

VOLUME 23, ISSUE 2 • FEBRUARY 2021

# HCCC Happenings

A publication of the Communications Department



## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES \$850,000 INVESTMENT FROM JPMORGAN CHASE





## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

HR News .....	4
PTK News.....	9
Continuing Education Programs .....	10
Alumni Profile .....	14

## From the Editor's Desk

HCCC Happenings is on the College's website at <http://www.hccc.edu>

Items for the March newsletter are due by Friday, February 12, 2021.

Please send your news items, comments and suggestions to:

**Jennifer Christopher, Director Communications Department**  
162-168 Sip Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07306  
Phone: 201.360.4061  
Fax: 201.653.0607  
[jchristopher@hccc.edu](mailto:jchristopher@hccc.edu)

### PLEASE NOTE:

Digital photos must be high resolution JPG. This means 300 dpi at actual print size.

Images in this issue used for other purposes is strictly prohibited without the express advance consent of the Communications Department. Permission to use these photos may be requested by submitting a detailed summary to [communications@hccc.edu](mailto:communications@hccc.edu).

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES \$850,000 INVESTMENT FROM JPMORGAN CHASE

**H**udson County Community College (HCCC) has been named the recipient of a one-year, \$850,000 investment from JPMorgan Chase. The investment will be utilized for a program the College developed to address the challenges of the economic crisis in Hudson County that were brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is designed to provide lasting improvement in the County's workforce ecosystem.

"We are exceedingly grateful to JPMorgan Chase for funding our 'Gateway to Innovation' initiative," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "This program is strategically aligned with needs related to the community's COVID-19 challenges, and the College's student success and 'Hudson Helps' initiatives."

Dr. Reber said the HCCC "Gateway to Innovation" project was developed to provide short-term, upskilling credential attainment opportunities in health care; career services for alumni in areas such as health care, information technology, finance, insurance, and logistics; enhanced non-academic support for students, including financial counseling and access to benefits such as WIC, SNAP, and citizenship guidance; and deeper engagement with employers in technology, finance and other recession-resistant sectors that will lead to resilient career pathways.

Our neighbors in Hudson County have been uniquely impacted by challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Abby Marquand, Vice President, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase. "We are proud to support Hudson County Community College in their effort to develop and enhance sustainable career pipelines that will help more people get back to work in in-demand industries."

Over the course of the next year, the College will focus on building relationships with area employers to define in-demand skill sets; recruiting industry experts for adjunct teaching as well as faculty externships and experiential learning for students; and creating new programs that support and increase student retention and graduation and engage alumni. The initiative will also target dislocated workers from retail, hospitality and service sectors and help prepare them for recession-resistant careers in health care, including Certified Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technician, Pharmacy Technician and Hemodialysis Technician positions.

Continued on page 12

**ON THE COVER:** *Signing the terms of an investment from JPMorgan Chase, pictured are Dr. Chris Reber (seated), HCCC President; Lori Margolin (standing, left), Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development; and Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti (standing, right), Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, HCCC.*

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CULINARY BUSINESS INNOVATION

**H**udson County Community College (HCCC) is offering a new academic certificate in Culinary Business Innovation for career-oriented individuals who want to improve their employment opportunities or use their culinary talents to start a successful business.

"The culinary industry has been especially hard hit during the pandemic, and this certificate program prepares students to navigate current and anticipated business challenges in the industry," said HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber. "This certificate program will assist those currently working in the industry to advance their careers, and will provide those starting a culinary enterprise with the business background that is essential for success."

Experienced and new culinary professionals who enroll in the 30-credit, two-semester Culinary Business Innovation certificate program will acquire the accounting, management, marketing, leadership, culinary, and entrepreneurial skills that are key to career and economic growth. Upon

successfully completing the program, students will be professionally certified with the ServSafe Food Manager Certification.

The HCCC Culinary Business Innovation program is closely aligned with the curricular requirements of the HCCC Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Hospitality Management – Entrepreneurship Option. The A.A.S. degree program focuses on how new businesses are created and how they can thrive.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment of chefs and head cooks to grow 10 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Food Service Manager positions are projected to grow 9 percent, with the addition of 27,600 jobs.

Information about the HCCC Culinary Business Innovation certificate program may be obtained by contacting Janine Nunez at 201-360-4640 or [jnunez@hccc.edu](mailto:jnunez@hccc.edu).

## ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE

### HCCC Student Selected as 2021 DREAM Scholar

Congratulations to Pedro Moranchel Jr., a Physics major at the College, who has been selected to participate in the 2021 DREAM Scholars program. Moranchel was selected through a competitive process. As a DREAM Scholar, he will engage with community activists, education leaders, peers and DREAM Scholars alumni. He and the other selected Scholars will receive customized programming and exclusive networking sessions that align with their future goals at the DREAM 2021 Conference, which will be held virtually later this month.



Pedro Moranchel

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

Virtual ATD Coaches Visit Tuesday, March 9 through Friday, March 12.

## PACDEI OFFERS SAFE SPACE IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS

Hudson County Community College's President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) is planning a robust schedule of activity for the Spring 2021 term.

In January, PACDEI resumed the weekly "Wanna Talk about It?" open discussion. On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Amaalah Ogburn led a talk about the uprising at the United States Capitol, which had occurred the previous week. "Wanna Talk about It?" meets each Tuesday at 1 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 25, PACDEI hosted a "Barber Shop," a discussion for male-identifying faculty and staff. Dr. Christopher Conzen, Executive Director, Secaucus Center and Early College Programs, facilitated a discussion on "Toxic Masculinity."

For more information about programming, please email [pacdei@hccc.edu](mailto:pacdei@hccc.edu).

## COLLEGE SERVICE DAY 2021 - RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF EXCEPTIONAL TIMES

By Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development

Thursday, January 21, 2021, saw the convening of more than 350 faculty, staff, administrators, and invited guests at Hudson County Community College's Professional Development Day, as part of our spring semester start-up events. College Service Day (CSD) opened at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 4:30 p.m. The evening program, All College Faculty Orientation (ACFO), kicked off at 6:40 p.m., just after departmental meetings and a dinner break. Both events were held on the same day. This makes the 2nd fully virtual CSD and ACFO. Things were different this year because of the pandemic, now lasting nearly one solid year. It's been a challenge for our students, our faculty, our administrators, our staff, our trustees, and our community. There were times when decisions had to be implemented quickly. Everyone had to rise to new and different challenges to remain successful in these exceptional times, mission accomplished! Our efforts help mark the year's CSD theme "Rising to the Challenge of Exceptional Times." A theme significant to our past accomplishments and one that can inspire us to do even greater things in the future. The theme is a collaboration and consensus, during multiple meetings, of members who serve on the CSD planning committee.

