Breakout sessions and activities included a Straw Buoyancy Challenge (Zaniac Jersey City); Finding Your Tech Secret Identity (Allie Surina); Food Technology, Recycling & Conductors (HCCC STEM Division); EDU Competition (New Jersey City University Ed-Tech Doctors); Eastern Millwork and IBEW Joint Apprentice Training Center Presentation.

Emily Schroeder, Gabriella D'Antonio, Kaylee Oliveri and Gabriellis Delvalle of Hoboken High School won the student display contest for their display on sunscreen technology.

The Sixth Annual "Girls in Technology" Symposium was sponsored by DiCara Rubino Architects, Eastern Millwork, Inc., Harborside Sport and Spine, IUOE Local 825, Liberty Savings, MAST Construction Services, Inc., NK Architects, and SILVERMAN.



Essay Winner and Opening Speaker, Lyna Bacha of High Tech High School, with Dean Lori Margolin.



A steering committee met on April 11 to discuss further development of a Workforce Leadership Academy in Hudson County, a partnership with The Aspen Institute. Pictured from left: Hugh Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Michelle Richardson, Executive Director, Hudson County Economic Development Corporation; Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director, Jersey City Housing Authority; Sheila Maguire, Senior Fellow, Aspen Institute; Monique Baptiste, VP Program Officer, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Lori Margolin, Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Hudson County Community College; and Sister Roseann Mazzeo, Executive Director, WomenRising. (Editor's note: please see page 2 for more information regarding the Workforce Leadership Academy.)



Sponsors from Liberty Savings Federal Credit Union and Eastern Millwork: Eydie Gryczko, Dean Lori Margolin, Peter Mielach, Regi Mulla, Allie Surina, Karen Velasquez, and Melanie Demio.



Paul Lagana and Vicky Kalogera from IBEW Local 164 JATC, with Dean Lori Margolin.



Women Working in Technology Panel.

STEM SPOTLIGHT



Prof. Raja Javaid discusses bidding at Jersey City City Hall.

Hudson County Community College STEM students presented their science research projects at the NJ STEM Month showcase in the state-house in Trenton on March 25, 2019. The NJ STEM Month is a celebration co-hosted by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey and the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network that highlights the Garden State's incredible accomplishment in science, technology, engineering, math and innovations.



Pictured from left: Andrew Simon (HCCC student), Genina Perez (HCCC student); Dr. Clive Li (HCCC faculty), Sharon Daughtry (HCCC College Lecturer, Business, and Simon's mother); Kim Case (Executive Director of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey); and Abderahim Salhi (HCCC student).



Uniqua Decoteau (right) with Dr. V. B. Joasil

On March 21, Prof. Raja Javaid represented the College in a presentation at Jersey City's City Hall for its Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Javaid's topic was "Estimating and Bidding Process" and it was organized to educate new vendors interested in doing business with Jersey City government.

Dr. Azhar Mahmood, STEM Instructor, also attended the presentation found it very impressive and informative. Although the presentation originally scheduled to run until 1:30 p.m., it was extended to 2:15 p.m. at the insistence of participants. Even then, a long question-and-answer session followed.

The organizer of the event, Mrs. Soraya Hebron, was so impressed that she has asked Prof. Javaid to visit City Hall for additional presentations related to construction and civil work.

A&P Student of the Month

Uniqua Decoteau, a dedicated and highly motivated student in Dr. V. B. Joasil's Spring 2019 Anatomy and Physiology class, received the "Student of the Month" award in Anatomy and Physiology. This prestigious award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves through their academic excellence and discipline.

Although many students aspire for this award, only a distinguished few receive it.

"It is always an honor to present the award to recipients," stated Dr. Joasil, an Assistant Professor of Biology at the College. "It is," he continued, "my way to tell students that I see your effort and to give them a little encouragement on their path to success."

Uniqua, a prospective nursing student, expressed her appreciation saying, "I am humbly honored to be recognized as Student of the Month for such a demanding course like Anatomy and Physiology. It is a tremendous affirmation of the value of diligence and commitment to progress. It is even more so a profound moment of reflection on my long tumultuous road to becoming a self-motivated student. I owe it to a relentlessly thorough professor and my supportive, focused and hard-working classmates who have made this semester successful and equally unforgettable."

"Uniqua's collaborative spirit has been contagious and undoubtedly made facilitation of learning fun and gratifying," stated Dr. Joasil, who wished Uniqua Decoteau the best in her future endeavors.

Hudson Reporter Publishes Environmental Studies Majors' Letters

Four Environmental Studies majors at the College Anthony Ruiz, Jessica Brown-Coleman, Christian Brown, and Krystal Chavarria – had their Earth Day letters published in The Hudson Reporter in April. All four students are enrolled in Environmental Sociology for the spring. The letters may be read at <https://tinyurl.com/yypmvd>

END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATION AND BARBEQUE



On Friday, April 26, Hudson County Community College held an End-of-the-Year Celebration and Barbeque in recognition of the 2018-19 academic year, a successful Middle States Team Visit, and the designation of April as HCCC Month. The outdoor showers did nothing to dampen the festive mood!

