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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY JOIN FORCES FOR VITAL CYBERSECURITY DEGREE PROGRAM

The increasing and evolving threats of data breaches, phishing, malware, and ransomware have fueled new interest in the cybersecurity industry and its challenges. Cyberattacks cost an estimated \$6 trillion globally each year. Hackers target banks, colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, hospitals, and private citizens. As cyber criminals access sensitive information and cripple computer networks, victims scramble to protect their assets and regain control.

Recently, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and New Jersey City University (NJCU) signed an articulation agreement for a Cybersecurity Dual Admission program. Beginning September 2022, HCCC students can complete an Associate of Science in Computer Science-Cybersecurity degree at HCCC and transfer seamlessly into attaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity at NJCU.

"We are proud to partner with New Jersey City University to prepare students for stable, well-paying careers that offer many opportunities for advancement, and that ultimately benefit the community," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

"A degree in cybersecurity will provide students with solid career skills and earning potential in a number of industries," said NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson. "We are pleased to work with HCCC to transition students to our bachelor's degree program, which is among just a few in the country with designations in both cybersecurity and intelligence. Students will learn from some of the top security experts in the discipline and leave with cutting-edge knowledge as well as practical experience."

Employers across all sectors are investing in cybersecurity, the fastest growing industry in the United States, with job growth projected at

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On the Cover: Seated: New Jersey City University President, Dr. Sue Henderson, and Hudson County Community College President, Dr. Chris Reber. Standing: Dr. Tamara Jhashi, NJCU Senior Vice President and Provost, and Dr. Darryl Jones, HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS A FIRST FOR NJ HIGHER EDUCATION: 'TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION'



Pictured from left: Rebecca Lowell Edwards, Chief Communications Officer, American Civil Liberties Union; Lillie Johnson Edwards, Ph.D., Scholar, Public Historian, NJ Amistad Legislation; Maud Dahme, New Jersey Hall of Fame Inductee, former Commissioner, New Jersey State Board of Education, and Holocaust Survivor; and Carmella Glover, President, Diversity Action Alliance and President-Elect, Public Relations Society of America, New York.

Dr. Paula Roberson, Hudson County Community College's Founding Director of the HCCC Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, said it all began with the College's book talk for faculty and staff about Robin DiAngelo's best seller, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. That led to a statewide book talk among nine colleges on Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award Winner, *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. Those discussions catalyzed Dr. Roberson and the College to prepare and present a symposium for all colleges and universities in New Jersey. "It's not enough to just talk about something; we determined we needed to do something. This is hard work; it is heart work," she stated.

The "heart work" resulted in the creation of the HCCC "Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education," a first for

New Jersey higher education. The event took place Tuesday, March 1 through Friday, March 4, 2022, and featured 25 virtual sessions presented by a roster of nationally acclaimed civil rights experts, historians, elected officials, educators, attorneys, law enforcement officials, and students. New Jersey Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Sheila Oliver, offered welcoming remarks, and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Chief Communications Officer, Rebecca Lowell Edwards, delivered the keynote speech at the opening session.

The symposium included 485 registrants representing seven states, 47 colleges, 25 presenters, and trustees, presidents, students, community leaders, and new writers of national prominence.

Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President, said the symposium is a natural segue from the College's

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATES STUDENT POET LAUREATE PROGRAM UNIQUE TO TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Merriam-Webster defines “poet laureate” as a poet honored for outstanding creative achievement. The laureate title dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times when the accomplishments of poets, athletes, and heroes were honored with a crown of greenery from the laurel tree, which was associated with Apollo and considered sacred.

The tradition of poet laureate has continued over the centuries as countries, states, municipalities, arts organizations, and even universities confer the title on those who produce superior works. For example, Joy Harjo is the present United States Poet Laureate and the first Native American to hold that title. Amanda Gorman, who famously read her moving poem at the inauguration of President Biden and Vice President Harris, is our nation’s very first Youth Poet Laureate. The position of Jersey City Poet Laureate was initiated by the Municipal Council in 2018 with Rashad Wright named the City’s inaugural Poet Laureate.

HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber said the College instituted its Student Poet Laureate program last Spring, and selected Natalie Akel as the inaugural Student Poet Laureate. “Hudson County Community College is one of few two- or four-year colleges to have such a program. It is a tribute to the talent and creativity of our students, faculty, and community,” he stated. “We are enormously proud of our Student Poet Laureate program, and especially our very first Student Poet Laureate, Natalie Akel.”

The HCCC Student Poet Laureate program was created by HCCC Assistant Professor of English,

HCCC inaugural Student Poet Laureate, Natalie Akel.



Eric Adamson, and the HCCC Poetry and Language Collective, a 16-member body that includes faculty, administrators and students from several disciplines and departments, and Jersey City’s current Poet Laureate, Susan Justiniano. Selection as an HCCC Student Poet Laureate is an honor that will be bestowed each year on a student who represents the community through their poetry. As is the custom, the HCCC Student Poet Laureate recites their works at major College events – such as Commencement, College Service Day, and the HCCC Foundation Gala – and at poetry workshops in area elementary and middle schools. The HCCC Student Poet Laureates’ works will be archived in the College’s Gabert Library, displayed in the Dineen Hull Gallery, and published in the HCCC Crossroads literary magazine.

