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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH THE NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FOR THE 'EDUCATE THE EDUCATOR' PROGRAM

As part of a partnership with the New Jersey Army National Guard, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) administrators, faculty, and staff traveled to and from Fort Dix in Lakehurst, NJ via a UH-60 A/L Black Hawk helicopter. Their journey began with a departure from Liberty State Park on Tuesday, May 24.

The HCCC group spent four hours at Fort Dix as part of the "Educate the Educator" program, which provides a tour and information on the New Jersey Army National Guard and how possible future soldiers can benefit from being part of the Guard. Those benefits include free college tuition, additional income, cash bonuses, eligibility for

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Pictured from left: Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts; Antonio Acevedo, Instructor; Janine Nunez, Recruitment Specialist; Marissa Lontoc, College Lecturer; Chenelle Smith, Assistant Registrar; Dr. Paula Pando, Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Services; Karen Fahrenholz, HCCC Board of Trustees Secretary/Treasurer; Roberto De Fina, Counselor; Antonio Talamo, Counselor; Nicole Lesko, Counselor; Destinymarie Alicea, Career Counselor; and Sabrina Magliulo, Director of Advisement and Counseling.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

Area residents and businesses are invited by the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation to participate in the 2016 Annual Golf Outing. The fundraiser will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to scholarships and assistance for the College's students, and to the College's development.

The HCCC Foundation Annual Golf Outing – one of four major fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation – has activities for golfers and non-golfers alike. The day's itinerary will include a continental breakfast, shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. sharp, golf with refreshments served on the course, followed by cocktails, a luncheon, and awards ceremony with prizes for participants. A limited number of tickets are available for the event.

HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone said that donor and sponsorship opportunities are available from \$50 to \$6,000.

"Our Foundation scholars are incredibly dedicated men and women who are working to create better lives for themselves and their families. Many of them work full-time and take classes full-time," Mr. Sansone said. "The scholar-

ships and financial assistance offered through the Foundation helps ease their financial burdens, and allows them to concentrate more on succeeding in and completing their studies."

The 2016 HCCC Foundation Golf Outing was planned and is being overseen by a committee of Foundation Board members. That committee is being chaired by Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., and includes James Egan, Philip Johnston, Kevin O'Connor, Michael Raimonde, Michael Ryan, and Ron Schwarz.

Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students; it also provides seed money for the College's physical expansion and for new programming and faculty development.

Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships totaling \$2 million to deserving students. Additionally, each year students benefit from the hundreds of Book Vouchers and Knife Vouchers (for culinary students) supplied by the Foundation.

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Myint Kyu (left), Sandra Kyu, and Hugo Iglesias volunteering at Jersey City Ward Tour pre-registration at City Hall.



Ana Polanco (left) with her daughter Melanie Polanco volunteering at Jersey City Ward Tour post-event festival at Liberty State Park.



Phi Theta Kappa members and HCCC faculty volunteering and participating in the 2016 MuckFest at South Mountain Reservation.

On Sunday, June 5, Beta Alpha Phi alumnae Donna Good, Ana Polanco with her daughter Melanie, and Sandra Kyu with her mother Myint, and Beta Alpha Phi Vice President Hugo Iglesias volunteered at the Jersey City Ward Tour & Festival. Donna, Ana, and Melanie volunteered at the festival at the end of the tour at Liberty State Park. Sandra,

Myint, and Hugo volunteered at the start of the tour at the Grove Street registration area.

On June 26, Brian Molyvade, Kristina Mejias, Hugo Iglesias, Dr. Jerry Lamb, Princess Ezra Abardo, Betsy Apena, Jacqueline Santana, and Ted Lai volunteered at MuckFest MS at the Essex County South Mountain Reservation in West Orange, New Jersey.

After completing their shift, Hugo and Princess Ezra ran the obstacle course. On June 25, alumni members Ana Polanco, Sandra Kyu, and Jose Tony Gonzales, Ana's daughter Melanie, Sandra's mother Myint, Jose's friend Gisella Vivar, and Ted Lai volunteered on the first day of MuckFest MS. Kristina and Brian ran the obstacle course on the first day.

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A UH-60 A/L Black Hawk helicopter takes off for Fort Dix with passengers from HCCC in tow.

the Montgomery GI education and training bill, student loan repayment, and leadership training. Additional benefits include low-cost dental benefits and life insurance, VHA/VA assistance for qualified home buyers, retirement benefits, commissary and post-exchange privileges, access to the Federal Credit Union, and more.

