

# HCCC Happenings

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## From the Editor's Desk

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES DEDICATION OF NEW LIBRARY BUILDING



*Hudson County Community College held the dedication ceremonies for the College's new Library Building (at 71 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ) on Monday, September 29, 2014. Pictured from left to right: Shannon Gallagher (HCCC Foundation Board and former HCCC Board of Trustees Alumni Representative), Karen A. Fahrenholz (Secretary/Treasurer HCCC Board of Trustees), Harold G. Stahl, Jr. (HCCC Board of Trustees), Adrienne Sires (HCCC Board of Trustees), James A. Fife (Mayor, Town of Harrison and HCCC Board of Trustees, Trustee Emeritus), NJ State Senator Sandra Cunningham, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, U.S. Congressman Albio Sires, Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano, William J. Netchert, Esq. (HCCC Board of Trustees, Chair), Dr. Glen Gabert (HCCC President), and Joanne Kosakowski (HCCC Board of Trustees).*

**O**n Monday morning, September 29, Congressman Albio Sires, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise and other elected officials and community leaders gathered with the Trustees, students, faculty, staff, and administration of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) for the official dedication of the College's new Library Building.

The ribbon-cutting ceremonies took place inside the six-story, multifunctional structure, which is located at 71 Sip Avenue on the College's Journal Square Campus in Jersey City. The 112,000 square-foot building is just steps away from the Journal Square PATH Transit Station.

Dr. Glen Gabert, President of HCCC, said the Library Building was designed to serve as a center of knowledge and learning, and to promote a sense of community and connectedness for students, faculty, staff and all who live and work in Hudson County. "This College and this Library Building belong to our community, and we hope everyone will utilize the resources and enjoy the amenities," Dr. Gabert said.

Entrance to the HCCC Library Building from Sip Avenue is available through a soaring, two-story lobby. Adjacent to the lobby is the HCCC Liberty Café, a coffee bar that offers pastries, sandwiches, and snacks.

The building's first two stories (street-level and second floor), with 33,500 square feet of space, are dedicated to the Library itself. Included here is a "Makerspace," an area that promotes learning through creativity and crafting, and may be utilized by the College's students and staff as well as by members of the community. A meditation room, three group-study rooms and more than 70 computer stations are also included in the Library's space.

Situated on floors three through five are 33 classrooms (traditional classrooms, computer labs and tiered lecture halls) and 21 office stations. Two rooms on the fifth floor are being named in honor of notable Hudson County natives; the lecture hall (Room 527) will be named for Jersey City educator and HCCC Board of Trustees member, the late Alfred E. Zampella, and a Community Education classroom (Room 518) will bear the name of nationally acclaimed historian Thomas J. Fleming.

There is a gallery on the sixth floor that is being named for Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull, who presented the College with an historic gift of more than 230 works of art. There is also an exhibit space, three classrooms, and a roof terrace with spectacular views of Hudson County on this floor.

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

### Middle States Day of Service in Memory and Honor of Mohamed Elshafey

Saturday, Sept. 13 was named as the Day of Service by the Middle States Region to remember and to honor Mohamed Elshafey, who died following a motorcycle accident in July. Chapters across the Region participated in service projects in his memory. From Beta Alpha Phi, Heena Chaudhari, Ana Polanco, her daughter Melanie, Oliver Pavot, Sonal Patel, Qian Xie, her daughter Sitian Zhang, and Professor Ted Lai participated in the Day of Service in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program.

### Community College Completion Corps (C4)

Phi Theta Kappa is heading up the Community College Completion Corps, the student-led initiative to raise awareness of the importance of college completion. Among other activities during this week



A photo of Beta Alpha Phi Chapter members taken at the November 2013 photo shoot by Phi Theta Kappa.

of programming, (October 27-31) students as well as faculty, staff and administrators will have an opportunity to sign pledge cards indicating their commitment to completing their degrees or encouraging students to complete.

### Halloween Party for Children

The chapter will hold its annual party for children on Friday, Oct. 31 in the Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Assistance is needed to plan activities, setup the room, secure donations, and entertain the children. Please contact Franklin Beeg at fbeeg9826@live.hccc.edu to help.

### Induction Ceremony

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter will hold its Fall Induction ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Culinary Conference Center.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 4: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 5: Bike MS, Pier 92/94, New York City

Sunday, October 19: Making Strides against Breast Cancer, Lincoln Park, Jersey City

Monday, October 27 – Friday, October 31: New Jersey C4 Week

Friday, October 31: Halloween Party for Children, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

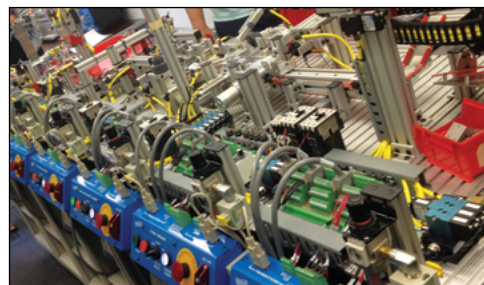


An advertisement using photography from the November 2013 photo shoot by Joe and Renee Culpepper from the Phi Theta Kappa headquarters. The three members pictured are 2014 graduates of Hudson County Community College and now attend four-year colleges. Pictured from left: Michelle Gomez (New York University), Nathalie Angel (New Jersey City University), and Meghan Regodon (Texas A & M University).

## CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NEWS



The Manufacturing Training Mobile Learning Lab.



Some of the training equipment in the Mobile Learning Lab.

On August 18, CBI joined New Jersey's 18 other community colleges in celebrating the NJ Consortium of County Colleges' 10th Anniversary at Camden County College's Blackwood campus. CBI toured the trailer where training for Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing/Computer Numerical Control is held. CBI hopes to bring that opportunity to Hudson County.

1199, the Healthcare Workers Union, resumed computer classes with CBI on September 30 after a summer off. The members are excited to be back with their instructor and in our Journal Square Campus.

Culinary training at Hudson County Correctional Center is expected to end on October 21. Inmates received instruction in "Food Service Sanitation," "Storeroom and Purchasing Operations," and are currently finishing up "Theory of Cooking." Inmates

successfully completing the program earn up to 4 credits towards an Associate Degree at the Culinary Arts Institute.

Mortgage Loan Officers training is well underway. Funded by the NJ Department of Labor, this 120-hour program provides students the necessary skills to enter the mortgage loan originator workforce. Content includes mandatory training hours for the National Mortgage Licensing System and administration of the state and federal licensing examination. Candidates who successfully complete the program will have a graduation ceremony on October 16.

