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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BEGINS SITE WORK FOR NEW TOWER FACILITY
IN SPRING 2023**

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees Chair, William J. Netchert, Esq., announced that the College plans to begin accepting bids for the construction of a new, 11-story, 153,186 square-foot academic tower facility in the Journal Square section of Jersey City.

“Urban college campuses such as ours require special considerations for students and neighbors in the surrounding community,” Mr. Netchert stated. “This new tower will substantially accommodate those needs.”

The mixed-use academic tower will be constructed on an existing, HCCC-owned parking lot located between Enos Place and Jones Street in the heart of Journal Square. It will replace a handful of the College’s segregated, aging buildings along Sip Avenue from Jones Street to Tonnelle Avenue, and consolidate programs and services provided in those buildings.

Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise said the County has been a partner on the complete development of HCCC and has committed \$35 million to help bring this project to fruition.

“HCCC has long been one of New Jersey’s best kept secrets”

“We value our ongoing partnership with Hudson County Community College and its continued growth in the many ways it benefits our residents and assists in the County’s economic growth and development,” County Executive DeGise stated. “Among my proudest accomplishments over the last 20 years has been the expansion of our College and its facilities.”

Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President, said that the new tower facility is the culmination of the HCCC Facilities Master Plan. “The vision established by our Board of Trustees is for this building to create a central, vertical, technologically advanced urban campus in the heart of Journal Square,” he stated. “The new tower will enhance the overall quality of the academic experience for our students and serve our community in new and exciting ways.”

Situated just a block from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center, the new academic tower will include 24 state-of-the-art classrooms; expanded spaces for student services; expanded and centralized offices for Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD); a full-size National College Athletic Association (NCAA) gymnasium and fitness center; a University

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ON THE COVER: *An aerial-view rendering of Hudson County Community College’s 11-story, 153,186 square-foot academic tower facility that will be constructed in the Journal Square section of Jersey City, NJ.*

IN MEMORIAM: KAREN A. FAHRENHOLZ



Hudson County Community College pauses to mourn the loss of Trustee and Foundation Board Director Karen A. Fahrenholz, who passed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

Fahrenholz was a longtime member of the HCCC Board of Trustees, serving as its Secretary/Treasurer for several years, as well as working on

the Board’s Finance Committee and chairing its Personnel Committee. She also served as Trustee Liaison to the HCCC Foundation.

“We will be forever grateful for all Karen did to support our students, our College, and our community over many years,” said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber, in an announcement. “We will miss her tremendously.”

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND NEW JERSEY REENTRY CORPORATION HONOR CLASS OF 2022 AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

When one's troubled past includes incarceration, there are a myriad of barriers to reentering society. Scant job opportunities become the toughest challenge. Now, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) are providing previously incarcerated citizens a pathway to new beginnings through training for in-demand careers.



On Thursday, Nov. 2, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and the New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) held a celebration recognizing previously incarcerated students who completed the Culinary Arts Hot Food Proficiency Certificate, and coursework for industry-recognized welding certification. Pictured with the welding students are HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (center row, second from right) and leaders from NJRC and the College.

On November 2, 2022, HCCC and NJRC celebrated reentry graduates of the College's Welding and Culinary Arts programs with a presentation of certificates. The event was held at the Governor's Reentry Training and Employment Center in Kearny, NJ. In attendance were NJRC founder and Chairman, former New Jersey Governor James McGreevey; HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber; HCCC Vice

President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Darryl Jones; Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Lori Margolin; Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment, Dr. Heather DeVries; Dean of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management, Dr. Ara Karakashian; and Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Dr. Burl Yearwood.

Dr. Reber called Governor McGreevey a "trailblazer who is changing lives" through NJRC, which helps those who were formerly incarcerated reestablish themselves within their communities. "I have been inspired by the opportunity to see reentry students in action, and we all are so proud of them," Dr. Reber said. "Graduates, all of you are

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 25TH GALA CELEBRATION SETS ATTENDANCE AND FUNDRAISING RECORDS



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Culinary Arts students and chef-instructors welcome guests to the December 8, 2022 HCCC Foundation Gala with thumbs up and applause. The event set attendance and fundraising records.

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation Board of Directors announced that their 25th Anniversary Gala celebration on Thursday, December 8, 2022, raised nearly \$600,000. The event's theme, "Investing in Student Success," marked the debut of a new endowed scholarship fund, the Hudson Scholars Program Endowment, that will generate perpetual funding assistance to support student success.

HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber said the initial goal for the fund is \$3 million over the next several years through gifts, grants, and other investments.

"I am thrilled to announce this new fund and to share that we have raised nearly \$600,000 in recent endowment gifts, other gifts, pledges and Gala revenue," Dr. Reber stated. "This represents a College and Foundation record."

Donors who established and contributed to endowments with gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 include Ellucian Foundation; MAST

Construction Services, Inc.; former HCCC Foundation Board Chair, Jim Egan, and his wife, Kathy Egan; ASPIRE Technology Partners; Scarinci Hollenbeck, Attorneys at Law; HCCC Foundation Chair Monica McCormack-Casey, her family and friends; Roy Groething; Dr. Reber; and an anonymous donor who endowed the Paul Dillon Scholarship Fund.

Many other organizations, corporations, and individuals made gifts of \$10,000 and above, including Fidelity Investments; NK Architects; Eastern Millwork, Inc.; FLIK Hospitality Group; and Jersey City Road Runners.

The HCCC Foundation's 2022 Distinguished Community Service Award was presented to the Ellucian Foundation in recognition of their commitment to investing in student success. Ellucian is one of the largest technology support organizations in the world. "The Ellucian Foundation shares our core belief that education is transformational," Dr. Reber said. Laura Ipsen,

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES 2022 CONFERENCE

This year's HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) Annual Conference was held in San Diego, California Oct. 8- 10. HACU was developed in 1986. The HACU organization represents more than 500 colleges and universities, which are committed to the success of Hispanic students.

This year, a delegation of members from Hudson County Community College attended the HACU Conference: Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC; Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; Dr. Alison Wakefield, Dean of Humanities, Social Sciences, English and ESL; Diana Galvez, Assistant Director of the North Hudson Campus; and three student leaders, Leandra Cancel, Justin Mosquera, and Marlenne Andalia.

Joseph Caniglia presented "Learning Communities Increase Success for Hispanic Students" at the conference. The presentation - which discussed the College's Learning Communities program and how it has increased pass rates and standardized tests, reduced course withdrawals, and increased student retention - was well attended. Special thanks to Diana Galvez, Leandra Cancel, Justin Mosquera, and Marlenne Andalia, who participated in giving the presentation. In addition, a special thanks to Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, who was very helpful in developing the presentation.