"We are obviously excited about riding the Black Hawk, and about learning more about the New Jersey Army National Guard," said HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. He noted that the New Jersey Army National Guard provides a unique opportunity for students to attend college full-time and serve our country. "This program allows HCCC students to attend regularly scheduled courses and receive up to 16 credits per semester tuition free," Dr. Gabert said.

Hudson County Community College presently has about 100 students who are part of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The UH-60 A/L Black Hawk is a four-blade, twin-engine utility helicopter that entered service in 1979. Its mission is to provide air assault, general support, aeromedical evacuation, command and control, and special operations support to combat, stability, and support operations. As the primary division-level transport helicopter, the UH-60 Black Hawk provides dramatic improvements in troop capacity and cargo-lift capability. With a crew of three, the helicopter can lift an entire 11-man, fully equipped infantry squad in most weather conditions.

CAREPOINT HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING HOLDS HEALTH FAIR



CarePoint Health School of Nursing students volunteered to provide screening and other services at the health fair.



Andrea Gay (right) performs a blood pressure reading on Katherine Osorvo (left).

On Thursday, June 2, the CarePoint Health School of Nursing held a health fair at 870 Bergen Avenue. The event included blood pressure screenings, breast self-examination training, and body mass index (BMI) measurements.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2016 WEBINARS

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place on third Tuesday of every month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.e4healthinc.com> and enter user-name *hccc* and password *guest*. Upcoming webinars are as follows:

- July 19: Taking Care of Your Skin
- Aug. 16: Bullying and Social Media
- Sept. 20: The Importance of Having a Will
- Oct. 18: Protecting Our Precious Lives: Cancer Awareness
- Nov. 15: Managing Holiday Madness
- Dec. 20: What to Look Out for as Our Loved Ones Age

For other EAP services, please call (800) 227-2195.

PRAXIS CORE TRAINING AT NJCU

Any individuals seeking teacher certification and transfer into a four-year college or university can take advantage of the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators Preparation Course.

The course is being offered in the summer of 2016. The test is now required for students to become teachers. The cost for HCCC students is \$75 (combo/all three sessions) or \$30 (individual sessions).

Contact Associate Dean Christiane Warren, Ph.D. at (201) 360-4751 or cwarren@hccc.edu. NJCU Community Education will also answer questions about the program at (201) 200-3089 or conted@njcu.edu.

SUMMER HOURS AND CHECK REQUEST DEADLINES

During the College's summer hours (May 16 – Aug. 11), the check request submission deadline will be on Tuesdays by 12:30 p.m. Check requests received after this date will not be processed until the following week. This timing will continue in effect through the second week of August.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gregory Smith (ext. 4055) or Mildred Vera-Matich (ext. 4056).

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS/ TITLE CHANGES

New Hires:

Angelina Bouret – ESL/Bilingual Secretary

Isalia Crespo – Associate Director of Advisement and Counseling

Priscilla Ochoa – Systems Coordinator, Non-Traditional Program

Vincent Salmone – Chief Information Officer

Changes of Title for Incumbent Employees:

Sandra Aviles, Administrative Assistant

Gregory Burns, Manager, Safety & Security

Jonathan Cintron, Library Associate, Technology

Devlyn Courtier, Library Associate, Technology

Valerie Frink, Assistant to the Assistant Dean of School and College Relations

Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Sylvia Mendoza, Executive Director of Financial Aid

Oliva Montero, Library Associate

Milena Moscoso, Library Associate

Elizabeth Nesius, Director, English

Pamela Norris, Associate Dean, School and College Relations

Jeannie Pagano, Facilities Coordinator

Dr. Paula Pando, Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Services

Vivyen Ray, Chief Human Resources Officer

Mirta Sanchez, Events Planner, Office for Development

Carol Van Houten, Dean of College Libraries

Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development

Mei Xie, Librarian, Technical Services

MILESTONES

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

10 Years

Esperanza Robles

20 Years

Willie Malone

30 Years

Dr. Nabil Marshood

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Jobs

Administrative Assistant

Assistant Vice President for Development

Associate Dean of Enrollment Services

College Lecturer, Academic Foundations - English

College Lecturer, STEM

Community Education Customer Service

Assistant PT (multiple positions)

Community Education Instructors PT

(multiple positions)

Director of Admissions

Executive Director (Center for Online Learning)

Instructor, Cooperating Basic Math for

Transitional Program (Part-Time)

Instructor of Computer Science

Instructor of Physics and Mathematics

Part-Time Program Assistant

(Office of Student Activities)

PC Technician

Purchasing & Scheduling Coordinator

US DOL TAACCCT Job Developer

Web Developer (Part-Time)

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

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

INTRODUCING



Dr. David Clark, Assistant Dean of Student Services

Dr. Clark joins Hudson County Community College as the Assistant Dean of Student Services. In his new role, David will oversee Career Development, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), and the Office of Student Activities. In addition, David will also coordinate the First Year Experience Program, which includes: summer and winter orientation, the Peer Leader Program, and the College Survival Skills (CSS 100) course. Lastly, David will serve as the Chief Judicial Officer for the College.

