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COLLEGE SERVICE DAY SPRING 2022



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From the Editor's Desk

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HCCC OBSERVES SPRING 2022 COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, Hudson County Community College observed its Spring 2022 College Service Day, with the theme "Reimagining New Pathways to Student Success." The meeting convened both on-ground and virtually.

After an update by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, the Philip Johnston Awards for Excellence in Teaching were presented to Dr. Fatma Tat and Dr. Sirhan Abdullah.

Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development, introduced employees who have joined the College since the Fall College Service Day in August.



Dr. Davis Jenkins, Research Professor in Education and Social Policy, Columbia University, delivered the keynote address, "Reimagining the Program Onboarding Experience to Ensure All Students Gain Momentum on a Path to College and Career Success."

On the Cover: Inset: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber displays the College's 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. Top left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (left), and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Darryl Jones, with recipients of the 2021-22 Philip Johnston Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Dr. Fatma Tat, Instructor, Chemistry | Coordinator, Garden State S-STEM Scholarship, and Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, Assistant Professor | Coordinator, Health Services, Medical Assisting and Medical Billing/Coding. Top right: Keynote speaker Dr. Davis Jenkins, Research Professor in Education and Social Policy, Columbia University, spoke on the topic "Reimagining the Program Onboarding Experience to Ensure All Students Gain Momentum on a Path to College and Career Success." Center right: Dr. Tamara Jhashi, Senior Vice President and Provost, New Jersey City University, announces the recipients of the Philip Johnston Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Bottom right: Dr. Paula Roberson, Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, provides updates on CTLI and recognizes members of staff who completed the most recent cohort. Bottom left: At the conclusion of the ACUE Orientation, from left: Dr. Fatma Tat, Instructor, Chemistry | Coordinator, Garden State S-STEM Scholarship; Dr. Paula Roberson, Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Lisa Bogart, Librarian; Raffi Manjikian, Adjunct Instructor, STEM; Nakiya Santos, Admissions Recruiter; and Sharon A. Daughtry, Lecturer, Business. Center left: Dr. Heather DeVries, Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment, provides an update on the 2021-24 College Strategic Plan, Hudson is Home!

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OBSERVES ALL COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ORIENTATION



Lilisa Williams (left), Director of Faculty & Staff Development, leads an informal discussion during the All College Adjunct Faculty Orientation dinner service.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, Hudson County Community College held its Spring 2022 All College Adjunct Faculty Orientation (ACAFO). The evening program was held in the Culinary Conference Center and accessible via WebEx.

Like the Spring 2022 College Service Day the day before, the theme of the event was "Reimagining New Pathways to Student Success."

Following Division meetings in the afternoon, the evening program included a welcome by Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development, and remarks from Dr. Christopher M. Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Nancy Lasek, Chairperson, UAFNJ, HCCC, Local 2222.

The program also included reports from:

- College Libraries (James Cox, Interim Dean of Libraries)
- Information Technology Services (Patricia Clay, Chief Information Officer)
- Center for Online Learning (Matthew LaBrake, Executive Director)
- Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation (Dr. Paula Roberson, Director)
- Office of Faculty & Staff Development/Human Resources Department (Lilisa Williams, Director)

To conclude the evening, Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus delivered a presentation on Gradebook and the Early Alert System.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS PINNING CEREMONY FOR PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES



Members of Hudson County Community College's 2021 Practical Nursing class. (Far right) Gerri Kiefer-Necklen, Director, Practical Nursing Program, welcomes attendees.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored 18 students graduating from the College's Practical Nursing program during a pinning ceremony.

Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivered opening remarks. Gerri Kiefer-Necklen, Director, Practical Nursing Program, addressed the graduates, and their families and friends, and presented the graduates with their nursing pins.

The event also included a traditional candle lighting/pinning ceremony and graduates took the International Nurses' Pledge.

Congratulations to the graduating class: Jerry Alaribe, Tamara Bills, Christian Davis, Melchizedek Dayo, Rina Renea Derricotte, Sylvia Kyokwijuka, Sade Lewis, Nonso Maduba, Kyana Moran, Terryann Osbourne, Shaisha Patel, Adriana Puebla, Johanna Reyes, Andrea Rosero, Heather Tower, Felicia Velez, Genit Vera, and Tayloranissa Weldon.

