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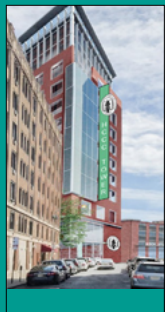


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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND NEW JERSEY REENTRY CORPORATION ANNOUNCE GROUND-BREAKING PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COURT-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

At a press conference on Wednesday, Jan. 11, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President, Dr. Christopher Reber, and New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) Founder and Chairman, former New Jersey Governor James McGreevey, announced the establishment of a Phlebotomy Technician Certification program leading to an industry recognized credential from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). The program is designed solely for court-involved individuals. Governor McGreevey and Dr. Reber were joined at the event by New Jersey Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Cari Fais; HCCC Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti; HCCC Associate Vice President for Continuing Education

and Workforce Development, Lori Margolin; HCCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment, Dr. Heather DeVries; and New Jersey Reentry Corporation program participants.

Dr. Reber said the training program is funded by NJ HealthWorks, a program sponsored by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, and administered by the New Jersey Community College Health Profession Consortium Partners. The first Phlebotomy Training Program class of about one dozen students began January 23, 2023. Classes are conducted by HCCC faculty at the Governor's Reentry Training and Employment Center in Kearny, NJ.

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ON THE COVER: Pictured at the Jan. 11 press conference announcing the Hudson County Community College Phlebotomy Technician Certification from left: Lori Margolin, HCCC Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; New Jersey Reentry Corporation program participants Camille Hannah, Michael Chatmon and Kaiyah Thompson; James McGreevey, NJRC Founder and Chairman and former New Jersey governor; and Dr. Heather DeVries, HCCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDED \$2.2 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE IN NEW ACADEMIC TOWER

When Hudson County Community College (HCCC) began planning the new 11-story, 153,186 square-foot Academic Tower facility that will soon begin rising in the Journal Square section of Jersey City, technology to provide expanded learning opportunities for more students was high on the list of priorities.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, we made a significant investment in technology to ensure our students could continue to make progress in achieving their academic goals by offering courses, programs, and services remotely and fully online," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "We determined that if we had the resources, we would apply those and other advanced technology principles to the Tower. Thanks to the advocacy and support of our representatives in the United States Congress and Senate, HCCC has been awarded \$2.2 million in federal funding to make this a reality. This will greatly benefit our students and the entire Hudson County community."

Former Congressman Albio Sires said, "HCCC plays a critical role in our community – serving a diverse population, promoting social and economic mobility, and helping students achieve the American Dream. This funding is an important part of my legacy as a Congressman, and I was proud to secure these resources that will provide high quality remote learning opportunities and increased access for students."



Pictured here, a rendering of Hudson County Community College's 11-story, 153,186 square-foot Academic Tower that will be constructed in the Journal Square section of Jersey City, NJ.

"The construction of this Academic Tower is a huge step forward in fulfilling the vision we laid out more than two decades ago of a Hudson County Community College capable of serving the needs of 21st century students, both now and in the decades to come," said Hudson County

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS TRIBUTE PERFORMANCE TO THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life and leadership continue to inspire and influence people of every color and creed, in every generation, across the globe.

To honor the legacy of Dr. King, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) presented a special program of gospel, Broadway, and a variety of inspirational musical numbers performed by Angela Birchett and Joey Joseph-DiCarlo on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The program took place in the Atrium of the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery on the sixth floor of the College's Gabert Library, located at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City – just across the street from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center.

"It is fitting that we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who advanced civil rights and was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "Diversity, equity and inclusion form the very foundation of the College's Mission, Vision and Value statements, and are a central priority in HCCC's 2021-24 Strategic Plan, Student Success Action Plan, and workforce initiatives. This tribute reflects Dr. King's belief that music and education were powerful catalysts for change."

Angela Birchett is a seasoned vocalist, actor, songwriter, educator, and live music host who made her Broadway debut in the 2015 Tony Award-winning revival of *The Color Purple*. She has also appeared in several regional and touring companies, including *The Color Purple* first national tour; *Dreamgirls* as Effie White; *Once on This Island*



Pictured here, Angela Birchett and Joey Joseph-DiCarlo who performed at Hudson County Community College's tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023.


as Asaka; *Smokey Joe's Café* as BJ; and *Hairspray* national tour as Motormouth. Her television credits include CBS' *Kevin Can Wait* and NBC's *Blindspot*. Most recently, she starred as Jacky Clark-Chisholm in Lifetime's movie event, *The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel* that reached 11 million viewers in its opening weekend, making it the most viewed premiere on cable television in 2020.