David brings a wealth of experience having worked at public and private institutions of higher education for over 25 years. He holds a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from St. Louis University. In addition, he has an MBA and BBA from Delta State University.



Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities

Veronica Gerosimo joins Hudson County Community College from SUNY College at Old Westbury, a four-year public institution located in Long Island. Serving as the Director of Commuter Programs and Services for five years, Veronica built the office from the ground up, meeting the needs of close to 80% of the population. Building on programs and activities, and working with departments across the campus to serve the commuter student population, her efforts led to increases in first year retention, four-year retention, and commuter student satisfaction and pride.

As the Director of Student Activities, Veronica looks forward to working with the great staff in the OSA to continue to increase the involvement and leadership skills of our students, and the impact and reach of the Student Government Association, along with the many clubs, organizations, and societies we have on campus. She also looks forward to introducing new initiatives and opportunities to our students.

Veronica graduated from Hofstra University, also in Long Island, with a Bachelor's in Public Relations and a Master's in Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies. She currently lives in Manhattan and loves office supplies and mixed martial arts.



Aparna Saini, Director of Career Services

Aparna Saini completed her M.S. in College Student Personnel Administration with a concentration in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Nova Southeastern University and holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Miami.

Aparna is not entirely new to Hudson County Community College. She previously worked on campus for New Jersey City University as the On-Site Transfer Counselor. In this role, she collaborated with faculty and administrators across departments and institutions to help ensure seamless transfer for STEM, nursing, and business students. She has also taught College Student Success and Cultures and Values at the College.

Prior to relocating to New Jersey, Aparna served as Senior Academic Advisor at Florida International University and Career Advisor at Nova Southeastern University, where she designed departmental career advisor training and created learning outcomes.

Aparna has presented on academic advising and working memory; her current professional interests include women in STEM fields and establishing clear academic to career pathways for community college students.

As the Director of Career Services, Aparna and her team will be developing and executing a clear vision that allows students to gain insight and experience in a chosen career field before graduation and transfer.

Outside of work, she enjoys culinary adventures, sailing, and arguing the virtues of the Oxford comma.

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In addition to the Annual Golf Outing, the Foundations' Board of Directors also organize and hold other fundraising events, which include: Night at the Races, a family-oriented event; the HCCC Employee Scholarship Luncheon, where faculty and staff support the Foundation through pledged donations; and the Holiday Scholarship

Extravaganza in December – the largest and most festive of all of the Foundation's fundraising efforts.

Complete information on the July 11 Golf Outing, including registration and dress code details, may be obtained online at <http://www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor>.

Information and reservations may also be made by phoning (201) 360-4006, or by emailing Mr. Sansone at jsansone@hccc.edu.

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS AND LIBRARY BUILDING GRANTED LEED PLATINUM CERTIFICATION



Hudson County Community College's newest buildings – the North Hudson Campus at 4800 Kennedy Blvd. in Union City and the Library Building at 71 Sip Ave. in Jersey City) have been LEED Platinum certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The Platinum certification is the highest level established by the U.S. Green Building Council in evaluation of the environmental, resource efficient, "green" performance of buildings. The Platinum certification recognizes that both of these buildings have sustainable design, construction, and operations.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HUDSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COVER TUITION AND FEES

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. announced that the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders will once again award scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing their degrees at the College on a full-time basis.

"This is an extraordinarily generous program from our Freeholders," Dr. Gabert stated. "The Board of Chosen Freeholders worked diligently with the College's administration to determine the best means of meeting the needs of our students, and the criteria that will make this scholarship program most effective."

Now in its fourth year, the Hudson County Government Scholarship program provides Hudson County residents with the means to attain the education and skills that are needed in today's highly competitive, global career and economic markets. The scholarships provide financial assistance that bridges the gap between the College's tuition and fees, and the support available through other financial aid programs.