Natalie Akel is a first-generation American whose family emigrated here from the Dominican Republic and Lebanon. At first glance, Ms. Akel may seem an unlikely person to hold the inaugural

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND EASTERN MILLWORK EARN-WHILE-YOU-LEARN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM READIES NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED WOODWORKERS



Pictured here, Amber Guiterrez, student-apprentice in the Holz Technik Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program.

The famous designer, Charles Eames, said, “The details are not the details. They make the design.” Unique details such as radius- and custom-profiled woodwork, and curved-surface cabinetry that distinguish architectural design, are highly desirable and can only be produced by skilled tradespeople. For centuries, this work was created strictly by hand.

For nearly 30 years, Eastern Millwork, Inc. (EMI) has been an industry leader in high-end, automated woodwork manufacturing and installation. The company has challenged the

belief that high-quality woodworking could only be produced by hand, and utilizes technological innovations that deliver products of uncommon value without sacrificing Old World quality. As a specialized industry, EMI struggled to find skilled workers. The company partnered with Hudson County Community College (HCCC) to create the Holz Technik dual-education model to address this challenge.

Hailed by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy as an example of the blueprint for the Garden State’s economic future, the federally registered EMI-HCCC Holz Technik apprenticeship program embraces talent and technology. The earn-while-you-learn program emulates proven European forms of education. Qualified high school students hired as apprentices each year split their time between practical, on-the-job experience and college coursework.

Apprentices receive a tuition-free college education, a \$24,500 starting salary with merit raises, and full benefits including health insurance, 401K profit sharing, and vacations/holidays. By the end of the fifth year, apprentices receive their Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Advanced Manufacturing from HCCC, earn their bachelor’s degree in Technical Studies from Thomas Edison State University (TESU), receive a salary of \$70,000, and have no college debt.

HCCC is at the forefront of educating a workforce that contributes significantly to critical technological advances and drives regional economic growth. The HCCC-EMI partnership stems from the expansion of the College’s Workforce Development program, which also includes a trailblazing dual-education program with International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 825 that leads to an Associate of

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MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Chrissto Canales
Samantha Moran

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

30 Years
Hussein Odeh

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

*Crishian C. Altamirano, Assistant Director of Early
College Programs (effective April 4, 2022)*

*Anita Belle, Grant Project Director
(Grant-funded – effective April 1, 2022)*

*Marian Betancourt, Student Success Coordinator,
Reentry Students (Grant-funded – effective March
16, 2022)*

*Dan Brookes, Business Developer (Grant-funded)
– effective April 1, 2022)*

*Laurice Dukes, Healthcare Coordinator
(Grant-funded – effective April 1, 2022)*

Christian Liebl, Secretary (effective March 16, 2022)

*Siddhi Londhe Gupta, CTE Academic Mentor
(Grant-funded – effective March 16, 2022)*

*Alena Magay, Student Success Coordinator,
Operating Engineers Dual Education Program
(Grant-funded – effective March 16, 2022)*

*Cecily McKeown, Instructional Technologist,
Multimedia Specialist (effective March 16, 2022)*

*Fabiola Ocean, Student Success Coordinator,
Incarcerated Students (AWPP)
(Grant-funded – effective March 16, 2022)*

*Maria Lita Sarmiento, Alumni Manager
(Grant-funded – effective April 1, 2022)*

*Denzel Smith, Custodial Supervisor
(effective March 21, 2022)*

*Imane Zehaf, CTE Career Coach
(Grant-funded – effective March 28, 2022)*

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

*Natalia Da Silva, Development Assistant
(March 16, 2022 – June 30, 2022)*

RETIREMENTS

*Harvey Rubinstein, Professor of English
(effective September 1, 2022)*

*Gregory Smith, Accounts Payable Officer
(effective June 1, 2022)*

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBI- NARS FOR APRIL 2022

Building Empathy

(Live – All Employees, Wednesday, April 20,
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. Learn how to start with empathy as you interact with others, and how it can help you build and strengthen your relationships.

Emotional Intelligence for Managers

(Live – Leaders and Managers, Wednesday, April 27, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.) Emotional intelligence is essential for strong leadership. Learn the five key characteristics that will enhance your reputation as a well-balanced leader.

Empathy on Empty: Compassion Fatigue (Pre-Recorded)

Even the most empathic person can become so overwhelmed by the chronic stress associated with caregiving that negative attitudes start to take over. This concept, known as compassion fatigue, is particularly common among those in helping professions. During this webinar, we'll explore the root causes and symptoms of compassion fatigue as well as provide strategies for overcoming it.

To sign up for these webinars, visit eap.ndbh.com, enter company code HCCC, scroll down to the "Check Out Our Webinars" box.

Questions? Connect with your EAP account manager, HR department or 800-624-5544



SUMMER HOURS

As most of you are aware, HCCC has observed a four-day summer schedule for many years, opening Mondays through Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m., and closing at 5:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m., with Fridays off.

This year the summer four-day week will begin Monday, May 16, with the first Friday off scheduled for Friday, May 20. The five-day schedule will resume on Monday, August 15.

The daily hours of operation during the summer four-day weeks will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and the College will not be open for regular business on Fridays. Employees are asked to reduce their lunch breaks to 30 minutes to help compensate for the shorter hours of operation during the week. College activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during this period will be minimized to reduce energy and other operating costs.

