Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is one of just 25 community colleges from across the United States to be named as a finalist in a new national program to recognize innovation and promising practices among two-year colleges. The new program — The Awards of Excellence — is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and was established by that organization to align with key recommendations of the 21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges. Finalists were chosen by a specially appointed committee of the AACC Board of Directors based upon specific and measurable criteria.

HCCC is a finalist in the Student Success category, as is Central New Mexico Community College (NM), Phillips Community College (AR), South Texas College (TX), and Tarrant County College (TX). HCCC is the only New Jersey two-year college among the 25 finalists.

"It's an honor for Hudson County Community College to be selected as a finalist, and to be recognized for the work being done to help ensure that our students succeed," said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert.

Dr. Gabert said that the College's submission underscored the facts that today's college students face challenges such as rising tuition rates, and juggling schedules to handle classwork, employment and caring for a family. Additionally, students' challenges include being academically unprepared to handle college coursework and overcoming language and cultural barriers.

“Our nomination submission details the many innovative programs implemented here at HCCC that have been designed to meet the specific needs of the men and women of our community,” Dr. Gabert stated. These include pre-college courses that better prepare students to successfully complete their studies and earn their degrees, and making one-on-one counseling and tutoring as well as faculty and peer tutoring more available. “As a result, the College’s retention rate has risen from 46.4% to nearly 60%, and the overall two- and three-year graduation rate has risen 66% in the past five years,” he said.

The AACC awards will be presented at the 2013 AACC Convention in San Francisco on April 23.
Middle States Regional Awards
The Beta Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa represented Hudson County Community College well at this year’s Middle States Regional Convention in Baltimore, March 1-3. The chapter returned with the following awards:

- Chapter Officer Hall of Honor: Luz Tellez and Victor Lopez, Jr.
- Chapter Member Hall of Honor: Gloria Estanislado
- Distinguished Chapter Member: Gloria Estanislado
- Chapter Spirit Award
- Middle States Region Gold Chapter
- Five-Star Chapter
- Distinguished Horizon Advisor Award: Theodore Lai

Upcoming Events
- Thursday, April 4 – Saturday, April 6: Phi Theta Kappa International Convention, San Jose, California
- Saturday, April 13 – Chapter Meeting and Elections, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, April 20 – Earth Day, Liberty State Park
- Thursday, April 25 – Volunteer Expo, Loews Jersey Theater, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 28 – Walk MS, South Street Seaport
- Sunday, April 28 – March for Babies, Liberty State Park, Jersey City

Oberndorf Scholarship
10 Phi Theta Kappa members have been awarded scholarships of $500 each to further their associate degree studies. Phi Theta Kappa’s new Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship helps Phi Theta Kappa members overcome unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of the college credential, an associate degree or certificate, while enrolled in the two-year college.

Congratulations to the Phi Theta Kappa member from Hudson County Community College who was a charter recipient of this scholarship.

April Poetry Madness Competition
Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month is observed in April of each year.

HCCC’s Associated Faculty for Mind Beautification has created an April Poetry Madness competition. Eight poems have been selected in four head-to-head brackets.

The four poems to receive the most votes in each bracket will proceed to a semifinal round. To see the selected poems, please see the related announcement at the MyHudson portal. Submit votes to Joseph Colicchio (jcolicchio@hccc.edu) by Thursday, April 11.

The Writing Center Student Writing Contest
Hudson County Community College students may submit any type of writing including essays, memoirs, articles, short stories, screenplays, teleplays, one-act scripts, long or short poems, and lyric poetry (3,000 words maximum).

Submit hard copies to the Writing Center (2 Enos Place, Room J204) or via email to jpascale@hccc.edu (must include “Writing Center Student Writing Contest” in the subject line). All entries must include: students’ full name, telephone number, student identification number, and e-mail address. Students may submit a maximum of three (3) entries.

The deadline for all submissions is noon on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Winner(s) will be notified, receive a prize, and recognition in HCCC Happenings.

For more information about future CBI events, please contact Ana Chapman-McCausland at (201) 360-4242 or achapman@hccc.edu.
The Hudson County Community College community mourns the loss of Joseph A. Cundari, Trustee Emeritus, who died on March 19 at age 98.

"The College has lost a dedicated supporter and friend," said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. "We mourn this loss and honor Joseph Cundari's contributions to the College and his memory. He will be deeply missed."

Mr. Cundari was born in Harrison and earned Master's and Bachelor's degrees in civil engineering from Manhattan College. He worked in the Ford Motor Company Foreign Export Department, and as a Structural Steel Designer with Hugh A. Kelly Associates, Jersey City, in the design of plans for federal housing projects in Harrison, Jersey City, Burlington, N.J. and Stratford, Conn.

Cundari served in the United States Army during World War II from 1941 to 1945 as a Master Sergeant with the 341st Engineer Regiment, during which time he supervised construction of the Alaska Military Highway and on the reconstruction of railroad bridges in France, Belgium and Germany. Among other accolades, he was awarded a Legion of Merit, a military honor for outstanding services, for his design and supervision of bridge reconstruction work.

Cundari joined Wigton-Abbott Corp. of Plainfield as Assistant Construction Manager in 1946, and in 1982 became Construction Manager. Also in March 1946, he was appointed Town Engineer by Harrison Mayor Frank Rodgers. For 56 years, until his retirement in May 2002, he supervised all major public projects, including the William A. Stickel Memorial Bridge, John F. Kennedy Stadium, Harrison Recreation Center, Harrison High School, the addition to Lincoln Elementary School, Fire Headquarters, Public Library, renovation of the Senior Citizens' Center, the additions of hundreds of family homes on former industrial sites, the reconstruction of the Bridge Street and Jackson Street bridges, demolition of the PSE&G gas container, construction of recreation facilities such as playgrounds, basketball courts, mini-soccer field and tennis courts. He was responsible for the plans and specifications for the construction of new water mains, sanitary and storm sewers, street paving, fire alarm and traffic signals. He served as Zoning Board Officer (1948) and Planning Board Officer (1977) until his retirement.