The Hudson County Government Scholarship program is open to new and returning, full-time HCCC students. The scholarships cover tuition and fees (excluding textbooks), and may be applied to the College's Fall and Spring terms. There is a three-year – or six-semester – limit on scholarships as long as recipients remain in good academic standing. The scholarships may not be applied to cover prior balances with the College.

The Hudson County Government Scholarship guidelines and eligibility requirements include:

- Applicants must reside in Hudson County.
- Applicants must meet the standard admission requirements for HCCC.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75.
- Applicants will be required to apply for financial aid and use all other aid and scholarships for which they are eligible before being considered for the Hudson County Government Scholarship.
- The deadline for completed scholarship applications to be received at the College is August 1, 2016.

Dr. Gabert said that despite everyone's best efforts, the cost of higher education continues to rise while the amount of available financial aid is decreasing and the criteria for obtaining financial aid is becoming more stringent and difficult.

"Our Freeholders recognize the financial difficulties that many of our students encounter, and how it impedes their ability to achieve their academic goals," he stated. "The Freeholders also recognize that the future success of the County is dependent upon the education of our residents. We applaud our Freeholders' efforts, and thank them for all they do for our students and the College."

Information about the Hudson County Government Scholarship and the application form are available online at www.hccc.edu/governmentscholarship or by writing to the Vice President for the North Hudson Campus & Student Affairs, ATTENTION: HCGS, 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ 07087.

CAREPOINT HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING HOSTS GRADUATION



On Thursday, June 16, 2016 CarePoint Health School of Nursing (soon to be Hudson County Community College School of Nursing) held a pinning ceremony and graduation for the Class of 2016 at Saint Peter's University in the MacMahon Student Center. The cooperative nursing program has served the com-

munity in the past as the Christ Hospital School of Nursing.

Carol Fasano, the Dean and Executive Director of CarePoint's Nursing program, offered remarks. Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivered greetings from

Hudson County Community College. The Commencement Address was offered by CarePoint's Patient Care Director, Sharon Sigona.

64 students, both males and females, received their pins and diploma. Seven students received Nursing High Honors of 3.5 or above in their grade point averages.

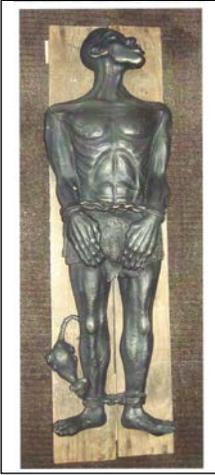
The next steps for students include taking the licensing exam and upon successful completion they will receive their RN.

Upon receiving their RN, many of the graduating students will seek employment in the Hudson County area or continue on for their BSN and MSN.

Foundation Art Collection

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

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



Bernard Jackson, Untitled, 2000. Bonded bronze sculpture. Inspired by film *Amistad*, New Jersey artist Bernard Jackson made this work along with 99 other sculptures of enslaved people to depict the experience of the Mende tribesmen who were kidnapped from the West African country of Sierra Leone and sold into slavery. They rebelled aboard the Spanish ship *La Amistad* off the coast of Cuba, seized the ship and killed two crewmen. The U.S. Supreme Court found the formerly enslaved men not guilty, and their freedom was restored to them in 1841. This art work helped to prompt then-Governor Jim Hodges and other South Carolina legislators to remove the Confederate flag from the dome of the South Carolina state capitol building. Thank you to Dan Chusid photography for the images of Bernard in his South Orange studio in 2003.

Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to Robb and Jill Kushner for the generous donation of the bonded bronze sculpture of a slave by New Jersey artist **Bernard Jackson**. Thank you to James E. Byrne for the donation of the framed the black-and-white photographs.

Artist News

Kerry James Marshall, whose work *15-May-01* is installed on the second floor of 2 Enos Place, was awarded the 2016 Jesse L. Rosenberger Medal for outstanding achievement in the creative and performing arts. Established in 1917, the Rosenberger Medal is given annually by the University of Chicago to a person recognized for achievements that benefit humanity. Marshall was born in Alabama, and grew up in the Watts neighborhood in Los Angeles. He has a BFA degree from Otis College of Art and Design. When featured on the PBS *Art 21* series, he said, "You can't be born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1955 and grow up in South Central [Los Angeles] near the Black Panthers headquarters, and not feel like you've got some kind of social responsibility. You can't move to Watts in 1963 and not speak about it. That determined a lot of where my work was going to go." The Marshall work in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection is a commentary on the commodification of art: like price signs over plums and peaches in a fruit market, the work depicts the prices of artists whose works are vastly overpriced in today's marketplace, and the artists' names.