Should you have any questions about this schedule, please contact the Office of Human Resources or your supervisor.

HCCC 'KIDS FAIR' PROVIDES FAMILY FUN AND COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



Photo at left: Hudson County Community College's Feb. 26 Kids Fair was a fun-filled event including characters, entertainment, snacks, and free COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens. Photo at right: Pictured from left: Anna Krupitskiy, HCCC Vice President for Human Resources; Rosa Perez, EOF Secretary; and Amaalah Ogburn, HCCC Associate Director, North Hudson Campus.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

A scholarly article co-authored by **Dr. Clive Li**, Instructor, Engineering Science, "Plasma-initiated Graft Polymerization of Carbon Nanoparticles as Nano-based Drug Delivery Systems," was recently published in *Biofouling*, a peer-reviewed journal.

Congratulations to adjunct instructor **Daniel Kelly**, who recently completed his Ph.D. in World History from St. John's University. Dr. Kelly has taught a variety of history courses at the College since 2014. Dr. Kelly was a Fulbright Fellow and is also pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science.

SAVE THE DATE FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING



Tuesday, July 19, 2022

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Pictured from left: Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Vice President of Public Relations Marlenne Andalia accepting the Middle States Distinguished College Administrator Award on behalf of Veronica Gerosimo. Ms. Andalia also was recognized as a HCCC Middle States Regional Scholar and received the Chapter Officer Hall of Honor Pin. Prof. Ted Lai (center) was presented with the Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Continued Excellence Award for Advisors. Vice President of Leadership Dina Thompson (right) received the Distinguished Chapter Member Award medallion and a Chapter Member Hall of Honor Pin.



Pictured from left at the Middle States Convention: Marlenne Andalia, Vice President of Public Relations; Prof. Ted Lai, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Advisor; and Dina Thompson, Vice President of Leadership.



Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean of Student Life and Leadership, with her Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Distinguished College Administrator Award. She will receive the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award during Phi Theta Kappa's international annual convention in April.

Congratulations to Beta Alpha Phi Chapter on the awards received during Phi Theta Kappa's Middle States Convention in March:

- Distinguished Chapter Member – Dina Thompson
- Chapter Member Hall of Honor – Dina Thompson
- Chapter Officer Hall of Honor – Marlenne Andalia and Angel Beebe
- Hot 35 Bronze Member – Racco Maristela
- MSR Scholar – Marlenne Andalia
- Chapter President Hall of Honor in Action – Racco Maristela
- Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Continued Excellence Award for Advisors – Prof. Ted Lai
- Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Distinguished College Administrator Award – Veronica Gerosimo
- Distinguished Chapter Officer Team
- Gold Chapter
- Pattie Van Atter Servant Leadership Award
- Middle States Region Hot 35 Chapter

HCCC Spring 2022

OPEN HOUSE

A choose your own adventure event!

Find your passion at our **Spring 2022 Open House** where you will have access to explore different academic programs and their buildings in person!

Where:

Your check-in and starting point will be at our new Student Center located at 81 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (next to HCCC's Journal Square Gabert Library)

When:

**Saturday, April 23
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

How: Registration is required!

Go to <https://bit.ly/34xUIAE> to register now!

www.hccc.edu/openhouse

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UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This semester, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has rolled out several training sessions, initiatives, and programs. First, HCCC secured a multi-year contract with Cornell University to provide eCornell Diversity and Inclusion Certificates to about 170 HCCC employees. The OSHE/OMIC Grant covered the \$3,600-per-person cost, and the program is free to employees and approved affiliates for a limited time. The program is appropriate for anyone committed to surpassing compliance to build an aware and inclusive work culture.

Participants in the D&I Certificate program may access virtual Symposiums free for one year! Each Symposium features a week of live virtual Zoom sessions with Cornell faculty and experts to explore today's most pressing diversity and inclusion topics, including equity, unconscious bias, psychological safety, inclusive leadership, and cross-cultural conversations. Each course is two weeks long, and the program covers four courses. Classes are fewer than 35 students and meet online, allowing participants to engage with other professionals worldwide.

The online program requires students to dedicate approximately 3-5 hours per week. One cohort started on March 30, 2022, and another will begin on June 1, 2022. The application closes on June 27, 2022 (unless seats fill beforehand). Additional cohorts will be announced.

If you would like to participate in the eCornell D & I Certificate Program, please contact nvazquez-bodkin@hccc.edu.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Passport Program (DEISPP) orientation began on February 28, 2022. It will run for eight weeks. The program aims to guide students through complex and intensive topics and discussions to build cultural competence and allow deep introspection, reflection, and growth.



A mural of the 2019-2022 roster of the President's Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) has been installed outside the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery at the Gabert Library.

This program covers implicit bias, privilege, microaggressions, allyship, and advocacy. A cross-College collaboration of HCCC staff from the Office of Student Life, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the North Hudson Campus facilitates DEISPP; the team includes Veronica Gerosimo, Diana Galvez, Ja'Via Hall, Amaalah Ogburn, and Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, and the DEI program partner, Mosaic Justice, LLC.

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Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,700+ 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 work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to **Joan Snyder** for the generous donation of the two studies of the work *Symphony for Felicia*.

Thank you to the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (through Clifford Brooks) for the donation of 18 small gouache landscapes made between 1938 and 1941 by Union City artist **Fr. Conor Mullally, OFM**.