He served on HCCC's Board of Trustees from 1990 to 1995, chairing the Facilities Committee that outlined the Master Plan for the campus development in Journal Square and Union City. The title of Trustee Emeritus was bestowed upon him in 1998. In 1999, the classroom building at 870 Bergen Avenue in Jersey City was dedicated in his honor and renamed the Cundari Center. In addition to HCCC, Cundari served as a member and officer of numerous organizations, including the Harrison Board of Education, Hudson County Vocation School Board, Tennis Realty Corporation, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus.

The Christopher Columbus Foundation Day honored Cundari as an outstanding citizen. He was recognized twice (2003 and 2011) by Mayor Raymond McDonough as Harrison's Outstanding Senior Citizen. In April 2011, the Harrison Board of Education voted to name the tennis courts at Harrison High School "The Joseph A. Cundari Tennis Court."

**ASSISTANT STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER TO SPEAK AT NJCU STEM SYMPOSIUM ON APRIL 10**

Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., assistant state medical examiner for New Jersey, will deliver the keynote address at New Jersey City University's inaugural STEM Leadership Symposium, a program that will provide comprehensive information on leadership and career development in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, on Wednesday, April 10, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., in Room 202 of Hepburn Hall, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. Admission is free.

Dr. Mitchell's address will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr. Wesley Wilson, NJCU director of developmental mathematics; Dr. William Montgomery, an NJCU professor of geoscience and geography; undergraduate students from NJCU and Hudson County Community College; and Sally Nadler, college relations manager at PSE&G.
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 Maureen Sheridan, Director of College Life, at (201) 360-4015 or msheridan@hccc.edu.

John DeLooper
Librarian, North Hudson Higher Education Center

John DeLooper joined Hudson County Community College as a librarian at the North Hudson Higher Education Center in September 2011. John earned a bachelor’s degree from George Washington University and a master’s degree in Library and Information Science from Rutgers University. John provides reference services for students, faculty, and staff, and is building the Library’s print and electronic collection. Further, John instructs students on navigating library resources. He is a member of the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) and American Library Association, and prior to Hudson, John was a Special Collections Assistant at Princeton University’s Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, which houses the University Archives and its collection of Public Policy Papers. At Princeton, John was a member of the Executive Council and Negotiating Team to assist with the University’s 180+ library assistants in contract negotiations and dispute resolution.

Maria Schirta
Instructor of ESL

After completing her Diploma of Intensive Studies in Russian Linguistics in Bucharest, Romania, and her B.A. in English and Russian from the University of Bucharest, Ms. Schirta earned her Master’s in TESOL with a specialization in teaching ESL in higher education from New Jersey City University in 2005. Ms. Schirta became a full-time Instructor of ESL at HCCC in 2008. During her tenure, Ms. Schirta has been responsible for updating HCCC’s ESL Writing and Grammar Level 1 course outlines and co-publishing ESL Messenger, the ESL Program newsletter, and Diversity, the ESL student magazine. She was also a member of two search committees, has actively participated in different ESL committees, summer projects, as well as college-wide committees. She has been a member of the Student Affairs, a committee of the All College Council, and of Student Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate. In addition, she has attended two international TESOL conventions, four statewide NJTESOL Conferences, one Tri-State Best Practices Conference, and presented at four conferences and at ESL Professional Development Days at HCCC.

Prior to her full-time appointment at HCCC, Ms. Schirta was an adjunct instructor for both HCCC and New Jersey City University. In Romania, Ms. Schirta was an interpreter for visiting American delegates as well as the editor of Our Voice, a literary magazine of the Union of Ukrainians in Romania.

Currently, she is the ESL level 1 coordinator, co-publishes Diversity, and continues to be involved in different College committees.

HCC TO HOST OPEN HOUSE IN APRIL

Dr. Gabert said faculty and staff will be on hand to provide information about the College’s for-credit and noncredit offerings towards Associate degree and certificate programs. They will also answer questions about prerequisites for admission, student support services and extracurricular activities that are available.

Hudson County Community College offers more than 50 degree and 15 certificate programs, including the nationally acclaimed Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs and a highly regarded nursing program. Articulation agreements — which allow students to transfer their HCCC credits to and continue pursuing their chosen majors at four-year colleges and universities — are in position with Bloomfield College, Caldwell College, Centenary College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Kean University, New Jersey City University, Saint Peter’s University, Saint Peter’s University (SPU), Thomas Edison State College and University of Phoenix. The College also has an agreement with Saint Peter’s University that allows HCCC graduates to transfer to SPU for the same tuition as they would pay at a New Jersey State four-year institution — a large savings for HCCC graduates.

HCCC students have the option of pursuing studies at the College’s Journal Square campus in Jersey City or North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City. The College holds classes weekdays from early morning throughout the evening, and on weekends as well. Additionally, a number of classes are offered online.

“Our students benefit from smaller class sizes and more personalized attention than they might be afforded at other colleges, and our Student Success program is one of just five nationally to be considered for an award from the American Association of Community Colleges,” Dr. Gabert said.

Questions about the April 20 Open House — as well as registration — may be directed to admissions@hccc.edu.

COPY CENTER ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS FOR FINALS

In order to accommodate the additional need for services during the final exams the Copy Center on campus in the Jersey City location will be extending its hours of operation starting Monday, April 29 through Monday, May 6.

Hours will be as follows:
• Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
• Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
• Sunday: Closed

The deadline for final exam copy requests is Monday, May 6. The Copy Center will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Professor Mojdeh Tabatabaie, Ph.D., P.E., who has helped pioneer the way for women in the sciences, was honored as one of the remarkable women who have made a difference in the community at Hudson County’s Annual Women’s History Month Celebration on Tuesday, March 19.

“Professor Tabatabaie is one of Hudson County Community College’s most committed teachers and one of the community’s greatest assets,” said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. “She is beloved and respected by her students and colleagues,” he stated.

