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22nd Annual
Holiday Gala Fundraiser

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST 22ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA FUNDRAISER

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation invites the community to its 22nd Annual Holiday Gala. The theme for this year's fundraiser is "Cultures and Diversity" in acknowledgement of the Hudson County community and the College's students, faculty and staff.

The Gala will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6 p.m., at the Culinary Conference Center located at 161 Newkirk Street – two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center, and directly across the street from public parking. Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide scholarships for deserving HCCC students.

The evening will include tours of the College's award-winning Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) kitchens where guests can enjoy world-class cuisine prepared and served by students and chef instructors. The HCCC 2019 Distinguished Community Service Awards will be presented to Frank Gargiulo, retired Superintendent of Hudson County Schools of Technology; and Gary Greenberg, Executive Director and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County.

The Foundation will also hold its Lucky Odds Raffle that evening. The Grand Prize winner will receive 40 percent of raffle ticket sales; Second Prize will receive 6 percent; and Third Prize will receive 4 percent. Raffle tickets are \$50 each.

Located in the second most ethnically diverse city in the nation, Hudson County Community College is nationally recognized for its diversity and equity programs. HCCC students were born in 119 different countries and speak 29 different languages. In 2017, the Equality of Opportunity Project ranked HCCC in the top 5% of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions for social mobility.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Established in 1997, the Foundation generates financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, providing seed money for faculty programs, assisting incoming students in achieving academic success, providing for the College's physical growth as well as the cultural enrichment of Hudson County residents.

Since its founding, the Foundation has raised more than \$3.5 million in scholarships. The Foundation Art Collection, which was established in 2006, now includes over 1,250 works – most by nationally and internationally renowned artists.

Tickets for the Gala, and the Lucky Odds Raffle, may be obtained by contacting Mirta Sanchez at 201-360-4004 or msanchez@hccc.edu.

ON THE COVER - Images of HCCC Culinary Student from 2018 Gala

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT AWARDED NEW JERSEY ARRIGO O. ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) student Avery Tan has been presented with the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey (EOF-PANJ) Arrigo O. Rogers Scholarship. Mr. Tan was recognized at an EOFPANJ ceremony at William Paterson University on Friday, November 1, 2019.

"This is a great honor for Avery and the College," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "Avery is the first HCCC student to be awarded this scholarship, and one of just two community college students in New Jersey to receive the scholarship this year. He has worked diligently and is most deserving of this honor."

The non-profit EOFPANJ is the official liaison between the Educational Opportunity Fund campus-based programs and the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education. EOFPANJ advocates on behalf of New Jersey EOF programs, monitors legislation and policy decisions that affect the EOF constituency, and provides a venue for professional development of members.



Avery Tan (left) with Jose Lowe, Director, EOF Program.

The Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award was established in remembrance of Arrigo Rogers, a graduate of the EOF program and an exceptional leader. The scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the EOF program who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and ability, and have a proven commitment to serving others. EOF scholars are required to have completed 24 college credits, have earned a cumulative

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNUS JOINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT NOVEMBER 26 MEETING



Abderahim Salhi (second from right) is inducted as Alumni Representative to the HCCC Board of Trustees. He is pictured with, from left, Board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.; Board Counsel Sean D. Dias, Esq.; and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

After earning an Associate in Science in Computer Science from Hudson County Community College (HCCC), Abderahim Salhi was accepted into Columbia University. Now, the Jersey City resident has returned to HCCC, where his incredible academic journey began.

Mr. Salhi, who graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2019, was selected by HCCC students to be the new Student Alumni Representative on the College's Board of Trustees. He was sworn in to serve a one-year term at the Board's Reorganization meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

As an immigrant from Algeria, he enrolled at HCCC in 2017 and quickly became an outstanding student and leader. He collaborated with fellow students, clubs and organizations to initiate workshops that covered scholarships, internships, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. He served as Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International

Honor Society and Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society; and Vice President of the College's STEM and Model United Nation Clubs. He was also a fellow in the America Needs You and the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative programs.

Mr. Salhi is the recipient of multiple scholarships and awards: 2019 All USA-Academic Team; New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar for New Jersey; Pearson Scholarship; Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship awarded by PTK; Research and Development Council of New Jersey Merit Scholarship; and Garden State S-STEM Scholarship.

As a community leader, Mr. Salhi volunteers with National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Jersey Cares, Cancer Society, and the gardening program at Liberty State Park. He was on the steering committee for the HCCC Food Pantry project. His personal interests include cooking, scuba diving, photography, travel, robotics and drones.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS: NJCU



From left: Dr. Bernard McSherry, NJCU Founding Dean of the School of Business; Matt Fessler, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services; Dr. Tamara Jhishi, NJCU Provost and Senior Vice President; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary, and Hospitality Management.

Hudson County Community College has entered into an agreement with New Jersey City University that will strengthen pathways for students in business programs. HCCC students now have a seamless pathway to a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance with NJCU. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to advance in their studies, and to prepare for rewarding and high-paying careers in the greater New York-New Jersey area," said President Chris Reber. He noted that the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment of business and financial operations occupations to grow 7% now through 2028, faster than the average for almost all other occupations. Career opportunities for finance graduates include financial planning, financial analysis, insurance, investor relations, and corporate banking.

The agreement, which is retroactive to September 1, 2019, enables HCCC students who complete an Associate in Science degree in Business Administration to seamlessly transition to the NJCU Bachelor of Science in Business program with full junior status. HCCC students may transfer up to 60 credits, and will need just 60 additional credits to complete their B.S. degree at NJCU.

In order to be eligible for this program, the HCCC business students must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average (GPA). To assist in making a smooth transfer, the students will be able to meet on campus at Hudson County Community College with an NJCU advisor who will facilitate admissions and provide financial assistance counseling. As a result of the agreement, the NJCU application fee will be waived, and students will be apprised of opportunities for merit-based scholarships. The HCCC students participating in this dual-admissions program will also have access to NJCU events and the NJCU School of Business facilities.

HCCC CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE PREPARES OVER 800 POUNDS OF TURKEY FOR LOCAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



Pictured from left: Chef Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit; Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Assemblyman, 31st Legislative District; Chef Sami Khouzam; William O'Dea, Vice Chair, Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Chef Kevin O'Malley; and Jimmy King.

HCCC Culinary Arts Institute students and faculty prepare Thanksgiving turkeys for St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City. 67 turkeys were prepared to feed approximately 600 people. This Thanksgiving dinner was coordinated with the help Nicholas Chiaravalloti, and Hudson County Freeholder Bill O'Dea.

CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE FORUM



Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost, welcomes attendees to the day's events to educate about domestic violence.



Lt. Javier Toro (left) and Det. Julia Medina of the HCPO Special Victims Unit facilitate a presentation.



Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez gives remarks.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Hudson County Community College and the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office held a symposium to educate administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accounts Receivable/Bursar Clerk (PT)
 Adjunct Faculty – Developmental English and Reading
 Adjunct Faculty – English Composition I and II
 Adjunct Faculty – ESL
 Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Nursing
 Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Sociology and Anthropology
 Adjunct Faculty (Three Positions Needed)
 Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
 Advisor (PT)
 Apprenticeship Program Coordinator
 Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
 Certified Nurse Aide Instructor (PT)
 Clinical Nurse Specialist
 College Lecturer / Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical
 College Lecturer, Radiography: Didactic/Clinical
 College Lecturer, English
 College Lecturer (Radiography)
 Communications Assistant (PT)
 Custodial Worker
 Customer Service Assistant (PT) (Spanish Speaker)
 Digital Marketing Services Manager
 Director of Library Instruction
 Hemodialysis Technician Instructor (PT)
 Instructional Technologist
 Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
 Instructor, Exercise Science
 Librarian (PT)
 Patient Access Representative Technician
 Instructor (PT)
 Per Diem BLS and CPR Instructor
 Perkins Grant Coordinator
 Senior Accountant
 Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
 Skills Lab / Tutors (PT) (Two Positions)
 Tutor (PT)

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

**Hudson County Community College
 Human Resources Department
 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
 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.