This conference was an amazing experience for all who attended.

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MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Madeline Rivera

5 Years

Nicholas Chiaravalloti

Irma Williams

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Susannah Aziz

Belen Deri

Arlene Ganess

Victoria Migochi

Margie Tabora

Yadeline Tineo

Artur Ujazdowski

15 Years

Robert Richard

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS FOR DECEMBER 2022

Goal Setting Strategies (Live – All Employees),
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Having goals is one thing, achieving them is
another. In this session, learn how to set goals
you can reach and develop strategies for ongoing
success.

**Leadership Blind Spots That Can Diminish Your
Brand** (Live – Leaders and Managers), Wednesday,
Dec. 21, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sometimes we don't even realize the small things
that we do (or fail to do) can show up negatively.
Join us to discover blind spots and ways to remedy
them for a flawless leadership brand.

Deep Relaxation for Better Sleep (Pre-Recorded)

– In this webinar, we will focus on mind/body
relaxation, one of the most important factors
in falling asleep, staying asleep, and getting
restorative sleep. Attendees will learn daytime
relaxation exercises, instant momentary relaxation
exercises and techniques for relaxing into sleep
and back into sleep from night time awakenings.
There is an emphasis on the positive changes that
can be made during the 16 hours of wake that will
improve sleep quality.

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

Questions? Connect with your EAP account
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RETIREMENT

*Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative Assistant,
Institutional Research and Planning
(effective Feb. 1, 2023)*

APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY

*Gabriel Holder, Instructor, Medical Billing and
Coding Certificate Program (Tenure-track)
(effective Jan. 15, 2023)*

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

*Dan Brookes, Business Developer, Gateway to
Innovation Program (Grant-funded) (effective Dec.
1, 2022 to Nov. 30, 2023)*

*Brianna Casagrande, Academic Counselor
(Grant-funded) (effective Dec. 12, 2022)*

*Patricia Clay, Associate Vice President, Chief
Information Officer (effective Jan. 1, 2023)*

*Carlos Dunn-Fernandez, Coordinator, Academic
Support Services (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Sean Kerwick, Associate Director, Supply Chain and
Logistics, Center for Workforce Innovation (Grant-
funded) (effective Jan. 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

*Mary Long, Program Coordinator for Holistic
Supports (Grant-funded) (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Victor Moruzzi, Instructional Designer (effective
Jan. 3, 2023)*

*Maritza Reyes, Associate Director, Center for Adult
Transition (Grant-funded) (effective Nov. 28, 2022
to June 30, 2023)*

*Rodrigo Romea, Coordinator, STEM and Business
Tutorial Center (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Maria Lita Sarmiento, Alumni Manager, Gateway
to Innovation Program (Grant-funded)
(effective Dec. 1, 2022 to Nov. 30, 2023)*

*Bernadette So, Dean of Student Success
(effective Jan. 17, 2023)*

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

*Dominique Callens, Administrative Support Special-
ist (effective Nov. 23, 2022 to June 30, 2023)*

*Ronny Canales, Administrative Support Specialist
(effective Jan. 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

*Haide Contla, Program Assistant, Secaucus Center
(effective Jan. 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

*Jessica Cortez, Academic Advisor (effective Nov. 23,
2022 to June 30, 2023)*

*Kristofer Fontanez, Interim Manager of Web and
Portal Services (effective Dec. 1, 2022 to June 30,
2023)*

*Leslie Soriano, Administrative Assistant (effective
Dec. 16, 2022 to June 30, 2023)*

MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE

*Carlos Dunn-Fernandez, Coordinator, Academic
Support Center (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Karina Arango, Student Success Coordinator to
Student Success Coach (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Marian Betancourt, Student Success Coordinator
to Student Success Coach (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Fabiola Ocean, Student Success Coordinator to
Student Success Coach (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Laurice Dukes, Program Manager to Associate
Director (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Sean Kerwick, Program Manager to Associate
Director (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFF- ING TABLE CHANGES TO REFINE NEW EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

*John Urgola, Assistant Director, Institutional
Research and Planning to Director II
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*David Clark, Dean of Student Life to Dean I
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Matthew Fessler, Dean of Enrollment Services to
Dean I (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Sylvia Mendoza, Dean of Financial Aid to Dean I
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Bernadette So, Dean of Student Success to Dean I
(effective Jan. 2, 2023)*

*Ara Karakashian, Dean of Business, Culinary Arts
and Hospitality Management to Dean II
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Heather DeVries, Dean of Academic Affairs and
Assessment to Dean II (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*John Hernandez, Dean of Libraries to Dean II
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Catherine Sirangelo, Dean of Nursing and Health
Sciences to Dean II (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Alison Wakefield, Dean of Humanities and Social
Sciences to Dean II (effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Burl Yearwood, Dean of STEM to Dean II
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*Patricia Clay, Associate Vice President
(effective Jan. 1, 2023)*

*Lori Margolin, Associate Vice President
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

*John Scanlon, Executive Director, Institutional
Research and Planning to Associate Vice President
(effective Nov. 23, 2022)*

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM NU LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) freshmen and Jersey City residents Michael Herron and Jaydean Wilkerson are recipients of scholarships from the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The scholarships were established in honor of the late Dr. Derrick E. Nelson, who served as an educator and was a member of the United States Army Reserve. Known for his generosity, support, and heroism, Dr. Nelson embodied the principles of the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. As the Principal of Westfield High School, he was an academic leader and educational innovator who instituted an engineering program, modernized the school's technology, and touched the lives of students, teachers, and the community. A lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi, Dr. Nelson was named Educator of the Year by the Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter.

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Pictured here, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Vice President for Advancement and Communications, Nicole B. Johnson; HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber; HCCC students and recipients of Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Scholarships, Michael Herron and Jaydean Wilkerson; and Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair, Bro. Keith Cummings.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. CHRISTOPHER REBER RECEIVES ACCT 2022 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President, Dr. Christopher M. Reber has been honored with the 2022 Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) Northeast Regional Chief Executive Officer Award. The awards were presented at the 53rd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress on Friday, Oct. 28, in New York City.

The 2022 ACCT Chief Executive Officer Award formally recognizes the tremendous contributions made by community college chief executive officers. The award is given by ACCT in recognition of chief executive officers who demonstrate commitment

to excellence in advancing the community college movement.

"We are very proud to announce Dr. Reber's well-deserved award" said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair, Mr. William J. Netchert, Esq. "Student success, and diversity, equity and inclusion are the hallmarks of Dr. Reber's governance. His commitment to our students, faculty, administrators, and community is significant and pronounced."

