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HCCC HONORS ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING GRADUATES AT PINNING CEREMONY

The graduates undertook the International Council of Nurses Pledge and received their pins.



Hudson County Community College's School of Nursing and Health Professions celebrated the accomplishments of its Associate Degree Nursing (RN) graduates during a special pinning ceremony held on June 18 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center.

The ceremony served as an additional milestone for the graduates, who had already received their Associate of Science degrees during the College's Commencement ceremony on May 19. While Commencement recognized the conferral of their academic degrees, the Nursing Pinning Ceremony honored the graduates' successful completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Program and welcomed them into the nursing profession.

Faculty, staff, family members, and friends gathered to recognize the graduates' dedication, perseverance, and commitment to providing compassionate, high-quality patient care. The time-honored nursing tradition celebrates the transition from student nurse to professional nurse and marks the beginning of the graduates' careers in one of the nation's most essential professions.

The ceremony reflected Hudson County Community College's commitment to preparing skilled healthcare professionals who are ready to serve the diverse communities of Hudson County and beyond.

ON THE COVER: Hudson County Community College's Nursing Program celebrated its 2026 RN graduates at a pinning ceremony on Thursday, June 18.



2026 Start-Up Events

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY Tuesday, August 25, 2026
ALL COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ORIENTATION
 Wednesday, August 26, 2026
CONVOCATION Thursday, August 27, 2026

Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ
Classes begin Friday, August 28



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.



HOOP DREAMS! HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES CELEBRATED BASKETBALL COACH BOB HURLEY, SR.



Bob Hurley Sr. (second from left), St. Anthony High School's long-time basketball coach, greets attendees at "The Basketball Legacy of Hudson County."



Panelists from left: Isaura Guzman, HCCC Women's Basketball Assistant Coach; Coach Bob Hurley Sr.; Jonathan Sisk, HCCC Director of Athletics; and Antonio Acevedo, HCCC Professor and Coordinator of History, Political Science, and American Studies.

Hudson County Community College welcomed students, employees, alumni, and community members to "The Basketball Legacy of Hudson County," an engaging discussion celebrating the region's longstanding reputation as one of the nation's premier basketball hotbeds.

The event featured legendary Bob Hurley, Sr., who coached St. Anthony High School's nationally acclaimed basketball program for more than 40 years. A member of the National Naismith Memorial

Basketball Hall of Fame, Coach Hurley shared reflections on his remarkable career and the impact of basketball on generations of Hudson County athletes.

Joining the conversation were Jonathan Sisk, HCCC Director of Athletics; Isaura Guzman, HCCC Women's Basketball Assistant Coach; and Antonio Acevedo, HCCC Professor and Coordinator of History, Political Science, and American Studies.

Presented as part of the Hudson

Oral History Project's (HOHP) "Sports Together" initiative, the program explored the important role sports have played in the lives of Hudson County residents while helping preserve the community's rich athletic history through oral storytelling.

Held at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, the event highlighted the College's continued commitment to celebrating local history, fostering community engagement, and preserving the stories that define Hudson County.

NEWS FROM HUDSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE CRAIG GUY

Hudson County Executive Craig Guy Proposes Ordinance Establishing Office Of Inspector General

On July 13, Hudson County Executive Craig Guy proposed an ordinance establishing the Office of the Inspector General, a first-of-its-kind position within Hudson County government. The legislation was introduced at the Hudson County Board of Commissioners caucus meeting on Tuesday, July 14.

"Americans are losing faith in their government and confidence in our political institutions is at an all-time low. Each day we see a new scandal, whether it's a bribery scheme, a shady corruption deal, or wealthy individuals buying political power. As County Executive, I am committed to

helping restore our community's trust in government," said County Executive Guy.

"But I know actions speak louder than words. Since taking office, I have prioritized increasing transparency and accountability in county government, which includes new leadership at county agencies and schools, advocating for audits, restructuring departments, and establishing new policies and guardrails. This commitment to open government continues with my intent to establish the Office of Inspector General. This newly-created agency will ensure the public remains confident in county government by acting as an internal watchdog

and auditor. The Office of Inspector General will promote transparency, accountability, and efficient use of taxpayer dollars."

Establishing the Office of Inspector General will require changes to the county code, including approval from the Board of Commissioners. Over the next several weeks, the Hudson County Law Department will conduct a thorough selection process to identify qualified candidates to lead the Office of Inspector General.





Hudson is Home!