Marshall was recently interviewed about his retrospective, which is now on exhibit in Chicago, and will later come to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Breuer Building (formerly the Whitney Museum) at 75th and Madison Avenue. The interviewer said, "In a letter to young artists in the exhibition catalogue, you write: 'No one with small ambitions and vague goals ever amounted to much in this game.' Why is that important for an artist?" Marshall replied, "I think the drive is everything. Because the way I see it, you have two choices: one is that you can feel like you're driving your position, or you accept that somebody else is driving

and you're simply waiting around for somebody to pick you up. You can't afford to do that."

Joan Snyder, whose work *Oasis* is installed on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue, was a sociology major. She had never even been to a museum when she took a painting course in college. The class changed her life: she was hooked. Her parents were not happy when she took a year off after college to paint. She went on to get an MFA, and have a successful career as an artist. In conjunction with Snyder's recent show at Parrasch Heijnen Gallery in Los Angeles, Snyder discussed women in the art world and her own inspiration. Regarding art by women, she says, "From early on I always believed that there was such a thing as a female sensibility: that our experiences are different, our bodies are different, our lives end up being very different; and if we're going to write or make art, it's going to be different than what a man is going to do. It doesn't mean the sensibilities don't cross

each other. I think they do." When asked about using words in her paintings, Snyder notes, "If Julian Schnabel writes in a painting, he's called a hero because, 'Isn't he sensitive? Isn't he wonderful?'... he's writing in a painting. When I would write in a painting they would call me a feminist, which was a dirty word at the time." About her inspiration, she says, "Most often it begins with going to a concert. I like to listen to a lot of music. I'm more often found at a concert than I am at a museum or a gallery show..." She takes a sketch pad to concerts to record her ideas for artworks. It might be years before that drawing becomes a painting. She will revisit the sketch numerous times and embellish it or make notes on it. Music she listens to while painting includes vocal classical music, world music, women's vocal music and individual artists like Amy Winehouse, Lori Anderson, Philip Glass, and Nina Simone. To see the entire interview, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg7hL0Kkbdo>.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND KEAN UNIVERSITY SIGN JOINT ADMISSION AGREEMENT

On Tuesday, June 21, administrators from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and Kean University met at the Mary T. Norton Room at 70 Sip Avenue for the signing of a joint admission agreement which will facilitate the transfer of students graduating with an associate degree from HCCC to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business, Early Education, Elementary Education Recreation Administration (Therapeutic, Recreation, or Commercial Option), and Theatre at Kean.



The agreement goes into effect immediately.

From left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., HCCC Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President; and Dawood Farahi, Ph.D., President of Kean University.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRINGS THE 'SWEET LIFE' FOR AREA RESIDENTS TO ENJOY



On Thursday, June 23, the Department of Cultural Affairs presented "Space & Place: Historical Readings of Personal Journeys." This presentation was curated by Prof. Dorothy Anderson. Director of Cultural Affairs Michelle Vitale (at podium, right) greets attendees at the event.

Hudson County Community College Department of Cultural Affairs has started its summer programming with *La Dolce Vita*, an exhibit of contemporary Italian landscapes that highlight various regions of Italy. The exhibit is unique historical objects from the collection of The Center for the Arts at Casa Colombo in Jersey City that chronicle Italians traveling, visiting, and emigrating to America.

The exhibition may be viewed in the College's Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery now through August 11. The Gallery is located on the sixth floor of the HCCC Library Building at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City – just across the street from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center. The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer.

La Dolce Vita includes works by master painters Tim Daly, Patrick Connors, and Paul Chidester.

Tim Daly is a native of Jersey City who now resides in Hoboken, where his studio is located.

He was known, early on, for his paintings of the mostly unseen landscape surrounding Jersey City and the Meadowlands, and the urban industrial landscape of the New York/New Jersey Metro area. Daly's paintings of Italian landscapes echo his works of unseen or abandoned industrial sites of New Jersey that he has become most known for. His photo realistic paintings investigate and archive the emptiness of a terrain that most tourists mistake for beauty.

Patrick Connors is an award-winning painter and graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. His works are exhibited across the country and internationally in both private and public collections. He has taught linear perspective at the Graduate School of the New York Academy of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art: Manhattan and Rome Programs. Time and memory serve as an archive for Mr. Connors. He recalls: "Nature gives us too much to process. At the same time it permitted an engagement with my memory and imagination so that I was further immersing myself in Rome. Later, when I was working on my oils, this mnemonic practice

would fuel the process and aesthetic. That is, I did not worry too much about making a record or documentation, but rather, tried to re-experience that moment and share my experience of that ancient ruin being struck by light."