Ms. Birchett is also the founder of AB Creative, Inc. and creates educational programming and one-on-one development that encourages individuality, celebrates black culture through the performing arts, and equips students and aspiring artists with a "toolkit" to take their place in an ever-changing entertainment industry.

Joey Joseph-DiCarlo is the New York/New Jersey-based pianist who will accompany Ms. Birchett. A Louisiana native, he recently played keyboards in the orchestra for *Beetlejuice: The*

Musical on Broadway. His other credits include *Pippin* (Broadway/National tour); tours of *The Color Purple* and *Hairspray*; and multiple productions at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ.

The HCCC Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery presents a variety of exhibitions and programs at the College's Journal Square and North Hudson campuses every semester. The Gallery's exhibition space boasts Manhattan views that stretch from the Statue of Liberty to the upper west side of New York City. In each exhibition, the Gallery provides exposure to local and international talents, highlights creative faculty members, facilitates a visitor-friendly experience, and hosts a wide array of artistic styles and themes to mirror the diversity of Hudson County. The Gallery is open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule a tour, please email mvitale@hccc.edu.



Cannabis Studies Information Session

IN PERSON and on WEBEX

Join us to learn about life-changing opportunities for online and on-the-ground Cannabis education at Hudson County Community College.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

RSVP TO: <https://CannabisClassesAtHCCC.eventbrite.com>

IN-PERSON: Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306


VIRTUAL: Log in on Webex! <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/join/akarakashian>

Are you interested in learning more about cannabis education at Hudson County Community College?

Come hear about the great opportunities that exist for your future in this emerging industry. We offer Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) programs for cannabis as well as cannabis courses, two certificates, and college degree programs within the School of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.

We have agreements with four area dispensaries offering internships and employment for our students!

For more information, contact us at (201) 360-4640.



HCCC ANNOUNCES JOHNSTON AWARD FACULTY WINNERS

Congratulations to Dr. Nadia Hedhli (Associate Professor, Biology) and Joseph Gallo (Associate Professor, Theatre and Film), who were selected as recipients of the 2022-23 Philip Johnston Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

The awards recognize outstanding educators, who through their excellence in teaching, influence the professional lives of their students long after graduation. The awards are named in honor of Philip Johnston, who chaired the HCCC Foundation Board from 2010 to 2012. The initial awards were presented in 2013.



Pictured from left: Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Nadia Hedhli, Associate Professor, Biology; Dr. Frederick Bonato, Executive Vice President and Provost, Saint Peter's University, and external judge; and Joseph Gallo, Associate Professor, Theatre and Film.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS

Importance of Having a Will

(All Employees, Live, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

You work hard for your money, and you should make sure that it, and your other assets, end up where you want after your death. There is much confusion about what you need to do to preserve your wealth and intentions, and in this class, participants will leave understanding the components and alternatives to their choice.

Redefining Your Stress Style

(Leaders and Managers, Live, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Stress can be either a negative or a positive influence in our lives, and each of us reacts to stress differently. In this session we will explore individual responses to stress and learn techniques to channel stress to the positive.

Navigating Red Tape after the Death of a Loved One (Prerecorded) Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 24/7

The passing of a loved one is already traumatic for those left behind. Learning the basics of dealing with the administrative side of death can make the journey easier. In this webinar, you will learn the first steps to get through standard paperwork, dealing with banks and funeral homes, filing a death certificate and other aspects of handling your loved one's estate.

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

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following on their anniversaries with Hudson County Community College!
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Jay Singh

30 Years

Linda Guastini

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

10 Years

Carlo-Angelo Gochuico

20 Years

Michelle Cruz

Sheila James

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME FACULTY

Annie Barran, Instructor, Nursing (Non-tenured) (effective Jan. 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

2023 COMMENCEMENT



The Commencement Committee plans are well underway! Our 2023 Commencement ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 17 at 11 a.m. at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, NJ. The rain date is Thursday, May 18th at 11 a.m. at the same location.

We are collecting RSVPs and regalia orders for those FT and PT staff members who plan to attend and march in regalia and RSVPs for those staff members who plan to work at the event that day. All college offices (with limited exceptions) will be closed that day and all employees (PT and FT) who are scheduled to work, should report to Red Bull Arena, unless they have a scheduled day off. Once we gather volunteer RSVPs, more information

about volunteer schedules and responsibilities will follow.