The event kicked off with a moment of silence for the recent attacks on Capitol Hill and acts of hatred and racism displayed throughout our nation. Attendees were then lifted by an inspiring student welcome from Warren Rigby, Member of the ACCT Student Trustee Advisory Committee, and a recent HCCC graduate who shared his journey in completing one degree and beginning another in pursuit of a degree in our nationally recognized Nursing program. The audience listened attentively to important updates from Dr. Chris Reber, College President on where the college is headed, and how everyone is involved in the success of our future. He shared updates on some staff reorganizations created by the resignation of Dr. Eric Friedman who began a new position at President of Bergen Community College. Dr. Reber also spoke about critical steps taken to prepare the campus to keep everyone safe and whole, and updates on the state's CCOG for students. Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice

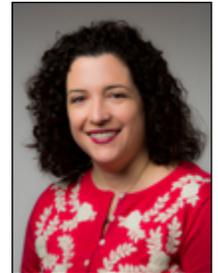
President for Academic Affairs shared a list of new hires and gave them a warm welcome to the HCCC family, and offered a powerful welcome back to all faculty, staff, and students! This semester we were able to continue the Philip Johnston Excellence in Teaching awards program with the addition of two deserving faculty members added to our long list of past awardees. The 2021 award recipients were Laurie Riccadonna, Professor, Humanities and Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, STEM. Dr. Frederick Bonato, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs of Saint Peter's University, was our judge and on hand to make the announcement. Each award recipient received a beautiful plaque and monetary gift.

Other highlights from the morning program included a panel of our key University transfer partners who shared their institution's processes and steps for general education curriculum and the role it plays in a student's success in learning, graduating, and transferring to continue their education. Panel members delved into their processes for assessing general education curriculum, including DEI principles into their classrooms, and changes they expect for the future of general education. Panelist included the following university representatives: Dr. Jason D. Martinek, Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, New Jersey City University, Dr. Maurie Cohen, Professor of Sustainability Studies and Chair of Department of Humanities, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Dr. Sofia Pinto-Figueroa, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education & Dean of Academic Services Rutgers University, and Dr. WeiDong Zhu, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Peter's University. The panel was moderated by our very own, Alison Bach, Assistant Professor of English and Heather DeVries, Dean, Academic Affairs and Assessment. We heard short updates about OER, ITV and COL.

A panel of HCCC's Faculty Members, Dr. Jerry Lamb, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, Assistant Professor, Health Services, Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, STEM, and Elana Winslow, Assistant Professor, Business, shared best practices for remote teaching. The panel was



Philip Johnston Excellence in Teaching awards recipients Dr. Clive Li and Laurie Riccadonna



moderated by Dr. Robert Kahn, Learning Management Systems Administrators.

Another notable highlight of CSD was the announcing of the first cohort of ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) completers. Kudos to Dr. Paula Roberson, Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation and Sharon Daughtry, Lecturer, Business, the ACUE Course Facilitator. Congratulations to all 19 ACUE Completers. During CSD, three students were awarded the JVG (Johanna van Gendt) Scholarship award for their ESL L0/1, L2, & L3/4 essays. You can read their complete essays on the CSD portal page. Congratulations to them and their professors. Congratulation to Dr. Shannonine M. Caruana, Associate Professor, ESL for organizing the award and presentation.

The day included a broad array of afternoon workshops ranging in topics on the COVID-19 vaccine, tips for boosting mental health and well-being, mastering the early alert system, student services panel, updates on accessibility and others. You can visit the CSD portal for the complete listing of workshops. A special workshop was conducted by Dr. Valerie Dudley, Director of Multicultural Education and Training, Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership at Temple University. Her topic: "How to Make Teaching More Inclusive" had 110 plus faculty and staff in attendance. During her session she discussed various ways to promote inclusivity in the classroom. To gain access to her presentation slides, please contact Dr. Paula Roberson. In addition to a full day of CSD activities most

*Continued on page 7*

## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
Timothy Moore

Five Years  
Christine Petersen

15 Years  
Catherina Mirasol

20 Years  
Sandra Aviles  
Taramatty Persaud

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year  
William Bird  
Stephen Palmer  
Ciara Kaye Umaili

10 Years  
Robert Bolmer

## NEW HIRES

*Manuel Arroyo, Custodial Supervisor*

*Dan Brookes, Business Developer, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (Grant-funded)*

*John Capasso, Senior Maintenance Mechanic*

*Inez Cruz, Instructor, Radiography (Tenure-track)*

*Laurice Dukes, Healthcare Coordinator, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (Grant-funded)*

*Ifesonye Emezieh, Clinical Site Coordinator, Nursing*

*Andres Estrella, Accountant, Finance*

*Joshua Keeton, Healthcare Recruiter and Job Developer, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (Grant-funded)*

*Ojanae Marshall, Grant Program Assistant, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (Grant-funded)*

*John A. Urgola, Institutional Effectiveness Coordinator, Institutional Research*

## STAFFING TABLE TITLE CHANGES DUE TO RESTRUCTURING

*Dr. Darryl Jones, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs to Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Heather DeVries, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs to Dean, Academic Affairs and Assessment*

*Lori Margolin, Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Development to Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development*

## UPCOMING SURVEY FOR THE GREAT COLLEGES TO WORK FOR PROGRAM!

HCC has decided to participate in the Great Colleges to Work For program, a national survey designed to recognize institutions that have built great workplaces. Regardless of whether or not we are recognized, the data we receive will be helpful as we continue the process of creating the best workplace possible.

On March 8, the survey will be distributed to employees. This is a chance to make your voice heard, and a high response rate helps ensure an accurate representation of our community. At the close of the program, we will receive topline reports that summarize the organizational competencies and relationships that most directly impact and

influence our culture.

The survey is voluntary and completely confidential. We encourage everyone's participation and hope you will take this opportunity to share your honest feedback! Thank you, in advance, for your participation. Please contact Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources, via email at [akrupitskiy@hccc.edu](mailto:akrupitskiy@hccc.edu) or by phone at 201-360-1663, or visit [www.GreatCollegesProgram.com](http://www.GreatCollegesProgram.com), if you have any questions.



## EVERGREEN CONSULTANTS ON CAMPUS (REMOTELY) IN FEBRUARY 2021!

With the guidance and support of Evergreen Consultants, we are now beginning our College-wide review of all employee position descriptions and development of recommendations for creating a new employee classification system going forward. We expect that work to continue for the next six months. Please check the Human Resources portal page: <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/compensation-study>

For more information, including the schedule of the visit or contact Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources via email [akrupitskiy@hccc.edu](mailto:akrupitskiy@hccc.edu).

About Evergreen: Evergreen Solutions, LLC is a national, multidisciplinary, public sector management consulting firm, which specializes in working with public sector organizations, including many postsecondary education clients, across the nation. The main focus is on people, management, and technology. This focus allows our team to provide a broad variety of services, including, but not limited to: classification and compensation studies; salary and benefits surveys; performance appraisal reviews; workload analyses; staffing studies; disparity studies; training assessments; and strategic planning. You are invited to browse the Web site at [www.ConsultEvergreen.com](http://www.ConsultEvergreen.com) for more information about our services, staff, and past experience.

## NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION



Human Resources held a New Employee Orientation on Thursday, January 28, 2021 via WebEx with the HR team and Sharon Daughtry of the College Life Committee of the All College Council.

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

For information about online, remote, and on-ground learning and the College's on-ground operations, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to visit the Return to Campus Task Force web page -

<http://www.hccc.edu/returntocampus/>

## ITV OVERVIEW EXPLANATION

Interactive Television (ITV) classes are held in state-of-the-art, fully immersive video classrooms at both campuses simultaneously and provide a seamless visual and sound connection. The instructor is equally available to students on both campuses and is assisted by technical and tutoring support.

### ITV Spaces

#### Classrooms

- L418
- N504

#### Meeting Rooms

- A418
- N703A

#### Conference and Multipurpose Spaces

- NHC Multipurpose Room
- Culinary Scott Ring Room
- Culinary Johnston Breakout Rooms
- Culinary Banquet Room
- STEM Multipurpose Room

#### Capabilities

- Immersive technology is intrinsic to the system
- Cameras focus & follow automatically
- System transcribes video automatically
- Wireless screen and content sharing
- Audio receivers for the hearing impaired

#### More Information

**Please see:** <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/its/Pages/WebEx-Resources.aspx> for information and training resources.

**Video overview:** <https://youtu.be/-tZEKmgSzac>  
ITV Training is held weekly on Fridays at 1 p.m.

## VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE (VDI) EXPANSION 2021

VDI expansion allows for 250 additional student simultaneous users from home with Chromebooks or tablets. With this expansion, students will be able to use graphic intensive applications, such as Adobe Creative Cloud.

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure technology reduces individual Windows PC device cost by about half. It requires added investment in server room infrastructure. VDI is entirely scalable and straightforward to support.

- VDI desktops can be custom-tailored to different types of students
- VDI offers consistent user experience no matter where the student is located
- VDI allows the desktop computing environment to stay 100% current and secure with as little intervention from ITS as possible.
- VDI can be accessed anytime, anywhere
- VDI can be accessed from any current device; laptop, Chromebook, Android devices, IOS devices, and the like.
- VDI allows students and faculty to access very large files with minimal bandwidth such as CAD and videos.
- VDI will allow the ITS Support Team to support students remotely.
- VDI allows HCCC to focus on student experience and therefore student success, rather than on the hardware itself

## DON'T MISS Hudson County Community College OUT of the BOX



PODCAST

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC IS:

### ACHIEVING THE DREAM (ATD)

WITH GUESTS:

Crystal Newton and Tyler Sarmiento



Tune in to our monthly podcast for timely discussion about education, people, programs, events, issues, and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County.

Each session is hosted by HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber and features special guests and HCCC students.

To listen, visit [www.hccc.edu/outofthebox](http://www.hccc.edu/outofthebox).

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Dr. Ara Karakashian**, Acting Associate Dean/ Associate Professor of the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division, who successfully defended his dissertation and has earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Rowan University.

The Newport Centre Mall is the site of a unique mural by HCCC alumna and art therapist **Athena Toledo**. The mural features tiles with art pieces from the students of a fourth grade class at Ethical Community Charter School, along with the art of Toledo, Olivia Boules Kelsey Reilly, and represents what Jersey City means to the respective artists.

On Jan. 19, as part of its "Made by History" series, *The Washington Post* published "Businesses have turned against Trump and his allies, but is it too little too late?" by **Dr. Betsy Wood**, an instructor at the College. The piece may be read at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/01/19/businesses-have-turned-against-trump-his-allies-is-it-too-little-too-late/>



Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, an honor society for adult learners, announced the election and induction of **Koral Booth** (HCCC Class of 2020) as Alumni Representative to the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees in the Winter 2021 edition of its quarterly newsletter, *Midnight Oil*.



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING** on Tuesday, February 23 at 12 p.m.

**The Town Hall is transitioning to WebEx!** To speak and/or make comments, participants must use the WebEx app on a computer or mobile device.

#### JOIN THE SESSION AT:

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m96b99d9109884d2d30d8a6befacbe7f6>  
Meeting number (access code): 132 949 5523 Password: FebTH2021

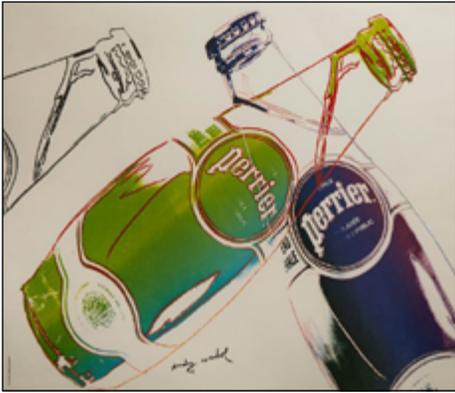
Users who choose to dial into the Town Hall meeting (+1-408-418-9388) will not have the ability to make comments.

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

# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,300+ 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 work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.



Andy Warhol, *Perrier White* (1983) *Offset Lithograph Poster*. (From Andy Warhol's estate, via the Andy Warhol Foundation.) This experimental design for a 1983 advertising campaign was awarded the Grand Prize of the French Poster in 1983.

## DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to artist Linda Butti for the generous donation of two large gorgeous paintings.

## ARTIST NEWS

The Foundation Art Collection recently acquired a work by Iranian American artist Shirin Neshat, which we hope to install later this year. Neshat has an exhibition through Feb. 27, called "Land of Dreams" at the Gladstone Gallery in New York City. You can read more about that show, and view the works on exhibit here: (<https://www.gladstonegallery.com/exhibition/8001/land-of-dreams/installation-views>).

Recently, in an interview published in the *Christian Science Monitor*, Neshat said that political art should be not obvious and preachy. "It's wrong to tell people what's right and what's wrong. But it is possible to make art that makes people think about important issues in a whole new way and have new insight." In her 30-year career, she has struggled to strike a balance in her work that is politically conscious, "tackling the real issues we're facing – and allowing multiple interpretations so people can think about it and take away whatever they wish." She strives in her work, "to emphasize the diversity in this country between multiracial ethnicities and the shared humanity that defines America." She says, "the American identity is this multiplicity and hybridity."

If you like Ed Ruscha's work, installed in the sculpture cabinet on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library, or if you're interested in urban photography, or if you'd just like to take a virtual vacation in California right now, you might like "12 Sunsets," a recent online exhibit by the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. *The Washington Post* says this interactive website is "so cool it hardly knows what to do with itself. Which, of course, only reinforces its cool." Starting in 1966, the artist drove Sunset Strip in California with a camera on his truck, and used the photographs he took to make an artists book called, "Every building on the Sunset Strip." Ruscha and his team have continued photographing Los Angeles for the last 55 years, amassing over 60,000 photographs. To see "12 Sunsets", which focuses on the Sunset Strip photographs, go to: <https://12sunsets.getty.edu>. You can choose your vehicle: a red Datsun pickup truck, a blue Volkswagen bus or a red Beetle. Then you can drive east or

west on Sunset Strip, and you can time travel: To go forward in time use the up arrow; to go back, use the down arrow.