**For Recruitment and
Job Opportunities visit:**
<https://schooljobs.com/careers/hccc>

EMPLOYEE PERKS

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

*Did you know EAP assists with
resources to help you become
your best self?*
<https://eap.lucethealth.com/topic/family-lifestyle/personal-development/>

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

**Please join the
All College Council (ACC)
for our general meetings**

New members are welcome!

FALL 2026 DATES AND LOCATIONS:
**All meetings are held from
3:30 p.m. -5:00 pm.**

**August 25 - Journal Square Campus
September 23 - North Hudson Campus
October 28 - Journal Square Campus
December 2 - Journal Square Campus**

Join us at:
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mddcc26458b9d97dd9274867814663988>
Meeting number: 2349 230 6824
Password: QJt6BAJ2cT5

**Journal Square Campus - Culinary Conference
Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room**

**North Hudson Campus - 4800 Kennedy Boulevard,
Multipurpose Room, Second Floor**

Inquiries? Email ACC@hccc.edu



THE HUDSON IS HOME WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

Youth Wellness Month: Empowering the Next Generation to Live, Play, and Shine

August is Youth Wellness Month - a time to celebrate and support the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of young people. Empowering youth to develop healthy habits today helps build the foundation for lifelong success. Whether it's staying active, prioritizing mental health, getting quality sleep, building positive relationships, or finding healthy ways to manage stress, every step toward wellness matters. By encouraging healthy lifestyles and creating supportive environments at home, in schools, and within our communities, we can help the next generation thrive, reach their full potential, and truly live, play, and shine. Research shows that regular physical activity, strong social

connections, and supportive adults all play important roles in promoting youth health and resilience.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/physical-activity-education/guidelines/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-youth/index.html>

<https://outlook.cloud.microsoft/mail/inbox/id/AAQkAGU3NzdKYYTg3LWRkOTMtND-VhYS1iYWVmLTZiZTRmZTRiZjg3ZgAQAK-LRkWjZrW9Kn7TY0koi6RQ%3D>

<https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/national-center-for-adolescent-and-young-adult-health-and-wellbeing/>

Fun Fact: Healthy habits formed during childhood and adolescence often carry into adulthood, helping set the stage for lifelong health and success.

Please join Lisa Dougherty, Ed.D., Interim College President for a

HCCC TOWN HALL

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

**Wednesday, September 9
12 p.m.**

Lunch will be served.

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



Virtual at: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m6e8a8c892a6203cbafbd73181254570f>

Meeting number: 2348 062 2659 | Password: 8nyXQipWC79

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS CONNECTS STUDENTS TO 19 DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ONE LOCATION

Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) North Hudson Campus (NHC) serves more than 2,200 students from its seven-story, 92,250-square-foot facility at 4800 John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Union City. Opened in 2011, the campus provides academic programs, student services, and support resources in one location.

Students can earn degrees and certificates through on-campus, online, remote, hybrid, and Immersive Telepresence Video classes. The campus offers 19 degree and certificate programs, including Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Homeland Security, Digital Art and Design, Early Childhood Education, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Health Science, History, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Sociology, Special Education, and Child Development credential programs.



Hudson County Community College's North Hudson Campus is a full-service educational center located at 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City, NJ. The College offers 19 degree and certificate programs at this campus.

"At Hudson County Community College, we recognize that student success begins with access," said HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Darryl Jones. "Our North Hudson Campus offers flexible learning options that help students balance their education with work, family, and other responsibilities."

The campus includes computer, language, and science laboratories; a library; bookstore; media center; art studios and gallery; continuing education classrooms; mental health counseling and wellness services; and a pedestrian bridge connecting directly to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail.

"We are committed to providing North Hudson Campus students with the same services and opportunities available at

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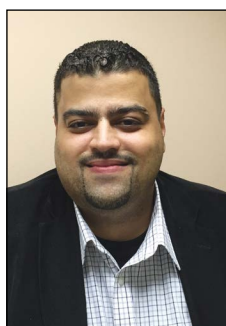
FACULTY INNOVATION ADVANCES AFFORDABLE EDUCATION THROUGH ZERO-COST TEXTBOOKS



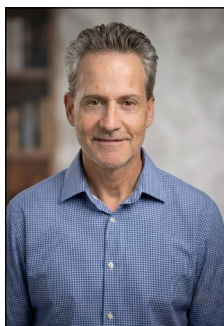
Dr. Fatma Tat



Lauren Drew



Dr. Sirhan Abdullah



Leo Simpson

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to celebrate the following faculty members for their innovative work in the field of Zero-Cost Textbook (ZCT) Course Development.

