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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES INSIGHT INTO ACADEMIA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

**H**udson County Community College (HCCC) received *Insight Into Academia* Magazine’s Civic Engagement and Community Service Award for the College’s Hudson Oral History Project (HOHP), recognizing institutions that demonstrate sustained commitment to community service and the public good.

“We are honored to receive this award, which reflects the College’s deep connection to Journal Square and the experiences of residents and businesses who witnessed and adapted to its changes,” said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. He credited Assistant Professor Dr. Sean Egan and Associate Professor Antonio Acevedo, who established and lead the grant-supported project.

The HOHP documents the evolution of Jersey City’s Journal Square by collecting stories from individuals whose lives were shaped by the neighborhood. One of the most diverse areas in the United States, Journal Square has undergone

dramatic economic, residential, and commercial changes. Through interviews and research, the project captures the joys, challenges, and turning points that define the neighborhood’s character and reflect broader forces shaping American urban life. Dr. Reber noted the project’s significance as HCCC itself began in Journal Square in a single rented building and has grown to more than a dozen facilities that helped spur the area’s revitalization.

Faculty, students, and community members collaborate on the project. Student interns receive training in oral history interviewing and transcript editing and participate in public programs. The HOHP also created Microhistories Fellowships, which support student-led oral history projects exploring topics such as Black entrepreneurship, community storytelling, and documentary podcasts highlighting marginalized voices.

The Hudson Oral History Project will be featured in the April 2026 issue of *Insight Into Academia* Magazine.

**ON THE COVER:** *Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is the recipient of Insight Into Academia’s 2026 Civic Engagement and Community Service Award for the Hudson Oral History Project (HOHP). Pictured here: HOHP Co-Directors Antonio Acevedo, Associate Professor of History (rear right), Dr. Sean Egan, Assistant Professor of English (rear center), and program student intern Victoria Lenga (front left), with Jaya Jones (rear left) and Rose Marie Shields (front right), HCCC students who were awarded Microhistories Fellowships.*



This April, Hudson County Community College joins colleges nationwide in celebrating Community College Month (#CCMonth), highlighting the essential role community and technical colleges play in powering America’s workforce and expanding economic opportunity. #CCMonth is an annual grassroots campaign to bring attention to the value and importance of community colleges led by the Association of Community College Trustees.



**COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR**

For the most up-to-date information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>.

Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify the calendar as necessary.

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT LISA DOUGHERTY SELECTED AS PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR

**H**udson County Community College (HCCC) Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Dr. Lisa Dougherty has been named a Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society Distinguished College Administrator. The award honors college leaders who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to student success. The recognition is especially meaningful because HCCC's PTK members — among the College's highest-achieving students—advocated for Dr. Dougherty's selection.

PTK recognized Dr. Dougherty and other honorees at its Annual Convention on March 27, 2026 in Baltimore, Maryland.

"From teaching College Student Success courses for freshmen to developing initiatives that address basic needs, finances, mental health, and tuition, Dr. Dougherty has earned the admiration and respect of the entire HCCC family," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "She consistently engages with student leaders and supports initiatives that promote access, leadership, and completion."

"Dr. Dougherty's leadership reaches far beyond any one program," said PTK President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. "Students recognize her because she consistently removes barriers, opens doors, and creates opportunities for success across Hudson's campus."

*Dr. Lisa Dougherty,  
Senior Vice President  
for Student Affairs  
and Enrollment*



A first-generation college graduate with more than 20 years of higher education experience, Dr. Dougherty joined HCCC in 2016 as Dean of Enrollment Services and has led Student Affairs and Enrollment since 2019. She holds an Ed.D. from Rowan University, a Master of Human Resource Management from Keller Graduate School of Management, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University Maryland.

## NEWS FROM HUDSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE CRAIG GUY

### Hudson County Executive Craig Guy Celebrates Women's History Month 2026 "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future"

**I**n recognition of Women's History Month, Hudson County, under the leadership of County Executive Craig Guy, honors a distinguished group of women whose work reflects this year's theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future." These honorees exemplify leadership across public service, education, advocacy, and community development, advancing more equitable and sustainable systems.

Our annual celebration highlights individuals whose contributions demonstrate the power of civic engagement, resilience, and purpose-driven leadership. We are proud to recognize the following Women of the Year:

#### **Bayonne – Melody Scagnelli-Townley**

Melody Scagnelli-Townley serves as Director of the Bayonne Public Library, where she has led transformative efforts including the renovation of its historic main branch. With a background in education and library leadership, she is dedicated to expanding access to knowledge and community resources.

#### **East Newark – Deborah Dorry**

Deborah Dorry has devoted decades to serving East Newark through quiet, consistent acts of leadership and mentorship. Her lifelong commitment to community service and faith-based education has positively shaped generations of families.

#### **Guttenberg – Jolene Mantineo**

Jolene Mantineo has dedicated her career to education, rising from classroom teacher to Superintendent in the community where she was raised. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to supporting students, families, and the future of local education.

#### **Harrison – Jessa Bigelow**

Jessa Bigelow is a co-owner of Gallery of Ink and a nationally recognized tattoo artist who has broken barriers in a traditionally male-dominated industry. She uplifts her community through mentorship and charitable initiatives, including annual toy drives supporting local families.

#### **Hoboken – Maria Pepe**

Maria Pepe made history at just 11 years old by challenging gender barriers in Little League Baseball. Her courage

led to expanded opportunities for girls nationwide and continues to inspire future generations to pursue equality in sports.