"Community colleges are unique institutions dedicated to making high-quality higher education

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PREPARES TO BEGIN SITE WORK FOR NEW TOWER FACILITY IN SPRING 2023

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Center for sister colleges and partners to offer baccalaureate instruction at HCCC; a new CEWD healthcare lab; exercise science lab; black box theater; student common areas; and administrative offices, among others.

According to Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, HCCC Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, the new HCCC academic tower will continue the technological progress of the College. "This building is designed – and will be constructed – for maximum efficiency, and the care, comfort, safety, and benefit of our students and our community," he stated.

Dr. Chiaravalloti noted that over the years the College received several awards for its from-the-ground-up building projects. These include

New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) "New Good Neighbor" awards recognizing economic benefit/job creation, architectural merit, and community involvement in 2009 for the HCCC Culinary Conference Center; in 2012 for the North Hudson Higher Education Center; and in 2015 for the Gabert Library. HCCC buildings were also recognized with the Hudson County Planning Board 2010 Smart Growth Gold Award for the Culinary Conference Center, and 2015 Green Emerald Award for Urban Green Projects for the Gabert Library.

In addition to the County's funding, Chairman Netchert said HCCC has applied to the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) for funding from the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund (HEFT) to cover the CEWD

classrooms, health laboratory, offices, as well as learning laboratory and classrooms; Higher Education Technology Infrastructure (HETI) fund for technology infrastructure; and Higher Education Equipment Leasing Fund (ELF) for the Fitness/Wellness Center and Fitness Laboratory. "We have responded to the most recent OSHE process and submitted applications valued at over \$18 million," added Netchert.

"HCCC has long been one of New Jersey's best kept secrets," Mr. Netchert stated. "The construction and utilization of this tower will bring visibility to the life-changing benefits of higher education and will be another point of pride for our students and the people of the County."

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,825+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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

Donor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Janette Staloff for donating seven wonderful paintings by Fred Staloff.

Thank you to Prof. Lisa Bellan-Boyer for the donation of the original Barack Obama campaign poster.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the donation of 34 paintings and ceramic artworks by New Jersey artists and artists whose works are in the collections of major museums.

Thank you to Dennis C. Hull for your ongoing, astounding generosity.

On a completely different note: Thank you to Henry Scholder for the donation of the Brunswick Contender pool table to be used in Student Activities. We're all excited about this.

Artist News

In the *Jersey City Times* last month, writer Tris McCall praised the recent show at the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery on the 6th floor of the Gabert Library. The show was called, "Your Home is My Home." McCall notes that this exhibit was "the College's contribution to Hispanic Heritage Month, and it asks many [questions:] Who gets to call the Americas home, and on what basis? Are borders serving anybody, or are they just there to exacerbate ugly differentials in power? What do new arrivals in North American cities have to do to be embraced? How much of ethnic culture is heritage, how much is happenstance, and how much is simply self-preservation?" The author praises Curator Michelle Vitale for a "consistently intriguing show." The review also praises an artwork borrowed for the show from the HCCC Foundation Art Collection. The work is usually on exhibit on the 3rd floor corridor of the Gabert Library devoted to Hispanic art. McCall writes, "none encapsulates the show quite as fully as 'The Crossing,' a 1991 lithograph by Cuban artist Luis Cruz Azaceta. A severed head floats in a dinghy, surrounded by jagged Caribbean waves. Its eyes are bloodshot, and its mouth is frozen in a rictus, caught somewhere between amazement and horror. Should the decapitated man reach the United States, what sort of reception could he



This work by Linda A. Pochesci was recently donated along with 33 other fine art works, thanks to an anonymous donor. The painting was created in 2000, and is oil on board. The dimensions are 20.75" x 10.75"

possibly hope to get? Would it have been better for him to stay in a place where his neighbors were determined to separate his head from his shoulders? This is the existence he's guaranteed: caught between nations, robbed of volition, at home everywhere and nowhere, drifting in the great, turbulent in between." Kudos to Michelle Vitale for the show!

The Foundation Art Collection's photograph of Paris at night by **Gordon Parks** has been installed on the 2nd floor of the Gabert Library. Parks is famous for many things, among them his photographs of the Civil Rights Movement. An exhibit of his photos from that era is on view at Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, through January 2023. The show mostly focuses on images surrounding Park's groundbreaking pictures of Civil Rights leader Stokely Carmichael. In 1967, *Life magazine* published Parks's images of Carmichael, who, as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), called for Black Power. According to the U.S. Government National Archives website, "Black Power began as revolutionary movement in the 1960s and 1970s. It emphasized racial pride, economic empowerment, and the creation of political and cultural institutions. During this era, there was a rise in the demand for Black history courses, a greater embrace of African culture, and a spread of raw artistic expression displaying the

realities of African Americans. The term "Black Power" has various origins. Its roots can be traced to author Richard Wright's non-fiction work *Black Power*, published in 1954. In 1965, the Lowndes County [Alabama] Freedom Organization (LCFO) used the slogan "Black Power for Black People" for its political candidates. The next year saw Black Power enter the mainstream. During the Meredith March against Fear in Mississippi, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Chairman Stokely Carmichael rallied marchers by chanting "we want Black Power." Carmichael's words elicited national headlines and media backlash. Parks had been on the road with Carmichael and the SNCC from fall 1966 and into the spring 1967, and took over 700 photographs (in a pre-digital age, with costly film and costly production processes, that was a lot of pictures). These included images of Carmichael speaking with Dr. King, going door-to-door in Alabama registering African American citizens to vote, and addressing Vietnam War protestors outside the United Nations building in New York City. Gordon Parks was inspired by Stokely Carmichael's message of self-determination.

Congratulations to **Juan Sanchez** on his recent exhibit "RICANSTRUCTIONS condiciones que existen" at the Hutchinson Modern & Contemporary Gallery in New York City. The HCCC Foundation Art Collection Coordinator stumbled on the exhibit by accident while walking down 64th Street, and was delighted by wonderful use of color and fantastic compositions. Sanchez' work can be seen on campus on the 3rd floor of the Gabert Library. Calling Sanchez, "one of the most influential and talented Nuyorican artists working today," Arlene Davila wrote a wonderful review of the show in *Hyperallergic Juan Sánchez's Nuyorican State of Mind* (hyperallergic.com), including this praise, "From painting to photography, Sánchez is a brilliant mixer of mediums; his sophisticated hybrid aesthetic echoes the very condition of being Nuyorican." According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a Nuyorican is a "person of Puerto Rican birth or descent who is a current or former resident of New York City." The term was coined in 1974.