WORK THE RUNWAY



Stephanie Sergeant, Human Resources Administrative Assistant, operated an information table at Career Services' "Work the Runway," a fashion show showcasing appropriate workplace attire, on Nov. 7.

RETIREMENT

Luis Leon,
 Custodial Supervisor
 (effective Feb. 1, 2020)

NEW HIRES

Diana Galvez,
 Student Development Associate
 (effective Jan. 21, 2020)

Naya Stephanie Garrido,
 Apprenticeship Coordinator
 (Grant Funded Position)

Karen Hosick,
 Tenure Track Instructor, Exercise Science
 (effective Jan. 3, 2020)

Anshuma Jain,
 Human Resources Administrator
 (effective Jan. 3, 2020)

Callie Martin,
 Instructional Technologist

Doua Saleh,
 Academic Advisor

Stephanie Sanchez,
 Communications Assistant

Nakiya Santos,
 Admissions Recruiter

Connie Silletti-Cafaro,
 Perkins Grant Coordinator (Grant Funded Position)
 (effective Dec. 9, 2019)

MILESTONES

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

One Year
 John Quigley

20 Years
 Rosa Perez

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Office of Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

CHANGE OF TITLE WITH INCUMBENTS

Samaya Yashayeva,
 Coordinator Health Programs, Continuing Education to Assistant Director, Health Programs, Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Kenny Fabara,
 Writing Center Coordinator to Assistant Director, Writing Center and Retention Services

ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE



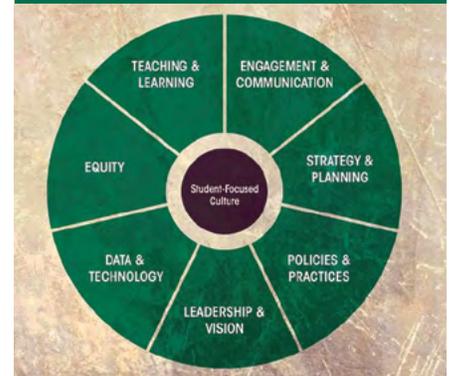
Left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) reviews data during the Capacity Café. Right: Members of the HCCC community divide into groups to discuss the results of the Capacity Café.

On November 21, over 130 faculty, staff, administrators, and students gathered for HCCC's Capacity Café. Led by Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia, HCCC's Leadership Coach and Data Coach, respectively, the Capacity Café event is a collaborative and highly interactive event in which HCCC community members had the opportunity to discuss HCCC's strengths and weaknesses as well as identify opportunities for action in the seven ATD capacity areas. The afternoon concluded with a brief report out from each table's facilitator who provided a high-level overview of strengths, areas for growth, and recommendations that were generated from their groups. The raw data from the Capacity Café has been shared

with the College community and can also be found on the Dream Team's portal page. Thank you to all those who participated and helped to make the Capacity Café a success!

In the coming weeks, the Core/Strategy Team will work to distill the contents of the raw data into several central themes. Findings from this process will also be shared with the College community along with Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's follow-up letter and the results of the ICAT Survey. These data points are an important part of HCCC's first year of data exploration and will ultimately help inform strategies in HCCC's student success action plan to help more students enroll, persist, and graduate.

Capacity Assessment Wheel



ICAT Update:
321 surveys were completed!
Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE !
Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's
March 2020 Visit:
March 5 and 6

STEM SPOTLIGHT



Anatomy and Physiology Student of the Month Channing Ross (right) accepting his award from Dr. V. B. Joasil, Associate Professor.

AEG Student Night Awards

Congratulations to HCCC students Carolina Balcazar and Ramathia Defreese, who won the third place and received cash prizes at the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists' Sixth Annual Students' Night on Nov. 14.

Fall 2019 Student of the Month

Channing Ross has won the Fall 2019 Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) "Student of the Month" award, instituted by Dr. V. B. Joasil, Associate Professor of Biology. When asked about the necessity for this award, Dr. Joasil paused, blinked rapidly



HCCC's Environmental club members helped with cleaning and gardening in Harsimus Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 23.

for a few seconds and said, "This award's objective is to motivate students to perform outstandingly; I'm sorry, I'm trying to fight off tears here; I've listened to students, heard their concerns and fears; being at their service has been one of my utmost priorities." His A&P class is renowned for academic rigor and many students have exceeded its exigencies.

Of many students vying for the award, Channing Ross was elated when his name was called. He accepted it with a grinning smile on his face. The first African-American male recipient of this award stated that "receiving this award means a lot to

me; it reassures me that if I work hard and study, I can do well". Channing has been a model student and his readiness to learn has infected many in the classroom. He continued to add that "with a good teacher and a little hard work, academic success is inescapable."

Dr. Joasil's ardent desire to continue to champion student success is palpable and lastly added that "there is no better deal than what we offer here at HCCC, an affordable option to obtain a great education." Channing Ross aspires to be a nurse.

ENROLLMENT NEWS

HCCC HOSTS OPEN HOUSE AT JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS



Peter Mielach, Director of Pre-Construction Services at Eastern Millwork, outlines the apprenticeship program the company recently launched with the College.



Sharon Moise (at left in foreground), Secretary for Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management, explains the Division's degree and certificate programs.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, Hudson County Community College invited prospective students and their families to an Open House at the Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City.



Members of the STEM faculty discuss the College's offerings with prospective students.

KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL VISIT



During the months of October and November, the leadership teams at Hudson County Community College and Kearny High School met periodically to establish a College presence in credit and non-credit programs at the high school.

PASTRIES WITH THE PRESIDENT



Pictured from left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, Student Life and Leadership work study student Tyneise Meggett; and Peer Leader Brian Ribas.



Students select from several available pastries while waiting to speak with Dr. Chris Reber (background at right), HCCC President.

The Office of Student Life and Leadership hosted pastry socials on Nov. 19 at Journal Square and on Nov. 26 in North Hudson during which students could speak one-on-one with the College's President, Dr. Chris Reber.

REGISTER NOW!
for **SPRING 2020**

REGISTER EARLY
to ensure class availability and flexibility!

Classes begin on Friday, January 24, 2020

Try our 12-Week Quick Term classes beginning in February and 7-Week Online classes with start dates in January and March!

WINTER/SPRING REGISTRATION DATES:

Thursday, October 31: Priority In-Person registration for Veterans at both campuses.

Friday, November 1: Online Registration opens for students who have exited ESL or English Foundations coursework.

Tuesday, November 12: In-Person Registration begins for all students at both campuses.

REGISTRATION HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ADVISORS: <https://calendly.com/hudsonccass/>

Find out if you qualify for Free Tuition!



For more information, contact: freetuition@hccc.edu
201.360.HCCC (4222) www.hccc.edu/freetuition

To view the Spring course offerings visit:

www.hccc.edu/schedule

Learn more at:
www.hccc.edu | (201) 714-7200



COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at:

www.hccc.edu/testschedule.