Thank you to Janette Staloff for the beautiful book about **Fred Staloff's** art. Fred Staloff's painting can be seen on the third floor of the STEM Building.

Thank you to Father Chris Keenan for the generous donation of two other framed studies for *Symphony for Felicia* by Joan Snyder, and for the framed poster of the original painting.

Thank you to Robin Zella for the generous donation of three catalogues from our sister college art collection at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Artist News

Works by **Shirin Neshat** and **Kiki Smith**, two artists whose art is in the Foundation Art Collection, are featured in an exhibit at Leroy Nieman Gallery at Columbia University called *My Affectionate Gaze, Time and Transformation in the Prints of Ernesto Caivano, Lee Friedlander, Ulrike Johansen, Shirin Neshat and Kiki Smith* through April 15, 2022. The curator, Catherine Blackburn, writes: "And so what ... can art do? Well, it does what it can.... [Art] might offer us hints and glimpses of not only who we are, but

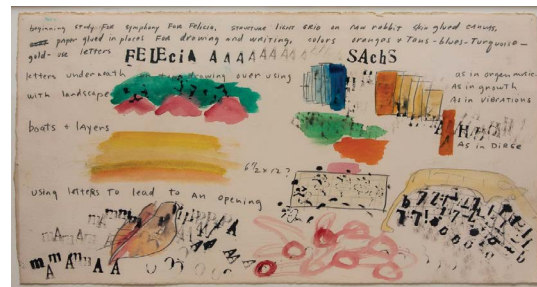
who – if we want – we might become." If you're interested in how Kiki Smith's work engages with this question, you can see her art on campus on the fifth floor of the STEM Building. Shirin Neshat's work was recently framed and we hope to install it later this year.

Six portraits of noted African American artist and printmaker **Robert Blackburn** can be seen on the third floor corridor of the Gabert Library. If you're interested in finding out more of his story, you might enjoy the exhibit, *Robert Blackburn: Modern*

American Printmaking, on view through April 24, 2022, at The Hyde Collection in Glen Falls, NY. "Robert Blackburn (1920-2003) was a key artist in the development of printmaking in the twentieth century. His innovative, masterful expertise with the medium helped define the overall aesthetic of the American 'graphics boom.' This exhibition examines Blackburn's life and work, and includes prints by artists with whom he collaborated."

Three works by **Eti Jacobi** can be seen in the Administrative Reception Area on the sixth floor of the STEM Building. Congratulations to the artist, who recently won the 2022 Rappaport Prize for an established artist. The prize includes \$35,000 and a solo exhibition at Tel Aviv Museum of Art.

Ninety one year old New Jersey artist **Faith Ringgold** is having a retrospective at the New Museum through June 5, 2022. Called *Faith Ringgold: American People*, the show includes over 50 years of her work, and is the most comprehensive assessment to date of Ringgold's vision. From the time of the Civil Rights movement



Joan Snyder, Beginning Study of Symphony for Felicia. Watercolor and Graphite on Paper (1978) 10" x 20".

to this day, Ringgold has created some of the most famous social justice art. The museum is located at 252 Bowery Street, New York. Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the cost to enter is "pay what you wish." I usually wish to pay about a quarter. If you'd like to see her work closer to home, take a look at two works in the Foundation Art Collection on the third and sixth floors of the Gabert Library.

If you are specifically interested in Faith Ringgold's prints, the ACA gallery at 529 West 20th Street, will be having an exhibit of her print work, *Faith Ringgold: Prints and Multiples* through June 17. The exhibit starts with her 1970s political posters and includes *Coming to Jones Road* prints, some of which are also included in the Foundation Art Collection. As Holland Cotter wrote in *The New York Times* (February 18, 2022): "Half a century ago, a presence like hers had to fight to exist in the mainstream art world. Look around now, and you see it, not everywhere yet, but more and more. Faith Ringgold, artist-agitator-seer, can be thanked for that."

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:

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HCCC, NJCU JOIN FORCES FOR VITAL CYBERSECURITY DEGREE PROGRAM

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31%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Cybersecurity professionals work in education, energy, finance, health care, insurance, law enforcement, manufacturing, retail, and more. Their responsibilities include developing and maintaining secure digital infrastructures, preventing data breaches, analyzing and identifying potential risks, and implementing digital disaster recovery plans.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) alumnus Stephen Cronin viewed the issue as an opportunity to work towards a career in

combatting cybercrime. The 2020 graduate of the HCCC Cybersecurity program expressed that his classes, specifically Network Security and Ethical Hacking, gave him the skills and knowledge to be successful at a four-year university and in the industry. He strongly recommends the program to anyone who is interested in a career in technology or information security.

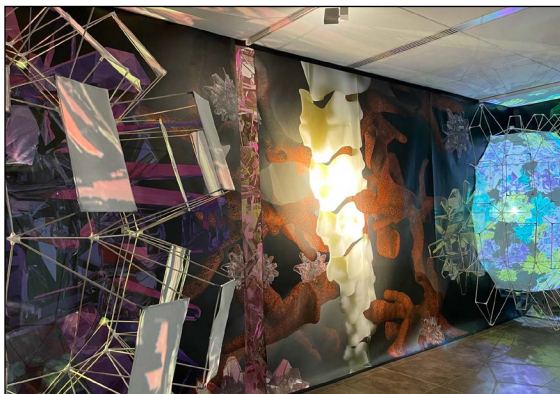
"There are no other institutions that offer this cutting-edge knowledge at such an affordable and accessible level, right here in our community," said Mr. Cronin.