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the Art Collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the Art Collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the Art Collection works for you.

To make a monetary gift in support of the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicole Bouknight Johnson at (201) 360-4069 or nicolebjohnson@hccc.edu

To donate artwork, find detailed information here: www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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ARTIST TALK: MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

On Nov. 17, Hudson County Community College's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted an artist talk with Maria de Los Angeles. Her work was showcased in the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery for the *Your Home is My Home* exhibit. Over 100 students and community members enjoyed the hour-long speaking engagement at the Culinary Conference Center. Topics included best studio practices, living in America as an undocumented student, and critical next steps for a career in the arts.

Maria de Los Angeles is a multidisciplinary artist who addresses ideas of migration, belonging, and identity through her drawing, painting, printmaking, and wearable sculptures. She holds an MFA in Painting & Printmaking from Yale School of Art (2015), a BFA in Painting from Pratt Institute (2013), and an Associate degree in Fine Arts from Santa Rosa Junior College (2010). She was awarded the Blair Dickinson Memorial Prize by Yale University (2015) for her artwork and her role within her community. She is a full-time Critic and Assistant Director of Painting and Printmaking at the Yale School of Art.



Maria de Los Angeles speaks to student and community members about her journey from undocumented student to Yale University professor.

DIGITIZED ARTIST RECEPTION



Alumnus Eduardo Rivera co-curator of new exhibit, "Digitized" at the Art Concourse at the North Hudson Campus.

The Department of Cultural Affairs hosted an exhibit at the Art Concourse of the North Hudson Campus, in partnership with the North Hudson Campus administration. The exhibition included 11 alumni who continue to utilize their skills learned at the College to create digital art. The exhibit was co-curated by HCCC alum and artist, Eduardo Rivera. Rivera is currently studying Illustration at New Jersey City University and was

an intern at the Dineen Hull Gallery during the summer of 2022.

Jeremiah Teipen, Professor and Studio Arts Coordinator, attended the reception, and said, "I am truly proud of our Computer Art program and all the students who graduated from HCCC. Many continue to utilize their skills dating back to more than a decade ago."

ART FAIR 14C

Over Veterans Day weekend, the Department of Cultural Affairs supported New Jersey's art fair, Art Fair 14C, with student volunteers. The fair was held at the Jersey City Armory in McKinley Square. It showcased a special veterans' art exhibition curated by Ivy Brown of Ivy Brown Gallery. HCCC's Safety & Security Department also partnered with the fair and generously offered free shuttle service to and from the Armory on Nov. 12, the Saturday after Veterans Day, for community members to enjoy the arts and support veteran services.

Aris Schustrin, HCCC Computer Arts major, noted, "I enjoyed meeting the artists who participated. I learned a lot about how to sell work and I hope I can use that information myself one day."



DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

- 6** **Beginner Piano Lessons with Eduardo Rivera:**
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Gallery, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Beginner-level piano lessons, led and taught by HCCC Alumni student
- 8** **Beginner Piano Lessons with Eduardo Rivera:**
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Gallery, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Beginner-level piano lessons, led and taught by HCCC Alumni student
- 16** **Fall Semester Student Show:**
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Dineen Hull Gallery, 10 a.m.
An opening reception celebrating the HCCC art students and their artwork.

Student Show Closing Reception:

Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Gallery, 1 p.m.

A closing reception for the HCCC Fall Semester Student Show with refreshments and live music.

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HCCC HOLDS TRI-ALPHA INDUCTION CEREMONY



Every November 8, colleges around the nation celebrate the accomplishments of first-generation staff, faculty, and students. To mark this momentous occasion, Hudson County Community College inducted its second class of the Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society. The

Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society was founded on March 24, 2018, at Moravian College. Tri-Alpha exists as an organization to support first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW



The Office of Student Life and Leadership and the Department of Cultural Affairs/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion presented an International Fashion Show. The event was held on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Gabert Library.

The International Fashion Show showcased 14 models representing 12 countries and cultures over 45 walks, with models wearing the traditional clothing of these countries. Some of the students wore attire they owned, including two students (Paulina and Tori Sonza) who wore traditional Filipino wraps made out of pure banana leaves. The rest of the costumes were purchased by the two departments, and some were distributed as raffle prizes to attendees.

The motivation for the event was to represent the many countries that Hudson County Community College students are from, as Hudson County is an extremely diverse area. It was important to select countries representing the majority of the students at Hudson and that the clothing the models wore were culturally accurate.

ACHIEVING THE DREAM CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SUCCESS

The Hudson County Community College Achieving the Dream Student Success Dream Team invited the College community to participate in a student success-focused Professional Development Event and Student Success Celebration Lunch on Monday, Oct. 31.

Coaches, Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia, respectively, visited the Journal Square Campus. The October 31st event celebrated their visit and HCCC's continued commitment to promoting equitable student outcomes. The morning program included presentations on best practices from Institutional Research and Planning, Hudson Scholars, ESL, and Drs. Fifield and Garcia.

HCCC recently entered its fourth year of engagement with Achieving the Dream. Over the past four years, we have made significant strides in our work to promote student success and advance equitable outcomes. Our ATD Leadership and Data

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HCCC Offers Classes in Multiple Modalities
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Classes begin on Monday, January 23, 2023

New Policy for Winter/Spring 2023: Students must register at least one day prior to the first class meeting.

View Course Schedule at
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APPLY NOW for Spring classes!
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For more information on how to register, go to
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We are here for you!

Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

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

Please complete the General Concern Form at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care>.

A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (foreground, center), College leaders, and guests congratulated more than 100 students who were inducted into the College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Alpha Phi.



Mitesh Kalathiya (left) and Marlenne Andalia volunteered at the Friends of Liberty State Park 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, Nov. 5.



Packing hundreds of holiday meals for the needy at the Fountain of Salvation Church in Jersey City on Nov. 23. Hundreds more were prepared on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Thursday, Nov. 24, Phi Theta Kappa volunteered at the Fountain of Salvation to pack holiday meals for people with less. Beta Alpha Phi has been performing this service since the start of the program at the church nine years ago. In 2020, the pandemic moved the meal packing to a restaurant

by the PATH Transportation Center. The chapter was asked for two volunteers to help the small restaurant staff. Prior to volunteering at the church for Thanksgiving, the chapter volunteered at other community programs.