CBI coordinators and instructors attended SEIU 32BJ's Welcome Back Session on September 6. This is the tenth year CBI is working in partnership with the NJ Consortium of County Colleges and the Thomas Shortman Training Fund to provide ESL, Computers, and Citizenship instruction to 32BJ union members. Classes for SEIU 32BJ members began on September 20 and run on Saturdays from September to June at

## OCTOBER IS OPEN ENROLLMENT MONTH

This year there are no changes to HCCC's current health benefits plans; the only change is the premium cost for all plans. Please visit the HR portal Benefits page and click on the tab for "Open Enrollment;" you will find the health benefits enrollment application, information on the most popular health benefits plans being used at HCCC and news from the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

The State Health Benefits Program and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SHBP/SEHBP) Open Enrollment period is scheduled from October 1, 2014 until November 1, 2014. This is your annual opportunity to review your health plan for the 2015 plan year. All changes made during this Open Enrollment period will be effective January 1, 2015. We are Local Education employees.

During the Open Enrollment Period employees may: (Note: *Proper documentation will be required for all changes*)

- Enroll in SEHBP plan if you have not previously done so
- Change to a different SEHBP medical plan
- Add/delete eligible dependents including children up to 26
- Waive coverage (stipend is offered; please contact Iris Herrador for further information)

**Please note:** Multiple coverage under the SHBP/SEHBP is prohibited; waiver incentives are only payable if the other coverage is through a non-SHBP/SEHBP plan.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Iris Herrador at 201-360-4072 or [iherrador@hccc.edu](mailto:iherrador@hccc.edu).

## HCCC AND NJCU PROFESSIONALS MEET ON PROGRESS OF DUAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

On Tuesday, September 16, 2014, members from Hudson County Community College (Colleen Dallavalle, Paul Dillon, Sabrina Magliulo, Jonathan Kull., Christopher Wahl, Lilisa Williams and Jennifer Christopher) met with colleagues at New Jersey City University at the NJCU campus in Vodra Hall. This meeting was to review updates on the Dual Admissions Program (DAP) between the College and the University.

The meeting opened with Aparna Saini, On-Site Transfer Counselor for NJCU at HCCC, announcing that enrollment in the program increased since the last meeting in June. Subcommittees presented updates from the summer months:

- Marketing from both institutions jointly provided a NJCU/HCCC DAP brochure for feedback.
- Student Affairs provided an update on extracurricular program benefits.
- Academic Affairs opened the floor for discussion on trigger courses, the possibility of joint classes, internships and research opportunities.

The next meeting between the institutions is scheduled for February 2015. For more information on the DAP, please visit [www.hccc.edu/njcu](http://www.hccc.edu/njcu).

## EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT ON SELECT COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Select Community Education programs have remaining seats available. A 25 percent discount is being offered to faculty and staff interested in taking them: Courses beginning on or after Oct. 1 are listed below:

- Create Your Own Website:  
Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Baking Breads 1:  
Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Blog Your Way to Fame with Wordpress:  
Mondays, November 10 to December 15,  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you are interested, please visit the Community Education office, located at 162 Sip Ave. (Building C) to complete a discount and registration form.

## MILESTONES

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

### Five Years

*Melba Blanco*

*Zuany Chicas Martinez*

### 15 Years

*Abdallah Matari*

## JOBS

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

*Admissions Recruiter*

*Assistant Registrar*

*Associate Dean of Social Sciences*

*Associate Dean of STEM (12-month Administrative Position)*

*Chief Financial Officer (CFO)*

*College Lecturer (Academic Foundations English)*

*College Lecturer (Business)*

*College Lecturer (Criminal Justice)*

*College Lecturer (Health Services)*

*College Lecturer (History)*

*College Lecturer (Humanities)*

*College Lecturer (Pastry Arts)*

*Manager of Web & Portal Services*

*PC Technician (grant-funded for 24 months) Position*

*Psychology Instructor*

*Secretary for Center for Online Learning (Full-time position)*

*Special Projects Coordinator (Center for Business and Industry, part-time)*

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](mailto: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](http://www.njherc.org), the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at [www.higheredjobs.com](http://www.higheredjobs.com), [www.latinoshighered.com](http://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](http://www.hccc.edu).

## NEW HIRE/TITLES

*Philip Cafasso,  
Interim Associate Dean of Social Sciences*

*Jacqueline Delemos,  
Secretary, LEAP Program*

*Jada Gore,  
Counselor, CASS*

# Foundation Art Collection

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

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

## Donor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Provident Bank for the donation of the painting of the Morris Canal. Thank you to Clifford Brooks for the donation of framed etchings and historic posters, sculpture, and materials for display.

## Artist News

Artist **Willie Cole**, who came to speak with Hudson County Community College students last year during our Foundation Arts Speaker Series, will be having an exhibition at Houghton College's Ortlip Gallery in Houghton, N.Y. through October 15. *Man, Spirit, Mask* by Cole was recently installed in the library building on the second floor.

Cole is well known for using ordinary household objects such as irons, ironing boards, high-heeled shoes, hair dryers, bicycle parts, wooden matches, lawn jockeys, and discarded appliances or hardware to create imaginative



and powerful works of art. He has also created sculptures using gas pumps, plastic bottles, chairs, and even guitars. Cole has been referred to as an "urban archaeologist," exploring universal and cultural concepts through these materials.

His artwork can be found in over 50 museum collections, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto and the FRAC-Lorraine in Metz, France. Cole was born in 1955 in New Jersey, where he still lives and works. He earned his bachelor's of fine art degree at The School of Visual Arts in New York City in 1976.

**Siona Benjamin**, whose work, *Directions on How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari*, is installed in the 5th floor of the Culinary Arts Building, will be part of a group show called: "AMEN: A Prayer for the World" at St John the Divine in New York. It is an exhibition of painted figures in prayer by Egyptian and Western artists from Christian, Muslim and Jewish backgrounds. From October 12 - November 23rd. The Cathedral is located at Amsterdam Avenue and 112th Street in New York City.

Over 75 works of art have been installed in HCCC's new Library Building. Pictured is Robert Gioia, a Facilities team member, assisting with installation.



**Clifford Brooks**, Librarian, with a *Chinle Navajo rug* he donated. It is installed on the fourth floor of the new library building.

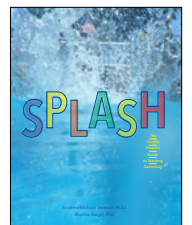
## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



**Judith Bender** (third from left) was honored at New Jersey City University's Gothic Greats Athletic Reunion on Sept. 26. She is pictured with, from left, Dr. Chanida Katkanant; Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson; Catherine Sirangelo-Elbadawy; Siroun Meguerditchian; and Dr. Mojdeh Tabatabaie.

At its Gothic Greats Athletic Reunion on September 26, New Jersey City University noted Associate Professor **Judith Bender** as a Knight of Distinction. Bender, who earned her undergraduate and master's degrees at the former Jersey City State College, was recognized as a member of NJ-CU's Intercollegiate Athletic Council and a fan of distinction.

**Andrea Siegel, Ph.D.** and Andrew Michael Jackson, WSI are authors of the forthcoming *SPLASH: The Careful Parent's Guide to Teaching Swimming*. The book is for parents to teach children to swim, especially those who are afraid of the water. It will be available on Amazon.com later this year.