#### **Hoboken – Amanda Roberts Blaney**

Amanda Roberts Blaney continues a legacy of civic engagement through her leadership with the Hoboken Public Library and community organizations. Her dedication to education, literacy, and community-building strengthens resources for future generations.

#### **Hudson County – Celeste Williams**

Celeste Williams is the first African American woman to serve as a Hudson County Commissioner, representing District 3. She is also a community activist and founder of Caring Capable Hands Inc., supporting youth impacted by trauma and empowering them to heal and thrive.

#### **Jersey City – Toni Ervin**

Doris "Toni" Ervin is an educator and nonprofit leader committed to strengthening early childhood education



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## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
Salma Abdelwahed  
Farimah Mazzotta  
Jonathan Sisk

10 Years  
Jose Acosta  
Willie Shirer

25 Years  
Mark Murray

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
Kenneth Asah  
Maria de Sagun  
Rachel Gapasin  
Darali Garcia  
Raymond Miranda  
Paula Pereira Hartmann  
Fayrouz Raouad

10 Years  
Indra Sanders

## SAVE THE DATE

### Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (TODAS)

April 23, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Cross Campus Event

### Special Thanks and Recognition (S.T.A.R.)

April 27, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Culinary Arts Conference Center,  
Banquet Room, Jersey City, NJ  
By Invitation: Full-time and Part-time  
Honorees, recent Retirements,  
Supervisors, and Guests.

### Administrative Professionals' Day

April 29, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
STEM Building, 263 Academy Street,  
Multipurpose Room, Jersey City, NJ

*This is an exciting time to work at HCCC.  
Come join an award-winning institution!*

For Recruitment and Job Opportunities visit:

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hccc>

## EMPLOYEE PERKS

National Institute for Staff and  
Organizational Development  
<https://www.nisod.org>

*Did you know our EAP assists with  
Disaster Preparedness?*

Employee Assistance Program  
<https://eap.ndbh.com> (company code: HCCC)

LinkedIn Learning  
<https://library.hccc.edu/linkedinlearning>

Working Advantage  
<https://hccc.savings.workingadvantage.com/home>



### Allergy Health: Sniffles, Sneezes, and Springtime Breezes

Spring is a welcome change after winter, but for millions of people, it also marks the start of allergy season. As trees bloom and pollen fills the air, many experience itchy eyes, sneezing, congestion, and fatigue. This month's newsletter focuses on understanding seasonal allergies, reducing symptoms, and accessing helpful resources to stay healthy and comfortable all season long.

#### What Are Seasonal Allergies?

Seasonal allergies—often called “hay fever” or allergic rhinitis—occur when the immune system overreacts to airborne substances like:

- Tree pollen (early spring)
- Grass pollen (late spring to summer)
- Mold spores (spring through fall)
- Flower pollen (varies by region)

Your body treats these harmless particles as threats, triggering inflammation and classic allergy symptoms.

#### Common Symptoms to Watch For

- Sneezing
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Itchy or watery eyes
- Scratchy throat
- Fatigue or brain fog
- Postnasal drip

If symptoms persist or interfere with daily life, a healthcare provider can help

identify triggers and recommend treatment options.

#### Tips to Reduce Allergy Symptoms

##### At Home

- Keep windows closed on high-pollen days.
- Use HEPA air purifiers.
- Shower after being outdoors to remove pollen.
- Wash bedding weekly in hot water.

##### Outdoors

- Check daily pollen counts before heading out.
- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Avoid outdoor activities early morning when pollen peaks.
- Change clothes after spending time outside.

##### General Wellness

- Stay hydrated.
- Keep nasal passages moist with saline sprays.

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## FACULTY TENURE

Christopher Cody  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Sonja Rodiger-Radovic  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Saliha Yagoubi  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Raffi Manjikian  
School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

## TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Eman Dasouky, Administrative Assistant  
Facilities Office

## TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

On Friday, Feb. 27, Hudson County Community College faculty, staff, and students participated in a Teaching and Learning Spring Symposium focused on strengthening civil discourse and meaningful dialogue across campus.

Throughout the day, attendees explored how dialogue supports collaboration and strengthens campus culture. Participants practiced active listening, expansive questioning, and values-based engagement—building confidence in navigating disagreement and tension in constructive ways. The symposium emphasized civil discourse as an essential academic, professional, and leadership competency.

The morning sessions focused on building a foundation for dialogue across roles and experiences at the College. Through interactive exercises and shared



*Audra Watson, Chief of Youth Civic Programs, Institute for Citizens and Scholars, co-facilitating the student-oriented track of the Symposium.*



*Kade Thurman (right), HCCC Instructor of Sociology, presenting with Audra Watson, Chief of Youth Civic Programs, Institute for Citizens and Scholars.*

reflection, participants examined how listening, curiosity, and personal values shape conversations in classrooms, meetings, and student spaces.

In the afternoon, attendees applied dialogue tools through workshops, role-play exercises, and collaborative discussion. Participants practiced strategies for managing challenging mo-

ments, facilitating productive conversations, and supporting collaborative problem-solving across differences. The symposium concluded with an application session in which participants identified practical steps to strengthen the College's culture of dialogue in classrooms, student engagement, and institutional life.