Please complete the Commencement RSVP and Regalia Order form at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2d6dbde3e7074599b8fd2e02203b5ad3> by Monday, February 6, 2023. If you plan to march and need to order regalia, to complete this form, you will need your weight range, height, and head measurement (there is a guide included), terminal degree, and institution.

If you have any questions, contact: Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President Human Resources Office: 201-360-4071 | Mobile: 201-360-1663 Email: akrupitskiy@hccc.edu

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Larry Anderson, Admissions Recruiter (effective Jan. 18, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Michelle DeLaFleur, Interim Director of Patron Services (effective Feb. 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Jeet Patel, Data Network Administrator (effective Feb. 1, 2023 to March 15, 2023)

Prachi Patel, Bookkeeper (effective Jan. 18, 2023 to Aug. 31, 2023)

Stephanie Pina, Assistant Director, Human Resources (effective Jan. 16, 2023 to March 15, 2023)

Alexandra Plante, Director Library Instruction (effective Feb. 16, 2023 to June 30, 2023)

Sarah Yagoubi, Coordinator, Center for Workforce Innovation (Grant-funded) (effective Jan. 18, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023)

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Caroline Arreaga, Social Worker (effective Feb. 1, 2023)

Laura Riano, Coordinator, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (New Jersey Business and Industry Association Grant-funded) (effective Jan. 18, 2023)

Diana Sanchez, Career Coach (effective Jan. 18, 2023)

Michael Smith, Librarian (effective Jan. 18, 2023)

MODIFICATION TO STAFFING TABLE

Michael Whelpley – College Lecturer to Associate Director, Open Educational Resources (effective Jan. 16, 2023)

We are here for you!



Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?

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



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

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



SAVE THE DATE!

STAFF AND FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Wednesday, March 29

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call for proposals!

The deadline to submit is Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Questions?

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

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Executive Tom DeGise. “My thanks to Dr. Reber, his administration, and the Board of Trustees for their tireless efforts to move this project forward and to my friend, former Congressman Albio Sires, for securing a vital piece of the funding for it.”

The HCCC “Technology Advance Project” will provide Immersive Telepresence Video (ITV) in the 24 classrooms of the new Tower. ITV will allow synchronous learning classroom technology systems to connect remote students to in-class learning from home or across classrooms and campuses. It will also improve students’ educational experience by reducing travel and keeping students on their home campuses.

“This is a game changer,” Dr. Reber stated. “Implementing our ‘Technology Advance Project’ will increase the number of certificates and degrees offered fully at all HCCC campuses; provide state-of-the-art, high-quality learning options; better accommodate student scheduling

needs; increase enrollment; offer best-practice, cutting-edge workforce development programs; and help students build their technology and communication abilities in virtual environments. These skills are essential across today’s complex workforce.”

The mixed-use HCCC Tower will be constructed on an existing HCCC-owned parking lot located between Enos Place and Jones Street. It will replace a handful of the College’s segregated, aging buildings along Sip Avenue from Jones Street to Tonnelle Avenue in Jersey City, and consolidate programs and services provided in those buildings.

The HCCC Tower has been designed for maximum efficiency and the care, comfort, safety, and benefit of the College’s students and the community. It will include state-of-the-art classrooms; expanded spaces for student services; expanded and centralized offices for Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD); a full-size National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) gymnasium, fitness and wellness center; University Center for sister colleges and universities to offer baccalaureate instruction at

HCCC; a new workforce development healthcare lab; exercise science lab; black box theater; student commons areas; and administrative offices, among others. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

In addition to the \$2.2 million federal grant, the County of Hudson has committed up to \$35 million in funding for the Tower’s construction. The College has also submitted applications valued at over \$18 million to the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) for funding from the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund (HEFT) to cover the Community Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) classrooms, health laboratory, offices, as well as learning laboratory and classrooms; Higher Education Technology Infrastructure (HETI) fund for technology infrastructure; and Higher Education Equipment Leasing Fund (ELF) for the Fitness/Wellness Center and Fitness Laboratory.

“This Academic Tower will truly be a central resource for all members of the community, a place we can all point to with pride,” Dr. Reber stated.

Where can you enjoy a great meal, help students achieve their educational aspirations, and grow your business?

