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From the Editor's Desk

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TICKETS FOR THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

The Board of Directors of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation announced that, for the first time, tickets for this year's Holiday Gala – as well as advertising and sponsorship opportunities – may be obtained online. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships to deserving students.

The always popular, always enjoyable Gala will take place on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the College's Culinary Conference Center – 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. Tickets for the Gala are available at \$500 each. Ad Journal/Recipe Book advertising ranges from \$75 to \$2,000. There are also scholarship and sponsorship opportunities from \$2,400 to \$20,000. Orders for tickets, advertising, scholarships, and sponsorships may be placed on the College's secure website at <http://www.hccc.edu/foundation/gala/>.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the fundraiser. The theme is "An Evening in Italy, A Gala Dining Experience" and will feature exquisite cuisine prepared by the College's Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) chefs/instructors and served by the CAI students. The HCCC CAI is ranked the number-six best culinary program in the United States.

One of the evening's highlights will be the presentation of the Hudson County Community College 2017 Distinguished Service Award to Jeanne Cretella.

The President of Landmark Hospital – parent company to Liberty House Restaurant, Stone House at Stirling Ridge, The Valiant Yacht, and Crave Caterers – Ms. Cretella is the founder of the Liberty House's "Help Us Give" (HUG) program, which is dedicated to helping those within the community. She is also a member of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors, a member of Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham's Women's Advisory Group, and a member of



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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION STEM GRANT FOR URBAN YOUTH

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. announced the College is the recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that will benefit academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing associate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) studies.

The grant, which is titled, "Sustainable Pathways from Community College to Bachelor's Degree for Urban Youth In STEM, Northern New Jersey," is sponsored by and in partnership with Rutgers University Newark. Essex County College and Passaic County Community College are also recipients of this grant. Hudson County Community College will be awarded \$413,938 over a five-year period to provide \$4,000 per year scholarships and academic support to qualified students.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, STEM-related employment is projected to increase to more than 9 million jobs by 2022.

"STEM studies provide the greatest opportunities for stable, well-paying, long-lasting careers and economic growth," Dr. Gabert said. "However, many Hudson County Community College STEM students must juggle their studies with part-time or full-time jobs, and this often results in them delaying – or in worse-case scenarios, abandoning – the completion of their degree work. This grant will ease the financial burden for some of our most gifted and determined students, and will allow them to complete their degree coursework in a timely manner."

The "Sustainable Pathways from Community College to Bachelor's Degree for Urban Youth in STEM, Northern New Jersey" builds upon two existing programs: the Garden State Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Preparation project, which seeks to increase the number of underrepresented minority students who graduate with degrees in STEM; and the Northern New Jersey Bridges to Baccalaureate alliance, a partnership of five, associate-degree granting Hispanic Serving Institutions committed to assisting underrepresented minority students in successfully transferring into STEM baccalaureate degree programs.

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Juan Cacho, Vice President of Service addresses the crowd and welcomes the new inductees.



New inductees are pinned as they are being sworn in.



Inductees read their pledge to be sworn into Phi Theta Kappa.

Fall Induction

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Beta Alpha Phi inducted more than 130 new members at a ceremony at the Culinary Conference Center. Elda Pere, New Jersey State President and a member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi Chapter at Bergen Community College, and Himani Bhati, Senior Analyst at Goldman Sachs and past vice president of Beta Alpha Phi, were guest speakers. Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts, and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development and past Middle States Regional President, also addressed the inductees.

Friends of Liberty State Park

On November 11, Nathalie Duran, Victoria Migochi, and Professor Lai trimmed hollyhocks and raked leaves before planting bulbs.

On November 16, alumna Ana Polano and her mother and daughter attended the annual Fund for a Better Waterfront (FBW) fundraiser at the Kolo Klub in Hoboken. The 5th Annual FBW Riparian Award was given to the Friends of Liberty State for its thirty years of protecting the park and other open spaces. The President of the Friends of Liberty State, Sam Pesin, accepted the award.

On November 25, alumna Ana Polanco and Professor Lai volunteered in the gardening program. They cleaned up gardens before spreading mulch. After two piles of mulch were exhausted, the volunteers went to the gardens near the Ellis Island bridge. There, the volunteers removed weeds and dead vegetation and raked leaves. Ana started volunteering at Liberty State Park in 2011.



Phi Theta Kappa officers stand with new inductees.



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- Private Security
- Detective/Criminal Investigator
- Legal Secretary
- Forensic Science Technician
- Immigration & Customs Inspector
- Federal Special Agent



HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2017- 2018

Thursday, December 21: College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 22: College Closed – Given for Christmas

Monday, December 25 – Friday, December 29: College Closed For Winter Break

Monday, January 1, 2018: College Closed – New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2, 2018: College Open; Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday, Faculty - Holiday

Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King's Birthday – College Closed

Friday, February 16: Presidents' Weekend. Classes in Session – Administrative offices closed

Monday, February 19: Presidents' Weekend – College Closed

Friday, March 30: Good Friday – College Closed

Monday, May 28: Memorial Day – College Closed

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day – College Closed

Monday, September 3: Labor Day – College Closed

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day – College Open. Floating Holiday

Tuesday, November 6: Election Day – College Open. Floating Holiday

Monday, November 12: Veteran's Day – College Open. Floating Holiday

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23: Thanksgiving – College Closed

Thursday, December 20: College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 21: College Closed – Given for Christmas

Monday, December 24 – Monday, December 31: College Closed for Winter Break

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: College Closed – New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2, 2019: College Open; Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday, Faculty - Holiday

NEW HIRES/NEW TITLES

Peter Cronrath, Instructor/Business

Sharon Daughtry, College Lecturer, Business

Nikith Leroy D'Souza, PC Technician

Danitza Espinales, Student Financial Assistance Specialist

Kenny Fabara, Writing Center Coordinator

Gretchen Schulthes, Counselor

Keegan Scriber, Assistant Registrar

Irma Williams, Associate Registrar

Title Changes Effective Jan. 1, 2018

Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction/Science to Dean of Instruction

Elizabeth Nesius, Director of English to Associate Dean, English and ESL

Pegah Sorour, Secretary, STEM to Administrative Assistant, STEM

Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts to Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Academic Foundations Mathematics Instructor

Adjunct Positions

Assistant Director of Admissions

College Lecturer, Business

College Lecturer, Health Sciences (revised)

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Coordinator, Writing Center

Counselor

Dean of Community Education & Workforce Development

Dean of Libraries

DSS Coordinator Advisor

Instructor of Business/Economics

Instructor of Chemistry

Part Time Customer Service Assistant (2 positions)

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Part Time Librarian

Part Time Library Associate

Part Time Library Associate Technology

Science Lab Coordinator

Student Financial Assistance Specialist

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the "Jobs @ HCCC" page at www.hccc.edu.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017-2018 WEBINARS

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)

Wednesday, January 24: Communicating Effectively

Wednesday, February 21: What to Look out for as Our Loved Ones Age

Wednesday, March 21: Substance Abuse and Your Loved Ones

Wednesday, April 25: Quality Time for the Time-Pressed Family

Wednesday, May 23: Working with Millennials

Wednesday, June 20: Taking Care of Your Skin

Wednesday, July 25: Identity Theft Protection and Self-Help

Wednesday, August 22: Bullying

Wednesday, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health

Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging

Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following on her anniversary with Hudson County Community College!