## STEVE MADDEN SPONSORSHIP HELPS POWER HCCC CAREER CLOSET FASHION SHOW



*Models from the "Steve Madden Presents the 2026 Career Closet Fashion Show: Your Runway to Success."*

Steve Madden, Ltd. served as the premier sponsor of "Steve Madden Presents the 2026 Career Closet Fashion Show: Your Runway to Success," supporting student success at Hudson County Community College. The company made a \$10,000 leadership investment in the College's Hudson Helps Resource Center

initiatives, which address students' basic needs and remove barriers to academic and career achievement.

Held on February 25 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, the event featured HCCC students, faculty, and staff as runway models showcasing professional

attire provided by Steve Madden. After the show, the clothing was added to the College's Career Closet, where students can access professional attire for interviews, internships, and employment opportunities.

# Foundation Art Collection

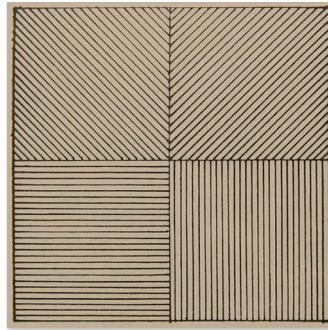
The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 2,200+ works is installed in the public areas of campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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

## ARTIST NEWS

You can see a work by photographer **Eli Reed** on the fourth floor of the Gabert Library, and a photograph by **Gordon Parks** on the second floor. Recently, Reed wrote about Parks for the world-famous photographers' collective Magnum: *Gordon Parks: Truth in Life* | Magnum Photos. (<https://tinyurl.com/TruthInLife>) Reed notes that in 1937, when Parks was 25, he bought his first camera at a pawn shop in Kansas. At that time, he had been working as a waiter on a Northern Pacific Railway train, when he saw magazine images of Dust Bowl migrants suffering from the Great Depression. This inspired Parks: "I saw that the camera could be a weapon against poverty, against racism, against all sorts of social wrongs. I knew at that point I had to have a camera," he said. In writing about Parks, Reed mentions the power of empathy, "He was in touch with people," says Reed. "[He went] with the realities. And the reality could be sympathetic to other human beings. They're not just a subject to be used to show how cool you are. Some of the obvious things were things like the touch of a human being. The real touch of a human being, no matter what they were going through." Our photograph by Parks was taken after work, in Paris, when he was shooting the fashion shows. At night he was fascinated by the beauty of the city. Take a look at the Gabert Library.

At the MassArt Art Museum (MAAM), Boston's only free contemporary art museum, is the exhibit, *Press & Pull. Two Decades at the Robert Blackburn Printmaking*



**Sol LeWitt, Lines in Four Directions (1976), Rubber Stamp Print, 8" x 8" at the North Hudson Library.**

*Workshop* through May 31, 2026. **Robert Blackburn** was an artist who wanted to make prints. In 1947, he found that because he was African American, New York print-shop members' racism prevented him from working there, so he founded the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, which continues to this day. His Workshop has especially been wonderful in the support of work by minority and women artists. "This exhibit traces the Workshop's early foundations, culture of innovation, and ongoing role as a hub for mentorship and collaboration. The exhibit features more than 35 prints by legacy and contemporary artists and celebrates the impact of Blackburn (1920–2003) and his enduring vision of equity, experimentation, and community in American printmaking."

Included in the show are works by **Chakaia Booker** (whose prints you can see on the second floor of the Gabert Library and in the computer lab at 870 Ber-



**Sol LeWitt, Isometric Figure with Bars of Color (2004), Color Linocut Printed, 20" x 20.5" at the Culinary Conference Center, fifth Floor.**

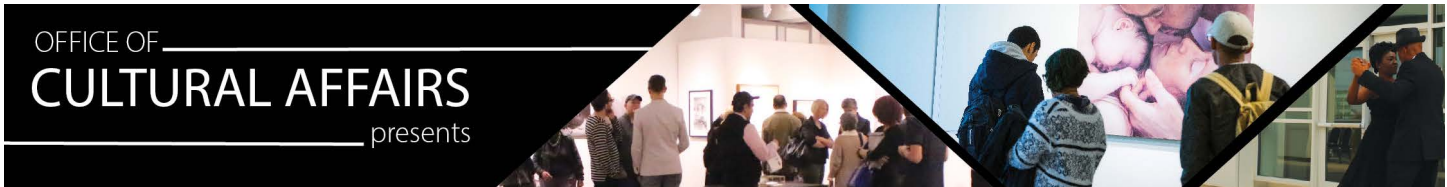
gen Ave.), and **Elizabeth Catlett** (whose prints can be seen on the third floor of Gabert Library, and the lower level of 870 Bergen Ave.). We are great fans of Bob: We also have an area on the long corridor of Gabert Library third floor devoted to images of Bob, both on the right-hand wall and on the two columns opposite the wall.

If you happen to be in Amsterdam, check out the Van Gogh Museum's exhibit, *An Ode to Printmaking – The Unique Album L'Estampe originale* through May 17. This exhibition showcases a rare album of innovative fin-de-siècle prints by **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec**, Camille Pissarro, and others. Please note that you can see an original drawing by Pissarro, many lithographs by Toulouse-Lautrec, and a Renoir lithograph here at HCCC on the Gabert Library fifth floor. (<https://tinyurl.com/OdeToPrintmaking>)

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A collection of this scale requires ongoing conservation, archival storage and framing, expert art handling, and professional stewardship to ensure the works remain accessible and preserved for future generations. To support this work, the HCCC Foundation is building an endowment for the Foundation Art Collection and seeking philanthropic support to help preserve, interpret, and share these works with students and the community for years to come.