GARDEN STATE S-STEM SCHOLARSHIP



Hudson County Community College was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship-STEM grant to provide additional monies for high-achieving, full-time college students to enable them to devote more time to their studies and complete their associate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and transfer to four-year institutions.

If you are eligible and would like to learn more about the S-STEM Scholarship, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), please join us on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, at 3:30 p.m.**

S-STEM Information Session

WebEx meeting hosted by Fatma Tat

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTI=D=m5865103e64454832a284b37ea064e345>

Meeting number: 2634 232 7069
Password: VhHmaiWg337

Requirements:

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Full time HCCC Student in Spring 2022 (12 credits)
- GPA of 3.5 or Higher
- Spring 2022 Pell Grant recipient
- STEM Major
- African American or Latino/Hispanic

Contact:

Dr. Fatma Tat, S-STEM
Coordinator at ftat@hccc.edu

MILESTONES

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

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

5 Years

Dimarie Pagan

***Correction from January's newsletter

10 Years

Laura Burnett

STAFFING CHANGES

Andres Estrella, Senior Accountant
Effective: January 1, 2022

Joycelyn Wong-Castellano, Student Success Coach
Effective: January 31, 2022

RETIREMENT

Nitzia Berrio
Secretary, Academic Development and Support Services
Effective, December 31, 2021

NEW HIRES

Michelle Rios, Student Success Coach
Effective: January 31, 2022

Ingrid Aviles, Instructor, Tenure-Track, Practical Nursing
Effective January 21, 2022

Madeline I. Cruz, Instructor, Tenure-Track, Nursing Day Program
Effective January 21, 2022

TFT Appointments
Iraida Izaguirre, Student Success Coach Reentry Services (Grant-funded)
Effective: January 19, 2022

Kyara Martin, Counselor, EOF
Effective: January 24, 2022

Tejal Parekh, Interim Assistant Director, EOF
Effective: January 24, 2022

Esperanza Robles-Class, COVID Coordinator (Grant-funded)
Effective: January 10, 2022

Gabriel Holder, Instructor, Medical Billing and Coding Certificate Program (Non-tenured)
Effective: January 19, 2022

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STUDENT PASSPORT PROGRAM (DEISPP) COMPLETION CEREMONY RECOGNIZES 38 STUDENT HONOREES



Successful completers of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Passport Program are recognized in a ceremony on Dec. 10.



Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, congratulates the members of the DEISPP cohort.



Students who completed DEISPP received a certificate of completion, letter of recommendation, and more.



Michael Salinas, offers student remarks at the DEISPP Completion Ceremony

On Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Passport Program (DEISPP) hosted its first completion ceremony, recognizing 38 student equity leaders who concluded the program's 15+ hours of training, reflection, growth, and leadership development. The celebration took place at the HCCC Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium.

DEISPP is a homegrown eight-week program that offers students the opportunity to become leaders among their peers and within the community in DEI efforts. The program's purpose is to guide students through difficult and intensive

topics and discussions to build cultural competence and allow for deep introspection, reflection, and growth. This program covers topics such as implicit bias, privilege, microaggression, allyship, advocacy, and more in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

DEISPP is facilitated by a cross-college collaboration of HCCC staff from the Office of Student Life, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the North Hudson Campus; Veronica Gerosimo, Diana Galvez, Ja'Via Hall, Amaalah Ogburn, and Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin. This program is in partnership with college DEI partner Mosaic Justice, LLC.

LET HUDSON INVEST IN YOU THROUGH ECORNELL!



The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion rolled out the eCornell Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program Application. This opportunity is for HCCC students, faculty, staff, or approved affiliates interested in creating an inclusive and supportive culture that promotes equal opportunities and diversity in all forms. The College is committed to infusing diverse practices, equitable systems, and inclusive spaces into every aspect of our college community.