**One Year
Tieka Harris**

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern, and contemporary collections.

Each month, this page in HCCC Happenings provides updates on artists whose work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

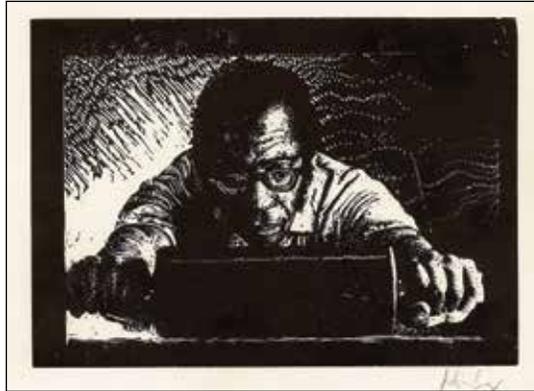
Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to the 2017 donors to the HCCC Foundation Art Collection: Barry Andersen, Jennifer Brown, Kay Deaux, Gene DeFillippo, ERA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, Robert Gioia, Dr. Glen Gabert and Gregory D. Ratcliff, Ben Jones, Patrick Jordan and Chongkiat Ong, Melissa MacAlpin, Annie Plumb, Mickey Mathis, Print Club of New York, Jon Rappleye, Nancy Scheinman, Henry Scholder and his late wife Renee Fotouhi, Bruce Stiglich, Johanna Vogelsang's family - her daughter, Kirsten, her granddaughter Kyra, and her son-in-law Edward, and Richard Zaborowski.

Artist News

If you like Donald Baechler's work on the second floor of the Journal Square library, you might enjoy a trip into Manhattan to see his new show at Cheim & Read until Dec. 23, 2017. Take the PATH train to 23rd Street and walk over to 547 West 25th Street.

In "Provocative Visions: Race and Identity — A Panel Discussion" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, two of the three exhibition artists, Willie Cole and Chakaia Booker, spoke about the origins of their distinctive working materials. Cole said, "I found an iron on the street. It had been run over by a car. It looked like an African mask ... Before I started working with irons, my work didn't have such an African overtone." Booker said that in the 1980s in New York City, there were a lot of retread tires — tires that had been recycled by re-gluing tread materials on them. These were fragile and came off easily. She would find these materials on highways and on city streets. The discussion is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agYk2wItrsY>. You can see Willie Cole's work with irons on the second and fourth floors of the Journal Square library. Chakaia Booker's work with tires can be seen at the entry of 70 Sip Ave.



This 6" x 8" wood engraving, Bob by Justin Sanz, was recently acquired by the HCCC Foundation Art Collection. It is based on a 1935 photograph of Robert Blackburn, Master Printer and founder of the Robert Blackburn Printmaking workshop. Blackburn, born in 1920 in Summit, New Jersey, "changed the course of American art through his graphic work." His printmaking workshop is the oldest, largest print workshop in the United States. The Collection features a group of portraits honoring Blackburn on the third floor of the Journal Square Library Building. This wood engraving will be joining them next year.

If you like Nancy Cohen's work, *Procession*, in Dean Sirangelo's reception area on the mezzanine of the Joseph Cundari Center (Building F) at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy seeing her work after her residency at the Bullseye Glass Co at the Bullseye Resource Center in Mamaroneck, New York through Jan. 6, 2018. You can also see her work on exhibit at the exhibition and performance space Five Myles in a show called "Bete Noire" curated by Mario Naves through Dec. 17, 2017 at 558 St John's Place in Brooklyn, New York.

Teresita Fernandez, whose work is installed in the first floor of the Journal Square Library Building, has curated a show at Olana, the home of Hudson River School artist Frederic Edwin Church on the Hudson River. The show is called "Overlook: Teresita Fernández Confronts Frederic Church at Olana." This short film, <https://vimeo.com/226190468>, gives an introduction to the exhibit with some marvelous pictures of Olana, an amazing house. Fernandez says, "The great thing art does [is it] shows us something beautiful that also allows us the space to think about hard questions, difficult discussions [that allow us to] figure out our place in the world."

Ben Jones, who has donated art books to the Collection, and whose work was recently donated to the Collection, is the subject of a new documentary called *The Art of the Journey: The Ben Jones Story*, which will premiere at the African Diaspora International Film Festival on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Columbia University, Teachers College, Milbank Chapel at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Joseph Kosuth, whose work is installed on the fifth floor of the Journal Square Library Building, had his first Australian retrospective, "Joseph Kosuth: A Short History of My Thought", through Nov. 25 at the Anna Schwartz Gallery, Melbourne, Australia. In taking about the show, the endlessly epigrammatic Kosuth said, "The question about art is about why, not how."

The Art Collection at Hudson County Community College has grown to over 1,000 works! For an up-to-date finding guide of all works installed on both campuses, please visit: www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection.

HCCC WELCOMES HUDSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, Hudson County Community College welcomed its newest Hudson County Government Scholarship recipients at a special luncheon. The merit- and need-based scholarships have been made possible by the Hudson County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and they provide scholarships that will provide support for tuition and fees to students pursuing an HCCC degree on a full-time basis.

Each scholarship is renewable for up to six semesters (three years) provided the student remains in good academic standing. For more information, please visit <http://www.hccc.edu/scholarships>.

Hudson County Government Scholarship recipients with Paula Pando, Ed.D. (left), Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student & Educational Services, at a welcome luncheon on Nov. 1.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES



Pamela E. Gardner (right), former Hudson County Register and a Learning Disabilities Teacher-consultant, is sworn in as a member of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees on Nov. 21. John G. Geppert, Jr., Esq. (left), Counsel for the Board, administered the oath of office, and William J. Netchert, Esq. (center) Board Chair, holds the Bible.

William J. Netchert, Esq., Chairman of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., the College's President, announced the appointment of two new members to the College's Board.

Pamela E. Gardner, former Hudson County Register and a Learning Disabilities Teacher-consultant, and Hamza Saleem, a 2017 Hudson County Community College graduate, were sworn in at the Trustees' meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st.

Ms. Gardner was awarded Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Special Education from Jersey City State College (now New Jersey City University), where she later earned her Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Certification. She has more than 35 years of experience as a Special Education Teacher and as a Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant, and Learning Disabilities Child Study Team Facilitator, primarily in the Jersey City Public Schools. She continues working in that area as an IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) Grant Coordinating Team Member.