Please consider supporting the Foundation Art Collection financially by making a gift at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html> or emailing [foundation@hccc.edu](mailto:foundation@hccc.edu) for more information on how you can help.



**Cultural Affairs Highlights Events and North Hudson Exhibition**



*The College and community gather at the “Fine Whine” Black History Month celebration, hosted by the Office of Cultural Affairs at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center.*



*Curated DJs and live percussionists provide the soundtrack for the “Fine Whine” Black History Month celebration at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center.*



*Archive photo from the early years of Hudson County Community College’s Nursing Program, highlighting the traditional white caps and pins worn at graduation.*

On February 27, the Office of Cultural Affairs hosted “Fine Whine,” a Black History Month celebration at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center. Presented in partnership with Student Life and Leadership and Art Fair 14C, the event featured celebrity tap dancer Asha DaHomey, who also performed at the College’s 2025 Juneteenth celebration. DaHomey curated an energetic evening of live drumming and DJ music that welcomed attendees of all ages and members of the community.

The “Fifty Years of Excellence” exhibit will move to the Art Concourse at the North Hudson Campus as part of the College’s ongoing anniversary commemoration. The exhibit reopens on April 13 and features several highlights, including historic

advertising from Fall 1973 and editorial coverage in *The Jersey Journal* from Summer 1974 announcing courses at the North Hudson College Center.

The exhibit also recognizes Silvia Rodriguez, a member of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees who was the third student to enroll in what is now HCCC. A retired educator, Rodriguez dedicated 28 years to education, serving as a guidance counselor at Memorial High School and West New York Middle School from 2004 to 2018. Earlier in her career, she worked as an elementary school teacher, bilingual enrichment instructor, and bilingual parent facilitator.

Another featured moment highlights Jeanette Peña, Chair of the HCCC

Board of Trustees. During a Hispanic Heritage Month event in October 2024, Peña delivered a keynote address to approximately 200 students, faculty, and staff at the College’s North Hudson Campus. Peña made history as both the first Hispanic and the first woman to serve as Chair of the Board, reflecting the College’s diverse community and its commitment to expanding opportunity for Hudson County residents.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2026 COMMENCEMENT**  
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
 9:30 a.m.

Sports Illustrated Stadium  
 600 Cape May Street,  
 Harrison, NJ 07029

**GRADUATING STUDENTS**

**Tell us Your Story!**

SCAN CODE

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

For more information, please contact the Communications Department at (201) 360-4060 or email at [communications@hccc.edu](mailto:communications@hccc.edu) or <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCGradStory>

**#TellUsYourStory #HCCCGRADS2026**

# Foundation Art Collection

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Likewise, it's lovely that you can see **Sol LeWitt's** work at the North Hudson Library and on the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City. But if you happen to be in London, you can check out an exhibition at Cristea Roberts Gallery, *The Location of Lines: The Prints of Sol LeWitt 1970-2005* through April 16. Cristea Roberts Gallery (<https://tinyurl.com/SolLewittPrints>).

If you enjoy the **Robert Rauschenberg** print of the Statue of Liberty on the sixth floor of Gabert Library (near the Dineen Hull Gallery where you can look out the window and see the Statue of Liberty herself), you might like to know about other kinds of work Rauschenberg did. Artists don't just make paintings, sculpture, prints, photographs and digital work. They also engage in collaborations with folks in other disciplines. In this case, the nation's leading art magazine, *Art in America*, recently reported on a performance of "Set and Reset," a collaboration that premiered at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) in

1983. Trisha Brown did the choreography, Laurie Anderson did the music, and Robert Rauschenberg did the costumes and the sets. Talk about a dream team!" The dance was re-staged in honor of Rauschenberg's 100th birthday. Named *Dancing with Bob*, the tour runs through May. There is also another set Rauschenberg made for Brown's *Glacial Decoy* (1979), on view at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis through May.

Amidst all the excitement about the new tool of AI, it's important to recognize that from an arts perspective, there are downsides to AI, especially with regard to free speech and the arts. As reported recently in *Art in America*, when AI Wei Wei (one of the world's most famous living artists) asked AI about Ai Wei Wei, AI said, "Let's talk about something else." What Does Censorship Look Like in the Age of AI? (<https://tinyurl.com/CensorshipLook>)

More locally, the work of **Valeri Larko**, on view in the STEM Building fourth floor, can also be seen in an exhibit called "*Women in Art group show, a gallery of original*

*works by women showcasing themselves and their creativity*" through April 11 at BrooklynONE. Go to the link for more information: <https://www.bkone.org/>.

The Hudson County  
Community College  
Foundation

## 24th Annual Golf Outing

Monday,  
June 22, 2026

Brooklake Country Club  
Florham Park, NJ

Set upon 150 beautiful acres,  
Brooklake's championship,  
USGA rated course offers  
a traditional, challenging  
course with  
undulating greens.



## HCCC NURSING PROGRAM MARKS NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY



**S**tudents and faculty from HCCC's Nursing Program showed their support on National Wear Red Day (Friday, Feb. 6), part of American Heart Month—an annual initiative led by the American Heart Association to raise awareness about heart disease and promote cardiovascular health. Participants wore red to encourage education, prevention, and healthy lifestyle choices in their community.

Save  
the  
Date

Hudson County Community College Foundation  
29th Annual  
**Gala**

Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
Culinary Conference Center  
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306  
Details to follow!