## FOURTH ANNUAL HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEST HUDSON SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

**'A Taste of Fall' Fundraiser Supports HCCC Scholarships for East Newark, Harrison, Kearny and North Arlington Students**

The Fourth Annual "A Taste of Fall" Hudson County Community College (HCCC) West Hudson Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City. Proceeds from the fundraiser, which will include a buffet dinner, entertainment and a tricky tray raffle, will once again benefit deserving students from the communities of East Newark, Harrison, Kearny and North Arlington with scholarships to HCCC.

The HCCC Foundation is hosting the event in conjunction with the West Hudson Scholarship Committee, a cross-section of local residents, educators, business owners and municipal leaders. The group formed in 2011, inspired by a generous donation from the Pioneer Boys and Girls of America to the Foundation that helped set up a West Hudson scholarship. The Committee works towards developing ways to sustain the

scholarship funding for deserving local students enrolled at the College.

"The generosity and support we receive from our West Hudson community for this event grows every year," said committee chairman Kenneth H. Lindenfelser. Last year, as a result of the fundraiser, three scholarships were awarded to area students. "We are confident our community will come together once again to support our efforts and join us in this important undertaking for our local students," he added.

Tickets for A Taste of Fall are \$60 per person and are currently on sale. To purchase tickets or for additional information, please contact Joseph Sansone, Hudson County Community College's Vice President for Development at (201) 360-4006 or email jsansone@hccc.edu

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# NOTIBREVES

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ABRIÓ LAS PUERTAS DEL NUEVO EDIFICIO DE LA BIBLIOTECA EL PASADO 29 DE SEPTIEMBRE



*El nuevo Edificio de la Biblioteca, ubicado en el 71 Sip Avenue, en el campus de Jersey City. Con aproximadamente 112,000 pies cuadrados, está equipado con lo último en tecnología.*



*El Congresista Albio Sires, se dirige a los asistentes a la Ceremonia de Gran Apertura del nuevo Edificio de la Biblioteca.*

La mañana del pasado Lunes, 29 de Septiembre, oficiales electos y líderes comunitarios se reunieron con los administradores, estudiantes, facultad, personal de Hudson County Community College (HCCC) para la ceremonia que marcó la apertura oficial del nuevo Edificio de la Biblioteca de la Universidad, ubicado en el 71 Sip Avenue, Jersey City.

La estructura multifuncional de seis pisos cubre aproximadamente 112,000 pies cuadrados. Entrada al edificio por Sip Avenue está disponible mediante un lobby de dos pisos. Adyacente al lobby está el HCCC Liberty Café, que aparte de café ofrecerá pastas, sánduches y demás.

Los primeros dos pisos del edificio, con 33,500 pies cuadrados de espacio están dedicados a la Biblioteca misma. Incluido aquí estará un área "Makerspace," que promueve el aprendizaje mediante la creatividad, y será utilizado por estudiantes y personal de la Universidad así como

también miembros de la comunidad. Un cuarto de meditación y tres cuartos para estudio en grupo también están incluidos en el espacio de la Biblioteca.

Situadas entre el tercer y quinto piso están 33 aulas de clase (tradicionales, laboratorios de computación y aulas estilo teatral) y 21 estaciones para facultad. Dos cuartos en el quinto piso van a ser nombrados en honor a notables nativos del Condado de Hudson; Cuarto 527 será nombrado en memoria del ya fallecido educador de Jersey City y miembro de la junta de Administradores de HCCC, Alfred E. Zampella, y un aula de Educación Comunitaria (Cuarto 518) llevará el nombre del nacionalmente aclamado historiador Thomas J. Fleming.

La Galería Benjamin J. Dineen, III y Dennis C. Hull, más un espacio de exhibición, el Monumento 9/11 de la Universidad, y tres aulas de clase se encontrarán en el sexto piso. También hay una

terrazza, de donde se podrán apreciar panoramas del Condado de Hudson y de los Rios Hudson y Hackensack.

El Edificio de la Biblioteca de HCCC es parte integral del programa de expansión y mejoramiento, de \$250 millones, de la Universidad, que ha incluido construcciones del Centro de conferencias - Artes Culinarias de HCCC y el pequeño parque localizado al frente de este, en el campus de Journal Square, así como el Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson en Union City. La Universidad además ha rehabilitado edificios en 2 Enos Place, One PATH Plaza, 81 Sip Avenue, y 119 Newkirk Street en Journal Square. Todo esto ha ayudado a promover el desarrollo y estabilización local, lo que ha traído más seguridad a estas áreas. La Universidad invirtió \$100 millones en estos edificios, enviéndolos con lo último en tecnología y sistemas de información.



*Estudiantes ya están utilizando los laboratorios de computación, ubicados en el primer piso de la Biblioteca. Además de este, el edificio ha sido equipado con laboratorios de computación adicionales para cubrir las necesidades estudiantiles.*



*El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de Hudson County Community College, se dirige a los asistentes a la Ceremonia de Gran Apertura del nuevo Edificio de la Biblioteca.*

# From the Office of College Life

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

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



**Idalia Chicas,  
Academic Lab  
Manager**

Ten years ago, while attending classes and studying Management in the Business Division at Hudson County Community College, Idalia Chicas was recommended by her instructors to be part of the large part-time staff in the computer labs on campus. At the time, Georgia Brooks, the iconic Lab Manager, was looking for the most motivated and outgoing students to fill positions in the computer labs. Being a native speaker of Spanish was a definite plus; Idalia agreed immediately. By the time she was ready to graduate, Ms. Brooks, her mentor, pulled her aside and asked her if she wanted to do more, to help students as a lab supervisor. "These labs are my passion," Georgia said to me, and I was happy to work for her." Idalia has worked in HCCC's computer labs for the last 10 years.

Between Jersey City and Union City, HCCC employs 39 lab assistants who work with students to learn the basics of computer operation as well as the more advanced applications needed to conduct research and prepare reports. There are 12 different cultures represented on the diverse staff. What many people don't know is that the lab assistants and the two full-time employees on the lab staff maintain 25 working labs across the campus. Scheduling all of the assistants and training them properly demands a year-long effort to prepare them for the challenging diversity of issues that students confront. "We try to work as a team," Idalia says. "We train and show staff how to help students. That's the most important thing. The ESL students are especially challenged and we do our best to help them, one step at a time."

After earning her Associates Degree from HCCC, Idalia continued her educational journey at New Jersey City University, where she has been studying Business Administration. She aspires to eventually earn a master's degree in Business. She is the first one in her family to earn a college degree and encourages family members to go to college. "In the labs we incorporate things that we learn in our studies to what we are doing at the College," she stated. It is important, she said, that she carry forward the tradition of going to the professors who teach computer courses to find the best students to work in the labs.

The work accomplished in HCCC's computer labs spans the entire spectrum from ordering and supplying paper for all 25 locations to training students, faculty, and staff on the latest technologies including Prezi, PowerPoint, specialized ESL software, accounting software (such as QuickBooks) and Smartboards. Each day, lab assistants must clear saved documents from each terminal and return the computers to good, clean working order.