This program will allow almost 170 members of the College community to learn how to transform our community individually and collectively. This opportunity will build on current institutional efforts to make HCCC a more supportive and

engaging place to learn and work by understanding the perceptual, institutional, and psychological processes that impact the ways people interact with each other.

There are three cohorts, beginning February 16, March 30, and June 1, which are currently open for enrollment. The application closes on June 27, 2022 (unless seats fill before this deadline). Additional seats will be made available in the following semesters until Summer 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for more information.

HCCC TO RESUME SUBSCRIPTION DINING SERIES



The Hudson County Community College Foundation will once again offer its Subscription Dining Series beginning on Friday, Feb. 25. Service begins at noon at the Culinary Conference Center (161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City) on eight Fridays: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25; and April 8, 22 and 29.

An \$1,195 subscription affords members and up to three guests world-class dining with an appetizer, entree, and dessert courses, plus non-alcoholic beverages for eight Fridays. 100% of the gift will benefit HCCC scholars.

The menus are planned and prepared by the College's Executive Chef and the team of culinary professionals and students. COVID-19 guidelines are in place for the protection of students, faculty,

staff, and guests: seating is limited to four diners per table, and face masks are required inside all HCCC facilities, including the Culinary Conference Center.

Erick Alcantara, a Culinary Arts Institute student at the College who has participated in Subscription Dining Series services says, "Nothing compares to the feeling of seeing people enjoy the food you've prepared."

Alcantara continues, "The success of the Subscription Dining Series boils down to one thing: Communication. It's an intricate dance where everyone is on the same page to avoid stepping on each other's toes. The end result is to make sure the guests feel welcome, comfortable, and important."

For more information, please contact Mirta Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004.

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



Connect-ED is HCCC's response to a federal law which requires disclosure of pertinent information about campus crime and security. The system allows the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email and/or text message.

Users may access the College's web site, <https://www.hccc.edu/administration/communications/emergency-notification.html>, and click on the Connect-ED link to register their contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers.

Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

For information about Connect-ED, visit :
www.hccc.edu/administration/communications/emergency-notification.html

Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!

Updated Business Mileage Rates for 2022

The IRS has published a new standard mileage rate for business expenses. Beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rate for the use of your personal vehicle for College business travel will be 58.5 cents per mile for business miles driven in 2022; up 2.5 cents from the rate for 2021. Please use this rate for filling out HCCC travel expense reports when using your personal vehicle for College business related travel in 2022.

Note: This does not apply to your regular travel commute from home to work.

HCCC AT ACTE CAREERTECH VISION 2021 CONFERENCE



Pictured from left at the Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) CareerTech VISION 2021 conference in December: Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, Assistant Professor | Coordinator, Health Services, Medical Assisting and Medical Billing/Coding; Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services; and Dr. Jihan Nakhla, Instructor, Medical Assisting Program; and Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director, North Hudson Campus.

FALL FEST AT NHC



Pictured from left at the North Hudson Campus in November: Dr. Jihan Nakhla, Instructor, Medical Assisting Program; and Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director, Health-Related Professions.



Your safety is important to us!

Mask Protocol:
MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.

Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,700+ 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.



Dessert Tray (ca.1992) by Wayne Thiebaud. Offset Lithograph Signed by the Artist, 32" x 32"

Acknowledgements

Thank you to **Nancy Stein** for the generous donation of 27 works of art on paper and other materials.

Artist News

Rest in peace **Wayne Thiebaud**, a great American artist who died December 25, 2021 at the age of 101. He was famous for gorgeous paintings of desserts, and for his urban and rural landscapes that had painted surfaces resembling cake frosting. His autographed offset lithographs can be found in the 2nd floor reception area and the 504 reception area of the Culinary Conference Center.