Hudson County Community College

FREE TUITION Information Session

Eligible students will receive
FREE TUITION and fees.
*(for students with an adjusted
gross income of \$65,000 per year or less)*



In partnership with the Mayor's Office, HCCC will hold an information session on the new Community College Opportunity Grant, which is a pilot program that gives eligible students the opportunity to attend HCCC tuition free. **This session is an opportunity to determine if you are eligible, learn about the enrollment process, get your questions answered, and more!**

Admissions and Financial Aid representatives will be available on-site.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Formal presentation to begin at 10 a.m.
with informal Q&A session to follow

Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

To register: freehccc.eventbrite.com

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



New Beta Alpha Phi members recite the membership pledge at the chapter's Nov. 3

Induction ceremony.

MSR Superheroes

Beta Alpha Phi has had two of its officers selected as Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Region Superheroes: President Christine Tirado for the month of September, and Vice President of Scholarship Anass Ennasraoui for the month of October. Both were nominated for this honor due to their willingness to “go above and beyond engaging others in the Phi Theta Kappa Experience such as encouraging members, attending planning meetings, volunteering for events, managing chapter social media, and assisting the Chapter Advisor.”



Annual Halloween Party for Children and Food Drive on Oct. 31.



Samikshya Poudel participating in Beta Alpha Phi's Nov. 9 Liberty State Park gardening project.



Sofia Pazmino, Selisha Mohammed, and Christine Tirado assisted Lauren Hero of Be the Match on Nov. 18.



Allison Lopez Hunger Free Bayonne on Oct. 26.

FINANCIAL AID



On November 20 Kathryn Buckley, English Professor and Christine Petersen, Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance, presented on Scholarships at the School of Radiography.



On November 14 Financial Literacy event at the North Hudson Campus on Banking and Budgeting. Dorothy Gilliard of HESAA was the presenter.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

FAFSA Workshops continue every Wednesday until February 12, 2020 to help students and parents complete their FAFSA on line. Staff are available from 2:00- p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at both the Jersey City and North Hudson campuses in the financial aid departments.

Come join us by bringing your 2017 and 2018 tax return and enjoying our hospitality with free food free fafsa and free tuition.

Winter Enrollment Event at HCCC's New Secaucus Center!



On December 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. students will have the option to apply, test, or register at HCCC's new Secaucus Center.

Campus tours will be available upon request. Students will also have the option to apply for financial aid and get their questions answered! Learn more about our new Secaucus Center at www.hccc.edu/SecaucusCenter Testing will begin promptly at 6 p.m. (Photo ID is required)

SECAUCUS CENTER

Located at the Frank J. Gargiulo Campus of the Hudson County Schools of Technology
One High Tech Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094
201-360-4388 | secaucuscenter@hccc.edu

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media such as prints, drawings, 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 Annina Nosei for the generous donation of the Michelle Mercurio work, *Chinatown Two* (2003), a Digital Chromogenic Print.

ARTIST NEWS

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City recently re-opened with great fanfare about the museum's now including art by people who aren't white and male in the permanent collection. It is an improvement that of the 1,443 works on display, 336 (23%) are now by women artists.

In major American cultural institutions, art made by women usually comprises only about 13%. Here at HCCC, art made by women is over 50% of the collection. Critic Maura Reilly, in a recent issue of *Art News*, does not think the new MoMA installation is worthy of great praise. Instead, she calls it "tokenism."

She cites a room with 13 works by European artist **Pablo Picasso**, and a 1967 work by African-American artist **Faith Ringgold**: *American People Series No. 20: Die*. The painting depicts a race riot. Reilly writes, "I am thrilled that Ringgold is being given long-overdue prominence in MoMA's permanent collection galleries. She certainly deserves it. However, I am disappointed in her placement. Why is she integrated into a room dedicated to a white male master?... Positioned as she is, Ringgold is presented as a derivative of Picasso, or as a supporting character. The irony is that Picasso himself, in his desire to reinvent painting, borrowed motifs from the tribal art.... His Cubism was derived from African art. ... Given that Ringgold's work of the '60s was not influenced by Picasso alone — she was also fueled by her admiration for the writings of James Baldwin, the paintings of **Jacob Lawrence**, and the decorative work of the Kuba peoples in Zaire, to name just a few examples—it might have been more interesting to include her work in relation to Lawrence's Migrant Series, also on view in the museum. Or, more radically, why didn't MoMA present an entire room dedicated to Ringgold, with multiple paintings and sculptures, and then place a single Picasso work therein?"

If you are interested in seeing works by these artists closer to home, visit the Gabert Library at the Journal Square Campus. Works by **Faith**



Ed Bereal, *Self Portrait* (1968) Limited Edition Print of and Altered Photograph on Paper.

Ringgold can be seen on the sixth floor and the third floor. Work by **Jacob Lawrence** can be seen on the third floor. Work by **Picasso** can be seen on the first floor.

Ed Bereal's 1968 print work, *Self-Portrait* – a collaged image of Dr. Frankenstein, the Frankenstein monster, and Frederick Douglass – is installed on the first floor of 2 Enos Place. Bereal has a new, six-decade retrospective exhibit at the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham, Washington. Called "WANTED: Ed Bereal for Disturbing the Peace" the show will be up through Jan. 5, 2020. According to Patricia Leach, the museum's executive director, she approached the 82-year-old artist because she had wanted to work with him for a long time, "Part of our mission is to provoke and promote curiosity on a variety of issues." However his work since the above-mentioned *Self-Portrait*, "has only become more confrontational, grotesque and darkly satirical, exploring themes of gun violence, racism, police brutality, corporate greed, complicity, the military industrial complex and, most recently, climate change." Bereal said, "We've just set up, in that gallery, a battlefield ... Our docents come in as medics." Weeks after the show opened, Bereal noted, "People were acknowledging the fact that the show is uncomfortable, and in many cases, kind of frightening." The biggest

surprise? "They didn't blame the messenger," he said. "They dealt with the message."

If you like **Serena Bocchino's** work on the fifth floor of the STEM Building, you might enjoy her new exhibit, "Colorforms," at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey on 68 Elm Street in Summit through Jan. 26, 2020.

If you like **Nancy Cohen's** work *Procession*, in the Dean's Office reception area on the mezzanine of the Cundari Building at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy this interview the artist did recently for ArtTable with curator and gallerist Kristen Accola, where they talk about Cohen's making works of art over 60 feet long, and what they don't tell you in art school about making a living in the arts. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/nancy-cohen-kristen-accola-on-taking-up-space-large/id1483615535?i=1000453605828>

If you like **Barry Le Va's** work at the North Hudson Library, you might enjoy a field trip to Dia:Beacon to see the "floor-based, site-responsive installations from the 1960s, using felt, aluminum bars, and ball bearings, as well as early works using glass, meat cleavers, and powder." How can that be considered art? Le Va's kind of art is called Postminimal and Process art. Le Va is not that interested in making solid, permanent objects. He is interested in exploring concepts like dispersion, chance, and impermanence. He uses these odd materials to convey his interest in these ideas. Dia:Beacon itself is a strange, huge museum far up the Hudson River in Beacon, New York. It fills an entire former Nabisco box-printing factory. Some say that the vast space itself is far more beautiful than any of the exhibitions inside it.

Congratulations to Prof. **Christopher Schade**, who has taught at HCCC. He will be exhibiting his paintings and drawings at the Boston Design Center in a solo exhibition through Dec. 12.