SAVE THE DATE

Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education 2023

Monday, February 27 - Friday, March 3, 2023

VIRTUAL EVENT



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick,
President of
Howard University

Purpose Statement

America continues to reveal social injustices that impact underrepresented and marginalized people. The media, our memories, and minds are saturated with news of Roe v. Wade, mass shootings, and war, which pierces the heart and soul of our well-being. In 2022, forty-seven colleges, across seven states, joined our first Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education to make a formidable impact on the higher education landscape.

So, Speak up! Listen up! Show up!

Join us in another powerful and phenomenal week-long pedagogical event as acclaimed thought leaders in social and racial justice share their expertise!

Symposium Tracks:

- Climate Change and the Environment
- Corporate Responsibility
- Health and Healthcare Systems
- The Justice System
- Youth Advocacy

Proposal Deadline:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023; email proposals to ctli@hccc.edu.

Request for Proposals:

<https://www.hccc.edu/community/resources/documents/ctli-proposal-form.pdf>

Registration in advance:

https://zoom.us/join/register/TJwtd-yvrDlqE9wYs_f5u1ba04fbi4cmdVHK

For information, contact:

Dr. Paula Roberson,
Director, Center for Teaching, Learning,
and Innovation
201-360-4775 | proberson@hccc.edu

INDIGENOUS HERITAGE CELEBRATION



On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Hudson County Community College hosted an Indigenous Heritage Celebration at the North Hudson Campus. The presentation was facilitated by Denise Ramirez and the Cetiliztli, sharing their stories and culture in a celebration of their ancestors and tradition.

Denise Ramirez is a first-generation, non-traditional HCCC student, majoring in Nursing. She plans to further her career as a birth/postpartum doula with a nursing degree. After discovering the mexika dance group Cetiliztli, Ramirez embarked on a life-changing journey where learning about her culture and ancestors, helped her to understand more about traditional and herbal healing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

AWPP Students' Developments

The Academic Workforce Pathway Program (AWPP) goal is to improve the students and communities with educational experiences. Studies prove that incarcerated students' perspective on life improves with participation in education programs and workforce skills (Prison Fellowship, 2022). Students are now making impacts in their communities by being examples of the academics taught to them while incarcerated. These students have contributed to their education while assisting others with resources that are available to help them after they are released.

AWPP students' final exams begin on December 12, 2022, and ends December 19, 2022, for both men and women students. All students are encouraged to participate in the Spring Semester to further their opportunity to accumulate college credits toward their degree. The women completed their first college semester with improvements

each week. On December 20, 2022, the AWPP Team is scheduled to evaluate the program's progress and outcomes for the semester.

A few impactful and successes we have had in December include, Leon Foster will end the Fall 2022 semester with the completion of 135 hours of Social Work Internship II. The program is an effective intervention for him as shown by an agreement with the judge who is committed to prioritizing his graduation from the AWPP program with his associate degree. Leon Foster is anticipated to graduate in May 2023. Leon's commitment to his education proves that education is a pathway that can improve the Hudson County communities in the future if the outcomes continue to have productive rates of success.

Additionally, Joseph Wise, the first scholar released from incarceration inspires other AWPP students to continue seeking life-changing pathways through higher education. He continues his education through at HCCC while being committed to find a job in his field of study. In addition, he provided AWPP students with hope and inspiration through a letter of support shared with those incarcerated. In this letter he credits

Hudson County Community College Continuing Education and Workforce Development department, has grant opportunities for Hudson County residents. Gateway to Innovation is a grant initiative providing Hudson County residents with wraparound career development services toward entering a new career/academic pathway in healthcare, finance, and technology.

If you are interested in joining our Finance & Technology program, please register through this form to be on our waitlist: <https://forms.office.com/r/c5kSDNTXkX>

To learn more about our program, we are hosting weekly information sessions: Every Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Thursday, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sign up for our Information Session here: <https://tinyurl.com/Gateway-to-Innovation-FinTech>

If you are interested in joining our Healthcare program, please register through this form to be on our waitlist: <https://forms.office.com/r/FyKDwWfNzv> To learn more about our program, we are hosting weekly information sessions: Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Friday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Marian Betancourt, Student Success Coach for NJRC; Dr. Heather Devries, Dean II, Academic Affairs; Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; Michael Hayek, NJRC Training Center Director; Maria Rivera, Culinary Arts Hot Food Proficiency graduate; Dr. Ara Karakashian, Dean II, Business, Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management; and Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs

the AWPP program as the intervention that not only helped him challenge his thinking but also improved his coping skills from a mental health perspective.

Finally, Keith Bowens, an intern with AWPP from Rutgers University studying for his master's degree in social work (MSW) created a presentation highlighting the program success and pathways that inspire students to further their education. The presentation encourages and supports AWPP students to learn from mistakes by redirecting negative behaviors and making efforts to reduce recidivism.

Sign up for our Information Session here: <https://tinyurl.com/Gateway-to-Innovation-Health>

Gateway to Innovation will participate in Jersey City Housing Authority Fall Series Workforce Training sessions on Dec. 7, 2022, at 10 a.m. The virtual session will include soft skills training and an information session about the finance and technology program, followed by Q & A with their residents.

Upcoming Programs

Basic Italian Level II (Virtual)
Mondays and Thursdays (10 Sessions)
December 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22,
January 2, 5 and 9
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$85

Instructor: Gabriela Fossati
<https://tinyurl.com/Basic-Italian-Level-2>

NICET Level 2 Certification
(Preparatory Course)
Saturdays and Sundays
Saturday, December 3 - Sunday, January 8
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/CEWDprograms>

New Jersey Licensing Cannabis Workshop
(Virtual)
Monday, December 12 –
Wednesday, January 4
Mondays and Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/CannWkshp>

The Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)
class uses a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that drive better outcomes for adult, child, and infant patients.
Thursday, December 16
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/BLSFall22>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Jersey City, NJ 07306 | (201) 360-4224
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www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation



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ASPIRING STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT THE NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS



On Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, Angela Tuzzo, Associate Director of the Office of Student Life and Leadership, and Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, hosted the “Aspiring Student Leadership Conference” for students. 175 students attended the conference, including 58 students from high schools in the vicinity of the North Hudson Campus. Many thanks to the faculty, staff, and administrators who attended.

A special thanks to Dr. Christopher Reber, Dr. Lisa Dougherty, and Jose Lowe, who gave opening remarks. The theme of the conference was “You Need to Lead Yourself Before You Can Lead Others.” The topic was presented by the Collegiate Empowerment Organization. In addition to the kick-off presentation, there were nine workshops presented to students by faculty and

staff members about student success and leadership. A special thanks to the following presenters: Christian Altamirano, Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Tatiana Ganoa Zuniga, Jennifer Cruz Marulanda, Diana Galvez, Deliana Acosta, Jonathan Cabrera, Raffi Manijkian, Lisa Bogart, Sarah Teichman, Jose Lowe, and Sheila Marie Aitouakrim. Also, a special thanks to my staff and all others who helped. The day was a positive learning experience for all students.