Idalia sees herself as a leader, not just a manager. "You have to be willing to set an example," she insists. "Come to work on time, communicate to others with respect, pay attention to your professionalism which includes dress and demeanor, find answers for people who need them, and have a can-do attitude!" She laughs when she says that she trains employees so well that they end up going to work for HCCC's Information Technology Department after she has prepared them. "As a leader, be open," she says, "and be willing to listen to others."



**Shannonine Caruana  
Instructor, ESL**

Sometimes life throws us curveballs. We set out on a path and circumstances pull us in new directions. Shannonine is a child of immigrants who relocated to Hoboken, New Jersey, in Hudson County. While in high school, Ms. Caruana thought about studying medicine, but since she was a vegetarian, was averse to dissection and other activities. In between high school and college, she set off on a trip to Europe as part of a program that arranged for young people to stay with local families while learning about a foreign culture. Through a turn of events that involved calling a wrong number (and the wrong family), staying at a youth hostel in Sicily, and having her passport stolen, she ended up living in Italy for what turned out to be a 20-year visit.

Along the way, she attended the University of Bologna and earned an Italian high school diploma (since high school in Italy is five years), and eventually a master's degree in pedagogy. While studying at Bologna, she befriended two Turkish nationals who were gracious enough to show her Turkey, and she ended up teaching at the University of Bilkent in Ankara for four years.

Arriving back on the shores of the United States 10 years ago, she accepted part-time teaching positions at a variety of institutions, including the North Plainfield Public Schools, Hazlet Public Schools, and adjunct positions at Kean University, Rutgers University, and Union County College. When a tenure-track position opened up at Union, she applied and accepted

the position. Unfortunately, when enrollments declined at UCC, the "last in" was the first to go. Her supervisor enthusiastically recommended her for a posted position at Hudson and she happily joined the full-time teaching ranks at HCCC. "College is where I belonged," she says with a smile, "I knew it from the beginning."

Shannonine's primary teaching responsibilities are in ESL levels 0, 1, 2, and 4. She especially enjoys teaching level 4 ESL classes to students who have worked their way up through higher and higher levels of language competence: "In those classes [level 4], it is just enough to get a little fire under the students. They've made it this far. I like seeing them starting to fulfill their academic potential."

She participates in an extraordinarily wide range of activities beyond the classroom, including membership on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, membership on the Academic Affairs Governance committee, Co-editorship of the ESL magazine *Diversity*, coordinator of ESL level 2, working on test revisions for reading exams in level 4 ESL, and most recently, membership on the task force working on the Academic Affairs strategic plan. "I'm very busy," she says, "but it's a good busy."

"This college is growing and the whole Journal Square area is changing. I'm looking forward to the developments and change in the neighborhood. We're making a mark on the community and I was attracted to the College because we're sort of pioneers in a number of ways at HCCC," she stated. "The joy in teaching is seeing students succeed. We learn while we teach. I know I learn from our students."

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Library Building has an Open Computer Lab with 35 stations in Room 419, in addition to the computers in the Library.



## MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

It's that time of year! The Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon is being held on Sunday, October 19, 2014 in Lincoln Park, Jersey City, at 10 a.m. For more information to join the walk visit [makingstrides.acsevent.org](http://makingstrides.acsevent.org). If you are unable to participate in the walk but would like to support College team members and co-workers, please do so, and remember bring a friend.



## THE NEW YORK TIMES SCHOOLS FOR TOMORROW CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, attended The New York Times Schools for Tomorrow Conference. This year's theme was "Disruptions in the Lecture Hall." The conference featured a number of distinguished speakers and guests engaging in panel discussions, debates and brainstorming sessions around online education, college affordability, and the value of a college education.

This year, Janet Napolitano, the President of the University of California, provided insights on the future of higher education and the dangers of accepting anecdotes from the press and media that simplify the issues confronting colleges and universities in 2014. She also reinforced the importance of basic research, the building block for the future of American society. Basic research, she stated, helps us to foster innovation and the spirit of inquiry. "The future," she emphasized, "will belong to the innovators."

In a panel discussion on "The State of the Online University," Dr. Robert Mendenhall from Western Governors University and Dr. Paul LeBlanc, President of Southern New Hampshire University, discussed the impact that online education is having for hundreds of thousands of students. Importantly, LeBlanc referred to the importance of disconnecting from time, meaning that the assumption that all learners will reach mastery of a course's objectives in the same time frame is outdated and belongs to a vanished world where the need for semester schedules was



dictated by agricultural work cycles that are no longer relevant. In the future, LeBlanc argued, the role of the professor will change dramatically.

"Employers don't care about credit hour time," he stated. "They want to know what a student can do, what's been learned. Professors will increasingly mentor students through programs in which students move forward at their own rates."

Throughout the day's program, several three-minute presentations called "Three Minutes to Launch" were wedged in between longer sessions and provided opportunities for quick snapshots of important issues in higher education. Zakiya Smith from the Lumina Foundation spoke about the expenses students face that go beyond tuition and books and how Lumina is creating programs to educate the public about the true overall costs faced by college students who aspire to move ahead in their lives.

## 2014 JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The sponsor of this award, Johnston Communications, is pleased to support the Excellence in Teaching Awards for this past year.

Nominations should be forwarded to the office of Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, through Linda Guastini at lguastini@hccc.edu.

This year's theme for the awards will be:

1. Student Success
2. Impact

Please identify where the nominated faculty member has demonstrated excellence in one of the themed areas and provide a 250- to 500-word summary that supports your nomination. Note: You may nominate yourself. Nominees must have completed two full years of full-time teaching at the College.

Each award carries a \$1,000 recognition, and the ceremony will coincide with College Service Day in January 2015. There will be one award in each category. Nominations must be received and acknowledged by Dec. 10, 2014. An outside judge will make the final selections.

Please feel free to contact Linda Guastini or Dr. Friedman with questions.

## GOVERNOR CHRISTIE SIGNS NJ STARS ELIGIBILITY BILL INTO LAW

On Sept. 10, 2014, Gov. Chris Christie signed A-2364/S-1985 into law, legislation that provides that eligibility for the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Rewards Scholarship (NJ STARS) be based on class rank at the completion of students' junior year or senior year of high school.

Previously, students were eligible for NJ STARS if they, among other things, were ranked within the top 15% of their graduating high school class.

"Students and their families make decisions about where to attend college from February to April of the students' senior year of high school," said New Jersey Council of County Colleges President Dr. Lawrence Nespoli. "New Jersey's community colleges are grateful to Gov. Christie, the bill's primary sponsors Assemblyman David Wolfe, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, and Senators Diane Allen, Sandra Cunningham and Teresa Ruiz, as well as the entire legislature, which voted for this bill unanimously, for ensuring that students and their families will know with

certainty that NJ STARS is available to them when making decisions about where to attend college.

"We are also grateful to New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Executive Director Gabrielle Charette, Esq., and her staff for working with us on this important legislative priority," Nespoli added.

The new law takes effect with students who graduated in the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, the new law provides that in the event that a student was notified of eligibility for NJ STARS for the first year of enrollment in a community college in the 2013-2014 academic year based on the student's class rank at the completion of the 11th grade, the student is eligible for the scholarship in that academic year if the student meets all other requirements for receipt of a scholarship.