Join us for the Dining Series

Occurring at the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ on eight Fridays from noon to 2:00 p.m.:

February 24, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28

Your subscription of \$1,195 for eight weeks* or \$600 for four weeks affords you and up to three guests: Appetizer, entree, dessert courses, and non-alcoholic beverages for four or eight weeks. Seating is limited to four diners per table.

Payment can be sent to HCCC Foundation, 162-168 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306.

To pay online, please visit www.hccc.edu/foundation. 100% of your gift will benefit HCCC scholars. *Single weeks are not available.

Email us at foundation@hccc.edu for more information. Or call 201.360.4069.



HCCC AND NEW JERSEY REENTRY CORPORATION ANNOUNCE GROUND-BREAKING PHLEBOTOMY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COURT-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

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“We are proud to partner with Governor McGreevey and NJRC in developing and providing this Phlebotomy Training Program,” Dr. Reber said. “This is a life-changing opportunity, exclusively for court-involved women and men, that offers a pathway to well-paying, in-demand careers. This program also addresses a critical national need for professionals in this sector of health care.”

NJRC Chairman James McGreevey stated, “This Phlebotomy Training for court-involved persons to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician is a landmark course. This is the first New Jersey Phlebotomy Training Program solely focused on the court-involved population. This three-month training program will require significant academic and substantial clinical training hours resulting in a professional phlebotomy career. The successful completion of the training will provide for national certification through the National Healthcareer Association. We are honored to partner with HCCC in our shared advocacy mission and commitment to Second Chances. We celebrate the importance of this Phlebotomy Training Course, which continues

to highlight the need for ‘industry-recognized credentials’ through job training for the reentry population.”

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Phlebotomy is one of the fastest growing career sectors in the country with a projection of 21,500 openings for phlebotomists each year over the decade. The 2021 median pay for phlebotomists who draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations, and work in hospitals, laboratories, blood donor centers, and doctors’ offices, is \$37,380 per year.

In addition to this program, Hudson County Community College and New Jersey Reentry Corporation work in partnership to provide career pathway certification training and credit-bearing learning opportunities for court involved individuals in Welding, Advanced Manufacturing, and Culinary Arts. In November 2022, HCCC and NJRC celebrated NJRC graduates of the HCCC Welding and Culinary Arts programs.

SPRING 2023 12-WEEK QUICK TERM



Classes begin on Monday, February 13

Each class meets for 12 weeks. This a great option for students who cannot commit to a 15-week term or motivated learners who prefer a fast-paced format.

VIEW COURSE OFFERINGS AT: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-QT-courses>

REGISTER NOW!

For a current schedule, go to www.hccc.edu/schedule

For more information contact: admissions@hccc.edu text (201) 509-4222 or call (201) 714-7200



Foundation Art Collection

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

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



Erik Desmazières,
Crab & Fish
etching, 11.125"
x 8.75"



Shirin Neshat,
Offerings
(series), 2020,
6" x 6" This
photograph was
printed as part
of a benefit sale
for the National
Association for
the Advancement
of Colored People
(NAACP).

Artist News

Erik Desmazières, whose work is on view on the 4th floor student lounge (407) in the Culinary building, is having an exhibit called *Hidden Worlds: Prints and Drawings by Erik Desmazières*, at the Childs Gallery in Boston through March 25, 2023. The Desmazières work in the HCCC Collection, *Crab and Fish*, occupies a room filled with art about food. By contrast, the copperplate-etchings in this new exhibition include dizzyingly cool architectural prints. You can see the work online here: <https://childsgallery.com/exhibition/hidden-worlds-prints-and-drawings-by-erik-desmazières/>. According to the gallery, "The exhibition highlights Desmazières' early work, heavy with fantasy and science fiction leanings, and is supplemented by later uniquely cerebral views of Parisian rooftop." These works are, "things that never were, but certainly feel as if they could have been. His uncanny attention to detail and hand for atmospheric light and shadow brings to life scenes in a variety of reoccurring motifs: cities and buildings, battles and warriors, libraries and letters, wonder chambers and curiosities, comedies and characters." Desmazières was born in Rabat, Morocco in 1948. He studied printmaking at the Cours du Soir de la Ville de Paris. A recipient of the Grand Prix des Arts de la Ville de Paris, he was elected to the prestigious Société des Peintres-Graveurs Français where he has served as President since 2006.