From 2012 to 2016, Ms. Gardner served as the Register of Deeds and Mortgages for the County of Hudson.

Hamza Saleem and his family emigrated from Pakistan to the United States in 2009, and soon after he was enrolled at Ferris High School in Jersey City. He states that not being able to speak English was the biggest issue he faced his first few years here, and graduated in 2013 after twice failing the HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment) exam.

Mr. Saleem calls his decision to pursue studies at Hudson County Community College one of the best decisions he's ever made. He says that he was determined to make his time at HCCC a time to help himself – and his fellow students – grow as leaders, and in his three years at the College he accomplished that, serving as President of Phi Theta



2017 Hudson County Community College graduate Hamza Saleem (center) is sworn in as Alumni Representative to the HCCC Board of Trustees on Nov. 21. John G. Geppert, Jr., Esq. (left), Counsel for the Board, administered the oath of office, and William J. Netchert, Esq. (right) Board Chair, holds the Bible.

Kappa Honor Society, the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), and the LGBTQIA Club, which he founded. In addition, Mr. Saleem was the recipient of several awards, including the NSLS Leadership Engaged Award and Who's Who, and was recognized by the National Bar Association for an outstanding research paper and presentation. He served an internship with the New Jersey Superior Court, and was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the State of New Jersey for that work. Mr. Saleem graduated in May 2017 with his Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a 3.5 grade point average. He is currently a student at Rutgers University-Newark and is the full-time manager of a Subway restaurant in Jersey City.

Hudson County Community College is governed by its Board of Trustees, a group of 10 voting members selected from the community, as well as two non-voting members – the President and a student representative chosen from the graduating class each year. The Governor of New Jersey appoints two trustees, and the remaining voting members are appointed by the Hudson County Executive with the advice and consent of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders. As a voting member, Ms. Gardner will serve a four-year term.

HCCC RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION STEM GRANT FOR URBAN YOUTH

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Scholarship recipients from the "Sustainable Pathways from Community College to Bachelor's Degree for Urban Youth In STEM, Northern New Jersey" grant program will participate in a model that is designed to encourage success, persistence, and transfer to STEM baccalaureate programs after earning their associate degrees.

To qualify for participation in this grant program, students must (1) be citizens of the U.S., Nationals of the U.S. (as per Section 101 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or meet specific INA criteria as defined in the grant; (2) be enrolled full time in one of the NSF-specified STEM degree programs; (3) demonstrate academic potential and ability; and (4) demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education rules for need-based Federal financial aid.

In September, HCCC officially opened its new 70,070 square-foot STEM Building at 263 Academy Street in Jersey City. Each of the top five floors of the six-story structure is dedicated to a specific course of study: Chemistry and Organic Chemistry on the sixth floor; Biology, Microbiology and Histology on the fifth floor; Physics, Engineering and Electronics Engineering on the fourth floor; Geology and Environmental Studies on the third floor; and Mathematics on the second floor. The floors include lecture halls, classrooms, science labs, prep rooms, clean rooms, dirty rooms, STEM computer labs and stations, conference rooms, breakout rooms, suites of administrative and faculty offices, and student lounges. The main floor includes a lecture hall, exhibit/event space, and student lounge.

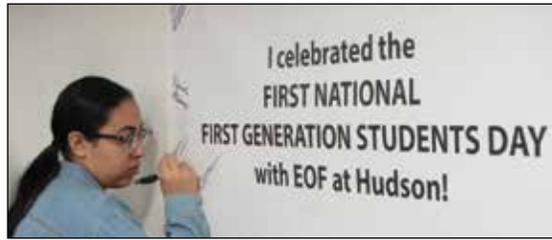
Complete information on the "Sustainable Pathways from Community College to Bachelor's Degree for Urban Youth In STEM, Northern New Jersey" grant program may be obtained by contacting the HCCC STEM Department at (201) 360 – 4265.

HCCC HOSTS NJCCC PRESIDENTS' MEETING



On Monday, Nov. 6, Hudson County Community College welcomed community college presidents across New Jersey as well as Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli (third from right), President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), the statewide coordinating and advocacy organization for New Jersey's community colleges. Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of HCCC, is pictured fifth from right.

EOF OBSERVES FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT DAY



The Hudson County Community College EOF Program celebrated First-Generation College Student Day with the rest of the nation on Wednesday, Nov. 8. The first annual celebration aligned with the 52nd anniversary of the Higher Education Act. Students, faculty, and staff gathered in the EOF suite and enjoyed a meal as they discussed their experiences as first-generation students.

EOF HOSTS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR BREAKFAST



On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Hudson County Community College EOF Program, in collaboration with New Jersey City University and Saint Peter's University EOF programs, hosted an EOF Information Session with guidance counselors from Hudson County high schools. The breakfast was held in the HCCC Library Building.

HOME BUYER EDUCATION WORKSHOP



On Saturday, Nov. 11, the EOF Statewide Alumni Association and the Hudson County Community College EOF Program sponsored a Home Buyer Education Workshop for EOF students and members of the College community. Mr. Brenly Tolentino (HCCC Class of 2014), Issa Musharbash, and Samuel Ventola – members of the Northern United International Corporation – discussed topics on homeowner responsibility, the difference between renting and buying, and how to qualify for first-time homebuyer programs.

FOCUS FRIDAYS CALENDAR FALL 2017

All FOCUS Fridays will take place in the Library Building (Building L, 71 Sip Ave.), Lower Level Conference Room.

Friday, December 1, 2017
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Studio and Performing Arts

Friday, December 8, 2017
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Medical Coding Program, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Personal Fitness

Friday, December 15, 2017
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management

To register for a tour, go to www.hccc.edu/campustours

REAL MONEY 101 CONTINUES



The Office of Student Financial Assistance hosted two financial literacy events in November. The first was at the North Hudson Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 1 with guest speaker Jennifer Short from HESAA presenting about Credit and Debt Management, including how to manage your debt and use credit cards wisely. The second on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City covered Student Loans - Borrowing and Repayment learning about federal loans, alternative educational loans, as well as the various repayment options available. Both events were well attended and received.

Our series will continue for the spring semester beginning in February 2018. If anyone has ideas about new topics they would like to see presented, please email Christine Petersen, Associate Director at cpetersen@hccc.edu. Look for more information on the MyHudson portal.

INVESTORS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



Pictured from left are Joseph Sansone, HCCC Vice President for Development; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President; Ronnie Sevilla, Investors Bank Vice President and Hudson County Retail Market Manager; and Kevin Cummings, President & Chief Executive Officer of Investors Bank.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, the Investors Foundation – the charitable organization within Investors Bank, presented to the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation with a gift for \$50,000. The presentation was made at the College's Journal Square campus in Jersey City.

The grant – in which the HCCC Foundation will receive \$10,000 annually over a five-year period – will be used to fund student scholarships.