Five artworks by **Kiki Smith** are installed on the sixth floor of the STEM Building at 263 Academy Street, where you can see many works by New Jersey artists who are also teachers.

If you will be in Paris any time soon, 100 more works by Smith are on view at Monnaie de Paris through February 2020 (<https://www.monnaie-de-paris.fr/>). It is the artist's first solo show in France.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection,

please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, or (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit

<https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

If you'd like a free tour of the Collection, please contact Andrea Siegel, PhD, Foundation Art Collection Coordinator at ASiegel@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4007.

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools?

Go to www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections

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**HCCC HONORS VETERANS WITH DISCUSSION
LED BY RETIRED NAVY VETERAN ON NOV. 15**

To pay tribute to area veterans, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs hosted a special session of the College's Art Café series. The Nov. 15, 2019 event featured a discussion on the life and legacy of an American veteran led by U.S. Navy veteran, retired Jersey City Police Officer, and Hudson County Community College alumnus Leon Tucker, Jr.

A veteran of the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Tucker spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy, stationed in the Philippines, California, and Hawaii. Mr. Tucker's valor and commendation awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Expert Rifleman Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Andrew Young Black Male Achievement Award, and more.

After retiring from the Navy, Mr. Tucker continued pursuing a career in public service, joining the Jersey City Police Department (JCPD) where

he was assigned to the West District, and served in the Anti-Gang Task Force. Mr. Tucker spent a year with the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office Municipal Task Force in 2005, actively involved in arresting high-profile drug dealers and breaking up gang activity. He became a conflict resolution team member at Lincoln High School, the institution he once attended. He assisted during the cleanup at Ground Zero after the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, and helped in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Tucker graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice from Hudson County Community College in 1997. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at New Jersey City University, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He retired from the JCPD in 2017.



Keynote speaker Leon Tucker Jr., U.S. Navy veteran, retired Jersey City Police Officer, and HCCC alumnus.



Remembrance poppies are often worn on clothing leading up to Remembrance Day (Veterans Day in the United States).



Pictured from left: Willie Malone, Enrollment Records Assistant; Veteran's Certifying Official; Dorothy Anderson, HCCC Instructor of History; Leon Tucker Jr., Hilda Tucker; and Dr. Darryl Jones, HCCC Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.



**HCCC FALL
STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**

December 2 - December 13
Curated by Laurie Riccadonna and Chris Bors
December 6: Opening Reception, 4-7 p.m.

The HCCC Art Department offers a wide variety of classes in computer and fine arts taught by professional artists living in the New York metropolitan area. HCCC celebrates the artistic talents of our community with a bi-annual student exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. Join the art department, students, professors, and staff on December 6 for the fall Student Art Exhibition opening reception. Music provided by DOCA's house deejay, DJ Vaselli. Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.jcfridays.com for full JC Fridays listings.

The HCCC Dineen Hull Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Additional information on offerings is available at www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.



ART CAFÉ
December 13, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium

DOCA invites students, faculty, and community members to enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and Manhattan views on the roof terrace and to tour the HCCC Student Art Exhibition.

HCCC STUDENT ART REVIEW
Closing & Student Presentations
December 13, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium

On December 13 senior art students will present their portfolios during the fall Student Art Exhibition closing. Light refreshments will be served.

**FALL 2019 STUDENT
ART EXHIBITION**

DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 13

Curated by Chris Bors
and Laurie Riccadonna

**RECEPTION: Friday
December 6, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**December 13
ART CAFÉ begins 8:30 a.m.**
*Celebrate with students and
faculty. Breakfast refreshments
will be served*

**ARTIST TALK
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

DINEEN HULL GALLERY
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave, 6th floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306

BUSINESS, CULINARY ARTS, AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT NEWS



Top left: Visiting Chef Roger Gural (center) with Culinary Arts Institute students.

Top right: Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management Division faculty with Chef Roger Gural (fourth from left) and Paul Dillion (fifth from right), Associate Dean.

Bottom left: Business and Accounting Club members on a tour of Montclair State University.

Bottom right: Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management Division students listen to an address by CPA Meryl Greenwald.

On Oct. 24, the Business and Accounting Club (BAC) visited Montclair State University. While there, the students were given a tour of the campus and learned about the University's business and accounting programs. The students were accompanied by Prof. Lester McRae, advisor to the club.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Chef Roger Gural visited Hudson County Community College in a special session for CTE students. Gural was born and raised in New York City. He is a graduate of the French Culinary Institute's Artisan Bread Baking

Program. After working in several local bakeries, he spent a year working in France. Upon returning he became Head Baker at Almondine Bakery in Brooklyn, NY and then Head Baker at Thomas Keller's Bouchon Bakery in Yountville, California. He was a finalist for the U.S. Coupe du Monde Team in 2008 and 2010. In 2009, he represented the United States Mondial du Pain baking competition in Lyon, France. In 2010, he received an Outstanding Alumni Award at the French Culinary Institute. In May 2014, he opened Arcade Bakery, a small retail bakery in New York City. In August 2015, Arcade Bakery was named one of the 50 Best

New Restaurants in America by *Bon Appetit Magazine*.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management Division welcomed a speaker who address business and accounting students. Meryl Greenwald is a CPA who owns her own accounting firm; she is also a best-selling author of *The Great Tax Escape*. Greenwald spoke to the students about career paths in accounting as well as sharing her own experiences with us. Prof. Carrie Xiao and Prof. Lester McRae brought their classes.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS

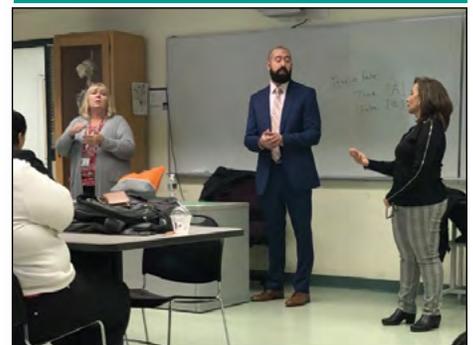


Members of the Hudson County Sheriff's Office with students in the "Police Role in the Community" course following a "Coffee with a Cop" session on Nov. 12.

Patrick Del Piano, HCCC Fire Safety Coordinator, discussed fire safety to students in Prof. Richard Walker's Police Role in the Community class on November 5. He also discussed the working relationship between local police departments and fire departments, specifically during arson investigations.

Prof. Walker invited officers from the Hudson County Sheriff's Department for the 3rd Annual Coffee with a Cop event in the STEM Building Multipurpose Room on November 12. Prof. Walker's Police Role in the Community students were able to ask the officers many questions about law enforcement. As a bonus, the audience was able to meet Nico, a highly trained K-9.

MEDICAL ASSISTING EVENT HOSTED WITH CAREPOINT HEALTH



Pictured from left: Cathy Lynch Kilic, Director of Human Resources, CarePoint Medical Group; Michael Georgevich, MHA; Physician Recruiter; and Jihan Nakhla, Medical Assistant Instructor.

The College's Nursing and Health Sciences Division recently held an information session with CarePoint Health for prospective students interested in earning a degree in Medical Assisting.

NISOD/ACUE ONE DAY CREDIT BEARING SEMINAR FOR FACULTY MEMBERS

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Hudson County Community College co-hosted a faculty professional development seminar offered through a collaboration with the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). There were 50 plus attendees on hand to learn about teaching practices that help students become more self-directed in their learning.