Wayne Thiebaud was born in Mesa, Arizona in 1920. His father was an inventor who moved the family to California when Thiebaud was just a baby. Because Thiebaud's dad was unable to find work during the Great Depression, they moved again to Utah, where they had family, to work on a farm. Young Thiebaud spent his childhood "milking cows, shooting deer for meat, and planting alfalfa," according to his *New York Times* obituary. An uncle who was an amateur cartoonist, made drawings for the boy, who said that experience made him interested in art. Thiebaud studied commercial art in high school. He worked as a sign painter, a cartoonist, and an apprentice animator at the Disney studios. (You can see an original Disney drawing on the 5th floor of the Gabert Library. [Click here to see it on our website](#))

Thiebaud joined the Army during World War II as an illustrator for the Air Corps newspaper. After the war, he got a job in Los Angeles drawing comics for an in-house magazine of a drug company. A co-worker, Robert Mallary, whose work is also in the Foundation Art Collection, told Thiebaud to think about painting as a career. ([Here is a link to Robert Mallary's work in the Collection Art Collection from Hudson County Community College | Artwork Archive](#)) Thiebaud took the

suggestion to heart, and his first solo shows in the 1960s were an immediate hit. Throughout his entire life, he taught art in addition to making paintings, drawings, and prints.

Normally, we don't devote an entire column to one artist, but Thiebaud's thoughts about art are worth considering.

In a 2002 interview, when he was 82 years old, he talked about what he called his "steady painting process." He painted every day from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. and then he took a break and worked again in the afternoon. "I have a terrific indulgent family that lets me paint on Christmas afternoons or Thanksgiving. And that's--I'm really blessed with that, because they'll put up with the greatest nonsense in the world. I'll say, 'I'm sorry. I have to go paint.' And they--they indulge me in that."

He also talked about the experience of other painter's work, "painting ... is just an old flat piece of something with some stuff smeared on it. And it doesn't move, it doesn't talk. It doesn't do anything unless we do something to it. Unless we get at it with our bodies, and feel it with the same responses that the painter had. That's what they want you to do. That's why when you--the wonderful thing--I just love going to museums, and to try and be intimately connected and do the painting with them. I mean, I could never do the painting with them, but I like to think that I'm in that world suddenly in terms of my physical presence. And that's how you bring a painting alive. Otherwise, people are right when they say painting is dead. But you have to bring it up like Lazarus, you know."

He cautioned against being excited about art: "I think excitement's great if you go to football games. It's terrific to be excited about love, excited about all kinds of things. But in learning, in any kind of reflective appreciation of something, one has to be absorbed, I think. And to be absorbed, you can't really be excited, because that's another state. And you go to a museum and the people who I like to see in museums are the ones who sit down someplace and look and keep looking. And you cannot look enough, long enough, carefully enough to see paintings in my judgement. And it isn't exciting in that sense, I don't think. And that I think has been the wrong turn to--and you hear often, 'This is an exciting new painter. This is an exciting new sculpture. This is an exciting new conceptual artist.' And I don't find very much excitement in those in the first place, but I'm looking for some sort of work in whatever category to have some sort of meditative character, some richness of visual experience that transcends ordinariness, and really does take up something really quite special."

Mr. Thiebaud's paintings sold well throughout his life. However, he always had a regular teaching job. People often asked him for advice about being a painter. He would say, "Well, you'd better find a way, if you're really going to be a painter, find a way to sort of--don't worry so much about making a living as such by your painting, but make a life with your painting, and find some way to do that, because it's--that's probably the way it's going to be.' And very, very few people still who are painters can really exist by their work alone. But that doesn't keep them from doing it. No, they're--and that to me is probably more hopeful than anything. And every place you go--every place I'm asked to go, they're always a terrific group of young people working and loving it and making a life. And this I think is a very positive aspect." You can read the rest of the interview at: [Wayne Thiebaud and Allan Stone Interview | Cullman Stone LLC](#)

We also have a conceptual art piece about Wayne Thiebaud installed on the 5th floor of the North Hudson campus, as part of Victor Landwebber's work *Artist to Artist*, which is photographs of artworks about artworks, in this case, Thiebaud's paintings of postcards of famous art works [Artist to Artist from the collection of Hudson County Community College | Artwork Archive](#). Conceptual art works are strange. Their purpose is to make you think about ideas rather than attend to the craftsmanship or talent of the artist. In this case, if you think about an artist making art about artists' works about artists, and your head spins, the art is doing its job.