In appreciation for this donation, HCCC dedicated Room 506, located in the Culinary Conference Center at the 161 Newkirk Street, as the Investors Foundation Room.

"Hudson County Community College is most grateful for this generous contribution from the Investors Foundation," said Joseph Sansone, Vice

President of Development for HCCC. "This gift will greatly assist the HCCC Foundation in its primary mission of assisting worthy students to attain a college education."

In discussing the grant, Investors Bank Vice President and Hudson County Retail Market Manager Ronnie Sevilla said, "HCCC is an incredible educational resource for curious, motivated, and engaged people who want to achieve their potential. Our Investors Bank team is very proud to form a significant and positive partnership with the HCCC Foundation that will provide scholarships to help deserving individuals continue their education and improve their lives."

The Hudson County Community College Foundation, established in 1997, is a 501 (c) 3 corporation, and provides tax-exempt status to contributions.

HCCC COLLEGE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA

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the Gerard J. Dynes Regional Day School for children with special needs.

The evening of the Gala, the HCCC Foundation will also hold its annual "Lucky Odds" raffle. The "Lucky Odds" Grand Prize winner will receive 40% of the raffle ticket sales, the Second Prize winner 6%, and the Third Prize Winner 4%. Raffle tickets cost \$50 each; ticket holders need not be present to win.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided over \$2,650,000 in scholarships. The HCCC Foun-

dation also established the Foundation Art Collection 11 years ago to coincide with the initiation of the College's Fine Arts studies program. Presently, the Collection includes over 1,000 paintings, lithographs, photographs, sculptures, and other works by nationally acclaimed artists which are displayed throughout all the buildings on the College's Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses. The Foundation also hosts a series of lectures called "Arts Talk," which feature prominent artists and art authorities and scholars, and are open to the general public.

Additional information for the event and all tickets may be obtained by emailing jsansone@hccc.edu or phoning 201.360.4004.

CAREER CORNER

Each month we'll be answering your questions about Career Development.

Submit your questions to be featured here!
career@hccc.edu

Q: What can the Career Development Center at Hudson County Community College offer incoming students?

A: The Career Development Center at HCCC offers plenty of resources for students to enhance their professional techniques! Big Interview is the latest tool used at HCCC to assist students with their career exploration. Big Interview is a virtual system that students can both practice and analyze their interview skills. They can even share their mock interviews for feedback from the career center, faculty and mentors. This program can be accessed using your smart phone and any web-camera enabled computer!



Career Development Employer Spotlight: M&T Bank



On Nov. 1, 2017, M&T Bank representatives Vivek Siddhu, Vice President, HR Business Partner; Giovanni Mazzei, Vice President, Commercial Branch Manager; Dawn Zmijewski, Vice President, Branch Manager; Shaina Kaplan, Retail Sales Support Specialist and our very own HCCC alumna, Evelyn Littles, Branch Manager spoke to approximately 70 students about interviewing skills.

The session began with Vice President Vivek Siddhu emphasizing the importance of identifying specific skill sets that the job may require, asking detailed questions to the employer, and how to follow up with employers.

Also, students were advised from hiring managers themselves on what they look for in candidates. Branch Manager Giovanni Mazzei reiterated to the audience that it is okay to not have certain skill sets for a specific job because skill sets can be taught. However, having the qualities of willingness, excitement, and having positive spirit for the job and position cannot be taught.

HCCC alumna Evelyn Littles left a sincere message to the audience, saying, "When you love your job, the years don't matter. So do what makes you happy!"

The session was a perfect segue to the Career Development Center's soft skill work shop series, which took place in the following weeks. Students learned how to present themselves professionally in their job applications, interviewing, and on the job!

Interested in more events like these?
Drop us a line at career@hccc.edu!

Contact us:
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SECOND ANNUAL GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE COMMENCES WITH ACCEPTED STUDENT CELEBRATION HOSTED BY HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Aminah Chaudhary
Computer Arts-Studio Arts
Spring 2018

Senior Graphic Designer in a fashion firm and have my own clinic as an art therapist



Camille de Los Reyes
Business Administration
Fall 2018

Marketing analyst in the fashion industry



Edward Bryan
Business Administration
Spring 2018

Financial Advisor, specializing in retirement



Edward Doherty
Culinary Arts-
Baking and Pastry
Spring 2018

A political operative in Washington, D.C.



Sarra Hayoune
Computer Science
Spring 2019

Artificial intelligence programmer and professor



For the second consecutive year, Goldman Sachs has launched the Local College Collaboration (LCC) -- a unique leadership program that brings together college students with Goldman Sachs business leaders to develop leadership, career readiness, business management, analytical, teamwork, networking, and presentation skills.

In support of Goldman Sachs' commitment to local workforce development, the LCC brings together 40 high-performing students from four academic institutions in close proximity to the firm's offices in Jersey City and New York City. Ten students from each of the partnering schools -- Hudson County Community College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New Jersey City University, and Saint Peter's University -- were identified through a competitive application process. Students were evaluated on academic achievement, interviews, essays, team-building simulations, and recommendations.

Over the course of seven months, the 40 students will work within their respective school pods to tackle a series of business case challenges alongside assigned Coaches from Goldman Sachs, including periodic meetings to discuss their progress and hear from Goldman Sachs business leaders with related subject matter expertise.

The program consists of a series of 14 sessions which will help students develop career skills, provide insight to career options, and foster meaningful dialogue between students and experienced professionals using the case study project and workshops. Sessions will alternate between each of the college campuses and Goldman Sachs offices in New York and Jersey City.

The students from HCCC will work with School Representative & Coordinator Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development, HCCC Faculty Mentor, Peter Cronrath, Instructor of Business, and Goldman Sachs Coaches Mayra Maisch, Vice President, Corporate Services & Real Estate, Chevon Hunter, Senior Analyst, Compliance, and Alexander Biedermann, Analyst, Corporate Services and Real Estate.



Kelly Kabeho
Business Administration
Fall 2018

Own a business that would help locals in Africa



Paula Kulmala
Business Administration
Fall 2018

Senior advertising manager in a global company



Victor Olivera
Culinary Arts
Fall 2018

Own a successful restaurant in North Carolina and win a James Beard Award



Rahul Thakkar
Accounting
Spring 2018

Certified Public Accountant and start my own accounting firm



Ronald Vargas
Accounting
Spring 2018

Certified Public Accountant and join a big four accounting firm or top investment bank

SECOND ANNUAL GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE COMMENCES WITH ACCEPTED STUDENT CELEBRATION HOSTED BY HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



On Nov. 9, 2017, the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative (LCC) kicked off with a welcome celebration including team building activities hosted by Hudson County Community College.

Guests were welcomed to the College by Glen Gabert, PhD., President; Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Services, and Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development.

