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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS SEMI-ANNUAL COLLEGE SERVICE DAY ON TUESDAY, JAN. 17



Pictured from left: Daniel Phelan, Ph.D., President/CEO, Jackson College (Mich.), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and keynote speaker; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President, Hudson County Community College; and William Austin, Ed.D., President, Warren County Community College.



Hudson County Community College announced the 2017 recipients of the Johnstone Communications Award for Excellence in Teaching. Pictured from left: recipient Craig McLaughlin, Instructor, Psychology; Abdallah Matari, Professor, Life Science; John Gunkel, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs and Services, Rutgers University-Newark; Philip Johnston, President of Johnston Communications; Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development; and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held its College Service Day for the Spring 2017 semester on the theme, "The Future of Community Colleges." The keynote speaker was Daniel Phelan, Ph.D., President/CEO, Jackson College (Mich.), and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Dr. Phelan's discussion was titled, "Unrelenting Change, Innovation, and Risk: Forging the Next Generation of Community Colleges."

At the close of the morning agenda, Hudson County Community College presented the annual Johnstone Communications Awards for Excellence in Teaching. The recipients were Craig McLaughlin, Instructor, Psychology, and Abdallah Matari, Professor of Life Science.



Daniel Phelan, Ph.D., President/CEO, Jackson College (Mich.) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), was keynote speaker at Hudson County Community College's College Service Day on Jan. 17, speaking from the topic, "Unrelenting Change, Innovation, and Risk: Forging the Next Generation of Community Colleges."

HCCC ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF 'HIP-HOP UTOPIA: CULTURE + COMMUNITY'

The first exhibit of the new year presented by the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs is one of the most unique and explores a cultural phenomenon, hip-hop.

The exhibit, "Hip-Hop Utopia: Culture + Community" was curated by Michelle Vitale and Fred Fleisher, and may be viewed through Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the College's Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey



DJ Obvious spins at the Hip-Hop Utopia: Culture + Community reception on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Semifinalists

Congratulations to Beta Alpha Phi chapter members Karma T. Lama, John Waddleton, and Betsy Apena, who were among 597 community college students from across the nation selected as semifinalists to compete for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive scholarship will provide up to 60 low-income students with as much as \$40,000 per year for up to three years to complete bachelor's degrees at selective four-year colleges and universities.

Nearly 3,000 community college students applied for the 2017 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which is the largest scholarship in the country solely aimed at community college students seeking to transfer to four-year institutions that award bachelor's degrees.

Winners will be announced in April.

Friends of Liberty State Park

On Jan. 7, Hugo Iglesias and Prof. Ted Lai trimmed ornamental grass and mums in gardens in front and back of the historic Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal.

On Jan. 14, alumna Wafa Hubroman and Prof. Ted Lai trimmed ornamental grass and mums and raked leaves.

On Jan. 21, Hugo Iglesias and Prof. Ted Lai trimmed ornamental grass and raked leaves.

Girls in Technology Symposium

This annual event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 at the Culinary Conference Center. To volunteer, please email cfarrell@hccc.edu.

Election of 2017-18 Officers

Officers for 2017-18 will be elected at the April 1 chapter meeting. If you are interested in being a candidate for President, Vice President, Vice President

of Scholarship, Vice President of Fellowship, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Service, Treasurer, or Secretary, please contact Prof. Lai for an application. The term runs from May 7 after the Spring Induction (see below) to the Spring Induction in May 2018. On April 1, the candidates will address the members, who will have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions before voting.

Save the Date: Spring Induction

The Spring Induction for Beta Alpha Phi Chapter will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center. Invitations will be sent to the new inductees.

Upcoming Service Projects

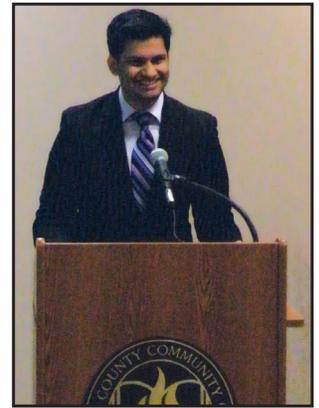
City Challenge Obstacle Races:

- Jersey City: Saturday, April 22
- New York: Saturday, July 15
- Hoboken: Saturday, October 7

Walk MS: Saturday, April 29, Liberty State Park

MuckFest MS: Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange

Liberty Sharkfest: Saturday, July 23, Liberty Landing Marina



Hamza Saleem, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter President, gave welcome remarks at the Spring 2017 College Service Day on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Hamza will graduate this semester from the College with a degree in criminal justice.

STEM BUILDING NEWS

By Glen Gabert, Ph.D.

The construction of our new STEM Building is moving along as planned, with essential plumbing (including all sewer, storm, and water) and gas line connections now completed. Each week, 30 or more workers continue with the installation of electricity, insulation, drywall, refrigerant lines, and data lines in the building's interior.

As we go to press, one can begin to get a sense of what the building exterior will look like, a metal panel and window flashing – as well as window frames and glazing – are now in position on the south side.

Not only will the STEM Building be new, there will also be new academic offerings for our students, including Computer Science A.S. - Cybersecurity Option, Computer Science A.S. - Bioinformatics Option, Construction Management A.A.S., and Biotechnology A.S. Of course, we will continue offering courses in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology, Engineering Science, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, Physics, Science and Mathematics - General and Technical Studies in the new STEM Building and at the North Hudson Campus.