NJ STARS is a scholarship program exclusively for New Jersey residents that covers the cost of tuition at New Jersey's 19 community colleges.

Students who rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class at the end of either junior or senior year may be eligible. New Jersey community college NJ STARS students who earn their associate degrees with a 3.25 grade point average or better are eligible for up to a \$2,500 per year state-funded NJ STARS II scholarship at any New Jersey public or independent New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant-participating four-year college or university. For more information about NJ STARS and NJ STARS II, visit [www.njstars.net](http://www.njstars.net).

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.

# GRAND OPENING OF THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY BUILDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2014



*Pictured from left: Christopher Campos, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Carmelo Garcia; U.S. Representative Albio Sires; Dr. Glen Gabert, President of Hudson County Community College; Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano; and HCCC Foundation Director Maria Nieves, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce.*



*William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees, brings greetings on behalf of the Board. He is joined at the podium with, from left, former Student Alumni Representative Shannon Gallagher; Trustee Harold G. Stahl, Jr.; Trustee Adrienne Sires; Trustee Joanne Kosakowski; Harrison Mayor James Fife, Trustee Emeritus; and Trustee Karen A. Fahrenholz.*



*United States Congressman Albio Sires (8th District, New Jersey) delivers remarks at the Library Building's Grand Opening.*



*Dennis C. Hull (left) with Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery is located on the sixth floor of the Library Building.*



*Pictured from left: Jane-Ellen Miller, Regional Vice President, ellucian®; Chuck Keeler, General Manager, ellucian®, and Thomas A. Brodowski, HCCC Vice President for Administrative Services.*



*Associate Dean of College Libraries Carol Van Houten (left) with Grace Patterson, former Director of the College Library.*



*From left: Dr. Nabil Marshood, Marcella Williams, Dr. Chanida Katkanant, former Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson, Judith Bender and Ann Marie Frenche congregate on the Library Building's rooftop terrace.*



*Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone (left) and Linda E. Lam, Vice President/Policy Research Officer of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, observe the 9/11 Monument which was developed from a remnant piece of steel that was part of a structural column at the World Trade Center. The HCCC Board of Trustees commissioned artist Billy Economou to design and craft the polished base that it rests upon.*





HCCC Board of Trustees William J. Netchert, Esq. (left) converses with Ted Domuracki, President of MAST Construction.



New Jersey State Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham delivers greetings at the Library Building Grand Opening.



HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert opens the Grand Opening ceremonies of the Library Building.



Pictured from left: William Gaughan, Chief of Staff to the Hudson County Executive; Jersey City Councilwoman-at-Large Joyce Watterman; U.S. Representative Albio Sires; Jersey City Councilwoman Diane Coleman; and HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert.



Members of the HCCC Libraries. Carol Van Houten, Associate Dean, College Libraries, is pictured at left.



Elizabeth Spinelli (left), former Chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, with Daniel H. Frohwirth.



Vice President for the North Hudson Center and Student Affairs Dr. Paula P. Pando (right) with Dr. Nabil Marshood, Professor / Coordinator, Sociology.



HCCC Foundation Director Joseph Napolitano Sr. (left); Frank Mercado, Executive Director of College Operations; Bursar Romilda Vaccarella and HCCC Foundation Chair James Egan.



Joan M. Quigley (left). President & CEO of North Hudson Community Action Corporation, with HCCC Trustee Adrienne Sires.



Pictured from left: HCCC Foundation Director Mark Rodrick; HCCC Foundation Director John M. Burn, Jr.; HCCC Foundation Chair James Egan; HCCC Trustee and HCCC Foundation Director Karen A. Fahrenholz; HCCC Foundation Director Jeanne Cretella; HCCC Foundation Director Joseph Napolitano Jr.; HCCC Foundation Director Joseph Napolitano Sr.; former Student Alumni Representative to the HCCC Board of Trustees and current HCCC Foundation Director Shannon Gallagher; U.S. Representative Albio Sires; HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert; HCCC Foundation Director Mandy Otero; Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone; HCCC Foundation Director Maria Nieves; and HCCC Foundation Director Richard Zaborowski.

## CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

The Center for Online Learning has developed a schedule of sessions for Fall 2014. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions will meet in the Center for Online Learning Lab, 162 Sip Ave., Room C232:

### Hudson Online Faculty Training:

- October 7, 1:00 p.m.
- October 10, 9:00 a.m.
- October 16, 6:00 p.m.
- October 28, 1:00 p.m.
- November 11, 1:00 p.m.
- November 21, 6:00 p.m.
- December 9, 1:00 p.m.
- December 12, 9:00 a.m.

### Getting Started with Blackboard:

- October 3, 3:00 p.m.
- October 13, 3:00 p.m.
- October 24, 3:00 p.m.
- November 3, 3:00 p.m.
- November 14, 3:00 p.m.
- November 21, 3:00 p.m.

### Blackboard Advance:

- Digital Assignments & In-line Grading Tool, October 3, 2:00 p.m.

### Software Workshops:

- SmarterMeasures – Assessment for Student Online Readiness, October 2, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- SmartThinking - Online Tutorial Services, October 9, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Starfish - Student Retention, October 16, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- NJVID - HCCC Library Streaming Resources, October 23, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- WebX - Video Conferencing, October 30, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Online Course Development Overview, November 6, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Please register on the Center for Online Learning Portal Page for all professional developments.

## HCCC SELECTS ARCHITECT FOR STEM BUILDING

At its monthly business meeting on Sept. 9, 2014, the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees approved the selection of RSC Architects of Hackensack for the architectural design of the College's forthcoming Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Building.

RSC Architects was previously architect of the College's North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City.

## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE



Located on Kennedy Boulevard and Route 1/9 in Jersey City, the billboard features HCCC 2014 valedictorian Diana Angelo.



Located on 48th Street and Bergenline Avenue in Union City, the billboard features 2014 HCCC graduate Varleny Garcia.

The Communications Department at Hudson County Community College is currently running image ads in the following: Billboards (English and Spanish), Transit, Print and Online. The current cable ads will continue to run throughout the year on all cable networks in Hudson County. Online advertising will also be distributed with each network.

The department's new billboards recently debuted and can be seen from Kennedy Boulevard and Routes 1/9 (English) and on Bergenline Avenue in Union City (Spanish). Both feature 2014 graduates of the College.

Coming soon: Look for materials for the Spring 2015 Registration Campaign (in English and Spanish) for print and online! Check your local papers for advertising for the Nov. 1 Open House, New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, and the upcoming Lecture Series.

## BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING CLUB HOLDS STUDENT ORIENTATION



The Business & Accounting Club hosted a Business & Accounting Student Orientation on Thursday, Sep. 11. Pictured from right: Marc Mittleman, Accounting Professor; Allen Foster, Professor of Business and Economics; Lester McRae, Professor of Accounting; Eli Phanoor, Instructor of Business and Accounting; Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management; and Elana Winslow, Professor, Business, Management and Economics.