In last month's *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, world-famous artist Shirin Neshat wrote about her sources of inspiration. The artist grew up in Qazvin, Iran, a religious and conservative city. "I

don't know where I got it from—my parents were not at all culturally inclined—but I had this urge to be an artist." She left Iran in 1975 when she was 17 and went to study at the University of California, Berkeley. Distracted by world events—The Iranian Revolution in 1979, and the installation of the Islamic republic—she "barely graduated" and stopped making art. Because of the revolution, the US and Iran severed ties, so she couldn't see her family for over 10 years. She was finally able to return in 1990, after Ayatollah Khomeini died. She was shocked by the changes in her country, which had been quite cosmopolitan. Now, it was religious. The impact of this change on women's lives was extreme. "Once I returned to New York, I started to think about making work that reflected upon what I had experienced. I finally became an artist because I had a purpose." Her first series of photographs "explored how the hijab controls the female body on a psychological and emotional level." She says, "I wasn't trying to support or criticize anything; I was just trying to delve into certain questions that seemed so paradoxical and contradictory to the nature of women." She had a photographer friend take pictures of her, then she started to copy "poems by Iranian women and draw Iranian-Persian motifs in ink directly on to the photographs, which became my signature style." The work in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection is in that signature style. It is slated for installation later this year. She says, "Ultimately, everything I've done is a celebration of the power of women." Her current show, *The Fury*, at the Gladstone Gallery, 515 West 24th Street in New York City runs through March 4, 2023.

New Jersey artist Faith Ringgold, whose work can be seen on the 3rd and 6th floor of Gabert Library, is exhibiting her work at The Picasso Museum in her first comprehensive solo exhibition in Paris. An extension of her recent retrospective at the New Museum in New York, the Paris show also includes examples of her so-called *French Collection* art works. The Museum notes, "Faith Ringgold is a major figure in American feminist art, from the civil rights struggles to those of Black Lives Matter, and the author of some very famous works in children's literature. Her work links the rich heritage of the Harlem Renaissance to the current art of young black American artists. Through her re-readings of modern art history, she engages in a genuine plastic and critical dialogue with the Parisian art scene of the early 20th century, particularly with Picasso and his *Demaiselles d'Avignon*."

Congratulations to Maya Lin, whose porcelain work can be seen in the first-floor cabinet in the Gabert Library. She won the 29th Annual Crystal Award, from the World Economic Forum. The award celebrates the achievements of leading artists who are bridge-builders and role models for leaders of society. According to the Forum, the winners, "connect us to each other; they help us reflect on the human condition, and they provide visions of the world that can cut through the limitations of short-term or linear thinking." They specifically praised Lin's "extraordinary creative talent in combining science, art and architecture, and her exemplary leadership in the promotion of nature and environment. Lin has fashioned a remarkable interdisciplinary career through her highly acclaimed art and architectural works, showcasing sustainable design and emphasizing a stronger connection to the land and nature." They cited President Obama's words in 2016 when he gave Lin the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He said her Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, "changed the way we think about sacrifice and patriotism and ourselves." In Lin's 5th and final memorial, *What is Missing?*, she "uses science-based artworks to raise awareness of the current mass extinctions of species, while emphasizing that by protecting and restoring habitats and reforming our land-use practices we could significantly reduce emissions and restore and protect biodiversity." If you would like to participate in this project, go to <https://www.whatismissing.org>.

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Spring 2023 Exhibit Calendar

Contemporary Peacemakers Exhibit February 6 to April 7

Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery is transformed into a center for social good, inspired by the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Highlights include Professor Dorothy Anderson's personal collection of artifacts that focuses on the art and culture of African diaspora. The exhibit will also showcase HCCC departments, courses, and students through policies and processes, and explore avenues of positive community impact. Supplementary programs will be hosted throughout the exhibition.

Theatre in the Gallery: Joseph Gallo March 20 to March 24

Professor Joseph Gallo founded the HCCC Theatre Arts Program. Gallo also is an American playwright and actor. He will be presenting his newest play in the Gallery, *Yuppies Invade My House at Dinnertime*. Performance dates and times are to be announced.

Jersey City Public School District Poetry Festival Words-Worth April 18 to April 20

Jersey City Public Schools light up the Dineen Hull Gallery once again with a poetry exhibit and performances representing our youngest, talented voices throughout Jersey City.