Future Biology Lab in the Hudson County Community College STEM Building, scheduled to open later this year.

Careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – and in the related industries – continue to rise in numbers and pay, as does the need for individuals with associate degrees or higher. Hudson County Community College is proud to provide STEM opportunities that will benefit the men and women of our area, and will contribute to the economic growth of Hudson County as well.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017 WEBINARS

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

- Thursday, February 23: Improving Your Credit Score (You've got the power to SUM IT UP)
- Wednesday, March 22: Respecting Each Other at Work (You've got the power to WORK IT OUT)
- Wednesday, April 19: Strategies for Multi-Generational Caregiving (You've got the power to BRIDGE THE GAP)
- Thursday, May 18: Safe and Stress-Free Summer (You've got the power to KEEP YOUR COOL)
- Thursday, June 22: Turning Negatives into Positives (You've got the power to CHANGE YOUR TUNE)
- Wednesday, July 19: Preventing Burnout: A Balanced Life Check-Up (You've got the power to KEEP THE SPARK)
- Wednesday, August 23: Highs and Lows of Back to School (You've got the power to MAKE THE GRADE)
- Wednesday, September 20: What We Need to Know about Diabetes (You've got the power to KNOW YOUR NUMBERS)
- Wednesday, October 18: Eating through Celebration (You've got the power to TRIM THE FAT)
- Thursday, November 16: Holiday Budgeting (You've got the power to STAY ON TRACK)
- Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Dedrick Albert
Alysa Antonis
Victor Figueroa
Dayneesa McMillan
Adele Merlino
Christine Petersen
Evidence Thomas

Five Years

Anthony M. Choo-Yick
Julio Morales
Diana Perez

15 Years

Ana Moran

25 Years

Marie Mahood

2016 W-2 STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

Year-end W-2 statements are available online through the HCCC portal/Liberty Link for those colleagues who opted to receive the information electronically. The remaining (paper) W-2's have been mailed to the address of record.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Geoffrey Sims (Controller) at ext. 4045 or Zuany Chicas (Payroll Officer) at ext. 4066.

RETIREMENT

Judith Bender (*as of Jan. 1, 2017*)

Dr. Lloyd Kahn (*as of Jan. 1, 2017*)

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS

Timothy Brown, Admissions Recruiter

Christine Cacnio, Admissions Advisor

Nadege Sanon,
TAACCCT Job Developer, Center for Business
& Industry

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Instructors - Spring 2017

Assistant Director, Recruiting

Career Development Advisor (Part-Time)

College Lecturer, Academic Foundations - English

College Lecturer, Health Sciences

College Lecturer, STEM

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Dean of Libraries

Director of Grants

Enrollment Support Assistant (Part-Time)

Instructor, Cooperating Basic Math For Transitional Program (Part-Time)

Instructor, Supply Chain Management (Part-Time)

Instructor of Computer Science (REVISED)

PC Technicians (2 positions)

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

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Hudson County Community College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, is a free, confidential service that is available to all employees, as well as their household and family members. E4Health provides assistance with a variety of topics, including:

- Anxiety, depression, relationships, substance use, and domestic violence
- Child care, eldercare, and pet care
- Financial and legal concerns
- Everyday household matters
- Health and wellness

E4Health's professional counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer immediate telephonic support as well as referrals to local

counselors and other resources. Simply call the toll-free, confidential helpline at (800) 227-2195 to access any of the above services. Your call will always be answered by a live, Master's-level counselor.

There is an array of services and the monthly webinars that will be available to you. You will be able to access January 2016's webinar, Eating Right for Life, from E4's archives once you log in and create your profile.

You and your family members also have access to LifeScope's comprehensive website: www.HelloE4.com (Username: hccc; Password: guest). The website offers valuable information, assessment

tools, links, and resources in the areas of Family & Caregiving, Emotional Well-Being, Daily Living, and Health & Wellness.

Why wait? Call the E4Health helpline or visit the website today and take advantage of all of the resources it provides.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Vivyen Ray at vray@hccc.edu (201) 360-4073 or Iris Herrador at iherrador@hccc.edu or (201)360-4072.

INTRODUCING ...



TIMOTHY BROWN, ADMISSIONS RECRUITER

Tim graduated from Rowan University with a B.A. in Health and Physical Education. He has two master's degrees, one from Saint Peter's University in Education/Administration, and the other from New Jersey City University in Counseling.

Prior to working at Hudson County Community College, he was a Guidance Counselor at Dickinson High School for the Jersey City Public Schools, where he worked for 27 years. He started as Physical Education Teacher and finished his last 14 years as a Guidance Counselor.

As a recruiter, Tim's responsibility is to recruit traditional and non-traditional students to enroll at HCCC. He is excited about the job because now he is on the other side, assisting the students and making sure they apply, test, and register for their classes, and letting them know what scholarships/financial aid are offered at HCCC. He is looking forward working in Admissions and working with the other departments to increase the enrollment of the College.



CHRISTINE CACNIO, ADMISSIONS ADVISOR

Christine graduated from New Jersey City University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. Prior to working at Hudson County Community College, she was an Office Manager for a chiropractic/physical therapy office. She is currently finishing her last semester of her Master of Arts Degree in Higher Education Administration.

In her new role, Christine will be responsible for implementing student recruitment initiatives and coordinating various admissions activities in support of the strategic enrollment initiatives of the College.