A native of Iran, Mojdeh Tabatabaie comes from a family of educators — her father was a math teacher and her mother studied early childhood education. After graduating from high school at the age of 15, she went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering. After graduation, she worked as a process engineer in a suburban Tehran cement plant, where she was the sole female employee and was charged with supervising 15 technicians. In 1975, Prof. Tabatabaie and her husband migrated to the United States, and she pursued and earned master’s degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois-Chicago and environmental engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Professor Tabatabaie began her career at Hudson County Community College in 1983. In addition to teaching mathematics, science and computer courses, she served as the Dean of the College’s Division of Math, Science and Technology for seven years, and was New Jersey’s only female coordinator for students. In 2008, she was also selected to receive the Education Award.

In addition to her teaching, Prof. Tabatabaie has mentored many of her students, providing one-on-one tutoring and advice after classes and on weekends. Her students have benefited from her affiliations, and she has worked with a host of private and public institutions to develop programs that have resulted in students being able to participate in internships and other activities, such as being involved with research at Brookhaven National Laboratory during the summer. She also assisted in developing articulation agreements between Hudson County Community College and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) that resulted in a dual admission program which allows HCCC instructors to follow their students’ progress at NJIT.

Professor Tabatabaie has also served as a judge and advisory board member of The Jersey Journal’s Hudson County Science Fair, enlisting her students to assist with the event and engaging and nurturing relationships with science professors and professionals to serve as judges and to support the promotion of science and technology for students. In 2008, she was also selected to receive The Jersey Journal’s Everyday Heroes/Newspapers in Education Award.

“Mojdeh Tabatabaie is very deserving of this award, and we are privileged to have her as a vital and contributing part of our community,” Dr. Gabert said.

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

MILESTONES

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

One Year
ana chapman

Five Years
Danitza Espinales
Yvon Groeneveldt

10 Years
Jessica Brito
Sylvia Mendoza
The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture to photographs to 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 Joan and Chris Madormo for their donation in memory of John Tully, brother of Richard Tully.


### Artist News

Siona Benjamin, whose work “Directions on How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari” is installed on the fifth floor of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, recently had an exhibition at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey titled “Blue Like Me: The Paintings of Siona Benjamin.” The exhibit can be seen through May 2013 at Towson University in Maryland.


An exhibition, “Red, White, and Black: A Selection of Faith Ringgold’s Paintings of the 1960s,” is on view at ACA Galleries, 529 West 20th Street in New York City through April 27. This exhibition features selected works from “American People, Black Light: Faith Ringgold’s Paintings of the 1960s,” a show organized by the Neuberger Museum in Purchase, N.Y. The complete exhibition will be on view at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. from June 21 through Nov. 10, 2013. You can see Faith Ringgold’s work on the Hudson County Community College campus in the North Hudson Higher Education Center.

Joan Snyder, whose work “Oasis” is installed in the Academic Affairs reception area on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue, exhibited at Gering & Lopez Gallery on 730 Fifth Avenue in February. About the exhibition, Art News noted: “her spare touch is unerringly refined and elegant an unassuming melody sung in perfect pitch.”

### NOTED AMERICAN ARTIST MARK BEARD APPEARS AT HCCC FOUNDATION’S ‘ARTS TALK SERIES’ PRESENTATION ON MARCH 1

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation will host another presentation in its “Arts Talk Series” on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. That evening, Dr. Beth Citron, Assistant Curator of the Rubin Museum in Manhattan, will be the featured speaker for the program on “The Image of Partition in South Asian Muslim Art after 1947.” The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the College’s Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street — just two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Station. The event is free and open to the entire community.

The April 3 lecture has been planned in conjunction with the recent award to the College of the “Muslim Journeys Bookshelf” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Hudson County Community College was one of just five colleges and universities — and the only community college — in New Jersey to be awarded the collection. The “Muslim Journeys Bookshelf” includes a collection of 25 books, three films and access to the Oxford Islamic Studies Online that was compiled to provide the American public with trustworthy and accessible resources about Muslim beliefs and practices and the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations.

Dr. Citron will lead a discussion on three Indian artists — two of whom are Muslim, and their impressions and responses to the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947; and the far-reaching influences of Muslim art on the visual arts, architecture and décor. In her position at the Rubin Museum of Art, Dr. Citron has organized a series of exhibitions that include “Modernist Art from India,” and “Living Shrines of Uyghur China” which featured the photography of artist Lisa Ross.

Dr. Citron was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania History of Art Department. Her articles have appeared in Artforum, ArtIndia and other publications, and her writing, “Bhupen Khakar’s ‘Pop’ in India, 1970-72” appeared in the Summer 2012 issue of Art Journal.

This event is supported by an Office of Student Activities Program Activities Grant.

Additional information on the lecture and reservations may be made by contacting Dr. Andrea Siegel at (201) 360-4007 or by emailing asiegel@hccc.edu.

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### FREE RUBIN MUSEUM TOURS

As part of its “Muslim Journeys” programming, the Hudson County Community College Library is offering free guided tours of the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City on Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Rubin Museum is dedicated to the collection, display, and preservation of the art of the Himalayas and surrounding regions.

The Museum is located 150 West 17th Street, about three blocks from the PATH. Each tour will last for approximately one hour.

Tours are open to HCCC students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the public, subject to a limit of 30 per tour.

Please contact Clifford Brooks at cbrooks@hccc.edu or John DeLooper at jdeLooper@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4723 to reserve a spot.

This event is supported by an Office of Student Activities Program Activities Grant.

The Muslim Journeys project is jointly produced by National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University and American Library Association Public Programs Office.
El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC, dijo que la primera piedra de la construcción de 117.000 pies cuadrados, fue puesta en Noviembre del 2011, y la construcción ha estado en progreso desde entonces. La tercera de las construcciones de la Universidad, el Edificio Académico y Biblioteca, albergará una Biblioteca de 33,000 pies cuadrados, en los dos primeros pisos. El espacio de la Biblioteca ha sido diseñado para acomodar colecciones de libros tradicionales, impresos así como digitales, estaciones de computación, servicio de Internet inalámbrico, estaciones para recargar laptops, y un espacio casual con cafetería para estudiantes, facultad y personal.