The HCCC Cybersecurity program of study has been validated by the National Security Agency and provides instruction in computer programming, computer hardware organization and architectures, network security, cybersecurity, data communications and local area networks. Upon successful completion of HCCC's Associate degree in Computer Science-Cybersecurity, graduates will enter NJCU as fully matriculated students with junior standing. The HCCC Cybersecurity program also includes Year Up six-month internship opportunities where students put their training to work at companies such as Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, and BNY Mellon.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

presents

Join the Department of Cultural Affairs for another month of art, interviews, and music on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library. For more information, to RSVP for programs, or to visit the gallery, please email: mvitale@hccc.edu.



Images from "InterExitFace," a recent exhibition featuring artwork by HCCC Prof. Jeremiah Teipen. The exhibit explored mediated realities where the virtual sphere meets physical space, and the intermingling and overlap of the two.



Pictured from left: Stephanie Sergeant, Carmen McGuire, Anna Krupitskiy, Michelle Vitale, Lilisa Williams, and Stephanie Pina at an Employee Tour of the "Living in the Invisible" exhibit and Professor Jeremiah Teipen's exhibit, "InterExitFace," on March 23.



Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, greets attendees of a lunchtime tour on the closing day of the exhibit in the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery on Wednesday, March 23.

If you could not view "Living in the Invisible" and "InterExitFace," check out the exhibits' review by the Jersey City Times! <https://jcitytimes.com/living-in-the-invisible-at-dineen-hull-gallery/>

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DEISPP leadership also presented at the Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice on Thursday, March 3, 2022, on "A Community College DEI Enrichment Program Model for Transformative Change." The presentation guided participants through building out DEISPP, drawing emphasis on the cross-departmental internal partnership and the use of Participatory Action Research (PAR) cycles to guide the multi-semester development process.

DEISPP leadership will present at the annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in

Higher Education (NCORE) on June 1, 2022, in Portland, Oregon, and at the NJCU Community College Showcase on June 22, 2022. Conference attendees will gain insight and materials to understand how to build their own DEI student enrichment programs.

Sessions of Title IX training, open to the entire College community, were facilitated on February 24 and February 25. Title IX is a federal civil rights law in the United States passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. The law prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school

or educational program that receives funding from the federal government. This training highlighted the importance of gender equity and armed participants with tools needed to advocate for the fair treatment of the HCCC community.

Further training sessions for official certification are ongoing. For more information, please contact nvazquez-bodkin@hccc.edu.

DR. IRENE MATEJKO HIGHLIGHTS 'WOMEN IN STEM' EVENT



Dr. Irene Matejko pictured with event attendees (left) and speaking with students (prior) to the presentation.



On Thursday, March 17, the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (PACDEI), and the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program sponsored a "Women in STEM" event at the Journal Square Campus. Dr. Irene Matejko, adjunct professor at Hudson County Community College, presented a seminar titled "The Road to CRISPR."

Dr. Irene Matejko is a genetic researcher and professor with more than 50 years of experience. She attained her Ph.D. from Fordham University and worked as a researcher at Columbia University and Rockefeller University. In 1997, Dr. Matejko began her research at Columbia Genome Center (CGC) at Columbia University as part of the Human Genome Project. Her specific task was macro-mapping human chromosome 13. A new methodology was required to define and accomplish this goal.

Dr. Matejko's presentation covered the methodology used and the outcome of

mapping human chromosome 13. Armed with this information, scientists later developed a revolutionary technique called CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats). This procedure allows genes on the DNA sequence to be edited. CRISPR was such a noteworthy achievement in science that it received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2020.

Students remained captivated throughout the highly informative and engaging presentation. They enjoyed learning about Dr. Matejko's research and how she overcame the challenges she faced as a woman in STEM. Students also recognized that her research led to the development of CRISPR. They were amazed to learn how instrumental the lab technique has become and its continued advancement.

Special thanks to Dr. Burl Yearwood, Associate Dean of STEM, Raffi Manjikian, Temporary Full-Time Instructor of Chemistry, and Tejal Parekh, MSW, Interim Assistant Director of EOF, for making this event a success.

SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

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focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to laying the groundwork for a better understanding of social justice for all.

"In 2019, we established the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI), which is embraced by the entire HCCC community and interwoven into every aspect of our operations," Dr. Reber stated. The College's DEI work has been recognized with the 2021 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Northeast Region Equity Award, and the INSIGHT Into Diversity 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award, honoring HCCC as one of nine community colleges nationally to be named "Top Colleges for Diversity."

"Hudson County Community College is deeply engaged in the work of student success, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we are very proud to partner in presenting this symposium with Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges; Carol Watchler, Community Outreach Coordinator of Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice; and colleagues from Middlesex College, Raritan Valley Community College, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and Princeton University," Dr. Reber said.