The day-long event was led by instructors Laurie Pendleton, the Executive Director of Assessment and Dr. Martha M. Bless, Director of Academic Programs, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). The event was also attended by Dr. Edward Leach, Executive Director of NISOD.

Attendees who implement the seminar's recommended techniques will be able to earn digital badges in "Engaging Underprepared Students" and "Developing Self-Directed Learners" as credit towards the nationally recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education. Seminar attendees benefited from interactive instruction through



Laurie Pendleton, Executive Director of Assessment for ACUE, facilitates a joint NISOD-ACUE professional development workshop at the College.

group work, informal discussion, and reflective practices.

Discussion topics included setting clear expectations, leading guided learning, providing reflection opportunities, and academic support resources for underprepared students. The seminar was offered through NISOD's collaboration with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). Participants received a workbook,

workshop materials, lunch, and access to a digital course where they post introductions, questions, feedback, and completed assignments.

For more information about ACUE's Certificate in Effective College Instruction, contact Dr. Paula Roberson, Director of Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation. For more information about professional development workshops, please visit <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>.

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS LAUNCHES 'SAME SAME DIFFERENT' SERIES



From left to right, middle: Raul Mendez, Amaalah Ogburn, Christian Rodriguez, Alexandra Velasquez, Laura Riano, Diana Galvez, Stev. Back: Maria Tejada. Front; Yadeline Tineo, Jocelyn Wong-Castellano.

The first of a six-part open dialogue series took place on Friday, Nov. 22 at the North Hudson Campus. Titled "Same Same Different," the event was expected to be a one-and-a-half-hour conversation, but it went on for three hours as the diverse group of staff and students began to connect and share with each other. The conversation was prompted with three questions of how attendees embrace, express and reject their cultural identities.

The next session will be held on Friday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. in North Hudson Campus Multipurpose Room. Future topics include colorism, parenting, guilt, and death.

ACTION AT THE NOV. 26 MEETING OF THE HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Abigail Douglas Johnson Academic Support Services Center was recognized with the 2019 National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award for 2-Year Institutions. Pictured from left are Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services; Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, North Hudson Campus Head Tutor; Kenny Fabara, Assistant Director, Writing Center and Retention Services; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.



Dr. Darryl Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivers greetings at the Nov. 26 meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees.



Bacari Brown, Partnership Director for Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), makes a presentation at the Board meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Knife Skills class on Oct. 27 with HCCC alumnus Chef Rene Hewitt.



Self Publishing Master Class with Lilisa Williams on Oct 29.



20-hour Social Media Marketing Class in November with Sudio Sudarsan.



SHCCNJ Hispanic Entrepreneurship Training Program (HETP) Information Session – pictured from right: Luz Cerrano of Colombia Nos Une; Yeury Pujols, Executive Director, North Hudson Campus; Vivian Juarez Mondragon, Acting Consul General of Mexico; and event participants.



Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, visited the Workforce Development facility at Raritan Valley Community College.



2019 Latina Smallbiz Expo
Photo credit: Alejandro Roman



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The NEW LETS program will cater to Latina business owners who face unique challenges to grow and scale up their ventures.

With a custom-built, interactive curriculum and unique networking opportunities, this program will consist of 10 sessions to be conducted on Fridays, from 9:30am to 1:30pm, between May and June 2020.

For more information contact Danilo Melan
dmelan@shecnj.org - 201-935-0035 - www.shecnj.org

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Crafts, Magic Show, Face Painting, Selfies with Santa, Vendors & More!

Wallet feeling light? Save Your \$\$\$ for Santa!

HCCC's FREE Holiday Event
12.14.19
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Jersey City

Register at the website below!

Prevent kitchen cleanups and burnt cookies by signing up for a

Holiday Baking Class

Register at the website below!

HOLIDAY HACKS

Let Hudson County Community College Help Simplify the Most ~~STRESSFUL!~~ Wonderful Time of the Year!

Use frozen berries to keep your New Year's Eve champagne cool all night.

Use vinegar on sticky price tags to instantly remove them.

SHOP

HCCC Holiday ONLINE PopUp:
www.hccc.edu/holidays
to avoid long lines and crowds while you support local small business!

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HCCC STUDENT AWARDED NEW JERSEY ARRIGO O. ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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grade-point average of 2.50 or higher, and be enrolled in the EOF Program. They must also demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement and be actively involved in EOF activities.

A first-generation college student and America Needs You Fellow, Mr. Tan is dedicated to hard work, leadership, and academic success. Working to attain his Associate in Science degree in Health Sciences, Mr. Tan holds a 3.7 cumulative grade-point average, and was named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List. He serves as President of The Alliance of EOF Students of New Jersey, is a HCCC Peer Leader, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and

Chi Alpha Epsilon honor societies, and a HCCC Student Government Association Senator.

In addition to his studies, Mr. Tan is employed as a transport assistant for Beloved Community Charter School in Jersey City, where he aids students with disabilities and provides positive reinforcement to students with behavioral issues. He also volunteers with the College's food pantry, Jersey Cares, and Friends of Liberty State Park.

"We congratulate Avery on this great honor. He exemplifies the commitment and spirit of our students," Dr. Reber said.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Prof. Kewal Krishan (left) with Jennifer Applebee, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Middlesex County College, at the Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey Meeting



Pictured from left, members of HCCC's Nursing Program: Miriam Masias, Suzette Samson, 2019 Nurse Recognition Award recipient Carmen Pelardis, Ruthann Kelman, Director of Nursing Carol Fasano, Nancy Saliba, Griselda Frane, and Kate Vargo.

Prof. Kewal Krishan attended the Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey Meeting at Brookdale Community College on Nov. 2.

Dr. Nabil Marhood, Professor and Coordinator, Sociology/Anthropology, co-presented "The Connecting Communities Through Participatory Action Research" at the Fulbright Association's Annual Conference and Advocacy Day in October. Dr. Marhood presented along with Dr. Melda Yildiz (New York Institute of Technology); Dr. Richard Marranca; and Kevin Merges.

Congratulations to Sylvia Mendoza, Associate Dean of Financial Aid, for achieving her CFAA, Certified Financial Aid Administrator™. This is a certificate awarded to NASFAA members who complete the exam. The NASFAA certification recognizes financial aid administrators in the integral role they play in an educational institution's overall success and provides credibility to help you get ahead.

Congratulations to Carmen Pelardis, College Lecturer - Nursing, on her 2019 Nurse Recognition Award. The award was presented by the New Jersey League for Nursing (NLN) at its Recognition Awards Gala on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Pines Manor in Edison.

Spring 2020 Save the Dates!

SPRING 2020 SEMESTER START-UP EVENTS

<p>College Service Day (CSD) Tuesday January 21, 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. (includes breakfast start time)</p>	<p>All-College Faculty Orientation (ACFO) Tuesday January 22, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>
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TOWN HALL

with President Reber

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
North Hudson Campus
4800 Kennedy Blvd.,
Multipurpose Room
Union City, NJ

HCCC faculty, staff, and students are welcome!

Light Refreshments will be served.

Transportation is available leaving Journal Square Campus at 11:40 a.m. to Journal Square Campus and departing from the NHC to Journal Square Campus at 2 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

REPORT OUT

Wednesday,
December 4, 2019
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Lightning round presentations from a variety of your colleagues illuminating aspects of their programs and/or projects.

Light Refreshments will be served. Networking reception to follow.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Continuing Education invites the entire community to shop locally and enjoy free, family-friendly activities at the College's Fourth Annual Holiday Market.