Hudson County Community College  
African American Outreach Committee  
Presents

# Keep Hope Alive

A Gospel Celebration  
Honoring the legacy of  
the late Reverend Jesse Jackson

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center  
161 Newkirk Street  
Jersey City, NJ

**Featuring**  
The Choir of Mount Pisgah AME Church,  
Rhudy Snelling, Jr., Helen White, and more...

This Program is open to students, faculty, staff,  
and the community at large

*Food and refreshments will be provided.*

**TO REGISTER:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/260693771593166>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
Mirta Sanchez [msanchez@hccc.edu](mailto:msanchez@hccc.edu)



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



Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?  
Difficulty adjusting to the College Environment?  
Dealing with mental health and wellness?




Please complete the General Concern Form  
Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care> or scan the QR code. The form is NOT monitored 24/7.

A member of the CARE team will respond to your request during regular business hours.  
**If you need immediate help** call or text 988 or visit <https://988lifeline.org>

## THE HUDSON IS HOME WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

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Consider over-the-counter allergy relief options (speak with a healthcare professional for guidance).

**When to Seek Medical Support**  
Reach out to a healthcare provider if you experience:

- Persistent or worsening symptoms
- Difficulty breathing
- Symptoms interfering with sleep or work
- Suspected asthma triggered by allergies

**Many benefit plans include:**

- Telehealth visits
- Allergy testing coverage
- Prescription allergy medications
- Flexible spending accounts (FSAs) for eligible OTC products

**Spring Cleaning for Allergy Relief**  
Spring cleaning isn't just about tidying up—it can significantly reduce allergens indoors. Consider spotlighting:

- Vacuuming with a HEPA filter
- Dusting with microfiber cloths
- Washing curtains and cleaning vents
- Replacing HVAC filters

**Additional Educational Resources**

**American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)** – ‘When Should I See an Allergist’ - <https://www.aaaai.org/tools-for-the-public/video-library/allergy-videos/when-should-i-see-an-allergist-video> and ‘Allergy Testing’ - <https://www.aaaai.org/tools-for-the-public/video-library/allergy-videos/allergy-testing-video>

**CDC Seasonal Allergies** – Prevention tips and public health information - <https://www.cdc.gov/climate-health/php/effects/allergens-and-pollen.html>

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GENERATES SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ACROSS THE AREA, STUDY FINDS



A recent study details Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) substantial impact in driving the upward and long-term economic development of Hudson County and beyond through affordable education, public-private partnerships, vocational training, and workforce development. Pictured here: County officials, and HCCC faculty, staff, and students who participated recently in the Hudson County Internship Program supported by Citizens Bank.

Earning a certificate or degree from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) delivers strong financial returns for graduates, employers, and the regional economy.

HCCC recently contributed data to the statewide independent study, The Economic Value of New Jersey's Community Colleges. Lightcast, an economic and data consulting firm specializing in labor market, workforce, and higher education analysis, produced the report using data from New Jersey's 18 community colleges, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Census Bureau, and other public and proprietary sources. HCCC supplied academic and financial data for fiscal year 2023–2024.

The study highlights HCCC's role as an anchor institution that drives economic growth through affordable education, workforce development, and vocational training. According to the report, HCCC contributed \$197.8 million in income to the Hudson County economy, the equivalent of 2,415 jobs.

HCCC alumni working in Hudson County generated \$126.8 million in added income. Their strongest impact appeared in the Healthcare and Social Assistance, and Accommodation and Food industries, reflecting the success of the College's Nursing and Health Professions and Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs.

The study also found that students who attended HCCC in 2023–2024 will increase their lifetime earnings by a combined \$327.7 million. That translates to an average annual rate of return of 18.7%—65% higher than the average return on stock market investments. For every \$1 students invest in their education, they gain \$5.90 in lifetime earnings. Taxpayers gain \$1.90 through added tax revenue and public-sector savings, while society gains \$6.40 through increased income and reduced social costs.

In addition, HCCC operations generated \$67.3 million for the county economy, while construction spending added another \$1.8 million. That figure will grow as the College moves forward with its new 11-story Center for Student Success on the Journal Square Campus.

The report also shows that HCCC strengthens Hudson County by increasing consumer spending, supplying skilled workers, expanding transfer opportunities, and supporting upward mobility for residents.

“Our role in educating and training generations of students is reflected in a more prosperous Hudson County,” said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber.

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Laurie Riccadonna, Professor/Coordinator of Studio Art at Hudson County Community College, brought a group of art students to the newly reopened Princeton University Art Museum in March. Students participated in a guided tour led by Caroline Harris, Senior Associate Director for Education, and learned about the museum's design and collections. They then explored the galleries in small groups, practicing close-looking exercises with selected artworks. The visit concluded in the museum's Creativity Labs, where students created their own art inspired by pieces they encountered during the tour.

## CONFERENCE COVERAGE

### Teaching and Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence



*HCCC's presenters at Teaching and Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. Seated from left: Carol Bruzzano, Matthew LaBrake and Sonja Rodiger. Standing from left: Dr. Benedetto Youssef, Dr. Christopher Cody, Cecily McKeown and Carrie Rong Xiao.*

Leaders from Hudson County Community College attended and presented at “Teaching and Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” at Union College of Union County, NJ’s Scotch Plains Campus. Throughout the day, HCCC representatives led presentations in AI-focused sessions, sharing insights and strategies for integrating artificial intelligence in higher education. Presented by the New Jersey AI Hub and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, the conference brought together community college educators from across New Jersey to explore AI integration, ethical adoption, and AI literacy.