Con el compromiso de buen vecino de la Universidad en mente, en el diseño del nuevo Edificio Académico y biblioteca predomina fuertes referencias tradicionales de la arquitectura del siglo veinte, encontrados en Journal Square, con un exterior de ladrillo complementado con acentos de granito y paneles de metal para un toque contemporáneo. Adicionalmente, está siendo construido para certificación LEED (Liderazgo en Energía y Diseño Ambiental).El diseño del edificio está a cargo de NK Architects y la construcción está a cargo de AMST Construcción Services, Inc.

"Este nuevo edificio jugara un papel clave en los estudios y vida de nuestros estudiantes, facultad y personal," dijo el Dr. Gabert. “Tenemos la determinación proveer a la gente del Condado de Hudson con lo último en tecnología, lindos espacios para estudiar y aprender, y este edificio llena estos requisitos.”

Además el Dr. Gabert dijo que la Universidad espera completar la construcción del nuevo Edificio Académico y biblioteca para la Primavera del 2014, con una Gran Apertura planeada para el Verano del mismo año.
Allison Friars became a full-time instructor of Education at HCCC in 2009. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Masters of Education from Seton Hall University.

She is currently attending Seton Hall pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Administration, Leadership and Policy. In addition to her Education courses, she also teaches Foundations in American Education and Introduction to Special Education and is currently working on the cyclical program review for HCCC’s Early Childhood Education program. Alison has traveled throughout New Jersey presenting Effective Teaching and Active Learning Strategies at statewide conferences. Significantly, Alison has coordinated several workshops for The FATE project (Foundation for Autism in Teacher Education). These workshops are held at HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, and they are widely attended by parents, students, faculty and staff, as well as local teachers and professionals.

Monica received her Masters of Arts in English and French from New York University in 2005, and a Bachelor’s Degree in English with a minor in French from Rutgers in 2003. Prior to joining HCCC, she was a Research Assistant for Rutgers University. Monica became an adjunct instructor at HCCC and NJCU in 2005, teaching courses in College Writing and English Composition. In 2008, she was assigned a full-time temporary instructor position for a semester, then became a full-time Instructor of Academic Foundations English in 2009. In addition, Monika serves as a Writing Center Tutor for the College. In 2010, she presented “Engaging Students in the Process of Proofreading,” where she provided students helpful techniques that assisted them in editing their material.

She is a member of the National Association of Developmental Education (where she is scheduled to make a presentation this year) and the New Jersey Association of Developmental Education, among other organizations.

Kewal Krishan joined HCCC as an Instructor of Mathematics in 2008. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is the Coordinator of Basic Algebra. Prior to joining HCCC, he taught Mathematics at Monmouth University until 2008 and was an adjunct instructor at Brookdale Community College for 10 years. Kewal received his Masters in Mathematics in 1972 in Guru-Nanak University in India. He continued his education at Rutgers and Kean University in New Jersey, earning certification for course work in Mathematics from both institutions. He is a member of the Mathematical Association of America and the National Council of Teachers. Kewal developed the MAT 114 (Introduction to Probability and Statistics) Online Course. He is extremely active in many committees at HCCC. According to his supervisor, Mr. Kewal devotes many volunteer hours supporting students at the ADJ Academic Support Services Department.
Maria Schirta  
Instructor of ESL

After completing her Diploma of Intensive Studies in Russian Linguistics in Bucharest, Romania, and her B.A. in English and Russian from the University of Bucharest, Ms. Schirta earned her Master’s in TESOL with specialization in ESL from New Jersey City University in 2005. Ms. Schirta became a full-time Instructor of ESL at HCCC in 2008. During her tenure, Ms. Schirta has been responsible for updating HCCC’s ESL Writing and Grammar Level 1 courses. Prior to her full-time appointment at HCCC, Ms. Schirta was an adjunct instructor for both HCCC and NJCU. In the Ukraine, Ms. Schirta was an Interpreter for visiting American delegates as well as the editor of Our Voice, a literary magazine of the Union of Ukrainians in Romania.

Currently, she co-publishes the ESL Messenger and the ESL Newsletter as well as Diversity, an ESL Magazine.

Ara Karakashian  
Instructor of Culinary Arts

Ara Karakashian received his MBA in Hospitality Administration from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI in 2002. He joined HCCC as an Instructor of Culinary Arts in 2007 teaching courses in the AAS Hospitality Management and AAS Culinary Arts programs. Recently, he became a coordinator in the division. Ara has been extremely involved in many committees at the College, including the Task Force on College Completion and the Mission Review Committee. He is a member of the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, Institutional Education and the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship as well as others. Prior to joining HCCC, he owned and operated his own business, P&P Sweet Shop, where he offered catering services for many businesses at his 55-seat restaurant and shop. During his time at HCCC, he has been instrumental in developing and implementing curriculum for the three new degree options in Hospitality Management.

Salim Bendaoud  
Instructor of Life Science

Mr. Bendaoud is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, which he expects to complete in 2014. He received his Master of Science in Neuroscience and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability in 2009 from the College of Staten Island, City University of New York. Prior to joining HCCC as a full-time Life Science Instructor, he worked as an Adjunct Instructor here at HCCC and at the College of Staten Island as a Graduate Assistant for the same Institution. In addition, he was a Biology Teacher from 2005 to 2007 at Drake College and Eastern International College in New Jersey. He specializes in Neuroscience.

He is an active member of the HCCC Development and Planning Committee as well as the larger All College Council.

His publications have been printed in the Journal of Electromagnetic Biology and Medicine. His presentation at the Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter fundraiser “Raise Your Fork against Autism” was widely received.
Prof. Victor Mastrovincenzo continued his Bronx/NFL/Super Bowl lecture series throughout the Bronx Public Libraries during the months of December, January, and February. He added a new talk to his lecture circuit this past winter, “1962: 50 Years Later.” During February, he presented an illustrated talk with collages at the City Island Library for videotape Bronx Archives, as all his talks, “Hollywood Heartthrobs of the Bronx.” He also appeared as a guest interview for the Bronx Museum of the Arts, “Bronx Stories,” on Bronx Net, Bronx Cable. His collage talk, “Hollywood,” was featured on Channel 12 News. He was the featured guest and speaker in March, “Bronx Women’s Month,” for the East Bronx Historical Forum and City Island Library.