Program coordinators Nicolette Jaze, VP Corporate Services and Real Estate, GS, and HCCC Foundation Director, and Eric Ragone, Analyst, Corporate Services and Real Estate, GS introduced the new cohort to the Local College Collaborative.

The group then heard from 2016-2017 GS LCC Alumni representatives, Robby Mangroo, VP, Compliance and HCCC Alumnus Shon Roberson, who were both members of the HCCC team. In a 'fireside chat' discussion, the Alumni speakers shared reflections of their LCC experience to provide the next cohort of students and coaches with advice, inspiration, lessons learned, and taking full advantage of the opportunities that LCC presents.

The celebration concluded with a Bakeshop Competition led by Chef Marissa Lontoc and students from her Artisanal Bread class from the Culinary Arts Institute. The LCC students had a chance to network with Goldman Sachs representatives and each other as they worked together to create iconic Jersey City/ Lower Manhattan landmarks such as Liberty State Park, Loews Jersey Theatre, Colgate Clock, and the Oculus WTC PATH Station.

For further information, please contact, Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development, at asaini@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4184, Journal Square, 70 Sip Avenue (Building A), Third Floor.



NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Some of the students from CE's latest SAT Prep courses, with instructor Lisa Sambula (left). Scenes from Community Education/Hudson Kitchen's first Food Business Bootcamp at HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute.



On Nov. 12, Community Education held its Fall Harvest Pies family class, taught by Chef Marissa Lontoc. Parents and children learned how to bake pumpkin, pecan, and apple pies from scratch, enjoyed eating them with ice cream, and had plenty leftover to bring home. If you are interested in attending a CE culinary class, please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4262.



Aparna Saini (left) and Carmen Guerra posing with a photo of Djenaba Johnson-Jones, Founder of Hudson Kitchen, at "Rise: A Celebration of Entrepreneurship," on Nov. 2.



Scenes from the "After the Harvest Wine & Food Event" at the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College on Saturday, Oct. 28th.



Community Education

Community Education completed its fall cycle of SAT Prep courses on Oct. 28. The courses, taught by instructors Lisa Sambula and Qamar Raza, include lessons in both SAT Language Arts Prep and SAT Math.

The next round of SAT Prep courses will be held from Feb. 3 to March 3 in preparation for the SAT on March 10, 2018.

For more information or to register for CE's next cycle of SAT Prep classes, please contact cguerra@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4260.

On Saturday, Oct. 28 the inaugural After the Harvest Wine & Food Event presented by Provident Bank was hosted by the Culinary Arts Institute in partnership with Community Education, the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs/Tourism and the Garden State Wine Growers Association.

The event featured wine samplings from six New Jersey wineries, as well as tastings, culinary pairings, wine tutorials and live chamber music by Con Vivo Music. Wine tutorials by Audrey Gambino of Villa Milagro Winery and Tom Cosentino of the Garden State Wine Growers Association featured topics such as the "Health Benefits of Drinking Wine," "History of New Jersey Wine," and the "Five S's of Wine Tasting." Guests enjoyed dishes prepared by the Culinary Arts Institute chefs and students, which were paired with wines from each of the participating wineries.

On Nov. 2, Chastity Farrell, Carmen Guerra, and Aparna Saini of HCCC's Community Educa-

tion and Career Development departments, attended Rising Tide's gala, "Rise: A Celebration of Entrepreneurship" at Harborside Plaza. The event, which served as a celebration of community and entrepreneurship, also honored Rising Tide Capital's Start Something Challenge winners, including second-place winner, Djenaba Johnson-Jones, Founder of Hudson Kitchen. Hudson Kitchen is a partner in various programs run by Community Education and the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College.

On Nov. 11, Community Education, in partnership with Hudson Kitchen, hosted its first cycle of the "Food Business Bootcamp", which was specially designed for those who presently own or who wish to start a food business.

The full-day session covered a number of topics related to operating a culinary business, including food trends, business plan basics, food safety, food product concept development, food law, marketing a food business, pricing food products for profitability, food business operations, and funding a food business.

Speakers included Regina Henry, Founder of Labyrinth Consulting, Jay Savulich, Managing Director of Programs at Rising Tide Capital, Annette Davidson, Founder of Icon Food Marketing, Victor Moruzzi, Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute of Hudson County Community College, and Djenaba Johnson-Jones, Founder of Hudson Kitchen.

The next Food Business Bootcamp will run in February 2018. For more information, please contact Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4262.

Holiday Market

HCCC's Second Annual Holiday Market will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center. Join the Department of Community Education and Office of Student Activities for a day of great gift buys from local businesses and family fun. Children will enjoy a magician, puppet show, face painting, balloon animals, holiday book readings, crafts, selfies with Santa, and more! Parents, shop while your kids enjoy the festivities and demo some of our upcoming spring programs. Admission is free!

If you are interested in being a vendor at the Holiday Market, please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4262.

Center for Business and Industry

The Center for Business and Industry, in partnership with the Union City One-Stop Center, is pleased to welcome the third group of participants in the ESL Open enrollment courses, on January 2018. Qualifying students are those who file for unemployment benefits, seek an opportunity to update their communication skills, and wish to advance in their respective careers. Written and oral placement tests will be administered on-site to determine appropriate course levels and to establish the goals that will enable students' paths to success.

For more information, please contact Otto Bolanos at obolanos@hccc.edu or (201) 360-5336.

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWS



Jersey City Police and Hudson County Sheriff Officers stand with HCCC students at the November 2 "Coffee with a Cop."



Jersey City Police and Hudson County Sherriff Officers share stories about their experiences being a law enforcement professional.

The Coffee with a Cop Event was held in Prof. Richard Walker's classroom (L413) at the Journal Square Campus on November 2, 2017. Prof. Walker invited law enforcement professionals to discuss policing issues that matter to local, state, and national communities. Five officers from Jersey City Police Department participated in addition to one Detective from the Hudson County Sheriff's Department. Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC's President, was also in attendance.

The first portion of the event allowed JCPD Officers Sarmiento, Vasquez, Murrell, and Beniquez, along with HCS D Detective Carlson to discuss various issues in policing such as criminal investigations, responding to 911 calls, work and

life balance, and the stresses of being a police officer. A question and answer session followed the presentation where students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to ask specific questions of each officer.

The second half of the event was designed to allow the participants to break into groups and speak with officers individually or in a group setting. Coffee and orange juice were provided in addition to chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies, blueberry muffins, and chocolate donuts. The goal is to create a community bond with the officers that can help build healthier police-citizen relationships.

HCCC ATTENDS WOMENRISING'S 2017 GALA



Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (left), with Mojdeh Tabatabaie, Ph.D., P.E., Professor, Engineering Science/Mathematics. (Photo courtesy of Rocheny Photography.)