HCCC KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT CENTER



Pictured from left: William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair, HCCC Board of Trustees; Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive; Warren Rigby, 2019-2020 Student Government Association President; and Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President.

On Monday, April 29, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held a kickoff celebration for the construction of its Student Center.

The Student Center will be located at 81 Sip Avenue on the HCCC Journal Square Campus in Jersey City. That location is owned by HCCC but has been off-line since the Fall 2017 opening of the College's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building.

The construction work will include complete demo/renovation of the approximately 26,000 square-foot, two-story building which has a mezzanine level and basement. Plans call for the installation of new HVAC systems, sprinklers, elevators, emergency generator, and a direct, indoor connection adjoining the Student Center to the neighboring HCCC Gabert Library. The existing roof will also be replaced.

Work on the building is underway, and the Center is scheduled to open in January 2020.

HCCC ART FACULTY AND STUDENTS ATTEND ROBERT REED DRAWING WORKSHOPS



On Saturday, March 23, Jeremiah Teipen, Associate Professor, Fine Art, and Laurie Riccadonna, Coordinator/Professor of Fine Art, took a group of students into Manhattan to participate in the Robert Reed Drawing Workshops held at Hunter College. (For more information, please visit <http://www.robertreeddrawingworkshops.org>)

Robert Reed was a professor of Painting/Drawing at Yale School of Art. (He was a professor of Riccadonna's, and she was a teaching assistant for



him.) This event commemorated the great influence that he had on his students over his very long career.

Drawing workshops were held both in NYC at Hunter College MFA Studios and at Penn State University. The HCCC students attended morning and afternoon drawing workshops and a lunch panel discussion. Some attended an evening panel discussion at the Whitney Museum of Art. It was an exciting and wonderful day; everyone had a fantastic time.

KARAMO BROWN SPEAKS DURING HCCC LECTURE SERIES



TV personality Karamo Brown (left) makes an appearance at Hudson County Community College during its annual Lecture Series. He is pictured with HCCC Student Activities Programming Assistant Kyara Martin.

Popular talk and lifestyle television host Karamo Brown was the featured speaker at an April 10 session of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Lecture Series. Best known as the culture expert on the Emmy-winning Netflix reboot of *Queer Eye*, Mr. Brown provided a firsthand account of his life and accomplishments.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Team HCCC (criminal justice students and faculty) participants with Richard Walker (standing, second from left), College Lecturer, Criminal Justice, and Anna Krupitskiy (standing, second from right), Vice President for Human Resources.

Criminal Justice expert Kenneth Kolich provided a seminar on April 17 at the Journal Square Campus in the STEM Building Multi-Purpose Room. Kolich's presentation was titled, "Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assaults on College Campuses."

The topic was provided in order to give the audience crucial information on an extremely relevant issue for college campuses. The guest speaker was provided by Jim Sharrock (Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice). The event was organized by Richard Walker (Lecturer, Criminal Justice).

HCCC Criminal Justice students played in a charity basketball game against the North Bergen Police Department on April 25 at the North Bergen Recreation Center. Richard Walker and North Bergen Police Lieutenant Thomas Ferrari organized the event. HCCC won the game 69-66.

The students were assisted by HCCC peers from various academic areas. Several HCCC staff and faculty members were also on hand to play in the game. This event marks the second consecutive game against the NBPD to raise money for the New Jersey Special Olympics.

Richard Walker's CRJ 230 Ethics in Justice students will listen to a classroom presentation provided by two State Parole Officers at the North Hudson Campus on May 7. The parole officers will address various topics including the ethical principles of New Jersey Parole officers; dilemmas facing parole officers; and the primary duties of a New Jersey parole officer. The speakers will also provide an overview of New Jersey Parole as an organization. A question-and-answer session will allow students to make inquiries about employment in the field of parole.



Follow the Criminal Justice Program on Instagram! @CRJHCCC

DEAN'S LIST CELEBRATION



Seven hundred thirty-one students were placed on the Dean's List based on their outstanding academic performance during the Fall 2018 semester. This is an honor that is bestowed upon full-time students who have completed 12 or more college-level credits and achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA and no "F" grades for the semester. The part-time students who earned 12 credits within a calendar year and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher without any "F" grades are also eligible for this honor.

These students were recognized for their hard work and achievement at the Dean's List Celebration Event on April 16, 2019 in the Banquet Room of the Culinary Conference Center. The students who attended the event received a Certificate of Achievement, and light refreshments were served. The Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans, Directors, and other administrators were delighted to mingle with the students and congratulate them on their commendable effort and commitment to achieving their educational goals. We wish them continued success in their studies at Hudson County Community College.

HCCC ANNOUNCES NISOD 2019 DELEGATION



Pictured clockwise from left: Joseph Gallo, Instructor/Coordinator of Theatre & Film; Sharon Daughtry, College Lecturer of Business; Jedediah Palmer, Instructor of ESL; Victoria Marino, Director of Career Services; Joseph Caniglia, Associate Professor of English (Selection Committee Member); and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development (Administrative Chaperone).