What is an artist's book? Here's Jennie Smith, the senior teaching artist at the De Young Museum in San Francisco, teaching kids how to make one: *How To: Memory Book Inspired by Jennifer Bartlett's "Four Seasons"* ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOHea8vqK48&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOHea8vqK48&feature=emb_logo)). She uses for inspiration a series of works by Jennifer Bartlett (whose painting, *Homan-Ji Series XI: Trees and Forest*, is installed our Academic Affairs conference room on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue). The materials are simple — you can use stuff you have at home — a brown paper grocery bag, an old cereal box, a glue stick, a pair of scissors and some crayons—to make a lovely book. This video project is designed for kids ages 3-8, but as a person who's fine with careful instructions and low-stakes assignments, I enjoyed it too.

Andy Warhol is one of the best-known artists in the world. His work, *Perrier White*, can be seen on campus in the Dean's Reception Area (Room 218) of the Culinary Conference Center. Recently, his role as a pioneer in creating gay-themed art has been celebrated in a new book called *Andy Warhol: Love, Sex and Desire. Drawings 1950-1962*. You can read more about this in Blake Gopnik's essay from the book, *Andy Warhol's Hopes for Queer-Themed Art*, here: ([hyperallergic.com](http://hyperallergic.com)) ([https://hyperallergic.com/613511/andy-warhol-queer-art-blake-gopnik/?utm\\_campaign=Daily&utm\\_content=20210120&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Hyperallergic%20Newsletter](https://hyperallergic.com/613511/andy-warhol-queer-art-blake-gopnik/?utm_campaign=Daily&utm_content=20210120&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Hyperallergic%20Newsletter))

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](mailto:ASiegel@hccc.edu) and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at [nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu](mailto:nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu), or (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

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

Go to [www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections](http://www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections)



Membership in the Hudson County Community College Foundation's dining series is your opportunity to enjoy world-class dining and service in your own backyard, and to help the College in realizing its goals of assisting deserving students! Our Executive Chef, team of culinary professionals, and students make meals at the Culinary Arts Institute into experiences to remember.

The Dining Series will occur over a course of eight Fridays: March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 9, April 16, April 23, and April 30. Service will take place at the Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City.

Includes appetizer, entrée, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages available include beer and wine by the glass or bottle and must be paid by cash or credit card at the time of service. Seating will be limited to 4 diners per table.

Please contact Mirta Sanchez at [msanchez@hccc.edu](mailto:msanchez@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-4004.

DEPARTMENT OF  
**CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
presents



## EXHIBITIONS:



**Azikiwe Mohammed:**  
*The Tales from Fold Out Chairs and Rashad Wright: in heaven's wakanda*

Curated by Ysabel Pinyol Blasi

Presented in partnership with Monira Foundation, <https://monira-foundation.org/>

### FEBRUARY 4 TO APRIL 2

*The Tales from Fold Out Chairs* by Azikiwe Mohammed and *in heaven's wakanda* by Rashad Wright are by two contemporary American artists. The place where we tell a tale from is as important as the words spoken in it – as a tale told sitting sits differently in the mouth than one told otherwise.

It has more space to rattle before sneaking out. It is rooted in the ground where all of the legs rest upon. Rested words carry more weight, rested words travel farther. And for tales told of unrest, the rested word is the strongest answer. –Ysabel Pinyol Blasi, Curator



**Laurie Riccadonna:**  
*Eternal Bloom*  
Curated by Michelle Vitale  
**FEBRUARY 4 TO APRIL 2**

HCCC celebrates Professor Laurie Riccadonna's years of dedication to both her artistic practice and teaching career

with a review of her paintings in the exhibition "Eternal Bloom." Recipient of the 2020 Association of Community College Trustees Northeast Region Faculty Award, Riccadonna has overseen the Hudson County Community College Art Department as professor and department coordinator for the past 18 years. A graduate from Yale University School of Art, Riccadonna continues to amaze with her masterful work. Professor Riccadonna's paintings will be on view on the Dineen Hull Gallery Flickr account, and presented virtually throughout the Spring 2021 semester. Additionally, this virtual exhibition will travel to the State University of New York, Old Westbury. For more information, visit: <https://www.oldwestbury.edu/departments/arts/wallace-gallery>

## PROGRAMS:

### Wellness Wednesdays with Mindful Play Yoga

<https://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga/>  
Facebook Live at 10 a.m.

### FEBRUARY 17, "Let It Grow" mantra inspired by Laurie Riccadonna exhibition

#### Tune In Piano Series

Curated by Angelica Sanchez  
Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, email: [galleries@hccc.edu](mailto:galleries@hccc.edu)

### FEBRUARY 17, Jacob Sacks

Universally esteemed as an educator, Jacob has synthesized his experiences as a creative performing musician and artist with his experiences as a student of Sophia Rosoff, Garry Dial, and Mark Kieswetter. His approach to balancing and blend-

ing the teaching of musicianship with the development of individual creativity has been acclaimed worldwide.

Jacob has led masterclasses both domestically and internationally at institutions such as Manhattan School of Music, University of Michigan, University of Toronto, Humber College, Porto Conservatory, Birmingham Conservatoire, and AMR Geneva. In addition to leading master classes, Jacob teaches for the New School, and teaches lessons, classes, and ensembles in his private practice in Brooklyn.

### Saturday Drawing Series with Katie Niewodowski

Zoom and Facebook at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email: [galleries@hccc.edu](mailto:galleries@hccc.edu)

### FEBRUARY 20

Join artist Katie Niewodowski for 45-minute drawing sessions throughout the spring semester starting Saturday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m. This workshop series is designed for beginners but will inspire drawing love for all levels. Niewodowski is a Jersey City-based artist well-versed in creating and inspiring a love for drawing. She currently teaches drawing at HCCC and Montclair State University. To learn more visit: [www.katieniewo.com](http://www.katieniewo.com)

### Young Masters Art Classes with Kristin DeAngelis

<https://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass>  
Facebook Live Only on Fridays at 10 a.m.

**FEBRUARY 19: A Closer Look: Monira Foundation** presents Azikiwe Mohammed

**For more information, email: [galleries@hccc.edu](mailto:galleries@hccc.edu)**

## COLLEGE SERVICE DAY 2021 - RISING TO THE CHALLENGE OF EXCEPTIONAL TIMES

*Continued from page 3*

employees remained engaged for departmental meetings, workshops, and the All-College Faculty Orientation (ACFO) informative evening program. The ACFO program kicked-off at 6:40 p.m. with opening remarks from President Chris Reber followed by welcoming remarks from Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Attendees were updated on resources, services, and important semester relevant information from multiple departments from around the College. Departments presenting at ACFO included: Center for Online Learning – Dr. Robert Kahn, Zakia Hmamou, and Callie Martin; College Libraries -

Sarah Teichman; Information Technology Services - Patricia Clay; Human Resources - Anna Krupitskiy; Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation - Dr. Paula Roberson; and the Adjunct Faculty Union – Nancy Lasek of the UAFNJ, HCCC, Local 2222. The evening ended with a Gradebook and Early Alert workshop facilitated by Joseph Caniglia, Assistant Professor, English.