The symposium opening ceremonies on March 1 featured remarks by Dr. Roberson; Dr. Reber; Lieutenant Governor Oliver; Veronica Gerosimo, HCCC Assistant Dean, Student Life and Leadership; Michael Ferlise, HCCC Professional Association President; Natalie Akel, the College's Student Poet Laureate; Yeury Pujols, HCCC Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Ms. Lowell Edwards.


Sessions explored creating inclusive curricula; fighting bias; knowing one's rights; the Holocaust; food and culture; art; libraries; Black educators; Asian activism; domestic violence; students' voices; and much more. Among the presenters were Dr. Lillie J. Edwards, Scholar and Public Historian, Professor Emerita, Drew University; Carmella Glover, President, Diversity Action Alliance, Director of DEI, Arthur W. Page Society, and First Black President-Elect, Public Relations Society of America, NY Chapter; Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Trustee, Hudson County Community College; Karen Galli, Instructor of English, Hudson County Community College; Helen Archontou, MSW, LSW, Chief Executive Officer YWCA of Northern New Jersey, and Adjunct Professor, Montclair State University; and Dr. Andrea Siegel, Coordinator of the Foundation Art Collection, Hudson County Community College.

Dr. Roberson says there are many layers and factors behind racism, and that it is evident across all genres and disciplines. "We all know one faculty member who made a difference in our studies and our lives," she stated. "With this symposium we want to assist higher education faculty, administrators, and staff in accessing the tools for motivating students to do good, to build greater understanding, and to truly connect us all with one another."

HCCC AT ACCT LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT



Members of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Student Trustee Advisory Committee pose with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden ahead of her keynote speech at the annual National Legislative Summit on Monday, Feb. 7. Warren Rigby, a student at Hudson County Community College and committee member, is pictured fifth from right.



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **TOWN HALL MEETING** on Tuesday, April 19 | 12 p.m.


Learn about important updates and have your questions answered in real time.

In-person at:
Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk Street,
 Scott Ring Room,
 Jersey City, NJ

North Hudson Campus
 4800 Kennedy Blvd.,
 Room N703, Union City, NJ

Virtual at:
<https://tinyurl.com/TownHall-April>
 Meeting number: 2633 791 3609
 Meeting password: AprTH2022

SPRING 2022
Radiography Program
Q&A
SESSION



To find out more information about becoming a student at HCCC and a RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST.

Tuesday, May 3
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3D1NJ68>
 Meeting number: 2634 226 9430
 Password: FXnjBgce674

HCCC Radiography Program
 870 Bergen Avenue (Building F)
 Radiography Classroom, 2nd Floor,
 Room 218, Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information, please contact (201) 360-4784.

EOF PROGRAM HONORS FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST SCHOLARS



Pictured from left: EOF Scholars Isaac Dhuman, Igor Tserkun and Genesis Diaz give remarks at the March 1 EOF Dean's List Celebration.

On Thursday, March 3, 2022, Hudson County Community College's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) celebrated its Scholars, who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; and Professor Raffi Manjikian, STEM Instructor, joined the scholars to commemorate their achievements.

EOF Director Jose Lowe, alongside EOF Interim Assistant Director Tejal Parekh, MSW, and EOF Counselor Kyara Martin, MSW, presented certificates to the scholars honoring their hard work, and acknowledging the importance of their perseverance to succeed throughout the pandemic. Some of the Scholars shared their testimonials of achievement. Isaac Dhuman stated: "I couldn't have done it without the resources from the EOF Program and staff. The opportunities granted by the EOF Program are unmatched. From scholarships to job opportunities, EOF has it all. The EOF Program has also allowed me to connect with the most remarkable people, who

have supported me through my academic career. The EOF staff and members have become a family to me, and I am blessed to be a part of such a welcoming community."

Igor Tserkun remarked: "EOF offered me the opportunity to join a summer program for Pre-Legal. The program will prepare me for law school and help me make priceless connections with lawyers and judges. EOF also surprised me earlier this year with LSAT (Law School Admission Test) prep courses, which I have completed. They even provided a free LSAT textbook, which, trust me, is not cheap."

Genesis Diaz stated: "There's a quote that goes, 'Six months of focus can put you five years ahead.' I am proof of that. Six months of focus has done a lot for me. I am in a supplemental program with a medical school offered by the EOF Program. I want to become a doctor, and I am interning for a surgeon."

EOF scholars shared how the program's, immense support and resources played a pivotal role in their journeys. The EOF Program at HCCC offers a well-rounded approach to students achieving success.

POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

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Student Poet Laureate title. Soft-spoken and quick to flash her warm smile, she graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2017. After spending some time deciding between social work and nursing, she chose to continue her education at Hudson County Community College as a nursing major. She is presently a full spectrum doula and plans to become a midwife.

Writing poetry has long been a means for Ms. Akel to process, express, and/or escape her feelings. Her writing integrates themes of nature, love, and issues of social and reproductive justice, and is rich with imagery of the everyday and the imagined.

Akel's selection as the HCCC Student Poet Laureate is not the first recognition of her writing. "My love of poetry and the poetry community blossomed during high school," she said. In 2011, as a Red Bank High School student, Natalie won the coveted Silver Medal in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition. Past recipients of

this award include such literary giants as Bernard Malamud, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, John Updike, and Joyce Carol Oates.

Dr. Reber said: "Audre Lorde, the American poet, feminist, and civil rights activist wrote, 'Poetry is not only dream and vision; it is the skeleton architecture of our lives. It lays the foundation for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what has never been before.' That summarizes the significance of our Student Poet Laureate program."