HCCC ALUMNA CHOPS IT UP AT LOCAL EATERY



Pictured clockwise from left: Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano; Mory Thomas, proprietor of Square 1 Jersey City; Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; and HCCC alumna Juliet Osorio.

Juliet Osorio, a graduate of Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts program, is cooking and running the garde manger station at Square 1.

Square 1 is a new, unique eatery located at 283 St. Paul's Avenue in Jersey City, focused on fresh, healthy, local, European meals.

SPRING 2017 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19, 2017, Hudson County Community College's International Student Services held a Spring 2017 International Student Information Session at the Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue.

The students received information on current immigration law, changes in policy, Optical Practical Training (OPT), and HCCC's new student information system.

Guest speakers for the event included Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, and Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Development and Student Support.

International students at HCCC represent the following countries: Saint Lucia, Algeria, China, South Korea, Canada, Venezuela, India, Turkey, Great Britain, Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia, Guyana, Angola, and Cote D'Ivoire.

DIVISION OF NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS

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For more information, please contact CE at (201) 360-4224.

Course Number	Class Name	Start Date	End Date	Days	Start Time	End Time	Location	Price
CEESL-301-01	Mastering the American Accent	2/4/17	3/25/17	S	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	MC	\$149
CELGN-105-01	American Sign Language	2/4/17	4/8/17	S	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	HCS	\$219
CENLN-100-1	Pre-Nan Exam Prep. Workshop	2/4/17	3/25/17	S	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	MC	\$209
CECAI-200-1	Artisan Breads	2/5/17	2/5/17	SU	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	MC	\$75
CEESL-110-01	ESL Healthcare	2/6/17	3/29/17	MW	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	HARRI	\$219
CELGN-107-1	Spanish in the Workplace 1	2/6/17	3/13/17	MW	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	HC	\$209
CECAI-113-2	Food Product Development	2/7/17	2/7/17	T	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$75
CECAR-EKGTEC-1	EKG Tech	2/7/17	4/13/17	TTH	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$399
CECAR-PHLEB-1	Phlebotomy Technician	2/7/17	4/11/17	TWF	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	MC	\$1,000
CECAR-SELPUB-01	Self-Publishing	2/7/17	2/14/17	T	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	MC	\$49
50% Discount for HCCC!								
CEYTH-SATMA-04	SAT Math Prep	2/7/17	3/7/17	T	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	BH	\$99
CECAR-PHLEB-2	Phlebotomy Technician	2/8/17	4/21/17	WF	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$1,000
CEOFF-105-01	Intermediate Excel	2/8/17	2/22/17	W	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$99
CEYTH-SATLA-04	SAT Lang Arts Prep	2/9/17	3/16/17	TH	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	BH	\$99
CENPT-PRAXIS-01	Praxis Core Prep	2/10/17	3/31/17	F	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$299
CECOM-COMWKS-01	Computer and Internet Workshop	2/14/17	2/16/17	TTH	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	MC	\$19
CECAI-113-3	Food Law	2/21/17	2/21/17	T	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	MC	\$75
CEBUS-110-01	Small Bus. Accounting	2/22/17	2/22/17	W	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	HARRI	\$25
CENPT-101-01	New Pathways Stage I	2/22/17	5/17/17	W	6:00 PM	9:30 PM	MC	\$1,300
CENPT-102-01	New Pathways Stage I (credit)	2/22/17	5/17/17	W	6:00 PM	9:30 PM	MC	\$3,299
CECAR-BLS-1	Basic Life Support/Car	2/25/17	2/25/17	S	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	MC	\$69
CECERT-BUS102-01	QuickBooks Certified Advanced	2/25/17	4/29/17	S	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	MC	\$439
CENPT-100-01	Intro to Teaching 24 Hrs.	2/25/17	3/18/17	S	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	MC	\$239
CECAR-SKILLS-1	Culinary Skills Enhancement	2/26/17	3/19/17	SU	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	MC	\$319
CEART-IMPROV-1	Intro to Improv	2/28/17	3/14/17	T	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	MC	\$29
CEESL-CONVERS-03	Conversational English for Eel	2/28/17	3/30/17	TTH	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	MC	\$99

MC= Main Campus HARRI= Harrison Goodwill NHC= North Hudson Campus BH= Bayonne High School HCS= Hoboken

GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE



Hudson County Community College Pod poses at Borough of Manhattan Community College with Goldman Sachs mentors Robby Mangroo, Vice President, Compliance and Felix Navarro, Associate, Compliance, along with Aparna Saini, HCCC Representative, and Lester McRae, Instructor of Accounting.

Hudson County Community College students (in foreground) discuss their case study with Goldman Sachs Mentor Robby Mangroo, Vice President, Compliance and Felix Navarro, Associate, Compliance.

The year started off at full speed for the members of the Goldman Sachs College Collaborative- Hudson County Community College Pod. On Jan. 16, Borough of Manhattan Community College hosted the Collaborative at Fiterman Hall. After being welcomed by Vice President of Student Affairs at BMCC, Dr. Marva M. Craig, students heard from a panel of Goldman Sachs employees led by Johann Shudlick, Global Head of Diversity Recruiting at Gold-

man Sachs. The panel discussed their unique career paths and how each found their niche at Goldman Sachs.

The team met with their Goldman Sachs mentors Robby Mangroo, Vice President, Compliance and Felix Navarro, Associate, Compliance later in the month to discuss the case study challenges in depth. The team members assumed c-suite level roles, leveraged their unique perspectives to think

through the scenarios, and discussed creative solutions to the problems at hand.