Director of Faculty and Staff Development Liliisa Williams and Vice President for Academic Affairs Darryl Jones would like to thank the CSD Planning Committee, ITS, and Communications for helping

to make the day a success. Special thanks to Willie Shirer, Omar Williams, Colin Moore, Jennifer Christopher, Linda Gustani, Kenneth Melewski and Patricia Clay for going the extra mile to make this event technically and digitally successful.

The CSD portal page is currently being updated with handout materials and session recordings (where available). Please feel free to check there for any updates <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/college-service-day-21>. We also invite you to visit the page and complete our CSD and ACFO event feedback surveys.

## ENROLLMENT NEWS

### LANDMARK LEGISLATIVE ACTION: PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT AS A PERMANENT PROGRAM

On Monday, Jan. 11, the New Jersey Senate voted 26-6 to establish the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) program as a permanent state financial aid program. The Assembly, which passed the legislature late last year, concurred with Senate amendments to the legislation yesterday as well. The legislation (A4410 / S2743) will now go to Governor Murphy for his signature.

The Community College Opportunity Grant program provides a last-dollar scholarship to attend a community college for individuals in households earning \$65,000 adjusted gross income or less. The CCOG program was first established in the state's FY 2019 budget and assisted more than 18,000 students last year, including recent high school graduates and working adults. These students enrolled in a community college and embarked on a path toward earning college degrees and credentials. CCOG expands economic opportunity while helping New Jersey build a productive and innovative workforce that enables economic growth and recovery.

"It was an important day for the future of our state, our economy, and all who live in our great state" according to Dr. Aaron R. Fichtner, President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

When this legislation is signed by the Governor, current and future students will have the certainty to know that this program will be there for them now and into the future.

"Thanks to Governor Murphy and our legislators, greater numbers of students can take advantage of this free-tuition program," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "Thousands of HCCC students balance college with full-time employment, full-time studies, and caring for their families. This program enables our students to achieve their higher education goals while managing other important priorities."

New Jersey's 18 community colleges thank Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and the entire Senate and Assembly for their support of this landmark legislation. The colleges thank Governor Murphy for proposing



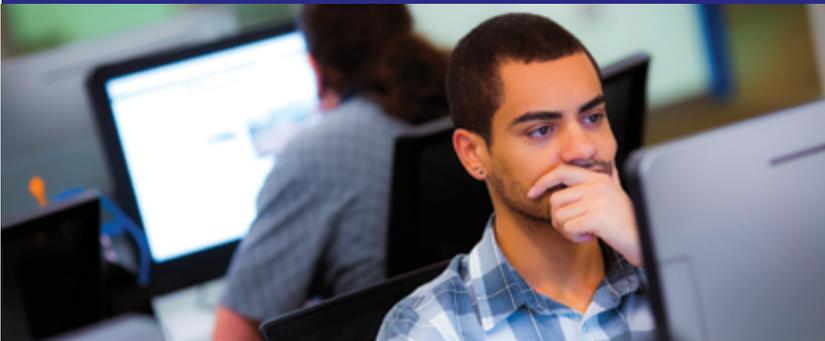
and supporting this program during the past three years and look forward to his signature.

About NJCCC: New Jersey's 18 agile and innovative community colleges are prepared to lead in the response to and recovery from this public health and economic crisis and to secure a brighter future for all New Jerseyans. The New Jersey Council of County Colleges provides statewide leadership for the advancement of New Jersey Community Colleges, performs coordinating responsibilities as required by law, and coordinates statewide efforts to build a skilled workforce and improve student success. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.njccc.org](http://www.njccc.org).

## SPRING 2021 12-WEEK QUICK TERM

Begins  
2.16.21

*We're Ready When You're Ready!*



**Classes begin on Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

Each class meets for 12 weeks. This a great option for students who cannot commit to a 15-week term or motivated learners who prefer a fast-paced format.

## REGISTER NOW!

For a current schedule, go to [www.hccc.edu/schedule](http://www.hccc.edu/schedule)  
To see if a class is offered in the Quick Term, click on the name of the class and then look under "Topics."

For more information contact: [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu)  
text (201) 509-4222 or call (201) 714-7200



## HCCC FOOD PANTRIES EQUIPPED TO INCREASE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF FOOD

Hudson County Community College's Food Pantries recently installed refrigeration equipment, which will expand the Pantries' offerings to perishable items such as fresh produce, dairy, beverages and frozen meals.

### NOW ACCEPTING:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Frozen fruits and vegetables
- Refrigerated beverages
- Milk and dairy products
- Individual or family frozen dinners
- Frozen meats and other items



MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### JOURNAL SQUARE

2 Enos Place (Building J), Jersey City, NJ  
201-360-4109

### NORTH HUDSON

4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ (Building N)  
201-360-4709

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

### Virtual Induction Ceremony

On Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, Phi Theta Kappa held its first international virtual induction. Following some presentations, more than 4,000 names of registered 2020 inductees from chapters across the world were read.

### Get the Edge (and a Cool Tote Bag)

Congratulations to Beta Alpha Phi Chapter President Darciane Barbieri-Eltz for completing all four components of the PTK Edge program. She will receive a complimentary Phi Theta Kappa tote bag. Each "Edge" provides information to help members with soft skills, scholarships, transferring to four-year colleges, employment, resumes, interviewing, and research. The program is self-paced and optional. More information is available at [www.ptk.org/ptk-edge](http://www.ptk.org/ptk-edge).

### Save These Dates!

Thursday, March 18 – Saturday, March 20:  
Middle States Regional Convention 2021 (virtual)

Thursday, April 8 – Saturday, April 10:  
PTK Catalyst 2021 (virtual)

Sunday, May 2: Beta Alpha Phi Spring Induction, 2 p.m. Students who became members after Nov. 1, 2020 should submit a photo to Professor Ted Lai at [tlai@hccc.edu](mailto:tlai@hccc.edu).



*Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs (in foreground) and Beta Alpha Phi advisor Ted Lai (in background) at Bayonne Nature Club Shoreline Cleanup at Rutkowski Park in Bayonne on Saturday, Jan. 16.*

### Research and Development Council of New Jersey

The Research and Development Council of New Jersey scholarship application period will open in February. The Merit Scholarship is available to students who will continue at the community college in Fall 2021. More information is available at [www.rdnj.org](http://www.rdnj.org).