The event takes place on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, where the sixth-floor, Gallery Atrium will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

Visitors will be treated to a festive Magic Show, holiday craft stations, face painting, "Selfies with Santa," and more. In addition, local small businesses and artisans will be there with a unique array of holiday gifts, including jewelry, clothing, accessories, toys, gadgets, and more. For those who prefer to shop online, the College's Online Small Business Pop Up Shop will be open until January 31, 2020. It can be accessed at www.hccc.edu/holidays.

Those who plan on attending the Holiday Market are asked to register at www.hccc.edu/holidays.



Monday and Wednesday - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pantries are open to all members of the College community –students, faculty, and staff. All must present a College ID with valid current semester sticker.

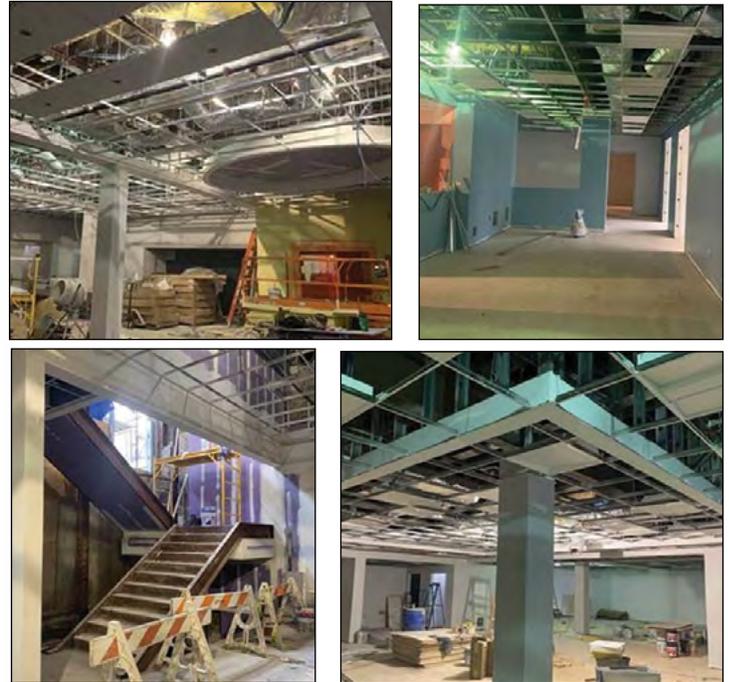
The pantries are located at:

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
2 Enos Place, Lower Level, Room J002
(201) 360-4109

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS:
4800 Kennedy Blvd, Room N513A
(201) 360-4709

For more information: studentservices@hccc.edu | 201-360-4602

STUDENT CENTER UPDATE



Top row: First floor of Student Center. Open area on second floor.
Bottom row: Staircase, first floor. Interior of second floor.

Hudson County Community College's Student Center will be located at 81 Sip Avenue on the HCCC Journal Square Campus in Jersey City. That location is owned by HCCC but has been off-line since the Fall 2017 opening of the College's state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building.

The construction work will include complete demo/renovation of the approximately 26,000 square-foot, two-story building which has a mezzanine level and basement. Plans call for the installation of new HVAC systems, sprinklers, elevators, emergency generator, and a direct, indoor connection adjoining the Student Center to the neighboring HCCC Gabert Library. The existing roof will also be replaced.

Recent developments in the building's construction (as of late November) include:

- Inspection and removal of the oil tank is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5. Once it is removed, the water line installation will be completed.
- Installation of perimeter ceiling tiles on the first and second floors continued.
- Replacement of the ceiling grid on the mezzanine level began.
- Fire stopping and drywall finishing continued at stair tower 1, as well as on the 71 Sip Avenue (Gabert Library) connection.
- Installation of light fixtures on the first floor continued in preparation for above ceiling inspections from the City of Jersey City.
- Inspection of the elevator shaft took place on Nov. 26, and mobilizing for the installation is scheduled for the week of Dec. 2.
- On Nov. 23, the street in front of the building was "saw cut" and test pitting was performed.
- Roofers installed the cap sheet and have completed installation.
- Floor preparation on the south end of the first floor began on Nov. 23 and self-leveling of the north end was completed.
- Rough-in work above the ceiling on the first floor continued.
- Installation of toilet partitions on the lower level began.
- Work continued on the installation of sprinkler heads on the first floor and basement.
- Steel work on the rooftop continued.

The Student Center is scheduled to open during the Spring 2020 semester.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation Board of Directors Chair Richard Mackiewicz, Jr. announced the addition of four new Board members. Steven A. Garibell, Joanne E. Kosakowski, Seth J. Kramer, and Arlene R. Rodgers were recently appointed to the Board.

Steven A. Garibell has been a Vice President at TD Bank since 2012. He is presently overseeing the development of the Bank's Customer-Segmented Diverse Business Development Program. The Wood-Ridge resident studied Business Management at Montclair State University. His 23 years of experience in banking and retail management include positions at Wells Fargo/Wachovia Bank, The Gap, Ann Taylor LOFT, Banana Republic, and Aeropostale, Inc. Mr. Garibell is a member of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, NGLLC National Certification Committee, and the Union County Economic Development Council-Diversity Council. He is also a Ready Commitment Ambassador for TD Bank.

Joanne Kosakowski was recently named HCCC Trustee Emerita. The Bayonne resident is a retired Vice President of The Bank of New York Mellon who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from St. Peter's College. She served as President of the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne; Treasurer of Friends of the First Ward Councilman Ted Connolly; and Assistant Secretary of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Parish Council. In addition, she was a member of the U.S. Selective Service System-Local Board 33; the Holy Family Academy Board of Advisors; Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks-Lodge # 434; General Casimir Pulaski

Parade Committee; Bayonne Historical Society; September 11th... Bayonne Remembers; Mt. Carmel Guild, Rosary Society; and 110th Anniversary at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. She is the recipient of the 1998 President's Leadership Award by the Bayonne Chapter of the NAACP; the 1998 Holy Family Academy Community Involvement Award; and the 2002 Brotherhood Award from the National Conference for Christians and Jews.

Seth J. Kramer has served as Vice President of Corporate Services & Real Estate at Goldman Sachs & Co. since 2011. An Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) and Real Estate professional, Mr. Kramer's responsibilities include leading global, social sustainability and growth efforts; advising on land-use processes; master planning; and urban design and development. He also held administrative and management positions at Perkins Eastman Architects, SL Green Realty Corporation, and Ian Schragger Company. The New York City resident holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from University of Pennsylvania. He completed coursework at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, and earned a Certificate of Business Management from New York University School of Continuing Professional Studies. Mr. Kramer is a member of the INCLUD-Enyc Board of Directors, NYC Outward Bound Schools, Association of Better New York, Regional Plan Association, and Real Estate Board of New York.

Arlene R. Rodgers is the Vice President of Team Leader Business Banking & Professional Services for M&T Bank, where she oversees a com-

bined loan portfolio of \$50 million. She has held senior management positions at M&T Bank since 2013. Prior to that time, she spent ten years as a Senior Retail Mortgage Banker for HSBC Bank. The Valley Cottage, New York resident studied at Bethany College in West Virginia, and earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Accounting from Borough of Manhattan Community College. Ms. Rodgers is a member of the Boards of Table to Table and United Hospice of Rockland County; the Events Committee of the March of Dimes of Westchester and Rockland; and the Rockland County Bar Association. She is the past Treasurer of the Rockland County Mental Health Association Board of Directors. In 2006, Ms. Rodgers was recognized as one of Rockland County's Ten Outstanding Hispanic Women.