Each year, the Hudson County Community College Foundation awards funds for a team of faculty and staff to attend the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. The NISOD International Conference will be held in Austin, Texas from May 25 to May 28th. The annual conference is a comprehensive professional development event that presents a broad range of teaching, learning, and leadership topics. Faculty and staff from institutions of higher education from around the nation gather to share knowledge, learn innovative teaching strategies, and develop excellent leadership and teaching skills. This year, the team from HCCC will include Joseph Gallo, Instructor/Coordinator of Theatre & Film; Sharon Daughtry, College Lecturer of Business; Jedediah Palmer, Instructor of ESL; Victoria Marino, Director of Career Services, and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development.

THERABANDS AND CORE THERAPY SESSION



Lotta Sanchez (right), Library Associate – Technology, receives instruction from a Personal Fitness Training student during a TheraBand session on April 1. TheraBands are portable tools that can be used to strengthen the entire body anytime and anywhere.

SIXTH ANNUAL STAR (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION) LUNCHEON



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) presents the HCCC Foundation Employee Courtesy Service Award to Faiza Fayyaz.



Professor of Culinary Arts Kevin O'Malley (left) is recognized by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for 35 years of service to the College.



Professor of English Harvey Rubinstein (right) is recognized by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for 40 years of service to the College.



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) presents to Denise Rossilli, Assistant Professor – Human Services, a plaque in appreciation for her service as Chair of the All College Council.

On Thursday, April 25, Hudson County Community College held a special awards luncheon to acknowledge employees who have many years of service, and have demonstrated outstanding service to students and fellow employees.

FOUNDATION COURTESY AWARD WINNERS

Faiza Fayyaz, Laboratory Coordinator
Edgardo Rios, Office Service Clerk

5 YEARS

Kenny Fabara, Coordinator, Writing Center
Joseph Gallo, Instructor
Kelly Garay, Senior Lab Assistant
Robert Khan, Instructional Designer, Distance Education
Azhar Mahmood, Instructor
Lester McRae, Instructor
Hardik Sanghavi, Data Network Administrator
Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff

10 YEARS

Salim Bendaoud, Assistant Professor
Cesar Castillo, Safety & Security Coordinator
Monika Chappilliquen, Instructor
Darlery Franco, Assistant Dean, Testing & Assessment
Ara Karakashian, Associate Professor
Evgeniya Kozlenko, Assistant Professor
Kewal Krishan, Assistant Professor
Patrick Moore, Assistant Professor
Lauren O'Gara, Instructor
Angela Pack, Assistant Professor
Maria Schirta, Assistant Professor
Jeremiah Teipen, Associate Professor
Alison Wakefield, Instructor
Susannah Wexler, Instructor

15 YEARS

Robert Gioia, Facilities Worker
Syeda Jesmin, Associate Professor
Hital Patel, Student Financial Assistant Specialist
Ahmed Rakki, Instructor
Laurie Riccadonna Lewis, Professor
Kevin Taylor, Facilities Worker

20 YEARS

Maribel Alvarado-Bikai, Student Financial Assistant Specialist
Liliam Hogan, Manager Purchasing Services
Janine Nunez, Recruiter
Denise Phillips, Instructor
Mirta Sanchez, Assistant to the VP for Planning and Development
David Winner, Instructor
Mei Xie, Librarian

25 YEARS

Flordeliza Foster, Student Financial Assistant Specialist
Hope Guirantes, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Jones-Lewis, Professor
Luis Leon, Facilities Worker
Linda Miller, Associate Professor
Youcef Oubraham, Professor
Chandridat Persaud, Assistant Professor
Gregory Smith, Accounts Payable Officer
Rosie Soy, Associate Professor

30 YEARS

Philip Cafasso, Associate Dean Humanities & Sociology
Sami Khouzam, Professor

35 YEARS

Kevin O'Malley, Professor

40 YEARS

Harvey Rubinstein, Professor

RETIREES

Joseph Colicchio
Ann-Marie Frenche
Rafael Nivar
Mojdeh Tabatabaie

JAVEDD KHAN TRIBUTE



A Tribute to the Life of Professor Javedd Khan was held in the Gabert Library Atrium on Wednesday, April 10. The tribute included presentations by present and former faculty members and students.

If you would like to have a tribute considered for publication in the Fall 2019 *Perennial*, an independent faculty magazine and newsletter, please submit it by Friday, May 24 to Angela Hebert, ahebert@hccc.edu or Michael Ferlise, mferlise@hccc.edu

THEATRE LIGHTING WORKSHOP



Lighting Designer Matt Fick held a two-hour workshop on utilizing the equipment in the new Studio Theatre Classroom (Gabert Library, Room 506) on Friday, April 5.