The Division of Academic Affairs recently initiated monthly lunches with Vice President Dr. Eric Friedman, in which faculty members have the opportunity to interact with the Vice President over a casual meal at the Culinary Café. He promotes the gatherings as an opportunity to be able to ask faculty members, “What aren’t we doing that we should be doing, and what can we be doing better?” The lunch series was the brainchild of Associate Dean Dr. Chanida Katkanant who realized that as the College has grown and the demands on staff time have increased, the opportunity for informal gatherings has become increasingly difficult. “Listening to faculty members and hearing their ideas and concerns over a shared meal is wonderful,” said Dr. Friedman. “It is important as well, that they can hear about my vision and that we have two-way ongoing dialogue.”

Sarah Davis Celebrates 21 Years of Service to the HCCC Library

Library Circulation Supervisor Sarah Davis began her career with HCCC on March 17, 1992. At that time, the Library was located in a tiny space on the third floor of 901 Bergen Avenue. In that room there was a small counter, a few hundred books, the microfiche machine, and the card catalog, but no computers, and barely any room for the students. Sarah was instrumental in helping the Library grow, through her dedication and service to students and staff.

In 1995, the Library moved into its current location at 25 Journal Square. Memorable events Sarah recalls from those years include a visit from Al Gore when he was running for president, as well as the “baby incident.” Sarah explains, “We had a student go into labor while studying. She was so devoted to her studies that she wanted to finish her paper before going to the hospital. But we convinced her it was time to go have her baby!”

The Library has again outgrown its space, and Sarah is helping prepare for the move to the new location. Executive Director Carol Van Houten said, “Sarah plays a crucial role in the HCCC Library. Her institutional knowledge of the Library and the College is vast. I know that with her help, we will be able to transform the HCCC Library into a 21st century facility.”

The nominees for the Employee Courtesy Award are as follows:

Sandra Aviles
Pamela Bandopadhyay
Nancy Booth
Sabrina Bullock
Gilda Darias-Hershberger
Patrick Del Piano
John DeLooper
Paula Gonzalez
Yvon Groeneveldt
Seth Henrie
Velino Joasil
Chanida Katkanant
Jo Ann Kulpeksa
Aura Matias
Deseree McFarlane
Catherina Mirasol
Komal Patel
James Sorrentino
Angela Tuzzo
Vincent Zicolello

Many thanks to the employees of Hudson County Community College for your nominations for the HCCC Foundation Employee Courtesy Award! A luncheon in the nominees’ honor will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, where two nominees will receive a cash award.
DR. PAMELA BANDYOPADHYAY, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE DIVISION OF ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCCC), was recently named President of the Board of Directors of the National Tutoring Association (NTA).

A native of India, Dr. Bandyopadhyay earned bachelor and master degrees in Economics from the University of Burdwan (India), and master and doctorate degrees in Business Education from New York University (NY). She began her professional academic career in the United States as an Adjunct Instructor at New Jersey City University and Hudson County Community College. She then began working as Tutorial Coordinator for the HCCC Equal Opportunity Fund Program and the Tutorial Services Department, and served as Director of Tutorial Services at HCCC for ten years.

In 2009, Dr. Bandyopadhyay became Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, ADJ Academic Support Services, and in 2012 she was named Associate Dean of Academic Development and Support Services. In that capacity, she works in concert with the College’s Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Vice President for Academic Affairs to develop short- and long-term initiatives for the College’s Academic Foundations Programs, ESL Program and ADJ Academic Support Services.

“We extend hearty congratulations to Dr. Bandyopadhyay,” said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. “She has played a very important role in developing and implementing the programs that are helping our students to succeed in attaining their academic goals,” he stated.

The National Tutoring Association is a professional membership organization dedicated to promoting education, specialization and scientific research. It is the largest and oldest professional association dedicated exclusively to tutoring, and represents thousands of tutors in the United States and 13 other countries.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOLDS FUNDRAISER TO BUILD NORTH HUDSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Hudson County Community College Foundation’s North Hudson Scholarship Committee held a fundraiser to benefit HCCC students from the northern section of Hudson County on Thursday evening, February 28 at Hijos y Amigos de Fomento in Union City.

HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone said this event had been originally scheduled for late last Fall but was postponed because of Hurricane Sandy. “The North Hudson Committee — and everyone associated with the Foundation — has been looking forward to this for a long time, and we think the weather worked in our favor this time,” he stated.

The event was planned as an evening of great food and fun, and included a “tricky tray,” raffles, silent auction and other surprises. All of the proceeds from the event will be dedicated to providing scholarships for HCCC students from northern Hudson County.

Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. Founded in 1997, the HCCC Foundation is dedicated to generating financial support for the College and its students by developing needs-based and merit scholarships. The HCCC Foundation also provides seed money for innovative faculty programs and contributes to the College’s physical expansion.

For information about future Foundation events, please contact the Foundation Office at 201-360-4006 or email jsansone@hccc.edu.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES TO HOLD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Hudson County Community College Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone announced that the College’s faculty and staff will hold their Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, April 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in the College’s Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street on the Journal Square campus in Jersey City.

Mr. Sansone said that each year the College’s employees gather together for the luncheon, where they make one-time contributions or pledge payroll deductions that benefit the HCCC Foundation’s “Faculty-Staff Scholarships” program. He informed that more than 100 students have been awarded scholarships through the program since its inception. The event, traditionally at the beginning of the holiday season, was postponed from last November due to Hurricane Sandy.

“In reality, everyone benefits from this event. It rewards deserving students with the financial assistance they need to continue pursuing their education,” Mr. Sansone stated.