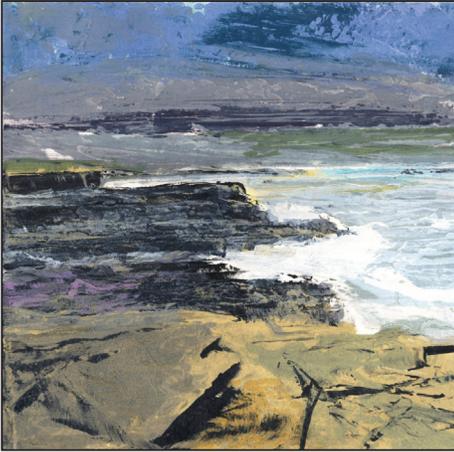
Stay tuned for next month's feature!

For further information, please contact Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development, at asaini@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4184.

Foundation Art Collection

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

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



This work, by Irish artist Donald Teskey, an untitled carborundum and intaglio print made in 2015, has been designated to recognize the long service of Patricia (Pat) Murphy to Hudson County Community College. She had worked at the College since 1996, and had served as a champion for employees as the past President of the Support Staff Federation. She worked as a Secretary in the Nursing & Allied Health Division, and was a volunteer at the annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon. Pat loved her Irish heritage and she loved the sea. The work will be installed in the new STEM Building later this year.

Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to the many donors who have been so generous with gifts to the Foundation Art Collection in the last month: Melissa MacAlpin, Annie Plumb, Jon Rappleye, Henry Scholder, and Bruce Stiglich. We also would like to thank artist Johanna Vogelsang's family – her daughter, Kirsten, her granddaughter Kyra, and her son-in-law Edward – for their generous donation.

Artist News

Herbert Bayer (1900-1985), whose 1965 work *Structure with Three Squares* is on exhibit on the lower level of 119 Newkirk (Building I), will be featured in an exhibit at the Denver Art Museum, titled "Herbert Bayer: 1938-1974," through April 16, 2017. Born in Austria, Bayer was first a student and later a master at the Bauhaus, one of the most influential groups of artists and designers during the 20th century. You can see the clear crisp abstract lines Bauhaus style work in *Structure with Three Squares*. Bayer moved from Austria to Germany in 1928 to open his own design firm. Within a few years, fleeing repression in Nazi Germany, Bayer moved to New York City in 1938 and became a U.S. citizen in 1943. In Colorado, where he settled, Bayer was best known as the designer of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, where he applied the Bauhaus concept of total design. The Denver Art Museum is also home to the Her-

bert Bayer Collection and Archive, a repository that counts over 8,000 objects in its collection.

Dahlia Elsayed, whose painting, *And Goosebumps*, is installed in the North Hudson Campus Student Lounge, will be having a solo exhibition of recent work from Feb. 6 to March 9, 2017 at the Moon Gallery, Berry College in Georgia. She writes, "I'm taking a pause from the hand-wringing to send out some other news. One of the best ways I have found to counteract the frightening media feeds is to get outside in this (so-far) mild winter. I have been fortunate to be one of the Wave Hill Winter Workspace Artists where I've been walking on paths with idyllic Hudson River views, spending time with steamy succulents in the greenhouse, and watching a raccoon hang out in a tree outside my studio window. The quiet is deeply restorative." You can meet the artist at the Wave Hill Winter Workspace Open House on Saturday, Feb. 11, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Wave Hill is a 28-acre public garden in The Bronx.

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City. The exhibit and all of the related events are open to the entire community and there is no charge for admission.

Since its inception, hip-hop has given a voice to the marginalized and disenfranchised. Today, the park jams have evolved into a global community of bold expression that influences and provides commentary on current issues including culture, ethnicity, class, and gender.

The exhibition features artists Karlos Carcomo, Raphael Gonzalez and street art aficionado Lois Stavsky, among others. Mr. Carcomo's work has been exhibited throughout New York City, including Artists' Space, The Brooklyn Museum, PS1 Center for Contemporary Art, El Museo del Barrio, and Queens Museum of Art. Photographer Raphael Gonzalez (aka Zurbaran 1) has created visually dynamic images of street art that primarily focus on artists at work for several years. Mr. Gonzalez often collaborates with the street artists he photographs; his work has included some of the world's most renowned graffiti artists, including Giz, Trans 1, Noir, and Fumero. The popular graffiti-focused art blog, STREETARTNYC, which is curated by Lois Stavsky, will be digitally featured in the Gallery as part of the exhibit. STREETARTNYC has been recognized for capturing some of



Biggie by Yishai Minkin (2010), mixed media (found objects and oil paint). It is posted at the entrance to the Benjamin J. Dineen and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

the greatest graffiti from around the world.

The "Hip-Hop Utopia: Culture + Community" exhibit also includes artists and community partners Grove Street Bicycles, Chilltown Collective, and artist Yishai Minkin, as well as Hudson County Community College alumni Freddy Samboy, Alex Melo, Eligio A. Rosa, and Karon Clerk.

An exhibit reception was held on Tuesday evening, January 31. There will also be a panel discussion with exhibit artists and community members titled "Utopia or Bust," on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from noon to 2 p.m.

A two-part listening session, "Turntable Tuesdays" will take place on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 from 6 p.m.



Fat Tire Bikes courtesy of Grove Street Bicycles.

to 8 p.m. (Editor's Note: Please see sidebar on page 7 for additional information.)