## SMART BOARD AND BRIGHTLINK TRAINING

SMART Boards provide new ways to make learning interactive. Now is the time to learn how to use them in your classroom. Intro workshops will demonstrate how to get started with these devices, and will provide the foundation for creating your own lessons that take advantage of the interactive whiteboards. Advanced workshops will cover techniques such as screen recording, playing videos, and more.

SMART Board sessions will be held in the Main Library Makerspace, and Brightlink workshops will be held in the North Hudson Higher Education Center Library.

### Brightlink Training

(at North Hudson Library N305)

- Monday, 10/13 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Friday, 10/24 at 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, 11/3 at 4 p.m.
- Monday, 11/17 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Intro to SMART Boards

(Main Library Makerspace)

- Tuesday, 10/14 at 10 a.m.
- Friday, 10/17 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/25 at 2 p.m.
- Monday, 10/27 at 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, 10/29 at 10 a.m.

### Advanced SMART Board

(Main Library Makerspace)

- Thursday, 10/30 at 3 p.m.
- Friday, 11/7 at 10 p.m.
- Thursday, 11/20 at 12 p.m.

For questions, please contact John DeLooper at [jdelooper@hccc.edu](mailto:jdelooper@hccc.edu).

## CONVOCATION 2014: THE IMPACT OF A FIRST-CHOICE INSTITUTION

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Hudson County Community College held its annual Convocation, during which the College community gathered formally to witness and discuss the College's impact – on students, on the community and on the world.

The morning began with presentations by three current HCCC students discussing the impact of the College on their lives:

- Michael Price, Psychology major, had worked in the retail industry for several years before deciding to attend HCCC. He took advantage of the opportunities afforded him in and out of class not only to develop himself but also to edify others. Price is the current president of Beta Alpha Phi, HCCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

- Jeffrey McKeon, Environmental Studies major, discussed his work as a lab assistant in New Jersey City University's Geosciences Department during the summer of 2014. During the study, the researchers took soil samples from several local parks and from neighborhoods within Hudson County.

- Renyline Bacani, Environmental Studies, also participated in research at NJCU this past summer. She described the process of monitoring lead contamination in the samples taken by the research team.

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HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert (left) with keynote speaker Nicole Sardinas, Director of Nursing Education at Jersey City Medical Center.



Dr. Eric Friedman (second from right), Vice President for Academic Affairs, with HCCC students Renyline Bacani (left), Jeffrey McKeon and Michael Price.



Alexa Beshara, Associate Dean of Research and Planning, outlines "The Significance of the Student Success Model Report."

## CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NEWS

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both campuses. New offerings this fall are a Monday/Wednesday ESL section and GED in Spanish on Saturday mornings, both at the North Hudson Higher Education Center.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, CBI hosted a Lunch & Learn panel discussion titled "Perspectives from the Hudson County Hispanic Business Community" on September 30. The panel was moderated by CBI's Executive Director and guest panelists included Shirley Disbrow (Accounts Payable Manager at Joseph Corey Companies, Inc.), Steven Gomez (Executive Director of Greater Newark Enterprises Corporation), Maria Nieves (President & CEO of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce), Sandro Ortiz (Executive Business Manager of the Port Authority Chief Security Office), Dr. Paula Pando (Vice President of North Hudson Center and Student Affairs at HCCC), and Johanna Soto (Vice President of Human Resources at Joseph Corey Companies, Inc.).

Open Enrollment classes for Word and Excel began on Friday, Sept. 12. Classes are free for Hudson County businesses and their employees. Please contact Monteria "Teri" Bass at (201) 360-4243 or mbass@hccc.edu if you have questions or would like to register. Each class runs over a period of two Fridays.

### Class Schedule

(Choose 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. OR 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for both days)  
Excel Level 1: October 10 & 17  
Excel Level 2: October 24 & 31  
Excel Level 3: November 7 & 14

### Get free training for your business!

Your business may be eligible for free training in Microsoft Office products, Customer Service, Communications, English as a Second Language, and Spanish in the Workplace. If you are interested in more information, please contact Monteria "Teri" Bass at (201) 360-4243 or mbass@hccc.edu.

### Upcoming Events

October 1, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: CBI is a sponsor at the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce's Schmoosa-Palooza. Come by to say hello and practice your networking skills! For more information or to register, contact the HC Chamber of Commerce at (201) 386-0699 or visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/lt8prko>

November 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: CBI has partnered with the Hudson County Office of Veterans Affairs to hold a Veterans' Job and Resource Fair at the Culinary Conference Center.

### CBI 2014 Calendar of Events

#### October

Wednesday, October 1  
HC Chamber of Commerce's SchmoosaPalooza

Tuesday, October 14  
Lunch and Learn  
"National Work and Family Month"

#### November

Tuesday, November 4  
Lunch and Learn

Saturday, November 8  
Veterans' Job & Resource Fair

#### December

Tuesday, December 2  
Lunch and Learn

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

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

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Congratulations to **Sabrina Magliulo** in her new role as Director of Advisement and Counseling. For the past two years, she led HCCC's EOF Program with distinction, and made substantial contributions to the larger student body through several collaborative efforts such as the launch of the National Society of Leadership and Success; spearheading Community Service Day as part of Wellness Week programming; and chairing the College-wide Women's History Month planning committee. She has also played a key role in de-

veloping a peer mentoring program as part of the First Year Experience program, and New Student Orientation.

Prior to joining the HCCC family, Sabrina served as a program specialist for the EOF program at The College of New Jersey, and served as a mental health professional with a variety of agencies such as the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic, and the Center for Family Services in Camden. She continues to provide in-home counseling to children and families in Hudson and Passaic counties

referred by state and community agencies for behavioral and emotional issues.

Magliulo is a Jersey City native, and is fluent in Spanish. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from TCNJ, and a Master of Science in Education in Psychological Services from the University of Pennsylvania. Along with several certifications and licensures, she also holds a Post-Master's Educational Specialist in Marriage and Family Therapy degree (EdS) from TCNJ.

## CONVOCATION 2014: THE IMPACT OF A FIRST-CHOICE INSTITUTION

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*Mavis Faulkner (left) and Lilisa Williams at Convocation breakfast.*

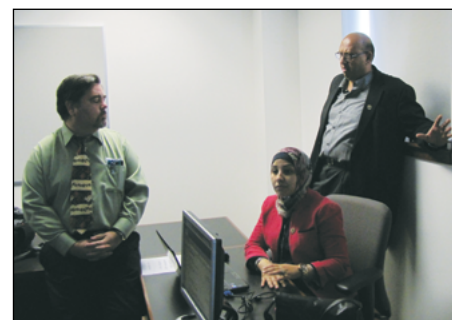
Some highlights from a short film following the students' presentations included the Summer Youth Program; the Bridge Enrichment Program; and a Culinary Arts Institute success story, Chef Omar Giner of La Isla Restaurant in Hoboken.