### ATD DREAM 2026



*HCCC administrators, faculty and staff at ATD DREAM 2026.*

**A** Hudson County Community College delegation participated in the 22nd annual ATD DREAM conference, March 2–5 in Portland, Oregon, where higher education practitioners gathered to exchange proven strategies that strengthen access, momentum, mobility, and community impact. During the conference, HCCC was recognized as a Leader College of Distinction.



*HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (center) accepts the College's plaque for recognition as a Leader College of Distinction. He is pictured with Suzanne Walsh (left), Chair of the Board of ATD, and Dr. Karen A. Stout (right), President and CEO of Achieving the Dream.*

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and workforce development. Through her organization, Academic Excellence, she has helped elevate the quality and impact of early learning programs.

#### **Kearny – Alyssa Schirm**

Alyssa Schirm is an educator and environmental advocate who has led initiatives addressing food insecurity and sustainability in her community. Her leadership continues to inspire positive environmental change and civic engagement at the local level.

#### **North Bergen – Ana Maria Castello-Valdivia**

Ana Maria Castello-Valdivia works to uplift senior citizens through programs that promote wellness, connection, and inclusion. Her efforts strengthen community bonds and ensure that older generations remain valued and supported.

#### **Secaucus – Alka Jaideep**

Alka Jaideep plays a vital role in securing funding and resources that enhance community programs and services in Secaucus. Through her work and volunteerism, she helps build a stronger, more connected, and sustainable community.

#### **Union City – Susana Reyes Rojas**

Susana Reyes Rojas has dedicated her career to education in Union City, rising to become a Principal committed to academic excellence and student success. Her leadership fosters a positive school culture and supports both educators and students.

#### **Weehawken – Rosemary Lavagnino**

Rosemary Lavagnino has served Weehawken for nearly three decades, championing environmental stewardship and responsible development. Her leadership has helped shape sustainable

policies that protect the community’s natural and social resources.

#### **West New York – Dalila Rodriguez**

Dalila Rodriguez is a dedicated paraprofessional who supports special needs students while actively engaging in community service initiatives. Her resilience, compassion, and commitment to others make her a powerful role model.

Together, these extraordinary women exemplify leadership and a shared commitment to shaping a more sustainable and equitable future. Hudson County is proud to celebrate their achievements and the lasting impact they continue to make in our communities.

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

**H**udson County Community College's Beta Alpha Phi chapter has been recognized as a Phi Theta Kappa REACH Rewards Chapter, an honor that celebrates strong and growing student engagement in the international honor society.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society REACH program encourages chapters to actively invite eligible students to join each semester and to follow up on those invitations to ensure students have multiple opportunities to participate.

To qualify for REACH Rewards, chapters must also demonstrate membership growth compared with the previous year. Beta Alpha Phi exceeded that benchmark, increasing its membership by more than 20 percent over the prior year.

As part of the recognition, the chapter will receive 16 honor stoles for members to



*Desiree Page and Nube Cabrera at a beach and jetty cleanup at Liberty State Park on Tuesday, March 10 – when local temperatures reached a high of 77 degrees.*

wear at the College's May Commencement ceremony. The award will save the chapter more than \$400 in graduation regalia costs while allowing student members to proudly display their affiliation with Phi Theta Kappa during Commencement.

## HCCC HOSTS ACCESSIBILITY & WELLNESS FAIR TO CONNECT COMMUNITY WITH SUPPORT SERVICES



*(Left) Local service providers share their resources with fair attendees. (Right) The fair was presented by HCCC's Mental Health Counseling and Wellness Center and Accessibility Services.*

**O**n Tuesday, March 10, Hudson County Community College hosted its Accessibility & Wellness Fair, a collaborative vendor event that connected students, employees, and community members with resources supporting mental wellness and accessibility. The event fostered awareness, connection, and access to care in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Vendors shared information about services related to mental health support, dis-

ability access, accommodations, and inclusive wellness. Participants learned more about available resources and engaged directly with organizations dedicated to supporting individual well-being.

Participating vendors included WomenRising, Hoboken Family Planning, Whole Spectrum Autism, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Planned Parenthood, and others.

Join us at the Spring 2026

# OPEN HOUSE



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Journal Square Campus  
Student Center - 81 Sip Avenue,  
Jersey City, NJ**

**OR**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**North Hudson Campus  
4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ**



**Registration is required!**

Scan the QR code or go to [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse) to register!



**FIFTY AND FORWARD!**

## AUTHORS CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH HISTORICAL FICTION PROGRAM



Authors Janis Robinson Daly (left) and Professor Katie Sweeting present the annual #31 Titles Women In History list, celebrating stories of women long overlooked by history—and the authors who have brought those stories to light to inspire and educate readers.

As part of Women's History Month, historical fiction authors Janis Robinson Daly and HCCC's own Professor Katie Sweeting joined participants on Tuesday, March 10 for a special program highlighting 31 historical fiction titles centered on women whose achievements were overlooked for generations. The curated book list celebrated stories of

women in history whose lives were later reimagined by authors seeking to bring their accomplishments and experiences to light.

During the event, attendees explored novels that portrayed these women's journeys, struggles, and aspirations, while sharing which titles they had already read

and discovering new additions for their to-be-read lists. The program invited participants to reflect on the power of storytelling to honor women whose contributions had long remained in the shadows.

To download the list of titles, please visit <https://janisrdaly.com/women-in-history/>

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT SPOTLIGHTS FACULTY ENTREPRENEURS



HCCC's School of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management hosted its annual Women in Business Forum on March 11.