Seated from left: Joan Rafter, Ph.D., Marcella Williams, and her mother, Mercedes Williams. Standing from left: Mojdeh Tabatabaie, Ph.D., P.E., Liliane MacPherson, Eric Friedman, Ph.D., and Samaya Yashayeva.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, members of Hudson County Community College attended WomenRising's Annual Celebration of Service Gala, held at the Liberty House in Jersey City. Proceeds from this event will assist the organization in supporting educational programs and support services.

WomenRising is the foremost community-based organization for women in Hudson County. WomenRising assists women and their families to achieve self-sufficiency and live safe, productive and fulfilling lives, through social services, economic development, and advocacy services.

Holiday Market

- Raffles
- Magician
- Face Painting
- Puppet Show
- Balloon Animals
- Selfies with Santa
- Holiday crafts for kids
- Shop for holiday gifts
- Holiday themed story book readings & more!

Please join us in supporting local business and economic growth within Hudson County as we celebrate the holiday season!

SUNDAY

12.17.17

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

FREE TO ATTEND!

www.tinyurl.com/hcccolidaymarket

SAVE THE DATES

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street

ALL-COLLEGE FACULTY ORIENTATION

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street

Orientation for all full-time and part-time faculty, deans, directors, coordinators, counselors and other staff members.

For more information contact:
Academic Affairs Division (201) 360-4010

MAJOR ⇨ CAREER EXPLORATION EVENTS



The Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions hosted a successful Major-Career Exploration Fair on Oct. 30, with panels from various disciplines discussing prospects in their fields, and what students can look forward to experiencing by exploring various divisions.



Paul Dillion (right), Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, moderates a panel discussion of division faculty during a Major-Career Exploration event for the division on Nov. 1.



Panelists of a Nursing & Health Sciences Division panel on Thursday, Nov. 2. Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director of Advisement & Counseling, is pictured at right.



Students from the Culinary Arts Institute at the Major-Career Exploration Fair for the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management on

This past month saw hundreds of HCCC students participate in Major ⇨ Career Exploration events, sponsored by the offices of Career Development and Advisement and Counseling. In line with Guided Pathways, these events brought students together with academic divisions and career experts to help explore the educational and career pathways available at Hudson County Community College and the community.

The Social Sciences and Humanities divisions hosted our students at our North Hudson Campus in Union City on Monday, Oct. 30. The Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management Division welcomed our students at our award-winning Culinary Arts Institute on the Jersey City campus on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The week of events

was rounded out by the STEM and Nursing Health Sciences divisions that hosted our students at our brand new, state-of-the-art STEM Building on Thursday, Nov. 2.

These events served nearly 300 students in gaining insight into their futures from a panel of faculty experts. After the presentations, students interacted with employer partners, faculty members, and student groups to have their questions answered as they networked while enjoying refreshments. Special gratitude goes out for the support from Foundation Board members Ronnie Sevilla, Vice President, Investors Bank, and Lynn Smith, Administrative Vice President, Regional Manager, M&T Bank, as well as Sandra Bleckman, Director of Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Talent Network of New Jersey.

All students had the opportunity to participate in a raffle for a \$200 Visa gift card, by either pre-registering or completing an Exit Survey. The winner, we are proud to announce, was Business major Joshua Valentine. The very excited winner shared with us that one of his NHC professors encouraged Joshua's class to attend this event.

A big thank you to everyone in the Office of Student Activities for planning the events, and we acknowledge the outstanding support from all divisional faculty/staff who helped students work toward achieving their career goals and aspirations.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The Office of Student Activities and WomenRising, Inc. co-sponsored a candlelight vigil, on the evening of October 26, for those affected by, and victims of, domestic violence.

OPEN HOUSE AT JOURNAL SQUARE: NOVEMBER 18, 2017



Representatives of the STEM Division discuss various programs to visiting community members.



Victor Morruzzi, Culinary Arts Professor, discusses the Culinary program and answers questions.

Perspective students check-in/register for an Open House at the Culinary Conference Center on Saturday, November 18.



Student Financial Assistance Specialist, Danitza Espinales, answers questions from visitors.



Ara Karakashian, Culinary Arts Instructor, leads a tour of the Culinary Arts Institute.



Perspective students filled out applications at workstations to become new students.



Matthew Fessler, Director of Admissions, leads a presentation for the open house.

PROMOTING BUSINESS SUCCESS IN HUDSON COUNTY

On November 27, leaders from five entities that function county-wide and provide business training met to discuss how they could collaborate to better serve Hudson County business owners and aspiring business owners. The goal of the meeting was to discuss tangible ways to leverage each other's strengths and promote business success through education. Each participant recognized the need to provide financial education services to Hudson County businesses and strategized short and long-term solutions.

Pictured left: Rafael Mata, Director, Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity and Community Services, Michelle Richardson, Executive Director, Hudson County Economic Development Corporation, Maria Nieves, President, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, Gail Marquis, Director, Community Outreach and Internships, Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Hudson County Community College, Catherina Mirasol, Interim Director, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Hudson County Community College, and Chastity Farrell, Outreach Coordinator—Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Hudson County Community College.



'EACH STATE OF MIND IS IRREDUCIBLE' EXHIBITION



On November 17, 2017 *Each state of mind is irreducible: Spanish & Latin American Artists* ended its successful run in the gallery on the sixth floor of the Library Building.

ROOFTOP READING SERIES



Sarah Gerard read chapters from her essay collection *Sunshine State*.



Author and playwright Vanda shared the insight to her novel *Juliana* before a staged reading

On Tuesday, November 14 the Department of Cultural Affairs held the *Rooftop Reading Series*, as part of its *Twilight Tuesdays*. The event featured author Sarah Gerard who read an excerpt from her book *Sunshine State*, and author/playwright Vanda who held a staged reading from

her novel *Juliana*. The event was curated by Kathryn Buckley, writer and HCCC English Instructor. The *Twilight Tuesdays* series includes artist receptions, faculty mixers, author readings, workshops, and more.

NJPAC WELLS FARGO JAZZ FOR TEENS PROGRAM



On October 24, Leonieke Scheuble (left) on piano and Greg Pise (right) on Bass from the NJPAC Wells Fargo Jazz for Teens Program played for a crowd of people on the 6th floor of the Library Building.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE presents FALL THEATRE FESTIVAL

An Evening of Scenes and Monologues

Friday, December 15, 2017, 6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, 2nd Floor Jersey City, NJ 07306

FREE ADMISSION!!

For more information: Contact Joseph Gallo, Theater Arts Coordinatator at jgallo@hccc.edu

HCCC's Art Department offers a "Gallery Management Class" this spring at the Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery



Introduction to Gallery Management

This class introduces students to the hybrid nature of arts-related careers including museum education, curatorship, arts administration, and operating commercial galleries. Students gain first-hand experience in the day-to-day operations of the Dineen Hull Gallery and learn the skills to maintain a successful gallery program.

Class begins on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

For more information, email Professor Laurie Riccadonna at lriccadonna@hccc.edu or

Department of Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.edu.

Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery
6th Floor, 71 Sip Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information contact: gallery@hccc.edu

VIETNAM, IN COUNTRY: A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN STANTON AND LEON TUCKER



Joseph Colicchio (far left), Associate Professor, English, moderates a discussion in which Leon Tucker (center), and John Stanton (right), Corporal, United States Marine Corps (Ret.), talked about their experiences during Vietnam.



Pictured from left: John Stanton, Leon Tucker, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, Dean of Instruction/Arts Christopher Wahl, Willie Malone, Enrollment Record Assistant, and Joseph Colicchio, Associate Professor, English, display a poster of Hudson County veterans who perished during their service in Vietnam.



Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise (in foreground at left) delivers greetings during a panel discussion, "Vietnam, In Country: A Conversation with John Stanton and Leon Tucker," held on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP



Hital Patel, Financial Assistance Specialist (standing in foreground) and Danitza Espinales, Financial Aid Assistant (standing in background) provide guidance to attendees of a FAFSA Completion workshop on Oct. 25.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, the Office of Student Financial Assistance hosted a FAFSA Completion workshop for the 2018-2019 award year at the Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City. The event was a hands-on workshop to help students and parents complete the FAFSA online with free and expert assistance.

Invitations were sent to all Hudson County high school guidance counselors and Hudson County Community College students to give them a jump start on planning how to fund their educa-

tion for the next year. The workshop was well received by both students and parents.

A special thanks to Hital Patel, Financial Assistance Specialist, Danitza Espinales, Financial Aid Assistant and Shaniqua Matos, Financial Aid Assistant, who helped attendees work through the applications during the workshop.

Our next workshop will be held in February 2018. Look for more information on the MyHudson portal.

AUTHOR TERRY WILLIAMS VISITS HCCC



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Nabil Marshood, Professor/Coordinator of Sociology; Terry Williams, Author; and Michael Ferlise, Instructor of Sociology.



Author Terry Williams addresses the crowd and gives insight into his work.



Terry Williams reads an excerpt from his book Teenage Suicide Notes: An Ethnography of Self-Harm to a large crowd of HCCC students, staff, and faculty in the Follet Bookstore.

HACU CONFERENCE



Pictured from left: Hudson County Community College students Octavio Cadenas-Sandoval, Tytianna Jackson, Bianelly Tellez, and Director of Student Activities Veronica Gerosimo at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' (HACU) annual conference, held in San Diego, Calif., Oct. 28-31.



HCCC at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' (HACU) 31st Annual Conference in San Diego. Pictured from left: Director of Student Activities Veronica Gerosimo and students Tytianna Jackson, Bianelly Tellez, and Octavio Cadenas-Sandoval.

HCCC HOLIDAY ONE STOP DAY!

Apply, Test, and Register - all in one day!

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS, 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ **OR** **NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ**

Winter is almost here, but don't worry, HCCC has you covered from ear to ear!

Register in person on Dec. 6th and receive a FREE gift of HCCC ear muffs!
(while supplies last)

Other holiday joy we will spread:

- ❄️ *The \$25 application fee will be waived if you apply in-person*
- ❄️ *Application Assistance*
- ❄️ *Test at any time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- ❄️ *Financial Aid Assistance and Advisement*
- ❄️ *One-on-One Advisement with a Counselor*
- ❄️ *Friendly customer service with a smile!*

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College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT **seriously!** Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward a degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.

CPT Schedule:

- JSQ walk in: Students can start test anytime between hours posted
- JSQ/NHC start times: Students must start test at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m

DECEMBER 2017

Term: Winter/Spring 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level, Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City				3 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4 Journal Sq. walk-in: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. NHC start time 9 a.m.	5 Journal Sq. walk-in: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.	6 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. NHC walk-in: 9 a.m to 3 p.m.	7 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	8 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
11 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. NHC start time: 9 a.m & 1 p.m.	12 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	13 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. NHC start time: 9 a.m & 1 p.m.	14 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	15 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
18 Journal Sq. walk-in: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NHC start time 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	19 Journal Sq. walk-in: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	20 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	21 College Closed	22 College Closed
<p style="text-align: center;">COLLEGE IS CLOSED DECEMBER 21, 2017 UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2018 TESTING WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 2, 2018</p>				

College Placement Test

- *Approximately 2-3 hours
1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
 2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
 3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
 4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes
 The WPT is required when ENG 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language Placement Test

- *Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours
1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
 2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
 3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
 4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 1

Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

FOCUS Friday – Studio and Performing Arts, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

HCCC Art Department Review Artist Reception, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Monday, December 4

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

3D Pens, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., NHC Library

Tuesday, December 5

Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

December Graduate Celebration, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave, Sixth Floor Atrium

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, show time 8 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$20; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$45. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, December 6

HCCC Convos, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Holiday One Stop Day! Apply, Test, and Register in one day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Enrollment Services

Honors Student Paper Presentation, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Follett Lounge

Honors Poster/Project Showcase, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Scott Ring Room

Thursday, December 7

HCCC Foundation Holiday Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. For tickets and information, please contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, at (201)

360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu

Collectors Club: Barsky Gallery Tour, Hoboken, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, December 8

FOCUS Friday – Medical Coding, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Science, and Personal Fitness Training, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

Induction Ceremony for National Society of Leadership & Success, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. (by invitation only)

Saturday, December 9

PAW Patrol Live, show time 2 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$35. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, December 11

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Tuesday, December 12

Last classes and/or final exams for Tuesday classes

Ocean in a Bottle, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, December 13

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Ocean in a Bottle, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Honors: Getting in and Staying in, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Honors Classroom, Room 318, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, December 14

#TBT Video Game Friendlies, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Friday, December 15

FOCUS Friday – Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

Fall Theatre Festival, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk St.

Saturday, December 16 – Wednesday, December 20

Last classes and/or final exams for all other classes at HCCC, including Off-Campus Centers

Sunday, December 17

Holiday Market, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Event is free for guests. Register at <http://www.tinyurl.com/hcccolidaymarket>

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, show time 5 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$30; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$65. Purchase at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, December 18

Coffee and Conversation with the President, 11 a.m., 162 Sip Avenue (Building C), 2nd Floor Conference Room

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Tuesday, December 19

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Wednesday, December 20

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Thursday, December 21

College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 22

College Closed – Given for Christmas

Monday, December 25 – Friday, December 29

College Closed for Winter Break

Wednesday, December 27

Last day to submit final grades to the Registrar's Office

Stay Connect-ED with HCCC!

Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice messaging system in the event of a crisis or emergency. Connect-ED is HCCC's response to a federal law which requires disclosure of pertinent information about campus crime and security. The system will allow the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email, and/or text message.

Both HCCC students and employees have been automatically registered in the emergency-alert system and will receive alerts to their HCCC email accounts unless they opt out. Users are encouraged to access the College's website, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register additional contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers. HCCC will provide this emergency service free of charge to students and employees – there is no charge to sign up. However, mobile service providers may charge a fee for incoming messages depending on an individual's plan. Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be shared.