TOASTMASTERS NEWS



District 83 - Area 72 Toastmasters sends a special thanks to Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and HCCC Toastmasters Club led by President Sharon Daughtry for hosting the International Speech and Speech Evaluation contest on March 21 in the Multipurpose Room, STEM Building located at 263 Academy Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306.

SECURITY TAKES NARCAN TRAINING



On Monday, April 15, members of the Safety & Security Department underwent training in the use of Narcan (Naloxone), a medication which can help reverse an opioid overdose.

The training was organized by Trish Dooley Budsock, Program Manager of RWJMS Division of Addiction Psychiatry at Rutgers University. Each attendee received a certificate at the conclusion of the training.

HCCC TO LAUNCH WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WITH THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Continued from page 2

is May 24, 2019. Interested applicants can learn more about the Academy on an informational webinar to be held Friday, May 3 at 11 a.m. ET. Registration can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2gkdlzn>.

“Hudson County Community College is proud to sponsor the Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy in partnership with The Aspen Institute,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “The Workforce Leadership Academies have a proven record of successfully advancing greater economic opportunities and developing networks of leaders and talent. We are sure the Academy will significantly benefit the people, businesses, and industries in Hudson County.”

The Academy will create and support a peer-learning community of workforce leaders with a one-year educational and networking experience to help them manage challenges in addressing changes in technology, business norms, and policy. These senior-level workforce Fellows will work with leading practitioners from throughout the United States, learn about practical planning tools, and collaborate to reflect on and develop effective strategies to strengthen the local workforce system. Alumni of the Academies become part of the Aspen Institute Economic Fellows Network.

“We look forward to working with Hudson County leaders and observing what they can accomplish over the next year as they work and learn together,” said Sheila Maguire, Senior Fellow at The Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program and director of the local network of Workforce Leadership Academies. “The Academies are a rare opportunity for reflection for these local leaders and will help to build a long-lasting network that can bring more people into quality jobs in the Hudson County community.”

The HCWLA will be led by Sheila Maguire and an Advisory Board that includes: Hugh Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director of the Jersey City Housing Authority; Jeremy Farrell, Senior Director at LeFrak; Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges; Lori Margolin, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at HCCC; Abby Marquand, Workforce Program Officer and Vice President of Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Roseann Mazzeo, S.C., Executive Director of WomenRising; and Michelle Richardson, Executive Director of the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation.

Tell Us Your Story!



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

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

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

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

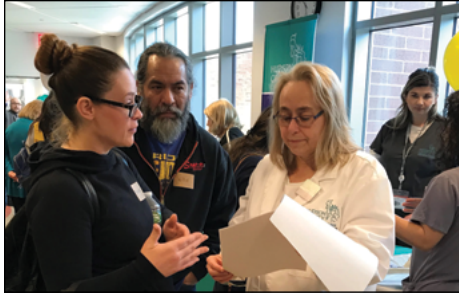
#HCCGRADS2019
#TellUsYourStory

For more information please contact the Communications Department at 201.360.4060 or email at Communications@hccc.edu or visit the website at <http://www.hccc.edu/communications/submit-your-story>

OPEN HOUSE AT NHC



Sharon Daughtry, College Lecturer - Business, greets a prospective student.

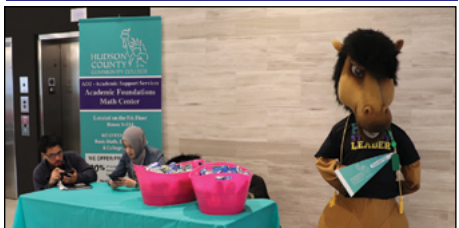


Cheryl Cashell, Director of the Radiography Program, reviews curriculum with an Open House guest.



Prospective students had the opportunity to apply at the Open House and have the application fee waived.

TRANSFER FAIR



On Thursday, April 11, Hudson County Community College invited admissions representatives from four-year colleges and universities to visit the College so that HCCC students could meet with them and plan their academic strategies.

HCCC OPENS NORTH HUDSON ON-CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY



Pictured from left: Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director, North Hudson Campus; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment; HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; Associate Dean of Student Affairs Dr. David Clark.

Hudson Community College (HCCC) opened its first food pantry on the North Hudson Campus in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 9. The pantry, which was renovated and stocked with funding from the HCCC Foundation, will house nonperishable food items for students and members of the College community.

'READ-A-BOOK MONTH' RAFFLE WINNERS SELECTED



For the ninth consecutive year, the North Hudson Library held a reading drive, "March Is Read-a-Book Month." During the drive (March 1 to April 17), any HCCC student or employee was eligible to be entered into a special drawing by reading any book and submitting an entry form at the NHC Library. Pictured are winners from the drawing, held on Thursday, April 18.

SGA TOWN HALL



Diego Villatoro, 2018-19 Director of the Inter-Club Council, presents during a Student Government Association Town Hall on Thursday, April 4.