Captions clockwise from left: Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; Angela Tuzzo, Associate Director of the Office of Student Life and Leadership; Dr. Christopher Reber, President of Hudson County Community College; Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health-Related Programs; 175 HCCC and local high school students attended the Aspiring Student Leadership Conference.

DR. CHRISTOPHER REBER RECEIVES ACCT 2022 NORTH-EAST REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AWARD

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accessible for all Americans,” said ACCT President and CEO Jee Hang Lee. “This year’s regional ACCT awardees represent the most outstanding people and programs from throughout the country, and we are excited to be able to bring attention to them.”

Dr. Reber was installed as HCCC President in July 2018. He has devoted his entire 40-year-plus career to higher education, serving as President of the Community College of Beaver County (2014-18); Executive Dean and Campus Executive Officer of Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania (2002-14); Associate Provost for Advancement and University Relations, Dean of Student Affairs, and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Education at Pennsylvania State University at Erie, The Behrend College (1987-2002); Director of Human Resource Development Division, and Director of Lifelong Learning at Lakeland Community College (1984-87); and other positions earlier in his career. He holds a Postdoctoral Certificate from the Institute for Educational Management, Graduate School of Education at Harvard University; Ph.D. in Education from the University of Pittsburgh; M.A. in College Student Personnel Administration from Bowling Green State University; and B.A. in Latin from Dickinson College.

Dr. Reber tirelessly and passionately advocates Hudson County Community College (HCCC) as well as state and national community college priorities. As HCCC President, he created the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI); established the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position and Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; instituted the “Hudson Helps Resource Center” to promote student retention and success through wraparound services to support the holistic needs of students; initiated “Hudson Scholars,” a model student retention and support program; formed community and corporate partnerships that promote upward social and economic mobility for students and community members; and successfully led HCCC throughout the twin pandemics of COVID-19, and racial/social injustice. Because of the culture of caring and connectedness Dr. Reber has nurtured, HCCC students have proudly coined the phrase, “Hudson is Home!”

“Needless to say, I am humbled and deeply moved by this honor,” Dr. Reber stated. “It is a privilege to work with my colleagues at Hudson County Community College as well as our elected representatives, and community and corporate partners in creating transformational opportunities for our students, Hudson County residents, and the community college movement nationally. Our students and their achievements are inspirational.”

The Office of the President and College Life Committee Cordially Invite You

HOLIDAY MIXER EVENT

As a thank you for all your hard work this year, please join us to gather and spend time with your colleagues before the winter break.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk Street
 Banquet Room, Jersey City, NJ

Prizes will be given for the best ugly holiday sweater and Karaoke singing.

RSVP:
<https://forms.office.com/v/zTxpsku3j3>

HCCC'S 25TH GALA CELEBRATION

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Ellucian Chief Executive Officer and President, accepted the award. She said, "Hudson County Community College is one of the best examples in the nation of a community college that is transformational and a role model for so many others."

The Ellucian Foundation's Progress, Accomplishment, Thriving, and Hope (PATH) Scholarship Program has provided 65 colleges and universities with more than \$1 million in grants for scholarships to over 1,100 students. HCCC received a \$25,000 PATH award for students' tuition and living expenses. Additionally, the Ellucian Foundation made a \$50,000 endowment investment in the HCCC "Hudson Scholars" program that will amplify the College's capacity building efforts and help scale the program to all students in perpetuity.

The national award-winning "Hudson Scholars" program focuses on retention and improving student outcomes by scaling successful elements of acclaimed, best-practice models. "Hudson Scholars" offers one-on-one, high-impact mentoring and support, personal and academic advisement, early academic intervention, rich and meaningful programming, and financial stipends tied to academic milestone attainment. Started in Fall 2021 with initial funding through Federal stimulus dollars, the program now serves over

1,700 students who are continuing and completing their studies at three times the rate of all students. The nationally distinctive "Hudson Scholars" program model will eventually be scaled to support all HCCC students.

"Hudson Scholars" has been recognized with the 2021-22 Innovation of the Year Award by The League for Innovation in Community Colleges and is one of just ten programs in the United States invited to compete as a finalist for the 2023 National Bellwether Awards in Austin, TX next February.

Established in 1997, the Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. The HCCC Foundation supports the College and its students by building awareness and developing financial resources. The Foundation provides scholarships, seed money for new and innovative programs, stipends for faculty development, capital to assist in the College's physical expansion, and resources to address students' basic needs beyond the classroom.

Information about the HCCC Foundation and ways to donate may be found at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html>.

HCCC THEATRE ARTS GRADS SHINE IN MILE SQUARE THEATRE PRODUCTION



Pictured with Associate Professor Joseph Gallo is the cast and crew from "Almost, Maine" at Mile Square Theatre in Hoboken. The cast and crew were made up entirely of HCCC Theatre Arts graduates, all of whom came through the College's Internship Program with the theatre.



FAST TRACK

ARE YOU ENROLLED AT HCCC AND READY TO KICKSTART YOUR CAREER IN BUSINESS OR TECH?

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December 8th, 4:00PM
 HCCC Student Center, 2nd fl Multipurpose Room
 On-site interviews and on the spot admissions decisions!

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- 18-29 years old
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Eligible to work in the U.S.
- Able to attend Year Up virtual program learning alongside college course schedule
- Have not obtained a Bachelor's degree

Attendees will receive FREE headshots! 

Have Questions?

Text: (212) 202-1799 | Email: admissionsnyj@yearup.org

PLAYWRIGHTS' FESTIVAL

Featuring student plays read by alumni actors!



- Cynthia Aleman
- Charles Butler
- Christopher Fitzpatrick
- Jeremy Maya
- Joselyn Molina
- David Quintana
- Alexis Rincon
- Sara Rojas
- Joselyn Villelas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

6 p.m.

Gabert Library 71 Sip Avenue,
 Room L-506, Jersey City, NJ

For more information, contact:
 Joseph Gallo, Associate Professor
 Director of Theatre Arts
jgallo@hccc.edu | 201-360-5366



HCCC AND NEW JERSEY REENTRY CORPORATION HONOR CLASS OF 2022 AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

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going to have opportunities for good careers and family-sustaining wages. If you want to continue your education, you are now on a pathway to a degree and a better future," he told the students.