Hudson County Community College hosted its annual Women in Business event on Wednesday, March 11, drawing a full house for an inspiring conversation with two of the College's own faculty entrepreneurs.

The program featured Adjunct Instructors Anita O'Malley and Dr. Michelle Whitmore, who shared insights about their experiences as business owners and reflected on the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship. Moderated by Elana Winslow, Associate Professor, the discussion highlighted the many ways women leaders balance innovation, resilience, and professional purpose.

Students heard firsthand how both professors built and manage their businesses, gaining valuable perspective on leadership, perseverance, and success in the business world. The event celebrated Women's History Month by showcasing the accomplishments of women within the HCCC community and encouraging students to imagine their own paths in business and leadership.

Special thanks to Dr. Ara Karakashian and Angela Tuzzo for their support in making the event such a success.

**Get your Golden Ticket!**

**Hudson County Community College Foundation's "50th Anniversary Raffle!"**

**Tickets \$100 each**  
**Cash Prize One Winner Only (Maximum prize of \$50,000)**  
 Only 1,000 tickets available - 50/50  
**Winning ticket will be drawn at the 2026 Gala on Thursday, December 3.**  
**Winner need not be present to win.**

All proceeds will support Hudson County Community College Foundation Scholarships/Endowments

**To purchase a raffle ticket, scan the QR code.**




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## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Celebrate Academic & Workforce Pathways Program [AWPP] Students Invitation and Induction into National Honor Societies of Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Success

Khalifa Jenkins, an EOF student and a student in the Academic & Workforce Pathways Program [AWPP] in the community with a 3.7 GPA, was inducted into the Hudson County Community College [HCCC] chapter of the Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society on March 12, 2026. Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of college students in access and scholar programs. The purpose is to promote continued high academic standards, foster increased communication among its members, and honor the academic excellence of its members. Congratulations, Khalifa Jenkins!

Dante DeGreguda who has met the stringent criteria of accumulating 12 credits and maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher, has earned an invitation to join HCCC Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Alpha Phi Chapter. He will be AWPP's second man – and the third student – in the program's history to receive this distinguished honor. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an esteemed international honor society for community colleges, which provides leadership, service, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities across all majors. PTK emphasizes personal growth at the start of a student's academic journey. Its mission is to recognize academic achievement among college students and to offer opportunities for them to develop as scholars and leaders. PTK supports the success of top community college students nationwide and aims to strengthen community colleges through three core commitments: academic excellence, leadership development, and community service. Congratulations, Dante DeGreguda!

AWPP continues to demonstrate that education is a powerful catalyst for transformation. This spring, ten incarcerated AWPP students were inducted into the Sigma Alpha Pi Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) at HCCC. This achievement underscores their academic excellence,



*Khalifa Jenkins*

resilience, and unwavering commitment to success despite challenging circumstances. All ten students earned a cumulative GPA above 3.3, surpassing the rigorous academic standards required for induction. Membership in Sigma Alpha Pi recognizes students who exemplify scholarship, leadership potential, and dedication to personal and professional growth. NSLS was founded to help college students realize their potential and build leaders who make a positive impact, aiming to support students discovering their passion and purpose.

For the new AWPP inductees—Michael Stevens, Rashaad Webb, Darryl Mobley, Michael Davis, Frances Caso, Yuan Yuan Chen, Mariah Lefkowitz, Sykirrah Kirkland, Jamilette Huaranga, Angielly Dominguez, and Shakeiya Forrest—this honor signifies more than academic achievement. It reflects their readiness to lead with purpose and integrity, both within their communities and beyond, as they prepare for reintegration into society.

### AWPP Students Make History with Dean's List Honors

On March 25, 2026, AWPP students Jamilette Huaranga, Khalifa Jenkins (EOF), and Dante DeGreguda (EOF) achieved a significant academic milestone by earning a place on the Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding performance. This prestigious honor is awarded to students who have completed 12 or more college-level credits and maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Khalifa Jenkins is on track to graduate in May 2026 with an Associate degree in Medical Sciences - Pre-Professional Nursing. Dante DeGreguda is also scheduled to graduate in May 2026 with an Associate degree in Lib-

eral Arts. Jamilette Huaranga is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. These students are the first AWPP participants to receive this distinguished award, marking a historic achievement for the program and inspiring future students to strive for excellence.

The Division of Academic Affairs, Hudson County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Hudson County Department of Family Services and Reintegration, and the Academic & Workforce Pathways Program proudly congratulate these students on this remarkable achievements!

### CONTINUING EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### NICET LEVEL I HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CERTIFICATE PREP COURSE (ONLINE)

Mondays and Wednesdays  
April 6, 2026, through May 11, 2026  
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. | Price: \$375

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nicet-level-i-highway-construction-inspection-certificate-prep-course-registration-1982884445755?aff=oddtcreator>

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SPRING 2026 (ONLINE)

Mondays and Thursdays | April 13, 2026, through May 21, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Price: \$1,280

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-online-project-management-certificate-program-spring-2026-registration-1982686721356?aff=oddtcreator>

#### MICROSOFT OFFICE EXCEL ADVANCED LEVEL (IN-PERSON)

Mondays | April 27, 2026, through June 8, 2026 (no class on 5/25) | 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Price: \$185

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-office-excel-advanced-level-registration-1982542625361?aff=oddtcreator>

#### WELCOME TO COMPUTER BASICS SPRING 2026 (IN-PERSON)

Wednesdays | April 29, 2026, through June 10, 2026  
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Price: \$170

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-computer-basics-spring-2026-registration-1982544449818?aff=oddtcreator#location>

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## ALUMNI CORNER

### Naomi Rose Betancourt A.S., Business Administration Class of 2021

An endeavoring entrepreneur and creative spirit, Naomi Rose Betancourt is both the Programming and Services Manager for the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce and the mind behind the photography studio Authenticity Films.