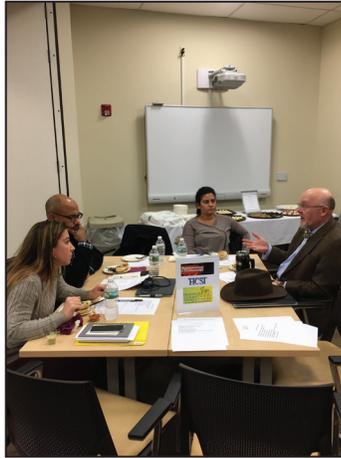
Finally, those who visit the exhibition may sign up for a chance to win a graffiti'd, fat-tire bicycle donated by Grove Street Bicycles.

Located on the top floor of the HCCC Library, the Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (The Gallery is closed on Sundays.)

Additional information on "Hip-Hop Utopia: Culture + Community" may be obtained by emailing Gallery@hccc.edu.

HCCC VISITS HCST TO CONTINUE COLLABORATIVE WORK

On Thursday, Jan. 12, members of the Hudson County Community College faculty and staff traveled to the campus of the Hudson County Schools of Technology (HCST) to continue collaborative work on an innovative series of curricular pathways and dual-enrollment initiatives. The meeting began with a welcome from HCST Assistant Superintendent Joseph Sirangelo and Superintendent Frank Gargiulo. They were followed by remarks from Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President and Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at HCCC. Attendees, including faculty and staff members from both institutions, broke into working groups along curricular lines in six areas: Environmental Studies, Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management, STEM, Health Sciences, Theater Arts, and Business. A special luncheon was created by the students of the HCST Culinary Arts program.



John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction/Science, discusses STEM programs at the College with members of the joint strategic planning team.



Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President, brings remarks to the members of the Hudson County Community College-Hudson County Schools of Technology strategic planning team.

In February of 2016, HCST and HCCC signed a letter of intent to begin working on collaborative programs that will enable students to move along career pathways, earning college credits—and in some cases, associates degrees—while they are in high school. What differentiates these agreements from traditional LEAP (dual enrollment) agreements is twofold: 1) students will be able to begin the college work as freshmen and choose how much of an associate's degree they wish to earn, and 2) HCCC will create an afternoon and evening college right on the premises of the new HCST Secaucus campus which is under construction. Work has been ongoing since February when both HCCC's and HCST's boards approved the arrangements.

At the meeting, Nadia Hedhli, Ph.D. (HCCC) and Katherine Yuhas (HCST) presented on the steps that need to be taken for successful imple-

mentation of the joint programming, including how to map curriculum, how to certify HCST teachers to be able to teach college-level courses, how to assess courses and programs, the creation of common learning outcomes, and other issues of sharing resources and overcoming challenges. Additionally, HCST and HCCC are pursuing a collaborative grant that will fund professional development relevant to readying faculty and advisers for the pathways programs.

In the fall of 2016, HCCC created the Office of School and College Relations to spearhead the expansion of partnerships and to identify which new partnerships should be pursued. Pamela Littles, the Associate Dean for School and College Relations (HCCC) and Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator (HCCC) have been working over the last year with Alicia Abraham, HCST's Director of Career and Technical Education; to identify programs,

develop CTE curriculum, and create plans for when the new campus opens. Office space has been designated in the architectural plans so that HCCC can offer advising services as part of the guided pathways model. The goal is to advise students into a career area while providing the knowledge and skills needed to enter the workforce or to transfer to a college/university, while cutting down on the time and expense of the traditional four-year pathway through college.

The strategic planning team for both institutions recognizes how important this collaborative work is for community members and for the future of both Hudson County Schools of Technology and Hudson County Community College. Easy access to a college education—by bringing high quality college programs and services directly to the high school—facilitates student success.

Turntable Tuesday Events

February 7:

Turntable Tuesday: "In Memory of J Dilla"

Featuring DJ Prestige & Unkle Chip

Come vibe with us at the first installment of the two-part listening session curated by Chilltown Collective. Feb. 10, 2017 marks the 11th anniversary of the death of legendary Detroit producer, J Dilla. DJ Prestige and Unkle Chip spin in his honor.

February 21:

Turntable Tuesday: "Hip-Hop Love: Happy Birthday, Nina Simone!"

Featuring Kevlove & Cipa Sounds

Join us for the closing reception of the *Hip-Hop Utopia* exhibition and the final installment of Turntable Tuesdays. Kevlove (previously featured on "Sway in the Morning") and legendary DJ Cipa Sounds (former HOT 97 Morning Show host) close this show celebrating the birthday of Nina Simone, one of hip-hop's most sampled patrons, by highlighting the love and positivity that exists in our community.

HCCC VISITS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST NEW YORK



On Friday, Jan. 12, 2017, Tim Brown and Azhar Mahmood, Ph.D. visited Memorial High School in reference to the NJ STARS program. It was an opportunity for the Hudson County Community College team to introduce the College, Construction Management, and other programs to the graduating high school students.

OFFICE OF FACULTY & STAFF DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Office of Faculty & Staff Development offers concise and comprehensive professional and personal development training and workshops year-round. To kick off the 2017 spring semester, the following workshops were presented that afforded faculty and staff the opportunity to sharpen skills and learn new techniques to address the needs of their staff and the students:

The Career Equity Resource Center of the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Career Readiness provided a workshop for Hudson County Community College faculty and admin-

istrators on Jan. 11 and 12 in the HCCC Library. The workshop was coordinated by the Grants Office. The Center provides data-driven, research-based professional development and technical assistance to secondary schools and county colleges with career and technical education (CTE) programs. The workshop was facilitated by Charlotte Gray and Sharon Fleming from the CERC and attended by six faculty and two administrators from HCCC.