For Spring 2026, out of the many faculty members developing courses as ZCT, Academic Affairs would like to highlight the following faculty contributions to this project and thank these faculty members for their innovation and for taking the lead on this initiative to help make education more affordable:

- Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Fatma Tat for the development of CHP-225: Organic Chemistry I and CHP-230: Organic Chemistry II.
- Associate Professor of English as a Second Language Lauren Drew for the development of ESL-023: ESL Writing III and ESL-033: Grammar for ESL Writing III.
- Professor of Health Sciences Dr. Sirhan Abdullah for the development of HLT-111: Intro to Healthcare.

- Adjunct Instructor of Business Leo Simpson for the development of BUS-103: Introduction to Business.

Academic Affairs would also like to extend gratitude to our committed College Librarians, Michael Smith, Sarah Teichman, Jing Yang, Douglas McKeon, Brooke Duffy, and Lisa Bogart for their support in the development of these courses and others.

ZCT courses are courses wherein a student does not have to purchase a textbook. These courses are part of the College's Affordable Textbook Initiative which aims to lower the price of educational materials for students. Through a collaboration between Academic Affairs and the Professional Association of Hudson County Community College, faculty develop courses as ZCT using a variety of methods including Open Educational Resources (OER), library resources, and other freely available materials. These measures support the college's Student Success goals by lowering

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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

If you like the art by **Shepherd Fairey** on the second floor of 2 Enos Place and the fourth floor of the North Hudson Campus, you might be interested to know about Fairey's new exhibit, "FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT" at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, Connecticut through September 6.

Most famous for the 2008 "Hope" portrait of Barack Obama, Fairey has, in recent years, devoted his life to art and activism. This exhibit is "a survey of the last three decades of work by Shepard Fairey, among the best known of American contemporary street artists, ranging from his early images influenced by punk rock and skate culture to more recent works focusing on social justice, environmentalism and political engagement.... These works track his evolution as an artist while highlighting consistent messages of empowerment."

Concurrently, Lyman Allyn is hosting a special installation of sticker art, "a popular form of street art that involves using stickers to display images or messages on public surfaces. Rooted in graffiti culture, Sticker Art provides a diverse and dynamic medium for artists to express themselves and build community." When he was in college, Fairey pioneered this mode of expression with his Andre the Giant campaign which evolved into the now-famous OBEY sticker campaign. For those of us who have had to clean up after sticker campaigns, this art form is perhaps viewed with less affection than it is by folks who like to put up those stickers.

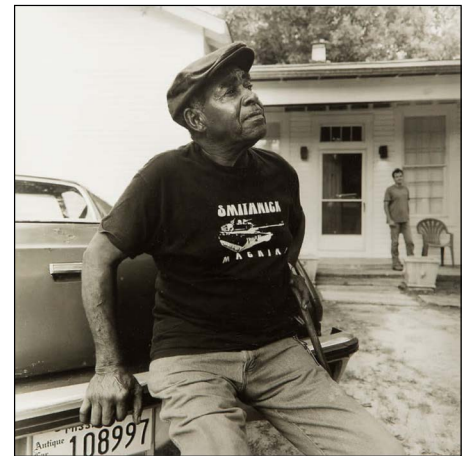


Alejandro Anreus, Patria (2000). Lithograph, Rubber Stamp, Colle. 28" x 22"

Juan Sánchez's work can be seen on the third floor of Gabert Library. His work is also currently in an exhibit called "Photography and the Black Arts Movement," which has travelled from the Getty Center in Los Angeles, California, to the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, and soon will be on view at Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, Mississippi through November 8, 2026.

A great deal more art will be on view in his retrospective exhibit, "Juan Sánchez: A Survey," that starts next year at The Phillips Collection, in Washington DC, then goes to the Whitney Museum in New York City and then to the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico. Sánchez is a founding figure "of Latinx art in the United States."

For over four decades, Sánchez has engaged with the socio-political struggles of the working class and Afro-Puerto Rican communities that shaped his



Larry Fink, Untitled, (c. 2002). Photograph, 19.6" x 17.25"

upbringing, infusing his art with a profound and introspective spirituality. Organized around four narrative pillars—Autobiography, Community, Nation, and Utopia—the exhibition will feature 75 works including paintings, works on paper, photography, and video, offering a comprehensive look at Sánchez's powerful and thought-provoking art." We look forward to seeing it when it comes to our area.