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

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

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

Explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools! Go to www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents



Join the Department of Cultural Affairs for another month of art, interviews, and music on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library. For more information, to RSVP for programs, or to visit the gallery, email: mvitale@hccc.edu



“Art in Cadence” Poetry Installation

Rashad Wright, 2020 Inaugural Poet Laureate of Jersey City

POETRY OF RASHAD WRIGHT

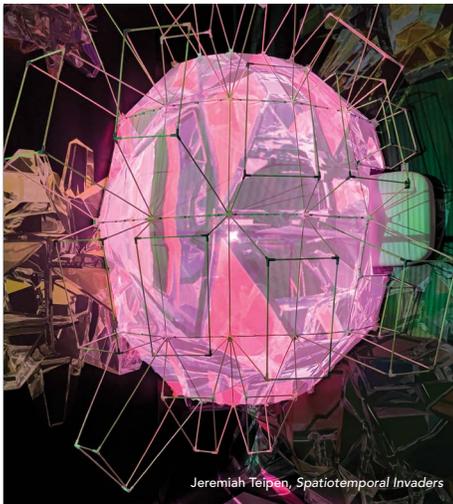
On view Spring Semester 2022

Art in Cadence Poetry Installation - Gabert Library, 6th Floor

February 11, 3 p.m.

“Art in Cadence”, a poem by Rashad Wright, is installed on the 6th floor of the Gabert Library. Join us as we celebrate with Rashad on February 11 for a live performance on the first floor of the Gabert Library.

Gallery Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or by appointment via email: mvitale@hccc.edu
All visitors should check-in at the security desk and follow College Covid safety guidelines. Masks are mandatory.



Jeremiah Teipen, Spatiotemporal Invaders

FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 23

Jeremiah Teipen: InterExitFace & Living in the Invisible

- Doris Cacoilo
- EunYoung Choi
- Sharon De La Cruz
- Allison Green
- Roger Sayre
- Stepanie Tichener
- Mary Tooley Parker

MARCH 23 begins at 3:00 p.m.
Closing Reception & Artist Talk
Live Music



Sundays BEHIND the SCENES
in partnership with In Full Color

Sundays, starting February 6, 10 a.m.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITY to practice with up to 10 members of the public.

For information visit:
<https://www.infullcolor.org/service-page/behind-the-scenes-sundays-at-hccc>



EILEEN FERRARA BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP

February 28, 12 p.m.
Join featured *Teacher as Artist* Eileen Ferrara for bookmaking basics on the first floor of the Gabert Library.



BIG CAMERA DAY at Dineen Hull
“We are Family” Photo Installation

February 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Visit the Gallery and watch how artist Roger Sayre creates his “Sittings” live photos.

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 Instagram:
www.instagram.com/dineenhullgallery

For more information, email:
gallery@hccc.edu or visit
www.hccc.edu/community/arts/doca-culture.html

Bridging the Gap

A Community-Wide Speaker Series



Friday, February 4, 2022
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Speaker: Nicole Lynn Lewis

Nicole Lynn Lewis is the founder and CEO of Generation Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to removing barriers for students who are parents and caregivers. Nicole is the author of a recently released memoir, *Pregnant Girl* (Beacon Press), where she draws on her lived experiences of continuing her education as a teen mom, battling poverty and homelessness.

Join us at
https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJ1lce6prTKiHtwzM6GgTAHGNMEXwG3_ovqy



This program is a collaboration between the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the North Hudson Campus. It is open to all students, faculty, staff and the community members of Hudson County.

Mental Health Association with Mental Health Counseling Wellness Department Offering for Suicide Prevention Month

All of us can have a role in suicide prevention.

Question Persuade Refer

FREE training offered to staff, faculty and students

TRAINING DATES
February 24, 3:30–5:00 p.m. for Students
February 25, 1:30–3:00 p.m. for Faculty & Staff

Available for first 30 for each date.
RSVP no later than February 22.