PARTNERING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Lili Williams (left), Director of Faculty and Staff Development, and Paula Roberson, Ed.D., Assessment Coordinator, met to craft a series of workshops focused on assessment of student learning. Institutional Research and Academic Affairs have been working together to fulfill the goals in the Academic Master Plan and Hudson County Community College's Strategic Plan under the heading of "Culture of Assessment."

Coffee & Conversation with the President Spring 2017 Schedule



Tuesday, February 28
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Journal Square, Board Room
70 Sip Avenue, 4th Floor

Tuesday, March 28
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Journal Square, 2 Enos Place
Conference Room, J108, 1st Floor

Wednesday, April 12
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
North Hudson Campus
Multi-Purpose Room, N203

Thursday, May 11
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Journal Square
Room TBA

For more information, please contact Lili Williams at llwilliams@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4015

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of Hudson County Community College, will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will take place on Sunday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. and will proceed from Lincoln Park to Journal Square via Kennedy Blvd. The Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Committee will host an Honoree Awards Dinner on Friday, March 10, at Casino-in-the-Park, Lincoln Park, Jersey City.

The Hudson County Community College Library and former Dean **Carol Van Houten** were featured in the most recent issue of the *New Jersey Libraries Newsletter*. The article, "Space, Place, and Purpose in the 21st Century Library," is available for reading at <http://www.njla.org/newsletters/NEWSLetterWINTER2017.pdf#page=6>.

Robert Ingoglia, Ph.D., adjunct instructor, History, published a review in the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. The review, which appeared in February 2017, was of Susan Amatangelo's (ed.) *Italian Women at War: Sisters in Arms from Unification to the Twentieth Century* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2016).

Reyhan Lalaoui, who will graduate from Hudson County Community College in May 2017, was named a 2017 National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) Finalist in writing. Lalaoui was recognized for her outstanding artistic achievements in novel writing. Lalaoui participated in the 36th annual National YoungArts Week in Miami (Jan. 8-15) in Miami under the mentorship of leading writers and authors. She will graduate from the College this May - at age 15 - with an associate degree in Liberal Arts - English.

Abdallah Matari, Professor (Biology), passed his qualifying exam for his doctorate degree at Seton Hall University's School of Health and Medical Sciences, and sat for his candidacy exam on Jan. 25.

Jerry Trombella, Ph.D., Dean of Research and Planning, was appointed Executive Director of the New York Military Affairs Symposium (NYMAS), by the organization's Board of Directors. NYMAS is a scholarly organization devoted to increasing public knowledge, awareness, and understanding of the interrelationship of war, society, and culture through the presentation and dissemination of diverse scholarly viewpoints; its lectures are frequently broadcast on C-SPAN's American History TV.

REAL MONEY 101

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, the Office of Student Financial Assistance started off the new year with the fourth in a series of workshops with the theme "Real Money 101". Dorothy Gilliard of the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) discussed "Identity Theft and Privacy Rights" in the Scott Ring Room of the Culinary Conference Center. Information included Types of Identity Theft, Prevention Strategies, Victim Resources, Privacy Survival Tips, and Protection Strategies. Dorothy also gave a quiz on how at risk you are to identity theft based on how protective you are of your personal accounts, credit cards, and identity papers. How well do you think you scored?

Come join us for our fifth Real Money 101 event which will be on "Banking and Financial Services" at the Jersey City Campus in the Culinary Conference Center, Thursday, February 23 at a new time of 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Look for information on the MyHudson portal.



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College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

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

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

Before taking the CPT:

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

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.
- For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1)

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

February 2017 Terms: Spring 2017, Summer/Fall 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	2 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
6 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM	7 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	8 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	10 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
13 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	14 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	15 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	16 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	17 Testing Center Closed
20 College Closed	21 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	22	23 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	24 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
27 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	28	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level Jersey City NHC (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City		

College Placement Test

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

Writing Proficiency Test

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

English as a Second Language placement test

- *Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours
1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
 2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
 3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
 4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
 5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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www.hccc.edu/accuplacerstudyresources

CLEP FEBRUARY- APRIL 2017

www.collegeboard.com/clep
Get College Credit with CLEP
Spring 2017 CLEP

Session I: 9:00 a.m.
Session II: 1:00 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$20 per test
CLEP Fee: \$80 per test

February

Tuesday, Feb. 14
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Tuesday, Feb. 28

March

Wednesday, March 8
Thursday, March 16

April

Wednesday, April 12
Thursday, April 20
Tuesday, April 25

Review your Institution's CLEP/ Prior Learning Assessment Policy:

HCCC students may be awarded up to 30 credits toward a degree and 15 credits toward a certificate for the prior education experience in several ways: Transfer Credit, CLEP, Advanced Placement, NYU Foreign Language Proficiency Tests, Work/Life Portfolio Assessment, Military courses, and Credit by Examination. The College does not guarantee the transferability to other institutions of credit earned in these ways.

Important: HCCC students must review their Program Evaluation to ensure the CLEP exam(s) will meet degree/graduation requirements. Visiting students, please review your institution's CLEP Policy prior to paying fees.