In the meantime, here's all sorts of interesting information about the artist: <https://hutchinsonmodern.com/viewing-room/17-juan-sanchez-ricanstructions-condiciones-que-existen/>

If you've seen the artwork by **Joan Snyder** on the seventh floor of the Gabert Library, or in the Nursing Program at 870 Bergen, or the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center, or if you've seen the

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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 for more information on how you can help.

Office of
**Institutional Engagement
and Excellence**
presents

PACE SUMMER RETREAT EXPLORES BELONGING, CONNECTION, AND COMMUNITY



Pictured in foreground, from left: Dr. Lisa Dougherty, Interim President; Cayla Rojas, HCCC student; and Diana F. Galvez, Associate Director of North Hudson Campus and PACE Co-Chair. In background, from left: Dr. Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Institutional Engagement and Excellence and Raffi Manjikian, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and PACE Co-Chair.



Dr. Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Institutional Engagement and Excellence, delivers the keynote address, "Institutional Engagement, Inclusion, and Excellence in Practice."

Faculty and staff gathered on Thursday, July 16, for the 2026 PACE Summer Retreat, "Belonging in Times of Uncertainty: Hudson Is Home." Through thoughtful discussions and collaborative activities, participants reflected on the importance of fostering connection, trust, and shared responsibility across the College community. The retreat encouraged attendees

to consider how they can help create an environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued, supported, and safe. Together, participants renewed their commitment to strengthening a culture of belonging for students, colleagues, and the broader Hudson community.

Hudson County Community College 9/11 Memorial



KEYNOTE SPEAKER Robert DiGenova

Deputy Chief of Police, Stevens Institute of Technology
Police Department

DiGenova is an Emergency Management and
Threat Assessment Expert, Curriculum Developer for Active
Shooter Training, and Campus Safety Training Programs.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Gabert Library Atrium

71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor, Jersey City, NJ

*Food and refreshments will be served
after the event.*

This commemoration is open to all HCCC students, staff, faculty, and community members. All members of the public who wish to pay their respects are encouraged to visit the college memorial, located in the courtyard, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Please Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/261885836629071>



Foundation Art Collection

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photography of **Larry Fink** on the third and fourth floors of the Gabert Library, you may not be aware that the two artists were once married, and that their child, artist Molly Snyder-Fink is working on a documentary about growing up around such interesting parents. For a trailer of the film, you can take a look here: <https://fundraising.fracturedatlas.org/my-own-artist-a-documentary-film-by-molly-snyder-fink>

Freddy Rodriguez's work is in room 516 Arts Classroom in Gabert Library. Through September 12, his work on the subject of baseball, "Freddy Rodriguez: Béisbol Hall of Fame," will be on exhibit at Hutchinson Modern & Contemporary at 47 East 64th Street in Manhattan. The exhibit celebrates the achievements of Dominican baseball players in Major League Baseball.

You can see a great interview here about Freddy Rodriguez: Isabella Hutchinson

In Conversation with Alejandro Anreus - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Obh9Ce_h0Ms. You can see art by the interviewer, scholar and artist **Alejandro Anreus**, on the third floor of Gabert Library, across from Luis Cruz Azaceta's work and Juan Sanchez's work. Both are mentioned in the interview. Also mentioned are **Jaune Quick-To-See-Smith** and **Rodriguez Calero** (Roca), whose works are installed on the fourth floor. Anreus speaks about how learned Freddy Rodriguez was, and what the artist had in common with the other above-mentioned artists, "The people that he connected with were very similar."

These artists who do research, who read literature, who read history, who have a critical outlook on society, who are obsessive listeners to music." So many of us who love the arts strive to live in love with learning and with knowledge, because it enriches our lives.

ZERO-COST TEXTBOOKS

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and eliminating economic barriers for students.

In addition to developing courses as ZCT, all faculty who participate in this initiative are asked to complete an Open Educational Resources Professional Development Course created by the Associate Director of OER, Michael Whelpley. The course is asynchronous and takes between 6-8 hours to complete.

As our faculty continue to innovate and develop ZCT courses, watch this space for future celebrations!

"Our faculty continue to lead with creativity and purpose through their engagement in our Affordable Textbook Initiative and the development of Zero-Cost Textbook Courses," said Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "I sincerely appreciate their commitment to making higher education more accessible, affordable, and impactful for every student we serve."

REGISTER NOW for Fall 2026 classes!