# Lucky You! There's Still Time to Win!

## Enter the Lucky Odds Raffle

**Grand Prize**  
40% of ticket sales

Enter the Hudson County Community College Foundation's "Lucky Odds Raffle!"

**Tickets \$50 each**

**Second Prize**  
6% of ticket sales

Winning ticket will be drawn on  
Monday, February 15, 2021

**Third Prize**  
4% of ticket sales

**To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information:**  
Please contact Mirta Sanchez at [msanchez@hccc.edu](mailto:msanchez@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-4004.

[www.hccc.edu/foundation](http://www.hccc.edu/foundation)



CHASE | yearup

# OWN YOUR future

Are you between the ages of 18-26?  
Year up can get you on a path towards a rewarding professional career in just one year.

EARN AN AVERAGE OF  
**\$42,000**  
A YEAR



Year Up is a one-year career development training and paid internship program for motivated young adults, ages 18 to 26, seeking to launch a career in Business or Tech. To speak to a Year Up recruiter, visit <https://bit.ly/YUNYNJ1to1>.

**The Office of Admissions & College Enrollment**  
Hudson County Community College  
[admissionsnyj@yearup.org](mailto:admissionsnyj@yearup.org) | (646) 341-6800

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT Certificate Program

February 22 to  
April 5, 2021  
(Live via Zoom)

Mondays, Wednesdays,  
and Fridays,  
6 to 8 p.m.  
(36 hours) | \$1,000



**This live, fully online certificate program promises participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of various principles and processes involved in managing a project of any size in any industry.**

The program is recommended for those who want to add to their value and marketability, increase earning potential, or are interested in a new career.

The certificate counts towards 36 hours of the educational requirements for the Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> or Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)<sup>®</sup> certification exam.

REGISTER AT <https://tinyurl.com/pmcwi21>

Visit the website below for more information on the course as well as the link to the info session. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/131777150003>

For more information, please contact: Alexis Muniz | [amuniz@hccc.edu](mailto:amuniz@hccc.edu)

Tuition for this program may be eligible for professional development or tuition reimbursement benefits. Please speak to your supervisor to determine eligibility.

### College Readiness Classes - (Virtual)

#### (SAT PREP Recommended Ages: High School Students)

Get a jump-start on the SAT and impress those college recruiters with this 6-week test preparation program. Learn to use basic problem-solving techniques to strengthen your abilities, while avoiding careless mistakes. Test-taking skills will be provided, along with test samples from an actual SAT exam.

#### SAT Language Arts Prep    SAT Math Prep

**Instructor:** Elissa D'Aries  
**Dates:** March 20, 27  
(OFF on April 3- Easter)  
April 10, 17, 24 & 5/1 (Saturdays)  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Price:** \$199

**Instructor:** Raza Qamar  
**Dates:** March 20, 27  
(OFF on April 3- Easter)  
April 10, 17, 24 & 5/1 (Saturdays)  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Price:** \$199

This VIRTUAL Youth Program will have live Instructors running each class. These unique programs are specially designed to run from the safety of your home.

For more information or to register, please go to;

[www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/](http://www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/)  
or you may email Carmen Guerra at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu)



### FINANCIAL BASICS AND EARLY WEALTH-BUILDING FOR TEENS



This course is specifically designed to prepare young people to achieve their life and wealth-building goals, including education, purchasing a car or home, and travel. Students will also learn the importance of planning for retirement early - setting themselves up for lifelong success!

#### Topics include:

*S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely) financial concepts*

*Investing: Stock Market, Bonds, Mutual Funds, and More*

*Credit for large purchases such as Real Estate and Cars*

*Budgeting, Cash Flow, Business Loans, and Debt*

**Duration:** 3 days (Saturdays)

**Dates:** February 20, 27 & March 6, 2021

**Times:** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Price:** \$49

This VIRTUAL Youth Program will have a live Instructor running each class. These unique programs are specially designed to run from the safety of your home.

For more information or to register, please go to;

[www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/](http://www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/)  
or you may email Carmen Guerra at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu)



### Creative Writing for High School Students (virtual)

*This course will offer students the opportunity to get creative with language and have the freedom to choose their own writing project: A slam poetry reading, a collection of flash fiction, a fantasy story, or anything in between!*



The students will discuss and explore different types of literature they like to read, why they like this type of literature, and how they would like to develop their own writing. They will discuss questions such as "What makes something a good work of creative writing?" and "How can I improve my own writing using the ideas discussed in class?"

This course hopes to develop students' creativity and own sense of writing style while still enabling them to consider feedback and different perspectives. In this course, students will use and develop the writing skills they learned in school but with more freedom, flexibility, and fun!

**Duration:** 3 days (Saturdays)

**Dates:** February 6, 13 & 20, 2021

**Times:** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Price:** \$56

For more information or to register, please go to;

[www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/](http://www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/family-and-kids-program/)  
or you may email Carmen Guerra at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu)



## JOHANNA VAN GENDT (JVG) SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

by Dr. Shannonine M. Caruana,  
Associate Professor of ESL

The JVG Scholarship (Johanna van Gendt) completed its first cycle on College Service Day in January 2021, and the goal is to make it a recurring event every Spring semester. This scholarship aims to promote the professional integrity and overwhelming compassion that Johanna brought to the ESL program. It strives to keep alive her goals by rewarding dedicated and motivated students.

The scholarship awarded \$400 each to three recipients: Susana Montesdeoca, Paola Ortega, and Gertrudes De Los Santos. If you would like to read their essays, please go to the College Service Day Portal Page.

The Development and Planning Committee and the ESL Program will continue to promote this initiative with fundraising events and by encouraging individual donations (msanchez@hccc.edu). We are grateful for the support and encouragement of the HCCC community.

## SAVE THE DATE

### HCCC SPEAKER SERIES

Featuring  
**TAMIKA PALMER**  
Mother of  
**Breonna Taylor**

Thursday,  
February 18, 2021  
12 p.m.

Co-Moderated by  
Professor Dorothy Anderson  
and Director of Cultural Affairs  
Michelle Vitale

Members of the community may participate by submitting questions they may have for Ms. Palmer by Feb. 10, 2021 to mvitale@hccc.edu with the subject line "Breonna Taylor."

A virtual tour of the Monira Foundation exhibition featuring artist Azikiwe Mohammed and poet Rashad Wright will follow live from the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery  
[https://www.tinyurl.com/HCCC\\_TamikaPalmer](https://www.tinyurl.com/HCCC_TamikaPalmer).



## SPRING 2021 ADJUNCT FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Facilitator	Saturday	Modules	Time	Total Hours	Phase
Sharon Daughtry	February 20	1 & 2	8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	5	1
Patrick Moore	February 27	3	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	3	1
Alexis Muniz	February 27	4	12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	2	
Angela Pack	March 6	5 & 6	8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	5	2
Joseph Caniglia	March 13	7 & 8	8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	5	2

\*Lunch 11:30 a.m. - Noon

**TO REGISTER:**

**PHASE 1** - <https://bit.ly/3fdGNan> **PHASE 2** - <https://bit.ly/2UGBeHT>

**CONTACT:**

Paula Roberson, Ed.D., Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation  
proberson@hccc.edu



## HCCC RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Invites you to join us for our  
**VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

To find out more information about becoming a student at HCCC and a **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST**.