XAE INDUCTION



On Friday, April 26, HCCC's chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society (Delta Nu) held its spring induction. HCCC Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Lisa Dougherty and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (standing at far right) were inducted as honorary members.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

HCCC STUDENT ABDERAHIM SALHI EARNS TOP PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) students often overcome great odds in pursuing a higher education. Abderahim Salhi is a stellar example of HCCC students' commitment and extraordinary accomplishments. Mr. Salhi was recognized on national stages as he was awarded three major Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society scholarships totaling \$14,750.

Mr. Salhi received two Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society scholarships for academic excellence at the PTK Annual Centennial Celebration in Orlando, Florida last month. He is one of just 20 students to be named to the All-USA Academic Team, for which he was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Members of the All-USA Academic Team are chosen for their outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, and community and campus engagement.

Abderahim Salhi has also been named a 2019 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and received an additional \$2,250 scholarship. Only one New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar is selected from each state.

Mr. Salhi also received the PTK Hites Transfer Scholarship, the Society's largest and most prestigious scholarship with a \$7,500 award, at the American Association of Community Colleges convention April 14-15. While more than 2,800 applications were submitted for that award, only 10 students were selected as recipients.

Last summer, Mr. Salhi was chosen from a pool of 800 students nationally to receive the \$5,000 PTK 2018 Pearson Scholarship for Higher Education. The honor is bestowed on just 10 students in the United States.

Growing up in eastern Algeria Mr. Salhi saw teenagers drop out of school and join gangs. Although he was dedicated to working in his family's business, he realized that what was especially important in life was one's ability to acquire and utilize knowledge. Armed with a desire to pursue a higher education, he emigrated from Algeria to the United States and enrolled at Hudson County Community College.

"It took me almost 16 years until I came to the United States to see my dream come true. Being a new immigrant in the U.S. was not easy, especially with a wife and son," Mr. Salhi said, noting that the couple's baby and his wife's encouragement motivate him to be a role model. The support has been reciprocal as Mr. Salhi's wife, Sarra Hayoune, is also one of just 50 students in the United States to be named a PTK Silver Scholar and a member of the 2019 All-USA Academic Team.

While at HCCC, Mr. Salhi's passion for technology and learning took hold and he credits his membership in PTK and his advisors and professors for assisting him in establishing professional goals and achieving academic success. He worked as a Lab Assistant in the HCCC Division of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as part of the College's work-study program.

In addition to being named to the Dean's List, he was named an America Needs You Fellow last year, and was also awarded a Research & Development Council of New Jersey Merit Scholarship and a Garden State S-STEM Scholarship. Mr. Salhi served as the President of the HCCC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and



the College's Sigma Kappa Alpha English Honor Society. As a PTK member, he was involved in several programs and events to benefit the community. He was also the Vice President of the HCCC STEM Club and Model United Nations Club.

After attaining his degree in Computer Science at HCCC in May, Mr. Salhi will participate as an intern in a summer research project with the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University. That program is funded by the National Science Foundation. He plans to continue his education and pursue a Bachelor's degree and Ph.D. in Computer Science at Columbia University, Princeton University or Yale University.

"We are extremely proud of Abderahim and all he has accomplished," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "Not only is he an exceptional student, but he is also a dedicated and commendable member of the community whose contributions have improved and enriched many lives here in Hudson County and beyond."

HCCC PRESIDENT EMERITUS DR. GLEN GABERT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Emeritus Dr. Glen Gabert has been honored with the 2019 Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award from the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. The award was presented at the PTK Centennial Convention in Orlando, Florida, April 4-6. Dr. Gabert was one of

seven former college presidents to be honored with the award this year.

The Michael Bennett Achievement Awards are presented to retiring two-year college presidents who, during their careers, provided consistent outstanding support to PTK chapters and their advisors. Students provide nominations to PTK based on strong student support, recognition of academic achievement, leadership, and service. In the HCCC students' nomination letter, they noted that Dr. Gabert encouraged PTK members to apply for the All-USA Academic Team, that he participated in PTK events and made a point of speaking with all members. The students also wrote that Dr. Gabert commended PTK members and their activities at College-wide events and that he recognized PTK advisors at Commencement by having them seated with the HCCC Board of Trustees, administrators and guest speakers.

A Chicago native, Dr. Gabert received his Ph.D. from Loyola University where he was a member of the faculty and a Schmitt Fellow. He began

his community college career at Moraine Valley Community College in the Chicago area and went on to serve as a dean at Johnson County Community College in suburban Kansas City, Kansas before coming to HCCC in 1992.

Under Dr. Gabert's leadership, HCCC was transformed from a distressed college into an institution of first choice for the people of Hudson County. During his tenure, enrollments more than tripled, two state-of-the-art campuses were built, and more than 60 degree and certificate programs were put in place. In addition, the HCCC Foundation and Foundation Art Collection were both started during Dr. Gabert's presidency.

While HCCC and Dr. Gabert received many awards during his years as President, Dr. Gabert always noted that he took the greatest pride in the success of the students of Hudson County Community College and that he considers the students his real legacy.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

HCCC STUDENT SARRA HAYOUNE EARNS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMMENDATION

In her time as a Hudson County Community College (HCCC) student, Sarra Hayoune's achievements may be described as astronomical, and that is not only because of her interest and studies in astrophysics.