CLEP Appointment:

1. Space is limited! Contact the Testing Center for availability prior to paying fees.
2. Return completed Registration form with \$20 receipt to the Testing Center to secure appointment in advance. Walk-ins are not accepted.
3. Register/Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP's My Account registration portal: <http://clep.collegeboard.org/started>
4. Reschedule appointment at least 2 business days in advance to avoid \$20 Rescheduling fee. Testing Center is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Study Resources:

- Students can view reference copy of CLEP guide at the HCCC Libraries
- Visiting students can purchase study guides through CLEP's My Account portal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 1

Bagel Wednesday, 9 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Start off your morning with coffee, bagel, and all of the fixings! Today begins North Hudson's favorite weekly tradition!

SOOOOUULFEST, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Come out and explore African-American culture through food, music, and education!

Thursday, February 2

Involvement Fair: Mardi Gras Style! 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Are you looking to get involved in a club or organization on campus? Join us for the Involvement Fair and find out more about ways to get involved on campus.

Vision Board Workshop Webinar facilitated by e4Health, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Johnston Room, Second Floor. Pre-registration is required; register by emailing fsd@hccc.edu or lwilliams@hccc.edu.

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Alumni Association, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room E511

Friday, February 3

Friday Free Draw in the Gallery, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Register in person at Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

Saturday, February 4

Off-Campus Trip: Day in Harlem; Group leaves 25 Journal Square at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy a day in Harlem filled with education and food! We will be visiting the Studio Museum, the Jazz Museum of Harlem, and more! Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to sign up and for more information.

Monday, February 6

Transfer 101: How to Apply to College, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Tracing Your History, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Room L314. Trace back to learn more about your family history.

Lucky Bamboo, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Come out and create your own personalized Lucky Bamboo plant!

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

Tuesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 9

Project Management Workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Room 505. Please register by sending an email to lwilliams@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, February 7

Last day to Add/Drop for High School classes

Involvement Fair: Mardi Gras Style! 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Are you looking to get involved in a club or organization on campus? Join us for the Involvement Fair and find out more about ways to get involved on campus.

Tuesday, February 7

Button Making, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Make one-of-a-kind buttons with the Library's button makers. Bring your own images or choose from ones supplied by the Library.

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Transfer 101: How to Apply to College, 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, Fourth Floor, 70 Sip Avenue

Turntable Tuesdays: In Memory of J Dilla, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. Free. For more information, please contact gallery@hccc.edu

Wednesday, February 8

Artist Talk: Utopia Or Bust, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Artist and community members discuss influences of Hip-Hop. For more information, please contact gallery@hccc.edu.

Own Your Fitness Introductory Workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Nursing (LPN) Information Session, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave.

Nursing (RN) Information Session, 5 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave.

Evening Involvement and Services Fair, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Liberty Café, 71 Sip Avenue. Attention Evening Students: Stop by to meet representatives from clubs and offices around campus. All attendees receive a free cup of coffee and cookie while supplies last.

Tracing Your History, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Room L417. Trace back to learn more about your family history.

Thursday, February 9

Black History Month Informational Tabling, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Stop by for educational information on important figures in Black History, as well as some giveaways!

Lucky Bamboo, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Performance of "The Vagina Monologues," 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, February 10

Spring 2017 classes begin for 12-week session (Quick Term)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 10

Bus Trip to Medieval Times; bus leaves 25 Journal Square at 5 p.m. Show begins at 6 p.m. Admission for students: \$15; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$35. Surrender to an age of bravery and honor, and witness epic battles of steel and steel. From ringside seats, discover a feast of the eyes and appetite with more action, more fun and more excitement than ever before. As you thrill to a rousing live jousting tournament, marvel at the awe-inspiring horsemanship and falconry. Medieval Times serves a four-course meal fit for royalty! Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, February 11

NJ FAFSA Completion Day presented by Office of Student Financial Assistance, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City.

Monday, February 13

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

Guest Lecturer Ayana Iman: Don't Touch My Hair, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Join guest lecturer Ayana Iman as she delves into the topic of natural hair and self-confidence as a woman. The first 30 attendees will receive a commemorative journal.

Workshop reading of "Tiers," 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Scott Ring Room

Tuesday, February 14

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Building Up Your Interview Skills, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

AfroCuba Band, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Join us for a performance from New Jersey's own AfroCuba band as they play the sounds of their culture, mixed in with a lesson on the various instruments they use and their origin. Also stop by to enjoy delicious Cuban food!

HCCCoffeehouse: Black Lives Matter, 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Featuring Spoken Word artist Jeff Dessources with his powerful words and take on the complexity of the African culture and societal issues.

Sojourner Speaks, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. HCCC Professor Dorothy Anderson performs Sojourner Truth's (aka Isabella Baumfree) famous speech "Ain't I a Woman?"

Thursday, February 16

Major Exploration Fair, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room. Discover the major that is right for you!

Friday, February 17

Classes in session – Administrative Offices closed

Last day to Add/Drop for Quick Term

Friday, February 17

Community Service: Garden State Episcopal Community Development Food Pantry Church of Incarnation, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up to participate at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day – No classes – College closed

Tuesday, February 21

Major Exploration Workshop, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

3D Printing, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Makerspace. Explore the endless possibilities of creating objects with our 3D printers.

3D Printing Pens, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. 3D printing goes mobile! Learn how to draw and create 3D objects with the 3Doodler pen.