HCCC Offers Classes in Multiple Modalities

On-Campus, Online, Remote, Hybrid (On-Campus/ Online), Hybrid (Remote/ Online), and Immersive Telepresence Video (ITV)



Students must register at least one day prior to the first class meeting.

FREE TUITION for Eligible Students

through the Community College Opportunity Grant (for those who qualify) For more information, go to: www.hccc.edu/freetuition



SESSIONS BEGIN:

Fall 2026 - 15 week Friday, August 28

Fall 2026 - Online A Friday, August 28

Fall 2026 - 7WK1 Monday, August 31

Fall 2026 - Quick Term Friday, September 18

Fall 2026 - Online B Tuesday, October 27

Fall 2026 - 7WK2 Wednesday, October 28

APPLY NOW for classes at www.hccc.edu/apply!

View course schedules at www.hccc.edu/schedule!

For important dates and information, view our Enrollment Guide at www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide.

For more information, contact: admissions@hccc.edu | text (732) 509-4222 | call (201) 714-7200

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.

For information, please contact:

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Beta Alpha Phi Alum Achieves Career Milestone

After inspiring attendees as a featured speaker at Hudson County Community College's Women in STEM event in March 2025, HCCC and Phi Theta Kappa alumna Dr. Nadia Dob has reached another significant milestone in her career.

Recently, Dr. Dob successfully completed her PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy Residency at the University of Rochester. Following her residency, she has accepted a position as an Advanced Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Malignant Hematology at Moffitt Cancer Center in Florida.

Dr. Dob earned an Associate in Science degree in Biology in 2019 and a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from Rutgers University in 2024.

While a pharmacy student at Rutgers University, Dr. Dob shared that working in a traditional retail pharmacy was never her career goal. Instead, she aspired to provide specialized care for patients facing complex illnesses. Her dedication and commitment have now led her to a rewarding role in oncology, where she will help advance

treatment and care for patients with hematologic cancers.

Hudson County Community College congratulates Dr. Dob on this outstanding achievement and wishes her continued success in her career.

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application will open on Aug. 19.

HCCC's most recent valedictorian, Marlon Peña Crespo, was one of only 60 high-achieving community college students selected in 2026 from 1,300 applicants across the nation to receive the highly competitive national scholarship.

The award provides last-dollar funding to assist students in completing their baccalaureate studies with as little debt as possible. Recipients may be provided with as much as \$55,000 a year for up to three years to complete their bachelor's degrees. Eligible students may apply through the Fall Common Application at www.ptk.org.



Dr. Nadia Dob completed her PGY2 Oncology Pharmacy residency at the University of Rochester and will begin her next chapter as an Advanced Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Malignant Hematology at Moffitt Cancer Center in Florida.

19 DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ONE LOCATION

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our Journal Square Campus," said HCCC Interim President Dr. Lisa Dougherty. "Students can participate in clubs, cultural events, career and transfer fairs, and access enrollment services, Basic Needs Support, the Food Pantry, and other campus resources."

HCCC is one of New Jersey's most affordable community colleges. Up to 83% of full-time students receive financial aid, and the HCCC Foundation awarded \$184,496.28 in scholarships and \$48,422.42 in textbook stipends during the past year.

Hudson County Community College Foundation

Save the Date

29th Annual **Gala**

Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center

Details to follow!

161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

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>

BUILDING THE FUTURE: CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS TAKES SHAPE



Trustees and members of the HCCC community donned hard hats for a July tour of the Center for Student Success construction site, where they viewed the steady progress toward the building's anticipated Spring 2027 opening.

Trustees and members of the Hudson County Community College community toured the new Center for Student Success construction site in July, getting a firsthand look at the remarkable progress of the transformative project. Visitors explored the future learning, gathering, and support spaces that will enhance the student experience for generations to come, including the new gymnasium that will serve as the home of Hudson's athletics.

Construction continues to move forward on schedule, with the grand opening anticipated in Spring 2027.

You're Invited!



Faculty, Academic Schools Academic Advisors, Admissions, Registrar Student Accounts, One-Stop, EOF, Career Services, Accessibility Services, Transfer Services, and All Interested Employees.

Join Us to Learn the Latest Financial Aid Updates and Better Support Our Students.

Special Financial Aid Workshop – Summer 2026

This workshop is designed for faculty and staff who work with students and would like to better understand financial aid policies, updates and resources.