Paul Chidester is a painter at State College who teaches at Penn State. Chidester's paintings synthesize a variety of topographical sites, ranging from the closely observed to the wholly invented, with figural and architectural novelties that have been collected through time. His recent paintings pose questions raised through a careful reworking of familiar landscape tropes that include walls, military fortifications, ruins, and natural and other architectural novelties.

On Wednesday, July 13, there will be a gallery talk at 12 p.m., and artists' reception at 3 p.m. in conjunction with the exhibition. Both will be held in the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

The College's Department of Cultural Affairs has also planned a series of special events for this summer, many of which center around the *La Dolce Vita* exhibition. Included are dance and yoga instructional sessions, and film screenings, and discussions on both the HCCC Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses. All events are open to the general public at no charge.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs at 201.360.4182 or mvitale@hccc.edu.

Bellinis with Fellini: A Fun-raiser!



Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6 p.m.
Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C.
Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor,
Jersey City

Join us for rooftop views of New York City as we celebrate the closing of the inaugural year of the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery. Enjoy the sunset, Bellinis, and a screening of *La Dolce Vita*.

Admission of \$10 per person includes 2 complimentary drinks and screening of *La Dolce Vita*. Ticket holders must present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age. Tickets must be purchased at the link below. (No tickets will be sold at the door)

For information and to RSVP, please email galler@hccc.edu.
Proceeds from the event will benefit the Department of Cultural Affairs.

CALL FOR POETRY AND PROSE: 'PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF 9/11'

The Department of Cultural Affairs is issuing an open call to the Hudson County community (both the College and the county) for submissions of 750-1,000-word prose or poetry (50 lines maximum). The submissions should be related to the theme, "Personal Reflections of 9/11."

The submission deadline is August 1, 2016. For more information, please email galler@hccc.edu.

CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMIS- SIONS – "BEFORE 9/11"

The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs invites members of the Hudson County community to submit their photos for a special photography installation of the views of Manhattan from Hudson County before September 11, 2001. For photo submission guidelines, email the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery at galler@hccc.edu.

The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2016. For more information, please email galler@hccc.edu.

DIVISION OF NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



From left; NTP Dean Ana Chapman-McCausland, Honorees Michelle Richardson, Juliet Foster, Ellen Ray, and CBI Assistant Director, Catherine Mirasol.



Members of the HCCC & Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ Entrepreneurship Training Program.



Attendees enjoying BBQ at the NTP Annual Appreciation BBQ on June 30.

Division-wide Events

In celebration of another great year, the Division of Non-Traditional Programs hosted its Annual Appreciation BBQ the evening of Thursday, June 30 at Culinary Plaza Park. For their partnership and dedicated service, the division honored Michelle Richardson, Director, Hudson County Parks & Community Services, Juliet Foster, Owner, J. Foster Imagery, Joann Northgrave, Veterans Coordinator,

Hudson County Office of Veterans Affairs, Alison Friars, Hudson County Community College Instructor, Education, and Ellen Ray, Program Specialist, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds. NTP staff, College employees, and business partners learned more about the division's programs and newest initiatives, and had a great time networking as they enjoyed delicious BBQ.

Community Education - In Your Community

HCCC employees receive 10% off all classes!

To register, go to www.hccc.edu/communityeducation and click on "Register for Programs."

JULY YOUTH CLASSES

Class	Day	State Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Price per Person
App Attack	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	\$199
Creative Bakers	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	\$249
Writing for College Readiness	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$149
Sewing for Fashion Design	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$199
Minecraft Animators	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$199
Photo Journalism	MTWTH	7/11/2016	7/14/2016	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	\$149
Rising Chefs	MTWTH	7/18/2016	7/21/2016	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	\$289
SAT Lang Arts Prep	MTWTH	7/18/2016	7/28/2016	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	\$199
SAT Math Prep	MTWTH	7/18/2016	7/28/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$199
Lego Youniverse!	MTWTH	7/18/2016	7/21/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$199
Video Game Animation	MTWTH	7/18/2016	7/21/2016	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	\$199
Code Breakers	MTWTH	7/25/2016	7/28/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$199
App Adventures: the Next Level	MTWTH	7/25/2016	7/28/2016	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	\$199
Think Tank Young Entrepreneurs	MTWTH	7/25/2016	7/28/2016	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$149

ESL LEVELS 1-6

(classes running Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM - 12 PM or 6 PM - 9 PM - price is \$299)

Class	Day	State Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Price per Person
NPT Information Session	S	7/16/2016	7/16/2016	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Free
Intro to Teaching (24 Hours)	S	7/16/2016	8/6/2016	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	\$239
Conversational English for ESL	T	7/19/2016	8/30/2016	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	\$99
Ice Creams, Sorbets	S	7/16/2016	7/16/2016	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	\$75



The FLIK team serving delicious barbeque and Sr. Roseanne Mazzeo of WomenRising at the NTP Annual Appreciation BBQ.