Hudson County Community College is one of only ten community colleges in the United States to receive a \$100,000 Metallica Scholars Initiative Cohort 4 grant to train previously incarcerated individuals for certification in welding. The American Welding Society reports that by 2025, the United States will be faced with a shortage of more than 400,000 welding professionals. HCCC launched its first welding course in Spring 2022 as an elective in the College's Advanced Manufacturing associate degree program. A noncredit version of the course incorporates basic welding skills with preparation for the Certified Welder Test accredited by the American Welding Society.

"It was a phenomenal class. I went in not knowing anything about welding. Showing up was half the task. When you open up, you learn, bounce ideas off each other, and get encouragement from teachers. And when you love what you do it ceases to be a job," said welding certificate program graduate John Noonan.

HCCC's nationally recognized Culinary Arts program helps students attain the knowledge and

skills needed for a wide variety of careers. HCCC Culinary graduates include Chef Claude Lewis, founder and owner of Freetown Road Project, who earned international acclaim as a grand-prize winner of the Food Network's Chopped competition, and many others who have achieved great success and national acclaim.

"This experience taught me discipline and dedication. It's not hard if you show up and stay on track. Just come to school every day, learn, and do your cooking," said Reubina Crayton, a Culinary Arts Hot Food Proficiency Certificate program graduate. "Thanks to everyone who made my dream possible – the NJRC family and HCCC for giving us the opportunity to better ourselves."

Governor McGreevey thanked HCCC and said their partnership with NJRC is "the best in New Jersey." He applauded the College for encouraging graduates to embark on new chapters in their lives. "It is never too late for new beginnings. It is showing up and putting in the hard work," Governor McGreevey said. "What's extraordinary about this partnership is that Hudson County Community College is responding to the workforce development needs of the community. Traditionally, universities and colleges focus on academics. HCCC is also training people for careers, employment, and for an opportunity to rebuild and transform their lives."

PONCE BANK AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS

Ponce Bank has awarded social equity scholarships to five students enrolled in HCCC's Continuing Education "NJ Cannabis Licensing Workshop." The scholarships cover tuition, class materials, and books.

The workshop provides those looking to enter the NJ cannabis industry with the education necessary to work in and operate state-licensed cannabis establishments. By providing top-notch programs that will lead to success and upward social and economic mobility, Hudson County Community College helps ensure that those who were most harmed by past cannabis injustices are provided with the acuity to build and sustain profitable businesses.

"Ponce Bank is uniquely proud to spearhead this significant student scholarship program, and we are excited to be doing so in tandem with the Hudson County Community College," states Carlos P. Naudon, President and CEO of Ponce Bank. "With deep roots in the communities we serve, at Ponce Bank we feel that education is the lifeblood of a thriving, forward-moving population. By providing funds for matriculating minority students from low-income communities, we are making major strides in helping these students realize their dreams and to become productive, important members of the community-at-large. There is no greater cause than education, and we are thrilled to champion this important scholarship program."

"A sound education lays the groundwork for any successful career or vocational endeavor," explains Madeline V. Marquez, Senior Vice President and Chief External Affairs Officer of Ponce Bank. "Ponce Bank is pleased to take an active role in being part of the funding of this innovative student scholarship program, thereby, enabling students to pursue their educational goals. We are doubly pleased to partner with the Hudson County Community College in this important educational endeavor."

To register or learn about Continuing Education's Cannabis programs, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/HCCCLicensing or contact Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development at cfarrell@hccc.edu

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT STUDENTS FIELD TRIP TO DOT (ITS FACILITY)



Assistant Commissioner DOT Mr. Andrew Tunnard with students



DOT Research and Development lab at TCNJ

On Monday, Oct. 24, students of the Construction Management (CM) Program and other STEM students attended a field trip to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) headquarters in Trenton to learn about latest development in ITS (Intelligent Transport System).

It is expected that ITS will revolutionize the future transport system. The future infrastructure (technology construction) will be built to be compatible with ITS.

The Assistant Commissioner of NJDOT, Andrew Tunnard, received the students; he and his team gave a wonderful presentation about incorporating ITS in New Jersey. The most interesting information for students was the introduction of autonomous (driverless) public transport in the near future.

NJDOT management also took students to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) to demonstrate their lab. There, the team of scientists and consultants showed students how they are integrating different components of the ITS technology into a central command system.



**STEM-out
and learn about
new pathways
at HCCC!**

An event presented
by HCCC's Science,
Technology, Engineering, and
Mathematics
(STEM) Division

SPECIAL GUEST

**Prof. Andrew Baker (Rutgers):
"A Radio-Wavelength Laser in a Galaxy
Billions of Light-Years Away"**

**SCHOLARSHIPS FROM
NU LAMBDA LAMBDA
CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI
PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**

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The \$1,000 scholarships are provided to African American males who graduated from or attended Hudson County high schools and have a 3.0, 4.0, or 5.0 grade point average (GPA). Scholarship recipients are selected based on their character, integrity, leadership, academic success, and community service.

Michael Herron is a graduate of Henry Snyder High School. He is studying Art at HCCC. "I chose to major in Art because of my creative passion to draw. My hope is to also learn how to animate cartoons," said Mr. Herron. "I am usually quiet and reserved, but I can talk for hours about interesting topics."

Jaydean Wilkerson is a Dickinson High School graduate. Active in football and basketball, he stayed involved in youth sports despite being sidelined due to a shoulder injury. "I'm giving back to the youth of Jersey City by volunteering my time coaching for Dickinson and the Jersey City Jets football teams," Mr. Wilkerson said. "It has been tough with my dad recently passing, so I've been helping my mom take care of my four brothers and sisters. I chose an Education major at HCCC because I enjoy helping younger people expand their knowledge, and I want to make a big impact on their lives."

Since 2003, Nu Lambda Lambda Chapter has continuously focused its collective gifts and talents on improving the quality of life for African Americans and the underserved in the greater Jersey City community. The fraternity's Cardinal Principles – manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift – are its core values and the bedrock that guided men committed to the organization's expectations.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was the first international fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of an historically Black college, Howard University, in 1911. Famous Omega men include composer/musician William "Count" Basie, novelist Langston Hughes, basketball superstar Michael Jordan, astronaut Ronald McNair, and civil rights advocate Jesse Jackson, to name a few.

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- The Northern New Jersey Bridges to Baccalaureate (NNJ-B2B) – a program committed to assisting students in successfully transferring into a baccalaureate STEM degree program.
- How HCCC received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to strengthen our Construction Management and related STEM programs.
- How both of these programs are committed to assisting the enrollment of women, underserved, and minority student populations in the field of STEM.