Turntable Tuesdays: Hip-Hop Love, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. Free. For more information, please contact galler@hccc.edu

NSLS Live Speaker Broadcast: Curt Menefee, 7 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room and Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. (members and candidates only)

Wednesday, February 22

Bagel Wednesday, 11:45 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Bagel Wednesday is back in Journal Square! Start off your morning with coffee, bagel, and all of the fixings! Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Own Your Fitness Group Workout, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

All College Council General Meeting, 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room

Documentary Viewing: "13th," 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. "13th" is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. Centered on race in the United States criminal justice system, the film is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which outlawed slavery. Join us for this impactful documentary, followed by a discussion.

Thursday, February 23

Vision Boards, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace, and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Inspire and empower yourself throughout the year by creating a collage to visualize your goals.

Documentary Viewing: "Hip-Hop Evolution," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Interviews with influential MCs, DJs and moguls trace the genre's dynamic evolution from the 1970s through the 1990s.

Thursday, February 23

Professional Development Faculty Roundtable hosted by Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Division, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, February 24

Subscription Dining Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Saturday, February 25

Spring 2017 classes begin for Culinary Cycle II (Day)

Off-Campus Trip: African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, Washington, DC. Join us for a trip to explore the African American Civil War Museum, which preserves and tells the stories of the United States Colored Troops and African-American involvement in the American Civil War, and visit the Memorial which commemorates the service of 209,145 African American soldiers and sailors who fought for the Union. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to sign up and for more information.

Monday, February 27

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

Reading of Dred Scott Decision, 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Witness a reading of the landmark decision of Dred Scott vs. Sandford (1856), commonly known as the Dred Scott case.

Tuesday, February 28

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

Transfer Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room. What does life after HCCC look like for you? Meet representatives from your potential four-year institution!

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Library Book Club Discussion of "The Devil Is a Part-Timer, Vol. 1" by Satoshi Wagahara, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Avenue.

Social Media & Your Job Search, 6 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

"STOMP," show time 8 p.m., Orpheum Theatre. Tickets for students: Students: \$24; Faculty/Staff/Community: \$49. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets. Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, and more fill the stage with energizing beats at "STOMP" the inventive and invigorating stage show that's dance, music and theatrical performance blended together in one electrifying rhythm.

ALUMNI CORNER



Royal Ross Class of 2008 Associate of Applied Science in Accounting

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

I dropped out of high school and decided to attend HCCC's G.E.D. prep classes. Although taking the math section three times I passed exceeding the score; I decided not to settle for a G.E.D. and pursue a higher education which propelled me to continue as a college student at HCCC in 2005 and major in accounting.

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

The Student Achievement & Excellence Awards Ceremony which was held on Monday, May 5, 2008. I could not believe as a high school dropout, single mother of two daughters, the oldest sibling of 16 and a young evangelist from an urban community background, I have achieved through many tears, struggles and wanting to throw in the towel (give up) the following: Achievement, Career and Transfer Center, presented by Cynthia Hawkins, Counselor; Outstanding Achievement Award, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), presented by Ruben Melendez, Director; Academic Achievement, GPA averages 3.2 to 3.4, Presented by Ruben Melendez, Director; Outstanding Academic Achievement, GPA averages are 3.50-3.99, presented by Ruben Melendez, Director.

How did you become interested in Accounting?

As a high school dropout, one day, I decided to seek a job and landed in front of the doors of H&R Block. Certainly, I did not know I would be given an opportunity from the supervisor, Ms. Febus, to work as a receptionist at 17 years of age; and two years later, Ms. Febus recommended me to take the tax prep course and pass with a score of 80 and she would hire me as a Tax Professional. I passed with a score of 90, which was my first attempt. Oh, how excited I felt! Moreover, my first year as a tax professional I prepared more than 50 clients and received my first end-of-season check of more than \$1,000; this is when I decided to continue my education in accounting.

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

HCCC will forever be a world of possibilities in my eyes. I am so blessed to be amongst and a part of an amazing staff, faculty and student body. While furthering my education at New Jersey City University and Saint Peter's University, I was

afforded an opportunity in my academic career at HCCC to be a note taker, tutor, Learning Community assistant, and a Foundations summer tutor; all of these positions enabled me to acquire some of the classroom management skills and knowledge while assisting in classroom settings with Dr. Mary Daane, Prof. Joe Caniglia, Prof. Brian Plunkett, and Prof. Craig McLaughlin. Presently, I am grateful and humble in my career here at HCCC as an Accounting & Business Adjunct faculty member and Temporary Full-Time Assistant to the Associate Dean of School & College Relations.

What is a typical work day for you?

A typical workday for me is executing my duties in the Office of School & College Relations during the day, and in the evenings I teach Principles of Accounting II and Introduction to Business at the College's North Hudson Campus, and Intermediate Accounting II at NJCU's Wall Campus.

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

Last March, I was invited to participate in a discussion panel titled "Women in the Workplace," a Women's History Month hosted at the College. Before a capacity crowd and representing the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division, I shared my experiences in being a professional woman. I discussed how I chose my career and offered suggestions to the women in attendance on how to manage challenges in their lives.

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

There are so many people who have been very inspirational in my life. Truly, my students whom I get to meet every semester have played a huge role and they keep me wanting to continue to do my best as an educator whether they know it or not.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Stay focused and never stop learning.

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

Continue to surround yourself with positive people; keep the faith and don't give up.

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