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### TESTING SCHEDULE

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. In certain cases, such as if a student testing has not completed high school or its equivalent (GED), the Placement Test can also be used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

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/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.college-board.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

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 info on CLEP, please visit: 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.
- HCCC students must have a permit to take the CLEP (form available at the Testing Center or the MyHudson portal). It is recommended that visiting students review their school’s CLEP policy before registering.
- All students must pay a $20 HCCC service fee (non-refundable) per examination at the Bursar’s Office, located at 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, or the North Hudson Center Main Office, located at 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ. This fee must be paid prior to setting an appointment for the exam. Testers must show receipt on the day of CLEP exam.
- Please contact the Testing Center for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

On the Day of the CLEP Exam:

- Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver’s License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, or Military ID).
- Bring $20 receipt from Bursar’s Office.
- Bring $80 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are 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 April follows (times indicated with * are by appointment only):

- Monday, April 1 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, April 3 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, April 4 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, April 5 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, April 8 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, April 9 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, April 11 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, April 12 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, April 16 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, April 17 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, April 18 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, April 19 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, April 22 – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, April 23 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, April 25 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, April 26 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, April 29 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. or 5 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, April 30 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 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

### TIKI & TRANSFER FAIR BRINGS SENIOR COLLEGES TO HCCC STUDENTS

Thursday, March 21 held great excitement for many on campus. Hudson County Community College’s Center for Academic & Student Success, in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities and Career & Transfer Services, held its Semi-Annual event, “Tikis & Transfer.”

This event was an opportunity to get out of the cold and pretend, even if for a moment, that summer was on the day of the Cpt students must:

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Excitement was high, as guests and participants were greeted at the door with colorful flower Lai necklaces and raffle tickets. Students were encouraged to “Pick a Golden Pineapple” from the Pineapple wall for a chance to win prizes that ranged from Hudson County Community College apparel, movie tickets, and a grand prize Spring Break trip. While many students hoped to win the grand prize, Muminat Lecky was the lucky winner of the trip to Williamsburg.

More than 165 participants sipped freshly made smoothie drinks, prepared by our very own Culinary Arts Institute students and dined on delicious goodies. Students were encouraged to interact with the staff at the event and were given a questionnaire sheet to complete. At the end of the event, these questionnaires were compiled and a random winner was selected to take home a new Kindle Fire HD. Aroosa Khan was the lucky recipient of the Kindle and was excited to take home her new tablet. Other lucky winners from the event included Francis Larios and Christopher Welby, who walked away with free cap and gown sets for Commencement. The caps and gowns had been graciously donated by Student Activities for the event.

As winners were picked, participants and staff could be seen mingling, laughing, dancing, and enjoying their Hawaiian Luau escape.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 1
Spring 2013 Late Start Classes begin online

Beam Signing at Library & Classroom Building, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 69-71 Sip Ave.

Matinee Monday: “Skyfall,” NHHCEC, Student Lounge, 5 p.m.

Boost Lecture: "Probability & Binomial Distribution" presented by Kewal Krishan, 25 Journal Square, Room 317, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Boost Lectures are free, but students must sign up in advance by calling (201) 360-4187.

Tuesday, April 2 – Tuesday, April 15
Spanish III - This lively course is designed to maximize your conversational fluency and to increase your proficiency in vocabulary, reading and writing. Whether you use your Spanish-language skills for business, travel or everyday life, this class will enable you to speak, read and write with confidence and accuracy. Tuition: $205 (textbook not included) Prerequisite: Spanish II or the equivalent. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, April 2 – Tuesday, May 14
Beyond Basic Excel - Become the "go-to person" for Excel in your office! Through lectures and labs you’ll develop a working knowledge of intermediate and advanced topics such as: using advanced formulas and functions (Vlookup, IF, PMT, more); creating tables, pivot tables, basic macros; learning to consolidate worksheets and workbooks; and transforming/editing data in charts. You’ll also learn about worksheet protection, data validation, integrating Excel with other MS Office applications, and how to add comments to cells and split text into multiple columns. Hands-on exercises reinforce the lecture learning. Prerequisite: Basic Excel or experience using Excel. Tuition: $155 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, April 2
Topping Out Ceremony for Library & Classroom Building, 10 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., First Floor

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Boost Lecture: "Using Music to Improve Reading Skills" presented by Joseph Caniglia, 25 Journal Square, Room 317, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Boost Lectures are free, but students must sign up in advance by calling (201) 360-4187.

Lecture: "The Image of Partition in South Asian Art after 1947" by Dr. Beth Citron, assistant curator at the Rubin Museum of Art, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, Follett Room, 161 Newkirk Street.

Thursday, April 4 – Thursday, May 9
Be Well Holistically! - “What is holistic wellness, and how can I apply it to my lifestyle?” Introduction to Holistic Wellness will survey holistic wellness therapies including mind-body medicine, nutritional medicine, Chinese medicine, and Ayurvedic medicine and how to include them in their life. Students will be able to construct a personal wellness plan. Tuition: $85. Meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Thursday, April 4
Bagel Thursday, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. (while supplies last)

Boost Lecture: "Sports Psychology" presented by Melissa Harwin, 25 Journal Square, Room 309, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Boost Lectures are free, but students must sign up in advance by calling (201) 360-4187.

Boost Lecture: “Time Management: The Promodoro Technique” presented by Arika East, 25 Journal Square, Room 317, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Boost Lectures are free, but students must sign up in advance by calling (201) 360-4187.

International Student Diversity Celebration, 25 Journal Square, Room 309, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Boost Lectures are free, but students must sign up in advance by calling (201) 360-4187.

HCCC Foundation’s “A Night at the Races,” Meadowlands, 6 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (201) 360-4006.

(“Chicago” on Broadway, Ambassador Theatre, 215 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019, show time 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Lecture presented by Faculty Enrichment in Life Science Committee (FELS): “Monitoring Disease Progression and the Efficacy of Therapeutic Interventions” by Dr. Wawoz Dobrucki of Illinois State University – Beckman Institute of Technology, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 505, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Seating is limited; please RSVP by sending an email to Dr. Nadia Hedhli at nhedhli@hccc.edu with the title of the workshop.