HCCC Spring Student Art Exhibition May 2 to May 12

Closing Reception, May 12
The HCCC Art Department offers a wide variety of classes in computer and fine arts taught by professional artists living in the New York- New Jersey metropolitan area. HCCC celebrates the artistic talents of our community with a bi-annual student exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. Join the Art Department students, professors, and staff on May 12 for the Student Presentation and Reception. Light refreshments will be served.

Jersey City Public School District Student Exhibition May 22 to June 7

See rising stars in the visual arts! The Jersey City Public School District is filled with students who are amazing creative talents. HCCC is proud of our ongoing partnership showcasing these high school artists in the Dineen Hull Gallery.

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or visit

www.hccc.edu/community/arts/doca-culture.html

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Upcoming Programs

Microsoft Excel Level 2 (In-Person)

Wednesdays (5 sessions) February 1, 2023 through March 1, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Price: \$145 | Instructor: Johnstone Libutsi
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-office-excel-level-ii-registration-367808243357>

Project Management Certificate Program (Online)

Feb. 27 to April 6 (12 sessions) | Mondays & Thursdays
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Price: \$1,200
Instructor: Susan Serradilla-Smarth
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-online-project-management-certificate-program-winter-2023-registration-482603729747>

Financial Basics for Personal Finances and Wealth Building (Online)

Tuesdays (3 Sessions) | February 7- February 28
(No class on February 14) | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Price: \$75 | Instructor: Jairo Borja
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/financial-basics-for-personal-finances-wealth-building-registration-468547988647>

SAT PREP COURSES

SAT Mathematics Preparatory Course (In-Person)

Mondays & Wednesdays | (8 sessions)
February 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, March 1, 6 & 8
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. | Price: \$210 | Instructor: Raza Qamar

SAT Language Arts Preparatory Course (In-Person)

Tuesdays & Thursdays | (8 sessions)
February 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7 & 9
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. | Price: \$210 | Instructor: William H. Shin
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sat-prep-classes-tickets-493016695207>

Advanced Workplace Communications (Online)

Mondays (6 Sessions) | February 13, 2023 through March 27, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Price: \$125 | Instructor: Mary Anne Kochut
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-workplace-communications-course-winter-2023-registration-482616317397>

Basic Arabic Level 1 (Online)

Mondays & Thursdays (5 Sessions) | February 13, 16, 20, 23 & 27
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Price: \$85 | Instructor: Mohamed Sarrouti
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-arabic-level-i-registration-492835673767>

Foundations of Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (Online)

Mondays (8 Sessions) | February 27, 2023, through April 17, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Instructor: Morgan Hill | Price: \$125
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foundations-of-blockchain-and-cryptocurrency-winter-2023-registration-482636287127>

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Before I utilized HCCC Alumni Services, I was a cashier at Dollar Tree. I faced many challenges with management and working within a public setting. After two years, I have gained better social skills and traits that have helped me prepare for future challenges and paths.

My experiences with HCCC Alumni Services and Ms. Maria have been great. Were it not for her, I would not be where I am today. I was nervous at the start of the program, but now I have tremendous respect and appreciation for her and all her work, not only with me, but with the other alums.

I work at Newark Liberty International Airport as a Passenger Service Agent. I start my day checking in passengers for their flights, then start boarding them on their respective flights. I love my job! I love lending my service to people and making people's days more manageable and exciting.

Through my position, I have gained a better understanding of myself. My family has since seen changes in me. I have become more outspoken. I have become friends with many of my co-workers. I have opened up so much more these last 10 to 11 months. Thank you, Ms. Maria! I could not do it without you!

My advice to HCCC students: Don't be afraid to fail because failure is always around. If you think you can't do it, try it. All you can do is try. You never know what's going to happen next.

Rosennies Feliz Class of 2020 Associate in Science, Business Administration



Earlier, I worked for Hudson County Community College as a lab assistant. As an HCCC alumna, I was in contact with the Alumni Manager, Ms. Maria Lita Sarmiento. She helped me transition smoothly, and she is fantastic. She knows how to listen to your needs and look for opportunities within your desired field.

I work for the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation as a Marketing, Communications and Program Coordinator.

My current position will help me learn how to market and coordinate various roles. It will also help me expand my network and understand how a corporate opportunity is sustained.

I want to thank the College for providing excellent service and staff members for helping HCCC students and alums. I would also like to thank Ms. Maria, because she encouraged me to take on the interview, prepared me, and motivated me not to give up.

I advise HCCC students to keep in touch and use all resources within the College that can help them in many ways.

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