10 lucky winners will take home a \$25 gift card just for attending!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., 2nd Floor,
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TAKING A WALK THROUGH HISTORY



On Saturday, Nov. 12, Dr. Chris Cody (Instructor, History) led a walking tour of historic sites in lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Over 40 students, faculty, and staff attended. Included in the tour were the Tweed Courthouse, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Plymouth Church, an important stop on the Underground Railroad.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO PERENNIAL

As many of you know, many of the world's renowned artists, writers, poets, and musicians are/have been people who live with chronic illness and/or disability – be it visible or invisible.

Let us celebrate the stellar contributions to our world such creators have made by featuring in our Spring 2023 issue of *Perennial* our Hudson community: students, faculty, staff, and administrators who live with chronic illness and/or disabilities. Submissions need not be about that experience itself, but everyone is welcome to focus on the subject if they choose to do so, and in any manner, they see fit.

Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or art. Your submission of writing should

include: a short letter of introduction; your connection to HCCC; and a 7-10 sentence bio.

Your submission of art should include a short letter of introduction; your connection to HCCC and a print quality image (300 dpi) with details: title, date, medium, dimensions. Please also include a 7-10 sentence bio.

Please send to Angela Hebert, ahibert@hccc.edu by Friday, January 13.

Some artists who participated in the March 2022 HCCC's Cultural Affairs Exhibit "Living in the Invisible," an exhibit of works by artists who live with unseen physical and mental health challenges, will be featured in our issue!



CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>. Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify the calendar as necessary.

Thursday, December 1

Deadline to apply for 2023 May graduation

Fall 2022 Learning Community Day, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m344a5db6f3c937f483fe0609318b0c2f>; Meeting number: 2632 468 1364; Password: LC2022

STEM Faculty Career Panel, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street, Room S213, or virtually at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCSTEMCareer>; Meeting number: 2634 340 2892; Password: nSzz29UCrZ6

Virtual Accessibility Service Student Hour, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8481655>

Green Edition Trivia Night, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue, Multimedia Room

Friday, December 2

Information Session: Transferring Path to Rutgers University for Engineering Students, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mc78e2b439ccfdc9675d6e372a4152ce8>; Webinar number: 2630 459 4939; Password: qPd4TwhEP84

Winter Fest, Student Center, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 81 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

National Society of Leadership and Success Induction, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street (by invitation only)

Sunday, December 4

HCCC Foundation bus trip to Wind Creek Bethlehem Resort, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 per person. Bus will depart from Kearny Bank, 614 Kearny Avenue, Kearny. RSVP to foundation@hccc.edu before Monday, Nov. 28.

Monday, December 5

The Barber Shop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N403. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8604431>

CARE Team Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m. Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue, Multipurpose Room. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8263245>

Tuesday, December 6

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Second Floor, Union City

Hands-Only CPR workshop, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

Hudson Is Home Employee Recognition Program, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Beginner Piano Lessons with Eduardo Rivera, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Gallery

Wednesday, December 7

Faculty Workshop: Remote Proctoring with Honorlock, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8527964>

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Enter at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8290237>

Body Composition Assessment, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace

Winter Fest, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Multipurpose Room, Second Floor

Culinary Plaza Park Lighting, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park, 161 Newkirk Street

Cybersecurity Webinar Series (part 1 of 3), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join at <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/87260185347?pwd=TFc5ak5rd0FHwkdLdkJ3Z1BjSDNrZz09>; Meeting ID: 872 6018 5347; Password: 287333

Thursday, December 8

Year Up New York New Jersey Application Fast Track, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center (81 Sip Avenue). RSVP at <https://bit.ly/12-08-22HCCC>.

Virtual Accessibility Service Student Hour, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8481655>

Beginner Piano Lessons with Eduardo Rivera, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Gallery

HCCC Foundation Annual Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Cybersecurity Webinar Series (part 2 of 3), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join at <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/87260185347?pwd=TFc5ak5rd0FHwkdLdkJ3Z1BjSDNrZz09>; Meeting ID: 872 6018 5347; Password: 287333

Monday, December 12

Cybersecurity Webinar Series (part 3 of 3), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join at <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/87260185347?pwd=TFc5ak5rd0FHwkdLdkJ3Z1BjSDNrZz09>; Meeting ID: 872 6018 5347; Password: 287333

December Graduate Reception (Night 1), 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Tuesday, December 13 – Monday, December 19

Last classes and/or final exams
Tuesday, December 13

Makerspace Destress Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

December Graduate Reception (Night 2), 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Wednesday, December 14

Makerspace Destress Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, December 15

Our Stories Untold featuring Dr. Burl Yearwood, 12 p.m., Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m28ca47ef136e36e9fa9e56a0237400cc>

Faculty Workshop: Remote Proctoring with Honorlock, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8527964>

Makerspace Destress Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

End of Semester Get Together, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Room L026

STEM-out, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., Second Floor. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/STEM-OUT>

Holiday Mixer (sponsored by College Life Committee and the Office of the President), 4 to 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Virtual Accessibility Service Student Hour, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8481655>

Friday, December 16

Student Art Exhibit Artist Talk, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

Makerspace Destress Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Student Art Exhibit Closing Reception, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

Monday, December 19

Makerspace Destress Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Playwrights' Festival, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Room 506

Tuesday, December 20

Mental Health First Aid Training for Staff and Faculty, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8508093>

Thursday, December 22

Last day to submit final grades
Offices close at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 2

Winter recess – College closed

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Lissette Villalta

Class of 2017

Associate in Fine Arts

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

HCCC was a great place to find out what I wanted to do. The commute was desirable, and many different programs were offered.

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

I enjoyed my time in the classroom, learning to work with new art media and sharing our creations. I loved seeing what my peers could do and working with them to improve our techniques.

How did you become interested in fine arts?

I chose an Associate in Fine Arts degree because it was something I was passionate about at the time. I felt good knowing that I was sharpening my talents as an artist.

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

I had an excellent work ethic while growing up. HCCC was a great place to apply this skill in a more professional environment. Applying myself in my studies and being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society boosted my credibility here at my current occupation.

What is a typical workday for you?

My typical workday contains issues that need resolving. I do what I can to find the answers by myself or with the help of another associate.



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

The most memorable projects from work are being able to create and maintain new processes for areas of my company that are overlooked.

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

One of my biggest inspirations is my mother. She has pushed me in ways that help improve my character and outlook on life.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. You never know what you might learn from others.

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

Don't be afraid to try new paths if the old ones don't work for you. If I had let my pride and judgments get the better of me, I would have never made it as far as I have.

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