Sunday, April 7 – Sunday, May 12
Introduction to Keyboarding – Help improve your job prospects by being able to type effectively and efficiently! Competent keyboarding is a skill that will serve you well throughout your life, one that is now required in nearly every occupation. Our course, intended for those who have absolutely no keyboarding experience as well as those who want to improve their keyboarding skills, introduces keyboard-operating techniques and document formatting. The touch system is stressed in speed and accuracy development. Tuition: $115 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Sundays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Sunday, April 7
Pies & Tarts - Would you like to surprise your friends? Maybe start your own pastry business? Or just indulge yourself with a cup of hot chocolate and a delicious wedge of homemade pie on a Sunday afternoon? So this might be the class for you... From the classic French Apple Tart, the very Italian "crostatta Di Limone" to the
CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

Classic American Apple Pie with streusel topping. Come join us to learn all the secrets for perfect pies and tarts. Learn about the differences between pies and tarts, different crust types, fillings, and edges just to name a few of the things that we will cover. Tuition: $75. Meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, April 8 – Monday, May 6
Review of Math Fundamentals - Math not your subject? Been out of school for a long time? Want to avoid taking Basic Math and Basic Algebra so you go directly to college-level Math? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this is the course for you! Our experienced college math instructors will put you in the right direction with easy-to-follow steps. Classes will include: basic math (whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents), and basic algebra (real numbers, linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, rational expressions and radicals. Tuition: $185. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, April 8 – Monday, June 17
QuickBooks: Basic Banking - Learn how QuickBooks, the most popular bookkeeping software in the country, can help you organize — and simplify — all of your small business banking transactions! You’ll become acquainted with the basic concepts and terminology used as well as the how-to’s of working with customer-related sales and vendor-related invoicing, payables and receivables, statements, writing/printing checks, reconciling accounts and much more. Plus, find out what’s required to create a company from scratch. Prerequisite: Must be an experienced computer user. Tuition: $215 plus $25 lab fee. Meets Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, April 8
Last day to complete official withdrawal from classes at HCCC

Instant Decision Day – Montclair State 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Writing Center Style Guide Workshop: Mastering MLA Style, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Writing Center, 2 Enos Place, Room J204. From the headers to the Works Cited page, this workshop will guide you through the necessities of the Modern Language Association (MLA) format.

The Writing Center Style Guide Workshop: Mastering APA Style, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Writing Center, 2 Enos Place, Room J204. Learn the essentials of the American Psychological Association (APA) format, from the Title Page to the Reference List.

Tuesday, April 9
Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter’s University, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Center for Business & Industry Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Topic: “Workplace Stress Prevention (Health Care Industry Week).” Space is limited; reservations are required. To confirm your attendance or obtain more details, please contact Campus Communications Photo Shoot, 9:30 a.m. (while supplies last)

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

Wednesday, April 10
Bagel Wednesday, NNHCC, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. (while supplies last)

HCCC Foundation Employee Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. For more information please contact Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

Clubs & Organizations Campus Olympics, P.S. #11 Martin Luther King Jr. School, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 – Thursday, May 16
Interpersonal Communications Skills - Whether you’re a receptionist, department manager or aspiring VP, your success depends upon developing and implementing outstanding interpersonal communications skills. Give yourself the professional edge by learning the ways and means of building effective interpersonal relationships in the office and out in the field, as well as strategies for handling obstructive personal and professional behavior (yours included) while maintaining a professional attitude and atmosphere. Tuition: $250, Meets Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Thursday, April 11 – Thursday, July 25
HCCC Certificate Program in Graphic Design and Digital Media: Introduction to Adobe Software Suite - In recent years, the graphics industry has shifted its focus from designing almost exclusively for print media to designing for the Internet, interactive media such as video games, television, film and more. Now, graphic professionals need a solid foundation in design principles, plus the knowledge and technical skills to incorporate them in the array of today’s media. Our modules are designed to introduce students to visual design and production techniques, and to assist in developing foundational graphic design skills for print media, virtual media (Web), and broadcasting. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. Tuition: $1,500 plus $75 lab fee. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (no class July 4). To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Thursday, April 11
Bagel Thursday, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. (while supplies last)

Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center

Instant Decision Day – William Paterson University, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14
HCCC All-Stars Travel Team, 2013 NIRSA Basketball National Championship, North Carolina State University

Friday, April 12 – Friday, May 17
Introduction to Keyboarding – Help improve your job prospects by being able to type effectively and efficiently! Competent keyboarding is a skill that will serve you well throughout your life, one that is now required in nearly every occupation. Our course, intended for those who have absolutely no keyboarding experience as well as those who want to improve their keyboarding skills, introduces keyboard-operating techniques and document formatting. The touch system is stressed in speed and accuracy development. Tuition: $115 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Fridays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, April 12
Guided tours of the Rubin Museum of Art (150 West 17th St., New York City), 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Instant Decision Day – Caldwell College, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

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

Faculty Development Seminar Series: “Teaching Grammar as Though It Were an Interesting Subject (Because It Is),” 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Room 317. In this seminar, presenter Sean Egan will lay out an approach to teaching grammar that minimizes the number of grammatical terms, stresses the ways grammar is useful in reading and writing, draws on the internal knowledge of grammar(s) we all have, and generally tries to make the case for grammar as an interesting subject to study for its own sake (not just as a tool to fix errors). Participants will work on some hands-on activities. Adjunct and Full-time faculty are encouraged to register early in person or by phone. Adjunct attendees will be compensated. For more information or to register, please contact Joseph Pascale: jpascale@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4377.