Ms. Hayoune took her place on the stage at the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Centennial Convention in Orlando, Florida in April as one of just 50 students in the United States to be named a PTK Silver Scholar and a member of the 2019 All-USA Academic Team. She was selected for the honor from more than 2,000 applicants and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

This is not the first honor she has earned since emigrating to the United States from Algeria and becoming an HCCC student. In 2018, she was named a Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. She has also been awarded Research & Development Council of New Jersey 2018 Merit Scholarship and Garden State S-STEM 2017 and 2018 Scholarships.

An Algerian immigrant and first-generation college student who speaks Arabic, French and English, Ms. Hayoune arrived in the United States in 2014. A short while after her arrival her son was born and her husband, Aberdahim Salhi, who is also an HCCC student and the recipient of prestigious PTK scholarships, encouraged her to take ESL classes at the College. She subsequently set her sights on pursuing a degree in Computer Science and began her studies in 2016.

Ms. Hayoune used cosmological simulations to study supermassive black holes and developed a Python program to track and analyze their positions in dwarf galaxies. That project propelled her into a position as an Astrophysics Research intern at the American Museum of Natural History last summer and provided the opportunity to continue her research for the academic year. The unique experience also allowed Ms. Hayoune to present her findings at the Museum, at the 50th Anniversary of the Astronomical Society of New York, the 16th Annual Physical Sciences REU Student Symposium, and at Queensborough Community College where she was selected to participate in a 10-week National Science Foundation (NSF) research project.

Sarra also presented her research at the 10th Annual GS-LSAMP Research Conference in 2018 at Rutgers New Brunswick. At that conference, she was one of 22 presenters to receive the "Outstanding Poster" award. Last month she presented her research at the Scientista Symposium at Harvard University, and she also earned first place in the prepared speech competition at the Middle States Regional Convention.



In addition to devoting time to her family and studies, Ms. Hayoune made the Dean's List throughout 2017 and 2018, has been a 2018 Fellow of America Needs You leadership program, and a participant in the 2017 and 2018 Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. She was a member of the National Tutoring Association and served as the President of the College's STEM Club, and Vice President of the HCCC Chapter of PTK.

"All of the opportunities I have are the result of Hudson County Community College," Ms. Hayoune stated. "The College means a lot to me; my professors and mentors have opened so many doors for me."

Sarra's dedication, persistence, and hard work have paid off. She will be awarded her degree in Computer Science from HCCC in May and will participate in an astrophysics research project at Princeton University this summer. She plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Astrophysics at Columbia University, Princeton University or Rutgers New Brunswick.

"Sarra is one of Hudson County Community College's brightest and most accomplished students," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "We congratulate her on all of her accomplishments and look forward to seeing her continue to achieve great things."

BETA ALPHA PHI SERVICE PROJECTS AT LIBERTY STATE PARK



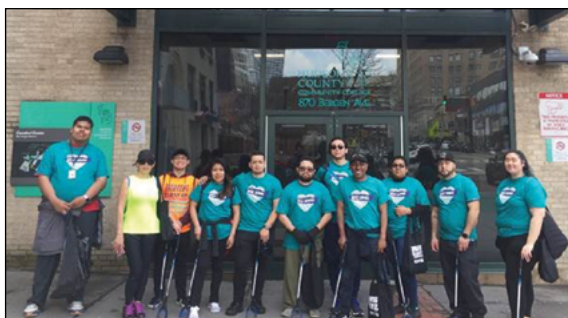
Phi Theta Kappa alumna Donna Good and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the Annual Friends of Liberty State Park Shoreline Cleanup on Saturday, April 13.



Adoum Allamine, alumna Donna Good, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at Earth Day 2019 at Liberty State Park on Saturday, April 27.

HCCC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GREAT JERSEY CITY CLEANUP

On Saturday, April 13, members of Hudson County Community College participated in the 4th Annual Great Jersey City Cleanup. Participating groups included students from the Radiography Program and members, officers, and relatives of Phi Theta Kappa.



CTE ALUMNI PANEL



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Alumni Association and the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division, in partnership with Career Services, presented a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Panel on Thursday, April 25. The panel consisted of CTE alumni who shared their experiences while at HCCC and in the workforce. Several evening instructors brought their classes to the event.

Special thanks to Professor Sharon Daughtry (BCH), Victoria Marino from Career Services, and LaTrenda Ross from the Alumni Association for putting together this collaboration.

SPEAK LIKE YOUR BEST SELF IN BUSINESS

The Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division hosted a CTE event at both the Journal Square and North Hudson campuses on Thursday, April 18. The event was titled "Speak Like Your Best Self in Business" and featured public speaking coach Jezra Kaye. About 40 students attended and participated in the interactive sessions. Each student also received one of her books on public speaking. The event was organized by Prof. Sharon Daughtry.