2006 HCCC graduate Nicole Sardinas was the keynote speaker. After earning an A.S. in nursing from the College, she received a B.S. from New Jersey City University and an M.S. from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She is currently a candidate for a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from UMDNJ (currently part of Rutgers University).

Alexa Beshara, Associate Dean for Institutional Research and Planning, gave a presentation on "The Significance of the Student Success Model Report." This model was developed by the community colleges in New Jersey to analyze the College's success rates and students' course progression.

The morning was completed with "The Online Learning Experience at HCCC." Attendees were able to experience among six interactive displays presenting technological resources.

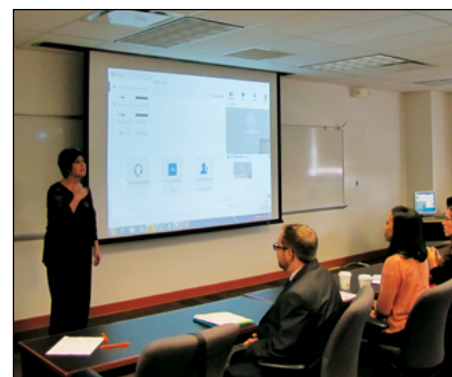
After lunch, two insightful discussions on "Being Excellent at What You Do: A Discussion" and "Faculty Best Practices: What Are You Doing in Your Classroom That Is Having an Impact?" convened.



*Interactive Station 4, Flipping Your Classroom Using Technology.*



*Interactive Station 1, Student Retention and Resources.*



*Interactive Station 5, Interactive Media.*



*Interactive Station 2, Blackboard Advance Tools and Features.*



*Interactive Station 3, Online Tutorial Services.*



*Interactive Station 6, Mobile Development.*

## TESTING SCHEDULE

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. We have created a walk-in schedule to give students the opportunity to Study/Review their Math and English skills prior to visiting the Testing Center.

*It is extremely important that you take the College Placement Test seriously. Depending on your score, you may have to register for and pay to take additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit or count toward graduation.*

### Before Taking the CPT:

- Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave.).
- To review for the College (College Board's "Accuplacer"), please visit: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/)
- For CPT exemption criteria such as SAT scores and applied transfer credit for English and/or Mathematics, visit: [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing)

### On the day of the CPT students must:

- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring photo ID (Driver's License / Passport / Green Card / Student ID).
- Have your College Wide ID number.
- Bring a copy of transcripts (only if student is a transfer or foreign student).

### About the CLEP:

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know. For more information on CLEP, please visit: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html)

### Before Taking the CLEP Exam:

- Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192, as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.
- All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- Please contact the Testing Center for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

### How do I make an appointment at the HCCC Testing Center?

- HCCC students: Obtain Dean's Permission form prior to scheduling appointment
- Non-HCCC students: Research your institution's CLEP Policy
- All: Contact Testing Center for most updated appointment availability (space is limited)
- Cancellation: Avoid penalty fees by cancelling/rescheduling at least 24 advance

### How do I pay for my CLEP Exam(s)?

- Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP's My Account registration portal: <http://clep.collegeboard.org/started>
- Print and bring your CLEP Registration Ticket to the Testing Center on scheduled exam day (by appointment only)
- Optional: order CLEP studying materials at My Account
- HCCC students have access to free study guide at the HCCC Libraries

### On the Day of the CLEP Exam:

- Arrive at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Bring two (1) form of government-issued identification
- Print and bring CLEP Registration Ticket
- Space is limited; walk-ins not accepted

### Disability Support Services

If you require special testing accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157. All students with approved testing accommodations must take the College Placement Test at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ.

The testing schedule for October follows (times indicated with \* are by appointment only):

- Monday, October 6 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, October 7 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, October 8 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m., NHHEC
- Thursday, October 9 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- Friday, October 10 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, October 13 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, October 14 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, October 15 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9 a.m., NHHEC
- Friday, October 17 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, October 20 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, October 21 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, October 22 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m., NHHEC
- Thursday, October 23 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Friday, October 24 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, October 27 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, October 28 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, October 29 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9 a.m., NHHEC
- Thursday, October 30 - College Placement Test Assessment, 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place

For further information, please contact HCCC's Testing Center, located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ 07306 at (201) 360-4193 for College Placement Test appointments.

To obtain additional information and policies of the Testing Center, please visit [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing).

## Get Connect-ED with HCCC!



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

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

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

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

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

**For information about Connect-ED, visit [www.hccc.edu/emergency](http://www.hccc.edu/emergency) Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, October 1

Last day to file Degree Audit application for December 2014 graduation

Win Big Wednesday – Bingo, 3 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

### Thursday, October 2

Meet the Deans & Faculty – Social Sciences, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

### Friday, October 3

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

Free Flick Friday, 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, B Student Lounge

### Saturday, October 4

7th Annual Literacy & Family Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. For more information contact the Division of Academic Affairs at (201) 360-4010.

### Monday, October 6

Meet the Deans & Faculty – Division of Academic Development & Support Services, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor. Students must bring an official transcript and completed application.

Make Your Own Zen Garden, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Building B, Student Lounge

GameStop Wii Edition (co-sponsored with Gaming Club), 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center. Winner will receive a new gaming console.

GameStop Wii Edition (co-sponsored with the Gaming Club), 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Winner will receive a new gaming console.

### Tuesday, October 7

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

Relax and Unwind, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Building B, Student Lounge

### Wednesday, October 8

Hudson County Community College Foundation Donor-Scholar Reception, Culinary Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.

Relax with Wii, Gaming Central, North Hudson Higher Education Center,

Health & Wellness Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Yoga/Wellness Displays, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Lobby

### Thursday, October 9

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Journal Square (in front of 83 Sip Ave.)

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Mental Health Players (co-sponsored by the Human Services Club), 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Yoga, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Friday, October 10

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

Zumba Lessons, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Saturday, October 11

Chinese Buddhist Monastery Trip, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; departing from 25 Journal Square

### Monday, October 13

Columbus Day – classes in session

### Tuesday, October 14

Instant Decision Day – Rutgers University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. Interested students must RSVP and complete an application a week prior; contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Please email [jkull@hccc.edu](mailto:jkull@hccc.edu) in order to receive a waiver for Rutgers' application fee before submitting the application online. Note: Nursing students are ineligible to apply to Rutgers through Instant Decision Day.

CBI Lunch and Learn – “National Work and Family Month,” 12 to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. For more information or to register, please contact Ana Chapman-McCausland at (201) 360-4242.

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

HCCC Coffeehouse Live Performance, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

The Testing Center will administer the PAX-RN exam for entrance into CarePoint Health School of Nursing at 4:30 p.m., 2 Enos Place. Students can register for the test by visiting [www.nlnonlinetesting.org](http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org).

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, North Hudson Higher Education Center, 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 15

Meet the Deans & Faculty – Humanities, 12 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

Win Big Wednesday – Bingo, 3 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

ESL Book Group meeting, 3:30 p.m., 7th floor conference room, North Hudson Higher Education Center. Club will read “Come Together, Fall Apart” a novella and stories by Cristina Henriquez. ESL students as well as all students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For questions, please contact Professor Linda Stephenson at [lstephenson@hccc.edu](mailto:lstephenson@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-5336.