The HCCC Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. Established in 1997, the Foundation plays an integral role in the development of HCCC students, the College, and the community. The Foundation generates financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, providing seed money for faculty programs, assisting incoming students in achieving academic success, providing for the College's physical growth, and the cultural enrichment of Hudson County residents.

Since its founding, the Foundation has raised more than \$3.5 million in scholarships. The Foundation Art Collection, which was established in 2006, now includes over 1,250 works – most by nationally and internationally renowned artists.

HCCC FOUNDATION POP-UP DINING FUNDRAISER FEATURES 'CHOPPED' CHAMPION'S CUISINE

The Food Network's "Chopped" champion, Claude Lewis, brought his signature West Indian Caribbean cuisine to the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation's recent Pop-Up Dining Fundraiser. Proceeds will provide Foundation scholarships to deserving HCCC students.

On Friday, Nov. 22, the Jersey City native prepared a delicious, five-course dinner with wine pairings at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, located at 161 Newkirk Street in the Journal Square area of Jersey City.

Born to West Indian immigrants in 1980, Chef Claude's childhood included spending months at a time visiting Antigua and Barbuda where his parents were raised. He maintains that filling up on the culture and living off the land there contributed to his healthy lifestyle. His family life, coupled with more than 20 years of experience in professional kitchens, serve as Chef Claude's inspiration for adding a modern twist to authentic West Indian Caribbean food.



Chef Claude has worked as a sous chef, and as a certified pizzaiolo at Porta in Jersey City. He is in the midst of opening Freetown Road Project, a restaurant named after the villages of Old Road and Freetown in Antigua and Barbuda. There, he will showcase cuisine created from the viewpoint of a West Indian American, with the focus on family and food.

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ENGLISH/ESL HOSTS WRITING WORKSHOP AND “DIVERSITY” READING

by Joseph Caniglia

The English/ESL Division hosted two well attended events in November. On Nov. 13, the Division hosted “Effective Writing and Grammar: A Perfect Pairing,” conducted by two authors, Dr. Randi Reppen and Professor Jeanne Lambert. Thanks to Professor Shannonine Caruana and Professor Lauren Drew for organizing this event. The workshop demonstrated to attendees how grammar and academic writing are interrelated. The workshop also looked at conversation and academic writing and then moved on to look at specific writing tasks and the grammar resources needed to accomplish those tasks. The workshop was well attended. Again, thank you Lauren and Shannonine for all of your hard work.

On November 18, 2019, the English/ESL Division hosted the “Diversity Celebration” – ESL Student Magazine. Professor Maria Schirta and Professor Shannonine Caruana worked very diligently in organizing this event. The *Diversity Magazine* is a culmination of ESL student writing. For this edition, the *Diversity Magazine* highlighted Silvia Rodriguez, a member of the Board of Trustees at Hudson County Community College. This event was well received. Again, many thanks to Professor Schirta and Professor Caruana for organizing this event.



Faculty, staff, and administrators (including HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, fifth from right, and Dr. Darryl Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, at left) at the Nov. 18 launch of the Fall 2019 Diversity magazine launch.

ENGLISH/ESL PRESENTS LEARNING COMMUNITY DAY ON NOV. 26



Top left: Learning Community students who received Academic Achievement and Academic Excellence Awards with College administrators.



Top right: Attendees had the opportunity to vote on the best poster board presentations by Learning Community students on display.

Bottom: College administrators with Learning Community faculty.



by Joseph Caniglia

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the English/ESL Division hosted its semiannual Learning Community Day, during which students enrolled in any of the Fall 2019 Learning Communities were able to showcase their work by preparing poster board presentations. Nearly sixty projects were presented. Students also had an opportunity to discuss their projects and read any of their writings. The event was well received. There were over 70 attendees at this event, including students, faculty and administrators.

I want to give a special thanks to Professors Robert Hennessey, Claudia Delgado, Ruth Aman, Syeda Jesmin, Sal Cuellar, A. Pelaez, Susannah Wexler, Fatima Koura, Thomas Tufaro, and Thomas Morrissey, along with the Academic Coaches for their hard work and dedication in assisting students with their projects and presentations. I would also like to give special recognition to Elham Kamali and Alana Haidi for their support in helping plan the event.

Each Learning Community had to select two students from their Learning Community cohort.

Each cohort had two students receive awards for Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement. I would like to congratulate Gillian Fontura, Mary Jo Mellado, Jerome R. Rilla, Crystal Trososco, and Katherine for receiving the Academic Achievement Award. I would also like to congratulate Jeremy Rodriguez, Cameron Selamie, Raida Al Hattab, Maiame S. Sow, Jaylen J. Daise, Kelly Shelton, and William Buss Costa for receiving the Academic Excellence Award.

I am so proud of the students and all of the hard work they put into designing their projects

YEAR UP AND HCCC PARTNERSHIP TAKES OFF



Year Up and HCCC have joined forces to support HCCC students in launching professional careers in business and technology as they work towards completion of their associate's degree. The inaugural cohort of Year Up's HCCC Campus will begin on Monday, February 10 with 40 participants. We are excited to announce that

with the support of many HCCC staff, we have accepted almost 20 young people into the program so far. Hear from one of our accepted participants and see the flyer for more information about the program



"I learned about Year Up (YU) at the HCCC Involvement Fair. As a Business Major, landing an internship at a Fortune 500 company is a great opportunity to learn from business experts. My professional goal is to create a reliable steady income so I can dedicate my life to philanthropic endeavors. One of my ambitions is to return to my home country, Panama, and establish a school of my own that provides scholarships to high achieving students from low-income backgrounds. I am now serving as a Student Recruiter for YU and can answer your questions. If you see me on campus, don't hesitate to approach me."

Paola Leon
Business Administration Major



ABOUT YEAR UP

Year Up is an intensive one-year program that enables young adults to move from minimum wage to meaningful careers in just one year. The program combines hands-on technical and professional skills training, hands-on corporate internship experience at a top company, support, and career guidance. As you work toward completing your associate's degree at HCCC, Year Up will help launch your professional career.

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Have you chosen a career path yet?

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- Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Radiography – X Ray Technician

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
North Hudson Campus
4800 Kennedy Blvd.
Union City, NJ



For more information on these programs call:
(201) 360-4267
healthprograms@hccc.edu
www.hccc.edu/nhs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 2 – Friday, December 13

HCCC Fall Student Art Exhibition, Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Monday, December 2

Deadline to apply for May 2020 graduation

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

NHC Book Club – "Normal People" by Sally Rooney, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Registered Nurse (RN) Information Session, 4:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue, First Floor

Tuesday, December 3

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Community College Opportunity Grant Information Session, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jersey City City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove St.

Wednesday, December 4

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

Instant Decision Day – Ramapo College of New Jersey, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Report Out, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Snow Social & Park Lighting, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Culinary Park Plaza

Thursday, December 5

Instant Decision Day – Kean University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Health Programs Meet and Greet, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Town Hall with President Reber, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Make Holiday Cards, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Planning Your Professional Growth, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 702E

HCCC Foundation Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. For more information, please call (201) 360-4004 or visit www.hccc.edu/foundation/gala.

Friday, December 6

Graduate Portraits, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Opening Reception for Fall Student Art Exhibition, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

National Society of Leadership & Success Induction, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, December 9 – Friday, December 13

Express Enrollment Week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus

Monday, December 9

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., STEM Building Lobby, 263 Academy St.