HCCC ATTENDS SPU DINNER



HCCC students, faculty and administrators attended the April 24 annual dinner of the Saint Peter's University Accounting Society and Business Law Association.

Saint Peters University Accounting Society and Business Law Association had their annual dinner at Chart House in Weehawken on April 24. Representing HCCC were Dean Wahl, Professor Daughtry, Professor McRae and two Accounting students Eman Noufal and Eyerusalem Michal.

While there we met many former students from HCCC who transferred and graduated from St Peter's and are doing well in their careers.

BUSINESS INDUSTRY PANEL

On Wednesday, April 10, the Business, Culinary Arts, & Hospitality Management Division held a business industry panel for its CTE students. The panelists included Jason Warde, a certified public accountant; Joe Amendola from M&T Bank; Lynn Hazan, Founder of the ChicpeaJC blog; and Tom Pedersen, a Principal at WilkinGuttenplan. Each of the panelists shared their stories from their undergraduate education to their current position, and provided words of wisdom for the students.



Don't Miss Hudson County Community College Podcasts

Out of the Box



To listen, visit www.hccc.edu/outofthebox.

Tune in to our monthly podcasts for timely discussions about education, people, programs, events, issues and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County. Each session is hosted by HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber and features special guests and HCCC students.



FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE WINNERS

Hudson County Community College Foundation Employee Scholarship Committee announced the winners of the raffle drawn at the Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, April 11:

- Red Bulls Tickets – Dr. John Marlin and Knight Ambubuyog
- Subscription Dining - Linda Guastini and JoAnn Kulpeksa
- Wealth Gift Card – Dr. Eric Friedman
- State Theatre Tickets - Lilisa Williams
- "The Prom" Broadway Show Tickets - Jennifer Feliz
- "Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater" Tickets - June Barriere
- Movie Tickets - Cesar Castillo
- Staten Island Yankees - Patricia Clay
- New York Giants Signed Football - Denise Rossilli
- Skateboard – Dr. Nicholas Chiaravallotti
- Foundation Gala - John Quigley
- Amazon Basket - Antonio Acevedo

Thanks to all for your support as all proceeds of the drawing will benefit HCCC Foundation Scholarships.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Honors Student Paper Presentations, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room E512

Therapy Dogs, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Privacy and Cybersecurity Workshop, 1 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Room 103

Empanadas in the Evening, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, Lobby, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, May 2

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Health Awareness Fair, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room

Graduate Salute, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Honors Poster/Project Showcase, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Scott Ring Room

Friday, May 3 – Friday, May 17

Spring Student Art Exhibition, Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, May 3

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Opening reception for Spring Student Art Exhibition, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

EOF Graduation Dinner, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Saturday, May 4

Psi Beta Induction, 3 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Sunday, May 5

Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, May 6

Learning Communities Day, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk St.

Functional Assessment and Basic Exercise Prescription, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Career Paths for English Majors Panel, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Johnston Room, Second Floor. Register at <https://englishcareers.eventbrite.com/>

Tuesday, May 7 – Friday, May 17

Exhibit: Men in Nursing, Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, May 7

Professional Nurse Day Celebration/Men in Nursing Lecture, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Nursing College Fair, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Professional Nurse Day Celebration/Men in Nursing Lecture, 5 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Wednesday, May 8

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Pizza with the President, 12 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, May 9

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m., outside Gabert Library (71 Sip Ave.) and North Hudson Campus

Mother's Day Crafts, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Third Annual Student Personnel Services Appreciation Event, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Liberty House Restaurant

Friday, May 10

Graduation portraits, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Town Hall with President Reber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

NSLS Induction Ceremony (by invitation only), 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Saturday, May 11

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: 60th Anniversary, show time 8 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Student Ticket: \$20; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$40. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Tuesday, May 14 – Monday, May 20

Last classes and/or final exams for LEAP, Off-Campus, Regular Term, and Quick Term

Tuesday, May 14

Pizza with the President, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Legos, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with Lotta, Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

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

Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16

Spring Theatre Festival, 7 p.m., Black Box Theater, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room 506

Wednesday, May 15

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Apprentice Signing Day, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Millwork Inc., 143 Chapel Ave., Jersey City

Coffee Hour with HR, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, 7th Floor Conference Room, and 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium, 6th Floor

Collage with James, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, May 16

Decorate Graduation Caps, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge.

NHC Grad BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Friday, May 17

Video Games with Justin, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Closing reception for Spring Student Art Exhibition and Student Presentations, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Graduation portraits, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Decorate Graduation Caps, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Reception for LEAP Culinary and Hospitality Management students, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, May 20

Summer hours begin

JSQ Grad BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

Yoga with Alex, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, May 21

Commencement Formal, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Liberty House Restaurant, 76 Audrey Zapp Drive. Tickets are required for this event.