### Thursday, October 16

Instant Decision Day – Seton Hall University, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Club/Organization Halloween Fest, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square (Building B), Student Lounge

### Friday, October 17

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

Fright Fest Trip, 4 p.m. Tickets online at <https://HCCCFrightFest.eventbrite.com>. Departs from Sip Avenue at 5 p.m.

### Saturday, October 18 – Friday, October 24

Mid-term exams/advisement period

### Monday, October 20

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

### Tuesday, October 21

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

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor. Students must bring an official transcript and completed application.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meet the Deans & Faculty – Social Sciences,  
12 p.m., 25 Journal Square

### Wednesday, October 22

Therapy Dogs – Relax with Puppies, 11 a.m. to  
2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

### Thursday, October 23

Hudson County Community College Foundation,  
West Hudson Scholarship Committee “Taste of  
Fall” Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference  
Center. For tickets or information, please contact  
Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone  
at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North  
Hudson Higher Education Center

### Friday, October 24

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

Free Flick Friday, 4 p.m., North Hudson Higher  
Education Center

### Saturday, October 25

New Jersey Paella Festival, Culinary Conference  
Center, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. General admission \$39;  
VIP admission \$76 (gala dinner included). For  
more information or to order tickets, please visit  
<http://paellafortheworld.org/new-jersey-paella-fest>.

Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, New Jersey  
Performing Arts Center, Newark. Bus leaves  
70 Sip Ave. at 2:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 28

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

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

Meet the Deans & Faculty – Culinary, Business  
and Hospitality Management, 12 p.m., North  
Hudson Higher Education Center

### Wednesday, October 29

Last day to submit Mid-term Advisory grades to  
the Registrar’s Office

Take a Stand – Alcohol and Other Drug Fair,  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student  
Lounge

Hudson Online Session B classes begin

### Thursday, October 30

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

### Friday, October 31

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

Phi Theta Kappa Halloween Party, 25 Journal  
Square, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

# FALL 2014 INSTANT DECISION DAYS



### CALDWELL COLLEGE

Wednesday, December 3 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, December 2 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### KEAN UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, October 28 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, November 12 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Completed online applications must be submitted one  
week prior to the Instant Decision Day.  
Contact [jkull@hccc.edu](mailto:jkull@hccc.edu) for a fee waiver before  
submitting the application online.*

### NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

Monday, October 6 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 21 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 10 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 24 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 8 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Walk-ins only*

### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, November 18 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, October 14 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 3 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*Nursing students are ineligible for this event.  
Completed online applications must be submitted one  
week prior to the Instant Decision Day.  
Contact [jkull@hccc.edu](mailto:jkull@hccc.edu) for a fee waiver before  
submitting the application online.*

### SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Thursday, October 16 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### ST. PETER'S UNIVERSITY

Thursday, October 9 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 20 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 10 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Thursday, November 20 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*Nursing students are ineligible for this event.*

**ALL STUDENTS** *must bring  
an official transcript and unless  
otherwise noted bring a completed  
application to the Instant Decision Day.*

### TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEDICATION OF NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

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Situated on the sixth-floor roof terrace is the College's 9/11 Monument. The College was privileged to have acquired a remnant piece of steel that was once part of a structural column at the World Trade Center, and the HCCC Board of Trustees commissioned artists Billy Economou to design and craft the polished base that it rests upon. Fittingly, the 9/11 Monument has been situated so that the new Freedom Tower in Manhattan serves as its backdrop.

Art from the HCCC Foundation Art Collection is being installed throughout the HCCC Library Building. Works on the fifth floor are primarily from the 1960's and include pieces by Roy Lichtenstein, Man Ray and Marcel Duchamp. There are also works by HCCC art students displayed on the fifth floor. Edward Curtis photographs of Native Americans that are framed in recycled barn wood may be viewed on the fourth floor. A Navajo rug that was donated by HCCC Librarian Clifford Brooks is displayed in the fourth-floor lobby. There are several works displayed throughout the Library, including Willie Cole's "Man, Spirit, Mask" on the second floor. A photo of one of William Wegman's famous Weimaraner dogs may be enjoyed on the first floor, where there are also works by Jersey City and Hudson County artists and pieces that were part of the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull gift.

Construction on the HCCC Library Building began in November 2012, and the "topping-out" ceremony was held in April 2013. The building was designed by NK Architects, and includes a number of sustainable materials and features.

The HCCC Library Building is an integral part of the College's \$250 million capital expansion and improvement master plan that has included the from-the-ground-up construction of the HCCC Culinary Conference Center and the pocket park located across the street from it on the Journal Square (Jer-

sey City) campus, as well as the North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City. The College has also repurposed/revitalized buildings at 2 Enos Place, One PATH Plaza, 81 Sip Avenue, and 119 Newkirk Street in the Journal Square area of Jersey City. All of these endeavors have helped promote local development and stabilization, and have brought more security to these areas. The College invested an additional \$100 million to outfit these buildings with the latest technologies and information systems, including Wi-Fi.

"Throughout my time in public service I have supported efforts that ensure greater access to quality education on every level," said Congressman Albio Sires. "This Library offers the people of Hudson County opportunities to strengthen their lives by learning and acquiring knowledge in a very comfortable atmosphere with the most up-to-date technologies."

"Undertaking a project of this magnitude requires the support and cooperation of our elected officials, the College's team of Trustees, administrators, faculty and staff, and most especially, our neighbors in the community," said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. "We are grateful to everyone who has played a role in making this Library Building a reality. We especially want to thank Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise and the Board of Chosen Freeholders."

"Investing in the education and training of our people is one of the best ways to ensure future prosperity," said Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise. "HCCC's outstanding new library complex is the latest example of our willingness as a county to make these kinds of vital investments – not just for students today but for the success of our economy tomorrow."

## ESL BOOK GROUP HAS IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

During the Spring 2014 semester, Professor Linda Stephenson (ESL) decided to initiate an "ESL Book Group." The selection was a collection of short stories called *Drown* by Dominican-American author, Junot Diaz. Students and staff were invited to attend the group, and were encouraged to come, even if they wished to read the stories in translation.

All discussions were conducted in English to provide informal practice of the language as well as an opportunity to enjoy good literature and make new friends. For two of the six meetings, ESL Director Elena Nehrebecki joined the Wednesday evening book group with her Level 2 students, who had read and studied selected stories in class.

Combining the original book group participants with Professor Nehrebecki's class created a new and wonderful dynamic. The final meeting included a delicious meal for all, thanks to Vice President for North Hudson Center and Student Affairs Dr. Paula Pando and Alexa Martinez. The ESL book group was



*Members of the ESL Book Club congregate at the North Hudson Higher Education Center.*

a success, and Prof. Stephenson will offer it again this semester, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 15. This semester's book choice will be *Come Together, Fall Apart*, a novella and stories by Cristina Henríquez.