For information about Connect-ED, visit www.hccc.edu/emergency. Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!



PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Dr. Salim Bendaoud with his poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience's Annual Meeting in November.

Anthony Acevedo, Instructor of History/Program Coordinator, presented at the 2017 Community Colleges Humanities Association's national conference in Baltimore on Saturday, Nov. 11. He presented on a panel called "Creating a 'Natural Critical Learning Environment' in Survey Courses" with my HCCC faculty Andrew Bishop (Literature) and Heather DeVries (Composition).

Salim Bendaoud, D.D.S., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, presented a poster, "Modulation of the Sodium/Potassium ATPase Pump Function and Expression by Trans-Cranial Direct Current Stimulation of the Right Sensorimotor Cortex in Mice," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, held in Washington, D.C. between Nov. 11 and Nov. 15, 2017.

Joseph Caniglia, Assistant Professor, English, was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education, on Nov. 20, 2017. Prof. Caniglia is pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Administration Leadership at Grambling State University.

Devlyn Courtier (Library Technology Associate), **John DeLooper** (Director of Library Technology), and **Johnathan Cintron** (of Bergen Community College) published a peer reviewed article in issue 38 of the Code4Lib journal. The article, titled "Testing Three Types of Raspberry Pi People Counters," discusses how the Library built and tested three different types of electronic people counters at the North Hudson Campus.

Nabil Marshood, Ph.D., Professor, Sociology, gave a presentation on "The Holistic Scholar: Intellectual Inquiry and Social Justice" at the Fulbright Association's 40th Anniversary National Conference and Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Congratulations to the College's **Testing & Assessment Center** for being designated as one of the "Top 100 National Test Centers in 2016-2017." Each year, the College Board recognizes the top 100 national test centers who administer the most CLEP exams. HCCC was one of five institutions in New Jersey to make the list, and has been included on the list for several consecutive years. For more information about CLEP, please visit <http://bit.ly/2ih2gCV>.

GUIDED PATHWAYS UPDATE



Front row, pictured from left: Nicole Lesko, Marie Mahood, Esperanza Robles, and Jenny Henriquez. Center row, pictured from left: Roberto De Fina, Alfa Rodriguez, Bekki Davis, Dr. Sheila Dynan, and Michael Reimer. Third row, pictured from left: Michael Carchia, Daryl Osemwota, and Yeury Pujols.

This past October, 12 staff members attended part one of an institute titled "Re-Designing Advising and Student Support" at Middlesex County College on Oct. 27. This conference is part of a professional development series from the Center for Student Success through the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. This series is designed to assist colleges in preparing for and implementing the Guided Pathways model on campus. This program provided those in attendance an opportunity to assess our progress on Guided Pathways

and continue to plan for future success. We will be returning for part two of this institute come spring semester.

In Attendance: Dean Michael Reimer, Executive Director Yeury Pujols, Director Sheila Dynan, Assistant Director Bekki Davis, and Counselors Roberto De Fina, Nicole Lesko, Alfa Rodriguez, Michael Carchia, Marie Mahood, Daryl Osemwota, Esperanza Robles, and Jenny Henriquez

HCCC WELCOMES NEWEST HONOR SOCIETY, SALUTE



Members of HCCC's SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society following their induction on Friday, Nov. 10.



Students selected for recognition through SALUTE received a certificate and military-style challenge coin commemorating the individual's membership in SALUTE and his/her specific level of academic achievement.

On Friday, Nov. 10, Hudson County Community College's Veteran Affairs and Office of Student Activities presented the inaugural induction of HCCC's chapter of SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society.

Fourteen students were inducted into the chapter. The charter members are Helder A. Banegas, Francis R. Batulan, Gissele M. Blancas, Erica Cortes, Carlos D. Falconi, Bennie Garner, Gloria A. Graham, Daniel Lopez, Andrew C. Macancela, Anya Tavares-Malave, Miriam Martin, Deyvis Mota, Thomas G. Solus, and Valentina Valencia.

Vivyen J. Ray, Chief Human Resource Officer and Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, gave the keynote address for the event. Ray, along with Lilisa Williams and Michael Page, were inducted as honorary members in appreciation for their assistance in the development of the chapter. SALUTE provides accredited institutions a way to recognize and honor their student veterans, as well as, help provide for their success on and off-campus.

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Jose “Tony” Gonzalez Class of 2012 Associate in Arts – Liberal Arts, Business



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

The College offered a degree program in Business (I minored in CIS) and had a program especially for veterans. My sister, Madeline, also attended HCCC. Other factors that influenced my decision to attend HCCC were the proximity, convenience, and price.

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

I enjoyed almost all of my classes, but my favorite memories had to include my English professor. He made you work hard and made learning enjoyable.

How did you become interested in business?

I had a leadership background from 20 years in the military, and I was already running my own business as a real estate agent. It was a perfect next step.

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

Learning about different aspects of business really prepared me for keeping on top of what is happening and what might happen and what should happen.

What is a typical work day for you?

I get up early and start creating new business; next, I care for my current clients. Finally, I work on advertising and paperwork.

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

The most memorable and the simplest transaction I had was in 2015 when a friend, who I had met through my Japanese language exchange class, approached me about helping her and her husband find a home. I not only found them a great home with everything they needed, but I save them over \$1 million in the process. I stay in touch with them even now.

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

When you run your own business, staying focused and motivated is not always easy. I look to people like Tony Robbins and others in my industry who have achieved exactly what I am trying to achieve.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

As new graduates, you have at your disposal the greatest set of tools and avenues to reach higher, achieve more, and be exactly who you want to be. Stay focused on your dreams and the path to reach them will present itself, the more focused you are the clearer the path you need to take will become.

Technology is getting more powerful every day; use that to your advantage and don't let it use you. Social media plays a major role in practically all aspects of our lives, and used intelligently it can be our ally.

Believe those that came before you; they give you advice because they have faced the same things you will face. There are two ways to learn, from your own experience and from others'. One of them usually comes with a price; the other usually costs a token of gratitude.

One of the biggest issues of our times seems to be personal finance. The simplest way to approach this is to plan six months in advance including fun. Be responsible and realistic towards your long- and short-term goals. Like the ads say, “Your future self will thank you.”

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

Take in, take up and give in, but never give up. College life might be a challenge, but it is designed to help you succeed. Take in everything that is around you; one day you will look back and wish you could re-live these days. Take up activities that you will help you when it is time to graduate. Start filling in your resume from the semester you attend school. Always focus on your dreams your goals like a laser, and the universe will find a way to get you there – mind you not in a straight line. Be strong, be stubborn and be willing to tough it out, and in the end you will be shining like a rainbow after the storm.

HCCC Alumni: Get involved! For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.