Sign up:
Mental Health Counseling Wellness
Mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu
acalle@hccc.edu
ddrake@hccc.edu
Call: 201.360.5436
Text: 201.912.2839

Access mental health counseling; complete a General Care and Concern Form

For further information, please visit:
www.qprinstitute.com



QPR is a nationally used, evidenced-based training that assists people in learning how to recognize the signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives.

Through QPR training, you will learn:

- How to recognize the warning signs of suicide
- How to offer hope
- How to get help and save a life

SPRING 2022

12-WEEK QUICK TERM

Begins 2.11.22

We're Ready When You're Ready!



Mask Up, Vax Up
Fully Vaccinated Students Get \$100

Classes begin on Friday, February 11, 2022

Each class meets for 12 weeks. This is 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 <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Quickterm>

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

APPLY TODAY at www.hccc.edu/apply with the promo code "HC3"

We are here for you!



Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?

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

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

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



PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Wanted: International, Regional and Local Officers for 2022-2023

Applications for International Office candidates are being accepted. Beta Alpha Phi members may run for International President and International Vice President, Division 1.

The annual Middle States Convention is scheduled to be held at the Seaview Hotel and Resort in Galloway, New Jersey on March 11 and 12. Lectures, workshops, and the election of 2022-2023 regional officers will be part of the program. Officer applications are available.

Chapter officers will also be recruited in 2022. Contact Professor Lai for information. The election of 2022-2023 officers will be held in March, but there are existing vacancies because some officers graduated in December.

Scott Wright Student Essay Contest

Student authors are asked to describe a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged them to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and how that encouragement helped them reach their goal(s) in 500 words or less. Deadline for applications is March 11.

Three winners will be selected. Each winner and the essay's subject will receive \$1,000, a complimentary conference registration to the 2022 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (May in Austin, Texas), complimentary hotel room (maximum three nights), and up to \$400 towards transportation costs to the conference. Each winning student



Carlos Mayor Laves and Braadwell Castro volunteering in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on Saturday, Jan. 8, trimming ornamental grass.

author's college will receive a complimentary membership.

Winning authors will read their essays on stage during the conference's Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration on Sunday, May 29. Winners will be notified in March. Visit <http://nisod.org/?q=scott-wright-student-essay-contest>.

Spring Induction

Beta Alpha Phi's Spring Induction will be held in early May. New members since Nov. 8, 2021 are asked to send a photo to Professor Lai. The photo will be placed in a frame.

CALENDAR



For updates to events, go to: <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar/>

Tuesday, February 1

Snacktivity Tuesday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue

Notifications/Settings Workshop for Students, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Wednesday, February 2

Canvas ePortfolio Workshop for Students, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Grab and Go: Winter Stuff-a-Plush and DIY Snow Globes, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Thursday, February 3

Last day to drop ONR/Hybrid classes

Grab and Go: Winter Stuff-a-Plush and DIY Snow Globes, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Accessibility and Ally Workshop for Students, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Interactive Video Discussion with "FlipGrid" in Canvas Workshop 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

All About Assignments in Canvas Workshop for Faculty, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Friday, February 4

North Hudson Campus Spring In-Service, 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m323d9b737f0411a718c6e06e2aa5086b>.

Bridging the Gap Speaker Series featuring Nicole Lynn Lewis, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; join at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlce6prTkiHtwzMGgTAHGNMEXwG3ovqy>. Hosted by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the North Hudson Campus.

S-STEM Information Session, 3:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m5865103e64454832a284b37ea064e345>; Meeting number: 2634 232 7069; Password: VhHmaiWg337



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a
TOWN HALL MEETING
 on Thursday, February 24, 12 p.m.

In-person at:

Culinary Conference Center

161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Jersey City, NJ

North Hudson Campus

4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N703, Union City, NJ

Virtual at: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCTH-Feb>

Meeting number: 2633 074 2965 | Meeting password: FebTH2022

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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



The Rise and Voices of Alumni

On January 20th HCCC's Alumni Affairs, CEWD, and the Alumni Association hosted a successful virtual event called, "The Rise and Voices of Alumni," featuring alumnus Andres Pinargote, Class of 2016. Andres is a first-generation college graduate who chose to work as an accountant with a non-profit organization that supports an underserved population in Essex County. Determined to continuously grow professionally, Andres is currently enrolled in a dual-degree Bachelor's and Master's program in Accounting at New Jersey City University. We're so proud of him!