In the newest HCCC Out of the Box podcast, Dr. Reber converses with Professor Adamson and Ms. Akel, who talks about her love of poetry, and recites one of her touchingly beautiful poems. The community is invited to view and enjoy the podcast at <https://www.hccc.edu/news-media/outofthebox/2022/student-poet-laureate-program.html>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Upcoming Programs & Events

April 4, 2022 to May 12, 2022

Project Management Certificate Program

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Mondays and Thursdays)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/293365613447>

April 7, 2022

Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Thursday)

This class uses a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that drive better outcomes for adults, children, and infants.

<https://tinyurl.com/BLSSpring22>



April 7, 2022 to April 28, 2022

Microsoft Office Excel Level II

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Thursdays)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/293374640447>

April 18, 21, 25, 28 and May 2, 2022

Basic Arabic Level I

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Mondays and Thursdays)

<https://tinyurl.com/Basic-Arabic-Level-I>

April 20, 2022

Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Wednesday)

This class uses a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that drive better outcomes for adults, children, and infants.

<https://tinyurl.com/BLSSpring22>



April 21, 2022 to May 5, 2022

The Basics of Infographics

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Thursdays)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/217048657377>

April 21, 2022 to May 5, 2022

Financial Basics for Personal Finances & Wealth Building

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Thursdays)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/293412313127>

April 25 to May 25, 2022

Basic French Level I

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Mondays and Wednesdays)

<https://tinyurl.com/Basic-French-Level-I-Virtual>

April 26, 2022 to June 14, 2022

Networking for Success Masterclass

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Tuesdays)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/293406495727>

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Hoboken University Medical Center

Diana Tirado, HR Recruiter

Continuing Education and Workforce Development's (CEWD) partnership with Hoboken University Medical Center (HUMC) and its Recruiter, Diana Tirado, has been a beneficial and productive relationship.

On November 10, 2021, HUMC visited the HCCC campus and held a mini-job fair for the CEWD students and alumni, hiring six employees. On February 2, 2022, HUMC conducted a hybrid hiring event. HR Recruiter Diana Tirado met the students in person, while Recruiter Wilson Rueda

held virtual interviews via Webex.

Diana Tirado said: "Being a part of Human Resources as a Recruiter for Hoboken University Medical Center is an integral part of employee engagement and my ability to find good candidates. I have a passion for recruiting and onboarding our new hires. I feel that through them, I have a positive impact on the well-being of our patients."

"At HCCC, I attended two in-person job fairs and successfully onboarded six excellent employees with more to onboard soon. It's always a pleasure meeting HCCC staff and students/applicants. Thank you, HCCC!"



Scenes from Continuing Education's Cooking for Au Pairs class with Chef Sean Wilson on March 12.



CE's Digital Marketing: Strategies for Impact & Influence class with instructor Chastity Farrell on March 12.



CE's Event Planning, Management, and Design class with Instructor Arlene Ganess on March 19.



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

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Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Technical Studies.

"We are proud of our partnerships that help our community thrive and provide upcoming generations with resources to secure sustainable, well-paying careers without the burden of college debt," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

Amber Gutierrez, a Union City High School graduate and a member of the Holz Technik Academy Class of 2024, was drawn to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields but did not want to be saddled with crippling college debt and the uncertainties of job searches. "I knew that once I graduated high school, my focus would be taking care of myself. This opportunity gives me the ability to do that," she said in an interview early in her apprenticeship.

EMI Founder and CEO Andrew Campbell stated, "Our partnership with Hudson County

Community College helps to fill a void. It opens doors for the young people of our community who have demonstrated promise and aptitude to earn a tuition-free college degree, and enjoy well-paying careers with many options. It also enables our company – and our industry – to provide value that importers cannot provide."

"A lot of what Eastern Millwork does is very much in line with things that I have always been interested in, and as a bonus, it's local here in New Jersey where I was born and raised. I have a great sense of community for this place," said Isaiah Montalvo, a member of the Holz Technik Class of 2024.

Applications for the HCCC-EMI education-apprenticeship program are now being accepted. Contact Al Williams at 201-360-4255 or awilliams@hccc.edu for more information.



CALENDAR

For event updates, go to: <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar/>

Friday, April 1

Summer/Fall 2022 registration begins.

Do's and Don'ts of Social Media, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Join at <https://zoom.us/j/98028168683?pwd=U1R2dXkxRitYZEliaGVSOEYzNlFCZz09>

Saturday, April 2

Accommodations at HCCC Workshop, 10 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jsafont>

Tuesday, April 5

Signing with Stockton University, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Banquet Room

Wednesday, April 6

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., enter at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7930707>

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Alumni Event – Get Your Future Started, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 161 Newkirk Street, Room 506. RSVP to Maria Lita Sarmiento, HCCC Alumni Manager, at msarmiento2@hccc.edu

Accommodations at HCCC Workshop, 7 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jsafont>

Thursday, April 7

Breaking the Silence Series: Sexual Assault Awareness, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., Multipurpose Room. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7942529> to join virtually.