Fitness Friday, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, Zumba, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Yoga, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Chinese Takeout ... Homemade! — Learn the secrets for preparing your takeout favorites, including Sweet-and-Sour Pork, General Tso’s Chicken, Egg Roll, and Sautéed Bok Choy, to name a few! In addition to sharing these classic recipes with you, we’ll show you how to create simple — but impressive — garnishes, as well as sauces to use in making dozens of other Chinese dishes at home. Tuition: $75. Meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4242, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, April 15 — Monday, June 6
Microsoft Office for Business — Unleash the power of all four applications of the Office Suite, and broaden your job, promotion and career opportunities with this much-sought-after skill! Microsoft purposely designed these applications to work together — now, you’ll know how. Through lectures and lab work, learn to use Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access, and to integrate all four to produce complex reports with tables and graphics. Prerequisite: Must be an experienced computer user. Tuition: $155 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Mondays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, April 15
Instant Decision Day — Bloombloom College, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Monday Madness: Smoothies, Massages, Foot Massage, Lip Balm, Soap, Lotion, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Matinee Monday: Viewers’ Choice (Gangster Squad or Django Unchained), NHHEC, Student Lounge, 3 p.m.

Writers’ Forum for Students, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Room 310. Students can join their peers and share poems, essays and short stories. All participants will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded! Please direct questions to Joseph Caniglia at (201) 360-5346 or jcaniglia@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, April 16 — Thursday, May 16
Green Work Readiness — This 30-hour course is for students looking to upgrade their Green job readiness skills. They will evaluate their Green work experiences and develop a Green occupational profile. This course will offer an opportunity to sharpen their interviewing abilities by incorporating the Green lingo. Participants will focus on resume writing, using online resources to search for Green jobs, and gaining knowledge of how to conduct research salary comparison for the Green collar worker. This course will take participants through the whole job readiness gamut — communication, basic computers, and Equipped for the Future knowledge that’s required in today’s Green economy. Tuition: $195. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, April 16
Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office observance of National Crime Victims Week, NHHEC, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Matinee Tuesday: Viewers’ Choice (Gangster Squad or Django Unchained) with popcorn, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17
Bagel Wednesday, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m.

Information Session for “New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey,” 6 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is strongly recommended; please call (201) 360-4255.

Thursday, April 18
Bagel Thursday, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. (while supplies last)

Instant Decision Day — Fairleigh Dickinson University, 11 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 at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Film screening: “Koran by Heart,” North Hudson Higher Education Center Student Lounge, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Faculty Development Seminar Series: “How to Engage Students in Learning and Teaching Through Small Groups,” 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Room 317. Many of us utilize small groups in our classes. Are they effective? Do they help students learn? In keeping with the Learning Pyramid theory, that students learn and retain information best by teaching others, this seminar will explore how to use small groups as a vehicle for students to teach their classmates. In addition to offering examples of proven effectiveness, opportunities for sharing successful models will be provided. This will be an interactive workshop, so come prepared to learn and teach! (Presented by Katie Sweeting). Adjunct and Full-time faculty are encouraged to register early in person or by phone. Attendee attends will be compensated. For more information or to register, please contact Joseph Pascale: jpascale@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4377.

Friday, April 19
Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Fitness Friday, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, Zumba, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Yoga, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Night in the City — “Annie” on Broadway, “Up Close and Personal” Broadway Classroom and dinner at Applebees. Departs from 25 Journal Square at 3:30 p.m.
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Hudson County Community College Foundation
Holding 11th Annual ‘Night at the Races’ Fundraiser on April 5

Families from the area are invited to gather for an evening of fun and goodwill on Friday, April 5, 2013 when the Hudson County Community College Foundation holds its 11th annual “Night at the Races” fundraiser.

The trotters race event will be held indoors at the Meadowlands Race Track, Pegasus East starting at 6 p.m. (post time is 7:15 p.m.). Proceeds will be dedicated to providing scholarships for deserving Hudson County Community College students and for the College’s growth and development. Tickets are $100 each and must be purchased in advance.

“Of all the events the Foundation holds, this is the one specifically designed for families and it has proved to be enjoyable to people of all ages and all interests,” said HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone.

The ticket price includes admission, general parking, racing program, TV monitors, pari-mutuel windows, guest seating, and an extensive buffet of fresh salads, appetizers, several hot entrees, carving and pasta stations, and dessert tables.

The HCCC Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. Established in 1997, the Hudson County Community College Foundation continues to play an integral role in the development of HCCC students, the College and the community and is dedicated to generating financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, providing seed money for faculty programs, and providing for the College’s physical growth.

Since its founding, the HCCC Foundation has provided scholarships to more than 1,000 students who otherwise might not have been able to pursue a college education.

For further information on the 2013 “Night at the Races” and tickets, please contact Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

HCCC Sixth Annual Literacy Day

On Saturday, March 2, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) invited area families to gather the children together and come to the College for its Sixth Annual Literacy & Family Day.

The renaissance of this event was conceived at the first Synergy Meeting chaired by Ana Chapman last summer. George Hefelle and Sharon D’Agostino met several times to plan. They invited representatives from Enrollment Services and Non-Credit to distribute material about college offerings. Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, helped leverage the publicity by sharing the event with the Superintendents’ Roundtable.

Several faculty and staff (Sean Egan, Katie Sweeting, Kathryn Buckley, Julie Willis, Brian Plunkett, Timothy Peacock, and Elizabeth Nesius) volunteered their time to make the event a success. Approximately 150 children and their families attended the event.

In as little as seven years, many of these children will be eligible to take classes at HCCC through LEAP. In less than a decade, they will be thinking about degree programs. As they move toward these milestones, they – with their family members – will perceive HCCC as an institution with high-quality facilities and faculty. Congratulations to those of you who have worked on this event!

Calendar of Events Continued

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

Monday, April 29
NoodleTools workshop, 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. and 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., NHHEC Library, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 305
Matinee Monday: “Les Miserables” with popcorn, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
NoodleTools workshop, 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. and 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., NHHEC Library, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 305

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

HCCC Alumni Association Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.

NJ STARS Reception for incoming students, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. To RSVP, please email admissions@hccc.edu. For information about the scholarship, please visit www.hccc.edu/NJSTARS.

Matinee Tuesday: Movie in the Park - “Les Miserables” with popcorn, CAI Park, Journal Square, 7 p.m.

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