Hudson County Community College
Continuing Education and Workforce Development

CAMPUS LOCATION :
CULINARY CONFERENCE CENTER
161 NEWKIRK STREET
JERSEY CITY, NJ
07306

MINI JOB FAIR
Hoboken University
Medical Center
Event Date: 02/02/2022

Interviews are scheduled between 10:00am -2:00pm
(20 minutes for each interview session)

- Bring your resume and certificates
- Dress in business attire and wear mask
- Arrive 20 minutes before your confirmed time slot

To Reserve an interview spot, please choose your 3 preferred times and email them with resume to:
Laurice Dukes: ldukes@hccc.edu

Current Positions Available:

- Patient Care Technicians
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Registered Nurse
- Transporter and Dieticians
- Mental Health Worker
- Emergency Room Technicians



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11am-1:30pm

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 - Identify apprenticeship opportunities to obtain new credentials, target your career advancement strategy, and gain valuable work experience and professional instruction from industry leaders.
 - Learn if you are suited for a career in TLD.
 - Discover opportunities for in-demand, critical port roles in drayage trucking, CDL-required pathways, and warehousing & logistics.

Register to attend
RSVP Now →

It is encouraged to participate on a PC/Computer, rather than a mobile device, in order to use the full capabilities offered in the REMO platform. REMO's preferred browser is Chrome, however IOS Safari and Microsoft Edge can also be used. Please find additional REMO Help/Tips on their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXcypDKTaTFxinSmVbPekg>



Financial Counseling Workshops from the HCCC 1 to 1 Financial Counselor Imane Zehaf

Save The Date

February 9
"How to Establish & Improve Credit"

February 28
"Budgeting 101"

A career development workshop to support the HCCC Alumni in attaining their career goals

"HIRE ME!"

What to expect:

- Interview preparation tips
- Strategies to help you get prepared before, during, and after interview
- Overcome interview anxiety
- Anticipate interview questions
- Questions you should ask
- Current employment opportunities and much more!

Presented by:
Ms. Maria Lita Sarmiento, MBA
HCCC Alumni Manager
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Join us via ZOOM on
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 1:30pm-2:45pm
<https://tinyurl.com/Maria-Lita-Sarmiento>

For more information: Department of Continuing Education
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CALENDAR

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Monday, February 7

Breaking the Silence Part 2: Human Trafficking Awareness, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7766969> or <https://zoom.us/j/94048305407?pwd=aEgzcm1YeUo1ZGVXWnlnaXJweDJ2Zz09>

Tuesday, February 8

"Si Se Puede" Information Session, 6 p.m. (Mental Health Wellness and Counseling); join virtually at <https://bit.ly/HCCCSiSePuede>

Wednesday, February 9

Win It Wednesday, Log into Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7748007>) and enter our "Win It Wednesday" raffle to win an Amazon gift card! Twenty students will win a \$25 Gift Card! Enter from 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.!

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Grab and Go: Valentine's Day, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Thursday, February 10

Grab and Go: Valentine's Day, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Friday, February 11 – Monday, May 16

Quick Term session (12 weeks)

Friday, February 11

The Barber Shop featuring Yeurys Pujols, "The Stages and Transitions of Life," 2 p.m. Join at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP?MTID=MFcb280685e62fe454ab83cc6f8125bf8>

I Am Who I Am: Leadership Development Workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Join at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJA5cO-rzstGdXD511OepBmtLKPq8orC1ai>

Performance by Rashad Wright, inaugural Jersey City Poet Laureate, 3 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Trivia Night: Black History Month, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7748520>

Monday, February 14

Accessibility and Ally in Canvas, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP?MTID=m8a483d93d0771b56dbd1b68fb7d67863>

Tuesday, February 15

Student Engagement and Career Success, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/93878172133?pwd=dm5TZThPL0ZBTWwyTjJZQzEeWE4UT09>; Meeting ID: 938 7817 2133; Passcode: 734136