Canvas ePortfolio Workshop for Students, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

In the Write Mind, 3 p.m., Gabert Library Maker-space, 71 Sip Ave. or via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96547676218?pwd=MTFJS0dJZnp5eU91SXQrdE5mQlY3dz09>; Meeting ID: 965 4767 6218; Password: 430680

Friday, April 8

Last day to complete official withdrawal

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Safe Space Training – Part 1, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7821628>

Fitness Friday, 3 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m94b5d3cd01c81a55342b4f27825e6ab>; Meeting number: 2632 873 7367; Password: wellness

Trivia Night, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Join at <https://zoom.us/join/join?mtid=MTID=ZGROUwASAFZCVq46kp>

Monday, April 11

Breaking the Silence Series: Sexual Assault Awareness, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus Multipurpose Room. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7942530> to join virtually.

Tuesday, April 12

Snacktivity Tuesday, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/95100048237?pwd=V3dvYjJZRlV1ZnVlZDB6QWZYRWdvdz09>

Thursday, April 14

La Hermanidad/The Sisterhood storytelling event, 12 p.m. Register at <https://zoom.us/join/join?mtid=MTID=kOQAB>

Transfer Fair, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Friday, April 15 – Sunday, April 17

Easter recess – College closed

Tuesday, April 19

Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m07a27e926b9a625b4045d931bb8e00fc>; Meeting number (access code): 2633 791 3609; Meeting password: AprTH2022

“Bridging the Gap” Speaker Series featuring Dr. William Harvey, 2 p.m. Join at <https://tinyurl.com/HarveyHCCC>

“Si Se Puede” Information Session, 6 p.m. (Tutorial Services); join virtually at <https://bit.ly/HCCC-SiSePuede>

Accommodations at HCCC Workshop, 7 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jsafont>

Wednesday, April 20

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.; enter at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7930708>

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Grad Salute, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Thursday, April 21

Signing ceremony with Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room

STARS Recognition, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Invitation only.

Friday, April 22

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Safe Space Training –Part II, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7822223>

Fitness Friday, 3 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m94b5d3cd01c81a55342b4f27825e6ab>; Meeting number: 2632 873 7367; Password: wellness

HCCC Foundation Pop-Up Dining: Fusion Zensation, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 6 p.m. For reservations and information, please contact Tonja Webb at twebb@hccc.edu

Saturday, April 23

Spring Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave. Register at <https://bit.ly/34xUiAE>

Monday, April 25

North Hudson Campus 10-Year Celebration: A Decade of Institutional Achievements, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Tuesday, April 26

Snacktivity Tuesday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Everything STEM at HCCC, 4 p.m. Register/join at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/everything-stem-at-hccc-tickets-303803042077>

Grad Salute, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Student Center Multipurpose Room, 81 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, April 27

North Hudson Campus 10-Year Celebration: A Decade of Student Achievements, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Accessibility and Ally Workshop for Faculty, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb73f8914534c8a606b7acc39ce31060b>; Meeting number: 2632 335 4543; Password: ncW-637wQUdP

Thursday, April 28

Holocaust & Armenian Genocide Annual Commemoration and Panel Discussion: Preventing Anti-Semitism & Genocide Denial, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit www.hccc.edu/calendar for information on joining virtual session.

Truckin' Thursdays: Hold My Knots, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Journal Square Campus

Truckin' Thursdays: Zoelily Empanadas, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Transfer Fair, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Friday, April 29

Implementing Culturally Responsive Strategies for Diverse Learners (Student Presentation), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m93f8429fdfeb73fdb77a0903c84b4529>

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Creating Culturally Inclusive Classrooms (Faculty, Staff and Administrator Presentation), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m6be32ba4114d67dd0d136d2e92c9d780>

Saturday, April 30

Accommodations at HCCC Workshop, 10 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jsafont>

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ALUMNI CORNER

Paula Pereira Hartmann

Class of 2020

Associate in Applied Arts – Culinary Arts



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

I decided to attend HCCC after taking a tour of the facilities and seeing the kitchens. I remember walking into a class where the students were making bread from scratch. I realized that I wanted to be there and do that too.

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

My favorite memories from HCCC are the events held by the Culinary Club. We would all come together, cook some amazing food, serve the guests, and sit together, and enjoy a nice meal. The days leading to the events were always a bit stressful, but the feeling of a job well done would make it all worthwhile.

How did you become interested in your major?

Baking has always been my passion -- since I was a little girl. My grandmother is a baker, and I grew up in her kitchen.

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

My time at HCCC provided me with the skills I need to succeed, and allowed me to create a valuable network in my field.

What is a typical workday for you?

I am starting a small business, my home-based bakery, *Peanut Butter and Jelly Pastries LLC*. Every

day is a little different. I start by doing a quick inventory of products, confirming my orders, and planning accordingly.

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

The project that I enjoyed the most and was most proud of, was the winter wedding cake that I made for Bakeshop IV. Unfortunately, I had to take this class online due to COVID. Once the College reopened, I got the opportunity to come back and finish my project. It was challenging but very rewarding.

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

My biggest inspiration will always be my grandmother, but I also need to mention the brilliant chefs I had the pleasure of learning from Chef Payne, Chef Lontoc, Chef Siciliano, and Chef Karam-Putt.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Keep in contact with your instructors and your peers. They are a fundamental part of your network.

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

Get involved. Join clubs, volunteer at events, ask all the questions you might have. Take advantage of the amazing opportunities you have now.

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

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