**Tuesday, February 23**  
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**TO REGISTER:**

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e129f3bcd08d23192c186e80bb3837812>



HCCC Radiography Program  
870 Bergen Avenue (Building F)  
2nd Floor, Room 218  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information please contact  
**(201) 360-4784.**



# Feeling the Winter Blues?

- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling irritable or angry
- Feelings of exhaustion and fatigue
- Feelings of loneliness
- Lack of pleasure in normal activities
- Losing interest in activities that you normally enjoy
- Sleeping much more or much less than normal
- Trouble making decisions
- Withdrawing from friends and family



**You are not alone.**  
Talk with people who get you.

## TalkCampus

24/7 Support

<https://www.talklife.co/hudson-county-community-college>

## New Jersey Suicide Prevention HOPELINE

24/7 Peer Support & Suicide Prevention

1.855.654.6735

<http://www.njhopenline.com>

## Crisis Text Line

Text HELLO to 741741

Free, 24/7, Confidential

## Mental Health Counseling & Wellness

(201) 360-4229

[mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu](mailto:mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu)

To seek services please visit –

<https://myhudson.hccc.edu/mental-health-counseling-wellness-center>

We are still here for you!

Click here to complete a Care Form

<http://www.hccc.edu/wecare/>

## Staff and Faculty Resources:

Employee Assistance Program

Emotional support line at 833-848-1764

Visit <https://eap.ndbh.com>

(Username: hccc Password: guest)

## INVESTMENT FROM JPMORGAN CHASE

*Continued from page 2*

Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, HCCC Vice President for External Affairs & Senior Counsel to the President, said: “The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected many Hudson County businesses, and financially imperiled our students and fellow Hudson County residents. This investment provides the opportunity to assess and address current needs, and to determine and develop strategies and partnerships in several key sectors of our community.”

“Hudson County Community College is dedicated to helping our students attain academic and career success, and to improving the lives of the people in our community,” Dr. Reber said. “This JPMorgan Chase investment will go far in ensuring the development of long-term solutions that will help rebuild Hudson County’s economic infrastructure.”

Employers, community members, students and alumni may obtain more information about the HCCC “Gateway to Innovation” initiative, and how to participate in it, by contacting Lori Margolin, HCCC Associate Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, at [LMargolin@hccc.edu](mailto:LMargolin@hccc.edu) or 201-360-4242.

## PLEASE PROPERLY WEAR YOUR FACE MASK

### FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES



- Wash your hands before and after touching the mask.
- Touch only the bands or ties when putting on and taking off your mask.
- Make sure the mask fits to cover your nose, mouth and chin. If you adjust the mask to cover those areas, wash your hands before and after.
- Make sure you can breathe and talk comfortably through your mask.
- Wash reusable masks after each use. If the mask is disposable, discard it when visibly soiled or damaged.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, February 1

Last day to add for 15-week online/hybrid classes

Last day to drop classes for Online Session A (7 weeks)

Black History Month Social Media Kick-Off, Visit @hcccstudentlife and @hcccofficial for a social media kick-off to the month, where you’ll get to hear about the month’s events and more!

### Tuesday, February 2

Understanding Hudson Helps Student Resources, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu/>

HCCC Enrollment: A Testing & Placement Virtual Walkthrough, 5 p.m. Join at <https://jclibrary.zoom.us/j/85458180458>

### Wednesday, February 3

Win It Wednesday - Log onto HCCC’s student engagement platform Involved at <https://involved.hccc.edu/> between 9 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. and enter our “Win It Wednesday” raffle to win an Amazon gift card.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Passport Program Information Session, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for the event link.

### Thursday, February 4 to Friday, April 2

Exhibition: Azikiwe Mohammed: Tales from Fold Out Chairs and Rashad Wright: in heaven’s wakanada. Presented by Monira Foundation; Curated by Ysabel Pinyol Blasi.

Exhibition: Laurie Riccadonna: Eternal Bloom

### Thursday, February 4

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Alumni Association, 5 p.m., via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/vmcenjwn>; Meeting ID: 998 3282 2100; Passcode: iMgX7w

### Friday, February 5

Utilizing Support Services to Boost Student Performance, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/1aq0n75j>; Meeting ID: 839 7357 1476; Meeting Password: 19v3DX;

Trivia Night: Black History Month Trivia, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

### Monday, February 8

Last day to add/drop regular 15-week

Last day to drop Online/Hybrid classes

### Tuesday, February 9

HCCC Enrollment: A Testing & Placement Virtual Walkthrough, 5 p.m. Join at <https://jclibrary.zoom.us/j/85458180458>

### Wednesday, February 10

Win It Wednesday – Log onto HCCC’s student engagement platform Involved at <https://involved.hccc.edu/> between 9 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. and enter our “Win It Wednesday” raffle to win an Amazon gift card.

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 11

Student Success Tips from the Experts featuring Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Lisa Dougherty, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

Ask Me Anything: WebEx and ITV and Video Conference Security, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; join via <https://tinyurl.com/1bh72u0l>; Meeting number (access code): 132 633 0569; Meeting password: 2HVqFs4ad52

### Friday, February 12

President's Weekend (Administrative Offices Closed, Classes in Session)

### Monday, February 15

President's Weekend (College Closed – No Classes)

### Tuesday, February 16

Quick Term courses begin

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

Real Talk Tuesday with the Black Student Union, 6 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

### Wednesday, February 17

Win It Wednesday – Log onto HCCC's student engagement platform Involved at <https://involved.hccc.edu/> between 9 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. and enter our "Win It Wednesday" raffle to win an Amazon gift card.

Wellness Wednesdays with Mindful Play Yoga, 10 a.m., <https://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga/>

Tune In Piano Series curated by Angelica Sanchez featuring Jacob Sacks, via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email [galler@hccc.edu](mailto:galler@hccc.edu)

### Thursday, February 18

Speaker Series featuring Tameka Palmer, 12 p.m. via Zoom. To participate, submit questions Feb. 10 to [mvitale@hccc.edu](mailto:mvitale@hccc.edu) with the subject line "Breonna Taylor." A virtual tour of the Monira Foundation exhibition featuring artist Azikiwe Mohammed and poet Rashad Wright will follow live from the Benjamin J. Dineen Hull, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery. Spaces for virtual event attendance are limited and pre-registration is required at <https://www.tinyurl.com/HCCCTamikaPalmer>.