Topics Include:

Upcoming Changes in Financial Aid Regulations
Direct Loan Reduction Rules and Enrollment Impact
Pell Grant Limits and Enrollment Intensity
General Financial Aid Processing Updates

Plan to attend this virtual session:

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Register at:

<https://involved.hccc.edu/event/12511627>



NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

**Thursday, August 27, 2026
beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cid Wilson

President and CEO
HACR - Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility

REGISTER AT:



ALUMNI CORNER

Elizabeth Ramirez

A.S., Radiography

HCCC Class of 2021



What brought you to HCCC?

I was looking for a school that offered a respected radiography program close to home while also providing a supportive learning environment. HCCC gave me the opportunity to pursue a career in healthcare that was both rewarding and hands-on.

What made HCCC the right choice for you?

The Radiography Program had an excellent reputation, and I appreciated how invested the faculty were in their students' success. The combination of classroom instruction and clinical experience gave me the confidence and skills I needed to begin my career.

How did you become interested in radiography as a career?

I've always wanted to work in healthcare and to help people. I tried the Nursing Program but it just wasn't for me. Radiography stood out because it combines patient care with technology. I enjoy working directly with patients while using imaging to help physicians diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses.

What were your next steps after HCCC?

After graduating from HCCC, I passed my ARRT (The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists®) certification exam and began working as a radiologic technologist. Over the past five years, I've continued to grow professionally by earning my CT (computed tomography) certification and gaining experience in bone density. Continuing my education has allowed me to expand my skills and provide a higher level of patient care. It has also given me access to more employment opportunities.

Tell us about what a day in the life of a radiographer looks like.

Today, I work full-time performing CT scans, bone density exams, and general X-rays. Every day is different, which is one of the things I enjoy most about my career.

I care for patients of all ages, explain imaging procedures, ensure their comfort and safety, and produce high-quality diagnostic images that help physicians make important medical decisions. It's rewarding to know that the work I do has a direct impact on patient care.

What advice would you give to current students looking to follow in your footsteps?

Take advantage of every opportunity to learn, especially during your clinical rotations. Don't be afraid to ask questions, stay curious, and always be willing to learn something new. The radiography program can be challenging, but your hard work will pay off. Also, remember that graduation is just the beginning. Continuing your education and earning additional certifications can open many doors and help you grow throughout your career.

Any favorite memories of HCCC you'd like to share?

One of my favorite memories is the impact I had on my eldest daughter to follow in my footsteps and pursue her career in radiology. Today she is also a graduate from HCCC's class of 2025 Radiography Program.

What is the most rewarding part of your career?

The most rewarding part of my career has been the combination of helping patients while also having so many opportunities to grow professionally. Radiography offers excellent job security, flexible schedules, and great benefits, and it has allowed me to continue advancing my career. I'm excited to continue learning and growing in the field, maybe go into the MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) field as well.

If you could describe your career in one sentence, what would it be?

Radiography has given me the opportunity to make a difference in patients' lives while building a stable, flexible, and rewarding career with endless opportunities to grow.

JOBS at HCCC:



We would like to alert you to Jobs that HCCC is seeking for full-time, part-time, and adjunct positions. The School of CEWD is in need of an EKG and Phlebotomy Instructor, an Events Assistant for the Athletics Office, and two more upcoming Volleyball Coaches.

Please find details here:

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hccc?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending>

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!

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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



"As an immigrant, balancing a full-time job while attending school full-time was very challenging. In addition, mastering English courses while continuing my education required extra effort and determination."



Diana Cifuentes
Director of School Operations,
Hoboken Dual Language
Charter School

The 2026-2027 Calendar is now up at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/events/index.html>. You can register for events below. Several events are free, and others have a fee for the event. Email alumni@hccc.edu for more information.

Alumni Association Meeting

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

Journal Square Campus

Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue

Multipurpose Room, Jersey City

Register here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c9c3381ed9864492866a-c6a97a93bc70>

Second Annual HCCC Alumni Homecoming

Saturday, October 10, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Off Campus

\$45.00 Purchase Ticket <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/W22RJGRF6ED2J>

HCCC Alumni Business Market

Thursday, November 12, 2026
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, 2nd Floor, Jersey City

Register here: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/E5Q7NRUL32LW8>

Reach out to us at alumni@hccc.edu to be a vendor.

Alumni Association Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2026
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue

Multipurpose Room, Jersey City

Register here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c9c3381ed9864492866a-c6a97a93bc70>

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!

Join, socialize, and network!

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