WordPress for Beginners, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP?MTID=mf71acd4bf6376f4b55f6b173f3e5d805>; Meeting number (access code): 2632 558 9460; Meeting password: B5cYdHq3tD

Snacktivity Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, February 16

Free School Supplies Giveaway, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while supplies last, Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Breaking the Silence Part 2: Human Trafficking Awareness, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7766970> or <https://zoom.us/j/95666688409?pwd=Vy8zVHF0NFpUTlpeEdNOUJEbnhhUT09>

New Quizzes Workshop for Faculty, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Social Annotation: Using Hypothesis for Student-Centered Engagement, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP?MTID=mc57d978c369ce620ec59e4b2a54c2d97>; Meeting number: 2632 584 8660; Password: Social

Thursday, February 17

Free School Supplies Giveaway, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., while supplies last, Journal Square Campus, Student Center and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Friday, February 18

Presidents' Weekend (classes in session; administrative offices closed)

Monday, February 21

President's Weekend (College closed)

Tuesday, February 22

Grab and Go: Lucky Bamboo, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. For virtual login information, please see the Public Notice at <https://www.hccc.edu/aboutHCCC/board-of-trustees.html>

Wednesday, February 23

Win It Wednesday, Log into Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7748556>) and enter our "Win It Wednesday" raffle to win an Amazon gift card! Twenty students will win a \$25 Gift Card! Enter from 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.!

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Wellness Wednesday: 2022 Vision Board, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Unicheck Software Workshop for Faculty, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP>

?MTID=mb73f8914534c8a606b7acc39ce31060b; Meeting number: 2632 335 4543; Password: ncW637wQUdP

Black History Month Paint Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., RSVP at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7813987>

Thursday, February 24

Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://HUDSONCCC.WEBEX.COM/HUDSONCCC/J.PHP?MTID=mee896523170fa92ec1a011d84c90fdb3>; Meeting number (access code): 2633 074 2965; Meeting password: FebTH2022

Grab and Go: Lucky Bamboo, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Friday, February 25

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

Friday, February 25

Virtual Pizza with the President, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Join at <https://zoom.us/j/93629595156?pwd=dVpStIJHQU5NZEtLdWI1OWw4UVVhXUT09>

Trivia Night: Black History Month, Entertainment Edition, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7748655>

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC IS:
The HCCC Student Poet Laureate Program

WITH GUESTS:
ERIC ADAMSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, AND
HCCC'S FIRST-EVER STUDENT POET LAUREATE,
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ALUMNI CORNER

Neel R. Patel

Class of 2016

Associate in Arts – Liberal Arts

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

I decided to attend HCCC because I knew that I could attain an affordable education, and the campus was very convenient as it was near my home.

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

A couple of my favorite memories include winning first place in a speech competition in the spring of 2016, and receiving admission offers from six four-year universities through the College's Instant Decision Day events.

How did you become interested in Liberal Arts?

My advisor (from HCCC) and mentor (from high school in India) analyzed my strengths and recommended that I undertake this curriculum.

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career and present life?

Spending time at HCCC was an incredible experience. I learned what I wanted to do and met one of the best mentors. HCCC prepared me a great deal for a four-year university education.

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

My mentors, professors and some business professionals from different industries have

played a significant role in my success so far. Networking with numerous professionals has made my life better.



What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Never give up on your dreams. Please do not compare yourself to what your friends and family members are doing to achieve their dreams – simply focus on your major/career. Ask many questions, have options in life and work hard to accomplish your goals. Keep in the mind the partnerships HCCC has with several four-year universities. I knew that HCCC would open the doors of opportunity to four-year universities through the Instant Decision Day events and relationships with college recruiters.

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

First, be open; consider multiple options while applying to four-year universities. Apply to as many schools as possible. Next, ask plenty of questions. Join groups/clubs on campus and make many friends. Start networking as early as possible – networking plays an important role regardless of what you do. Remember: It's not who you know, it's who knows you. Finally, make sure to take a break after each semester.

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?

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