Tuesday, December 10

Speaker Series: Chef Hugh Acheson: Leadership Lessons from the Kitchen, 11 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

HCCC Alumni Association Annual Reception, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor Atrium

"Frozen the Musical" on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., St. James Theatre. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$55. Purchase at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, show time 8 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$50. Purchase at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, December 11

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

Celebrate the Gift of Giving, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Lower Level

Thursday, December 12

December Graduate Reception, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium, 71 Sip Ave.

"Elf," 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, December 13

Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Graduate Portraits, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room



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**CHEF
HUGH ACHESON:**
*Leadership Lessons
from the Kitchen*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
11:00 a.m., Journal Square Campus, Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

Food & Wine's 'Best Chef,' winner of two James Beard Foundation Awards, and food advocate Hugh Acheson brings a fresh perspective to how we grow, cook, and shop for food. At Hugh Acheson's restaurant 5 & 10, there are no managers; every employee takes equal responsibility for customer experience and the restaurant's success.

As the visionary force behind the restaurant, Chef Acheson worked to build a trustworthy team, carefully staffing and training each position to encourage ownership and authenticity. By empowering people and aligning your vision with the wants, aspirations and attitudes of your teammates, you respect them, and they give it back. Emphasizing the importance of teamwork, Chef Acheson explains his unique approach to management and how it can help you.

A speaker whose experience can be translated into all fields, join HCCC and Chef Hugh Acheson by visiting www.hccc.edu/tickets to secure your free ticket.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HCCC Student Art Department Review: Closing & Student Presentations, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Snowball Dance, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St. Admission \$5 for students, \$10 for guests. Register at <https://hccsgasnowball.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, December 14 – Friday, December 20
Last classes and/or final exams

Saturday, December 14
Holiday Market, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave. Register at www.hccc.edu/holidays.

Sunday, December 15
Radio City Christmas Spectacular, show time 5 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$35; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$75. Purchase at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, December 16
Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Winter Enrollment Event, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hudson County Schools of Technology, One High Tech Way, Secaucus

Tuesday, December 17
College Libraries closed from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18
Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Faculty and Staff Holiday Mixer, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Banquet Room

Never Too Late Information Session, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Saturday, December 21
"The Hip Hop Nutcracker," show time 2 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$50. Purchase at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, December 23
Last day to submit final grades to the Registrar's Office

Monday, December 23 – Tuesday, December 31
College Closed for Winter Break

Join President Reber and The College Life Committee for a HOLIDAY MIXER for Faculty and Staff

Wednesday, December 18
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

RSVP to:

<https://tinyurl.com/HolidayMixer19HCCC>

There will be door prizes and a Buffet available.



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Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice-messaging emergency-alert system in the event of a crisis or emergency that poses an immediate and life-threatening danger to the College community.

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 by College email in the emergency-alert system and will receive alerts unless they opt out. Users may access the College's web site, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register additional contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers.

Free and Confidential
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.

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Rene Hewitt

Class of 2017

Associate of Applied Science – Culinary Arts

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

I was ready to retire from John Wiley and Sons, as an IT Help Desk tech. Since the company was outsourcing, they offered employees to join the "Transition Reenactment Act" (TRA), through the Department of Labor. They offered \$27,500 for employees to go to any type of school or college. I looked at HCCC for web design since I knew it. The College didn't have it, so I decided culinary arts since I loved and have a passion for cooking.

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

Inside the classroom: The first time I wore the chef's outfit while walking in the kitchen. Also, being accepted to Phi Theta Kappa and winning a \$40,000 scholarship. I doubted my ability to keep up with the younger generation.

Outside the classroom: Where I am today using my culinary skills, and seeing my dream coming true to be able to have my own cooking show on television. I have always watched cooking shows, applied to *Chopped*, received an application and chickened out.

How did you become interested in Culinary Arts?

I wanted to learn the correct way to season, cook, and the history of food.

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

By going to class, paying attention, asking what I called stupid questions, and going far beyond my limits.

What is a typical workday for you?

At present I am a senior citizen and do not work, because I have been in school since 2015.

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

Speaking at two Phi Theta Kappa Induction ceremonies, and two FDU leadership speeches to new students.

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

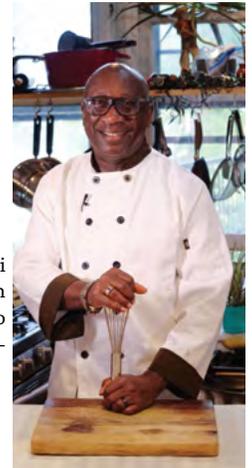
To see people like, Mr. Felix and very close friends who understand what I'm trying to do and support all my craziness. HCCC and Mrs. Jennifer Christopher have been very inspirational and helped me by believing in me since 2015.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

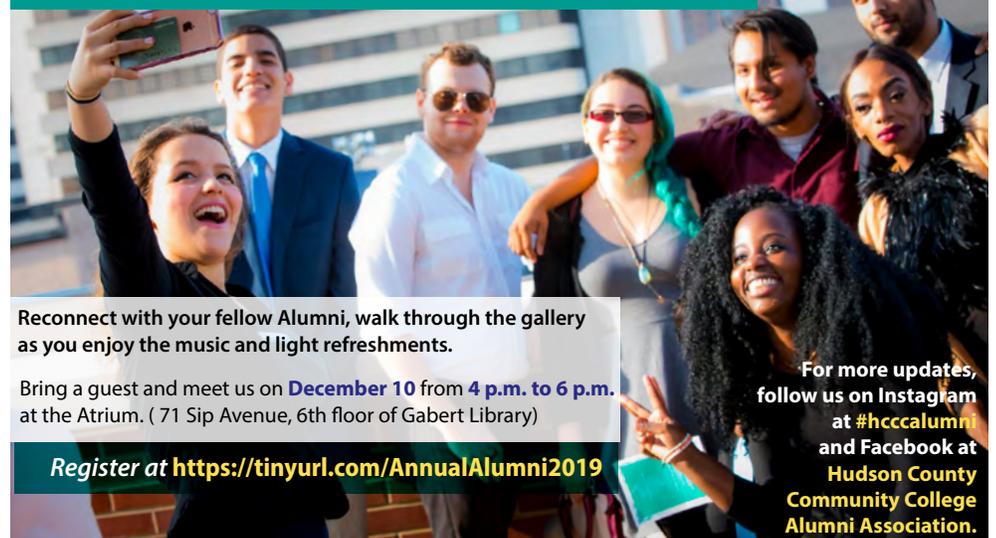
Please believe in you and your aspirations. There will be people out there who will doubt you, but you can achieve your dreams. When you face them, turn your head and walk away. Stay away from negative people and those who question your future with doubt in their minds. Finish school and go on to your master's. The road might be hard but keep pushing. People didn't think I could do what I'm doing because I was 66 and I'm now 71 years old; they thought I was crazy. If I can do it, so can you.

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

It is very simple. Stay focused, be strong, work hard, never miss class, ask questions, and you will succeed.



You are invited! The HCCC Alumni Association is hosting the
2019 Annual Alumni Gathering



Reconnect with your fellow Alumni, walk through the gallery as you enjoy the music and light refreshments.

Bring a guest and meet us on **December 10** from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at the Atrium. (71 Sip Avenue, 6th floor of Gabert Library)

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/AnnualAlumni2019>

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