#### What brought you to HCCC?

Hudson County Community College was the institution that allowed me not only to complete half of my undergraduate education, but also to connect with students from different generations, an experience that is often less common in traditional academic settings. Choosing community college was an important part of my educational path because it exposed me to a diverse group of people. In any workplace, you collaborate with individuals of different ages, religions, and backgrounds, and this environment helped prepare me for that reality.

#### What made HCCC the right choice for you?

I wanted an education where I could fully take advantage of the benefits and resources available to me as a low-income student, and I knew the traditional college system was not the right fit for my path. Sometimes you have to follow your own direction and truly own it. When you do, the outcome can be even more meaningful – something you'll look back on with pride.

#### How did you become interested in photography (or how did you become interested in it as a career path)?

Photography was an escape but also a space where I could capture a moment that I enjoyed during that period of my life. Being creative was never a choice, it was meant to be a part of me. Some creative skills aren't meant to be a full-time job but you do it for the enjoyment of your craft and they are part of what made you the creative you are today. My first camera was a Kodak Easyshare M1073 IS pink digital camera and now I take it every time I am just out and about.

#### Tell us about your company, Authenticity Films.

We specialize in supporting local businesses, new models, and individuals with their branding, event, or lifestyle photography projects. In 2025, we

launched a student discount program that offers affordable professional headshots, along with a model workshop designed to build foundational skills in facial and body expression, confident runway walking, and posing for a model comp card. Our goal is to provide more than just photos – we create a unique experience that supports each client's personal or professional goals.

#### What advice would you give current HCCC students looking to follow in your footsteps as an entrepreneur?

Entrepreneurship is often highly glamorized in the United States. In reality, it requires long nights dedicated to your craft, learning how to work with different personalities, and being willing to pause old habits to make room for growth. That's when you begin to develop the true mindset of a business owner.

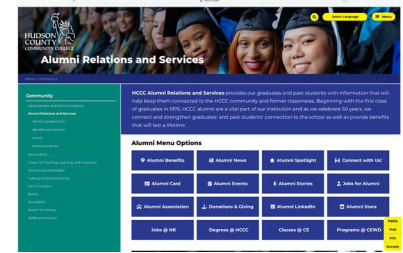
Owning a business is not a linear path to success. There will be turns, U-turns, and speed bumps because life continues to happen around you. For those who feel unsure, seek out a mentor, attend the networking events that might make you anxious, ask for feedback, and be open to the resources available to you. When an opportunity is placed in your hands, you have to become comfortable with being uncomfortable - especially if your close family members didn't have the same opportunities, but you do.

#### Any favorite memories of HCCC you'd like to mention?

I'll always remember spending hours in the library with my HCCC friends (until closing to be exact!)

Also, getting my first corporate internship at 19 years old with the support from the partnership between Year Up and HCCC. In my current full-time career, I'm the new Programming and Services Manager for the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce (as well as a freelance branding and lifestyle photographer).

## What's New?



#### Updated Alumni Web Pages:

Explore the updates and stay connected—visit the pages here: <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/index.html>

### Alumni Benefits:



With an Alumni Card, you can take advantage of exclusive benefits and stay connected to the HCCC community! Details here: <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/index.html>

### Alumni Giving:



You can sponsor events, students, or classes, or make an annual contribution at a level that works for you. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Giving is easy — visit <https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html#ways-to-give> to make your impact today!



**The Alumni Association has launched its new Instagram page!**

**Follow us at  
@hccc\_alumni**

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## 50 FACES OF ALUMNI

As part of the 50th Anniversary of Hudson County Community College, we introduce and celebrate our 50 Faces of Alumni: Fifty and Forward. This campaign focuses on the importance of Alumni to the College, the workforce, and community by highlighting 50 Alumni in various fields, levels of achievement, and from different backgrounds who have studied at the College. “50 Faces” can be seen online at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/50-faces/index.html>

**50 Faces of Alumni**

*“HCCC stood out to me for its excellent program offerings and solid infrastructure, which provided the right foundation for my academic and professional journey.”*

**Paolo Minguzzi**  
 Managing Partner at VujaDe Ventures  
 A.F.A. in Computer Arts, Class of 2009

**50 Faces of Alumni**

*“Your education, no matter what you've been through, is the one thing no one can take away from you.”*

**Frank Gilmore**  
 Jersey City Councilman Ward F  
 Business (Liberal Arts) A.A.  
 Class of 2014

### Alumni Association 2026 Meetings

- Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at 81 Sip Avenue, Multipurpose Room, Jersey City or virtually.

### Alumni Association Events:

Interested in attending these events, please email us at [alumni@hccc.edu](mailto:alumni@hccc.edu)

#### April

**Alumni Job Fair** in partnership with Career and Transfer Services, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD), HCCC Alumni Association and Alumni Relations  
 Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 Culinary Conference Center

#### May

**Alumni Reunion**  
 Thursday, May 7, 2026  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Culinary Conference Center  
 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City

**Alumni Association BBQ Networking Event**  
 Saturday, May 16, 2026  
 Washington Square Park  
 Jersey City Heights

Invest in the education of an HCCC student by making your gift of any amount today.