Clarisa Romero and Jazlyn Carvajal of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ.

CHRISTOPHER CANELA AWARDED INTERNSHIP FROM NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S HISPANIC FELLOWS PROGRAM



Christopher Canela, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Canela of Laurel Avenue, Kearny has been awarded an internship by the Center of Hispanic Policy, Research, and Development (CHPRD) through the Governor's Hispanic Fellows

Program. Created in 1988 and implemented in the State of New Jersey, the Governor's Hispanic Fellows Program is designed to expose academically successful Hispanic college students to career opportunities in state government, or other areas of public service, as well as to those in the nonprofit and private sectors. The program aims to develop and strengthen professional and leadership skills of promising Latino students to fully prepare them for a competitive working environment.

Chris will be assigned to work on policies and issues of consumer protection under consideration by the United States Hispanic Advocacy Association (USHAA). During his internship, he will be responsible for completing two research projects that will be used in industry. The first will involve evaluating the role of best practices in diversity advocacy for persons with disabilities. The second concerns alternative technology platforms to help meet the legal needs of New Jersey residents. The program not only requires Chris to work on-site with the USHAA, but also to participate in weekly training sessions designed to complement the employment component by providing a greater opportunity for leadership development.

Chris graduated from Kearny High School in 2013. While a student at Kearny High, he played baseball and participated in cross country and track. A recipient of a Hudson County Government Scholarship, Chris entered Hudson County Community College in the fall of 2013 as an Engineering major. Taking advantage of the opportunities offered by an urban institution on the rise, Chris became a Peer Leader in the spring of 2014 and was offered the position of Coordinator in the fall of 2014. He was selected by the College to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference, one of only six students chosen to participate. While at HCCC, Chris was elected Vice President of Fellowship for the Beta Alpha Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges. Because of his growing interest in Higher Education Administration and the non-profit sector, Chris changed his major and graduated with an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts. He is planning on continuing to work at HCCC while attending Rutgers-Newark as a Public Administration major.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Antonio Acevedo (History Instructor and Coordinator) presented at the METROCITI Conference at Columbia University on Friday, June 10. Professor Acevedo is a Columbia University METROCITI fellow and his presentation was titled "For and Against Statements and Quiz Guidelines." Dr. Christiane Warren (Associate Dean of Social Sciences) attended the conference.

Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been nominated to serve as Vice Chair of the Academic Officers Affinity Group after serving this year as Secretary.

Dr. Nabil Marshood (Professor and Coordinator of Sociology) published a peer-reviewed article in the Spring 2016 volume of the East Coast Colleges Social Science Association Journal. The title of the article is "Oppressive Structures in the Post-modern Era: A Conceptual Analysis."

Craig McLaughlin has accepted the position of Secretary of the All College Council (ACC). Craig was nominated for the position during the initial election process. He is a tenured faculty member from the Social Sciences Division. He had been serving as Chair of the Student Affairs committee. His term as secretary will run until the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

Mary Mercado has been selected as one of 50 from a pool of 400 students who applied in New Jersey to participate in the 2016 America Needs You Fellows Cohort, a rigorous two-year program that will provide mentorship, workshops. Mercado is a Liberal Arts – Business major at the College and during the 2015-16 academic year was president of the Honors Student Council, which in May was recognized as an Outstanding Club/Organization of the Year.

Several faculty members from the Social Sciences Division participated in HCCC's first Assessment Summer Institute. The two-day workshops took place at the North Hudson Campus on June 3 and June 10. **Denise Rossilli** (Instructor and Coordinator, Human Services); **Richard Walker** (College Lecturer, Criminal Justice); **Alison Friars** (Instructor, Education); **Dr. Jerry Lamb** (Instructor, Criminal Justice); and **Robin Singer** (Instructor, Education) addressed the critical issues related



Mary Mercado (left) with Angela Tuzzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

to course level and institutional assessment strategies. **Dr. Christiane Warren**, Associate Dean of Social Sciences, provided a presentation titled "The A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education at HCCC."