Black History Month Story Time, 3 p.m. Presented by the HCCC Libraries. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

### Friday, February 19

Young Masters Art Classes with Kristin DeAngelis, 10:30 a.m., <https://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass>

Trivia Night: Music Trivia, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

Hudson Presents: Conversations with Contemporary Artists (Laurie Riccadonna), 6:30 p.m., on ZOOM & Facebook Live. For more information, email [galler@hccc.edu](mailto:galler@hccc.edu)

### Saturday, February 20

The Road to an HBCU: Presentation and Panel, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

Saturday Drawing Series with Katie Niewodowski, Zoom and Facebook, 2:30 p.m. For more information, email [galler@hccc.edu](mailto:galler@hccc.edu)

### Monday, February 22

Welcome Back Breakfast To Go, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby

### Tuesday, February 23

Welcome Back Breakfast to Go, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., STEM Building, Lobby

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The Town Hall is transitioning to WebEx! To speak and/or make comments, participants must use the WebEx app on a computer or mobile device. JOIN THE SESSION AT: <https://tinyurl.com/y247cqbh> Meeting number (access code): 132 949 5523 Password: FebTH2021Users who choose to dial into the Town Hall meeting (+1-408-418-9388) will not have the ability to make comments.

Wanna Talk About It: A Discussion on the Intersectionality of being Black and LGBTQIA+, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring an historical and social over presented by Stephanie Mills, Director of Programs with Hudson Pride Center, Hudson County's home and voice for the diverse LGBTQIA+ community and allies. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

Stackable Credentials as a Pathway to Student Success, 2 p.m. Join via WebEx: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/lmargolin>, Access Code 794 117 531 or call 408-418-9388.

Radiography Program Information Session, 3 p.m. Join via WebEx at <https://tinyurl.com/3v3zqt2k>

Win It Wednesday – Log onto HCCC's student engagement platform Involved at <https://involved.hccc.edu/> between 9 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. and enter our "Win It Wednesday" raffle to win an Amazon Gift Card.

Student Leaders in the Movement Part 2, 2 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Log in at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m1d5c78ebdf7a0b11341928e7af29297e>; Meeting number: 132 535 3609; Password: sharedgovernance. Join by phone: +1-408-418-9388; Access code: 132 535 3609

### Thursday, February 25

Ask Me Anything: WebEx and ITV and Video Conference Security, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; join via <https://tinyurl.com/6g9srhg4>; Meeting number (access code): 132 183 1443; Meeting password: uZMmApxa873

Nursing Program (RN) Information Session, 3 p.m. Join via <https://tinyurl.com/4b5s9p4g>

BHM Coffeehouse: Showcasing Acts Inspired by Black Art, Black History and Black Music, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

PC Party Hour, 6 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

### Friday, February 26

Trivia Night: Disney Trivia, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visit <https://involved.hccc.edu/> for event link.

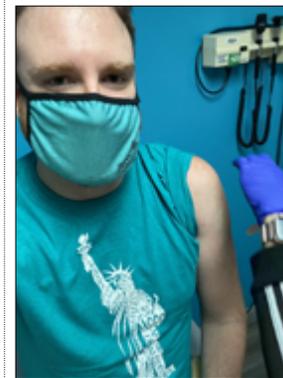
### Saturday, February 27

Virtual Paint Night, 7 p.m. All supplies will be provided and available for pickup by the attendee at the Journal Square Campus from 2/22-2/26. One supply kit per person., HCCC Students: \$10, HCCC Staff/Faculty: \$15, Purchase tickets on <https://www.tinyurl.com/HCCCBHMPaintNight>.

## HCCC FACULTY AND STAFF RECEIVE COVID VACCINES



*Sirhan Abdullah, M.D., Assistant Professor, Health Services & Health Sciences, receives his first COVID vaccine dose at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.*



*2019-2020 Student Government President Warren Rigby receiving Moderna vaccine for COVID-19.*

## ALUMNI CORNER

### Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees

William J. Netchert, Esq., *Chair*  
 Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., *Vice Chair*  
 Karen A. Fahrenholz, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
 Joseph V. Doria, Jr., Ed.D.  
 Adamarys Galvin  
 Pamela E. Gardner  
 Roberta Kenny  
 Jeanette Peña  
 Silvia Rodriguez  
 Harold G. Stahl, Jr.  
 James A. Fife, *Trustee Emeritus*  
 Joanne Kosakowski, *Trustee Emerita*  
 Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., *College President*  
 Koral Booth, *Alumni Representative*

### County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders

Thomas A. DeGise, *County Executive*  
 Anthony P. Vainieri, Jr., *Chairperson*  
 Anthony L. Romano, *Vice Chairperson*  
 Jerry Walker, *Chair Pro Temp*  
 Albert J. Cifelli, Esq.  
 Fanny E. Cedeño  
 Kenneth Kopacz  
 William O'Dea  
 Caridad Rodriguez  
 Joel Torres

### JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

70 Sip Avenue  
 Jersey City, NJ 07306  
 Phone (201) 714-7100

### NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Boulevard  
 Union City, NJ 07087  
 Phone (201) 360-4600

### SECAUCUS CENTER

Located at the Frank J. Gargiulo Campus of  
 the Hudson County Schools of Technology  
 One High Tech Way  
 Secaucus, NJ 07094

## FOLLOW US ON:

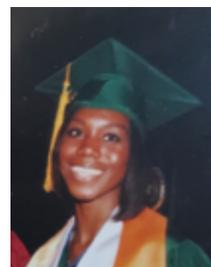


[www.hccc.edu](http://www.hccc.edu)  
[myhudson.hccc.edu](http://myhudson.hccc.edu)

## Esthela Yan

### Class of 2011

### Associate in Science – Science & Mathematics, Biology



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

The factors that led me to decide to attend Hudson County Community College to be honest were the size of each class, the commute to get to any of the campus was easy, and the different educational programs.

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

One of my favorite memories of the college was when one day I was passing by a classroom and the professor recognized me and called me to present me in front of her students as a dedicated student and asked me to give an advice to her students. I felt so fortunate because at that time I was going to classes and working different jobs.

#### How did you become interested in biology?

I started to take biology classes and I felt in love with biology, the brain, cells, etc. I was into psychology as well because it helps to understand the brain/mind in relationship to the behavior.

#### What is a typical work day for you?

Actually I work with young people and children with autism and disability. I help them according to their needs; for instance, on Mondays and Wednesdays,

I pick up a young woman who is autistic to bring her to work and I stay with her just to support and handle any difficulties if any meanwhile she works. On Fridays, I go to the library to help an autistic child with his homework

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

The most memorable was the day that one of my autistic clients was laughing so hard because of me doing a funny video; it was memorable because I knew how that person was struggling and just to see that reaction of happiness made me think that I was important in her life.

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

My biggest inspiration are my parents and my professors who have always believed in me.

#### What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Even if they have to lose some sleep to please continue pursuing their goals. To knock on doors and if they don't open to keep moving forward; don't let discouraging moments to take a place in your life. Keep moving forward, that's the main key.

## HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

### If so join, socialize and network!

For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email [alumni@hccc.edu](mailto:alumni@hccc.edu).