Wednesday, May 22

Late registration begins for Summer Session I and Summer Online A

Educational Leadership Development Academy Informational Session, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 512

Thursday, May 23 – Wednesday, July 3

Summer I and Online Session A

Friday, May 24

Last day to submit final grades for Spring 2019

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day – College closed

Tuesday, May 28

Last day to add classes for Summer Online A

Wednesday, May 29

Last day to add/drop classes for Summer I

"Answering Why: Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations," featuring Mark C. Perna, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/HCCCAnsweringWhy (restricted to CTE only)

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Best Practices, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Thursday, May 30

No classes in session

Last day to drop classes for Summer Online A

Commencement, 6 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Due to fire regulations, all guests must have their own ticket (regardless of age). Graduates are asked to report to their division parlors by 4 p.m.

ALUMNI CORNER

Jonathan Sanders

Class of 2018

Associate of Science in Radiography

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

After being laid off from my job as a Salon General Manager, I spent some time trying to figure out my next direction in life. My mother, a nurse, had suggested a job in the medical field, where you are always needed and offered job security. While I was still living in Astoria, NY, I had looked into the possibility of going back to school. While first thinking about nursing school, and discussing with my parents, my mother warned me that I might not like the "clean up" aspect of the job. I decided to return to Jersey City, where I grew up. After I started working downtown at a hair salon as a stylist, I discovered that HCCC had a radiography program. I went to ask some questions about the program, and before I knew it, I was enrolled and being scheduled for the few prerequisites that needed.

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

I have many great memories of being in my program, and also of my instructors. With the Radiography program, you basically become a big family with your classmates. We are together five days a week, and unlike other programs, we are together through the entire program. We shared many laughs over trying to memorize all of the information, creating songs, laughing over jokes that the professors had created to try to help us and also just everyday life of being in a rather stressful and intense program. We all laughed together, but also shared a good cry when the stress became too much.

How did you become interested in radiography?

I was an early diagnosed case of Lyme disease back in 1989, when doctors had no idea what it was. I was in the hospital for a week before they figured out that I had a rare neurological strain. I was bed bound for three months because it had settled in my knees, and I had PICC lines which fed a medicine called rocephin (chemo without the radiation). I became very familiar with X-rays, CT's and MRI's. The disease returned exactly two years later, but this time focused itself in my ankles.

It feels as if everything that I have ever done has led me to radiography - 20 years of retail, waiting tables, and being a hairstylist has all led me here. Understanding that scared patient, truly knowing how it feels to be in their place.

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

My time while being at HCCC truly prepared us in the radiography program for what we should expect after graduating. We spent two to three days a week actually working in the department in three Care-Point Heath locations and at Richmond University Hospital in Staten Island. We knew from the second month of school what our days would be like. This opportunity gave us time to get used to the fast pace and sometimes chaotic life of working in a hospital. I feel that this makes the program at HCCC amazing. It showed us that we needed to be strong in our

knowledge but also determined not to let ourselves be overwhelmed by the whirlwind pace that school, the hospital and life were throwing at us.



What is a typical work day for you?

A typical work day for me is rather hectic and very fast paced. I was hired directly out of school by Christ Hospital, into the CAT Scan department. It was like jumping out of one fire and falling directly into another. While X-ray and CT share a same background, they are totally different. It was school all over again, while learning the concepts, positioning, the ins and outs of injecting contrast and also learning to start my own IV's. Being here now, eight months after my first day, I can truly say that it was all worth it. I love what I do. I love helping patients feel safe and calm in the department while getting tests done that could truly save their lives.

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

My biggest inspirations are all of the amazing Techs that I work with, and the professors who shared all of their knowledge knowing that they were grooming the next generation of a profession that they love. In the two years of school and the eight months of working since, I've never come across anyone who wasn't happy to teach or help you.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates? What advice do you have for those students who are just starting their college careers?

Never give up on your dream. Most times, it will take a lot of hard work and time but remember that you are putting that time into yourself and your future. That first career that you thought that you always wanted doesn't always turn out to be what you expected. Take chances; go back to school if you want to; expand your mind and create your own future.

Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees

William J. Netchert, Esq., *Chair*
Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., *Vice Chair*
Karen A. Fahrenholz, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Kevin G. Callahan, J.S.C. (Ret.)
Pamela E. Gardner
Roberta Kenny
Joanne Kosakowski
Jeanette Peña
Adrienne Sires
Harold G. Stahl, Jr.
James A. Fife, *Trustee Emeritus*
Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., *College President*
Alexandra Kehagias, *Alumni Representative*

County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders

Thomas A. DeGise, *County Executive*
Anthony P. Vainieri, Jr., *Chairperson*
William O'Dea, *Vice Chairperson*
Anthony L. Romano, *Chair Pro Temp*
Albert J. Cifelli, Esq.
Kenneth Kopacz
Tilo Rivas
Caridad Rodriguez
Joel Torres
Jerry Walker

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

70 Sip Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Phone (201) 714-7100

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Boulevard
Union City, NJ 07087
Phone (201) 360-4600

FOLLOW US ON:



www.hccc.edu
myhudson.hccc.edu

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!

Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

**If so join, socialize and network!
For information about the College's
Alumni Association or membership
benefits, please email
alumni@hccc.edu.**