Dr. Christiane Warren (Associate Dean of Social Sciences) and **Dr. Jerry Lamb** (Instructor, Criminal Justice) presented workshops for the first CTE (Career Technical Education) Professional Development Summer Institute at the Journal Square Campus. On June 20, Dr. Lamb addressed the issues of developing critical thinking skills in nontraditional students in CTE programs. Dr. Warren's presentation addressed the strategies for completion and retention of nontraditional students for attendees on June 22.

Richard Walker (College Lecturer, Criminal Justice) wrote an article titled "The Integral Theory: New Ways to View Incarceration in America," and the manuscript has been accepted for publication. The article is slated to be appear in the July/August edition of *Corrections Today*, a peer-reviewed publication from the American Correctional Association.

Richard Walker (College Lecturer, Criminal Justice) presented a seminar titled "Working with Stress in the Criminal Justice Profession" through the Community Education Division on June 27. The workshop identified stressors unique to those working in criminal justice and provided attendees with tips to confront such stressors, and for students to examine how stress can impact their future careers.

NEW TREES PLANTED AT CULINARY PLAZA PARK



Hudson County Community College's Facilities Department planted new trees along the Culinary Plaza Park on Sip Avenue on June 14.



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

Before taking the CPT:

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

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions; Appointment required for 5 p.m. sessions

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July 2016 Term: Fall 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City				1 College Closed
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College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

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

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes

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

English as a Second Language placement test

*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 4

Independence Day – College Closed

Tuesday, July 5

Library Makerspace Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Gallery Reopens, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Call for Submissions Begins: 9/11 Before Views

Travel the World Through Dance - Tango Lessons, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Summer Session II begins (in-person courses)

Film Talk/Screening of "Up," 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 12 p.m.

Tutor Meeting & Assessment, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Room J204 (The Writing Center), 2 Enos Place. This session is mandatory for applicants for tutoring positions for the Fall 2016 semester.

Thursday, July 7

Art of Yoga, North Hudson Campus, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Union City, second floor, 12 p.m.

New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12

Library Makerspace Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Monday, July 11

Last day to add/drop Summer Session II (in-person courses)

Hudson County Community College Foundation Golf Outing, Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, shotgun start 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12

Travel the World Through Dance - Salsa Lessons, North Hudson Campus, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Union City, second floor, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13

Casa Colombo Gallery Talk, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

La Dolce Vita Artist Reception, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 14

Art of Yoga, 71 Sip Avenue, sixth floor, 12 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

Information Session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 10:30 a.m. Pre Register by calling (201) 360-4225

Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19

Library Makerspace Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, July 19

Travel the World Through Dance - Belly Dance Lessons, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 12 p.m.

Salsa Lessons, North Hudson Campus, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Union City, second floor, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20

Information Session, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St

Thursday, July 21

Art of Yoga, North Hudson Campus, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Union City, second floor, 12 p.m.

Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26

Library Makerspace Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, July 26

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Travel the World Through Dance - Bachata Lessons, North Hudson Campus, 4800 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Union City, second floor, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27

Film Talk/Screening of "Into the Wild," 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 28

Art of Yoga, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor, 12 p.m.

CAREPOINT HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING HOSTS WORKSHOP, 'DEVELOPING CLINICAL REASONING'



On Tuesday, June 21, the CarePoint Health School of Nursing hosted a workshop titled "Developing Clinical Reasoning." The facilitator of the workshop was Kenya Beard, Ed.D., AGACNP-BC, NP-C, CNE, ANEF, Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction at Jersey College. The purpose of the workshop was to strengthen educators' ability to teach clinical reasoning skills to nursing students.

ADJ ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES LAUDS TEAM MEMBERS AND WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

On Tuesday, May 24, Hudson County Community College's ADJ Academic Support Services Department held its annual Tutor Training Day, at which outstanding employees were recognized. The Writing Center also presented awards to the winners of its Student Writing Contest and ESL Student Writing Contest.

Winners of the Writing Center Student Writing Contest:

- Third Place, for the essay "Facebook and Its Social Barriers," Pamela Coronado
- Second Place for the essay, "Androgynous Babies," Jeffannie Duan
- First Place, for the essay, "Amish Life," Alexis Fontanez

Winners of the ESL Student Writing Contest:

- Third Place, for the essay "The First Time I Came to the U.S.," Joehan Paniagua
- Second Place for the essay, "Kashmir Restaurant and Hosney Restaurant," Eman Noufal
- First Place, for the short story, "When Life Turns Out to Be Only about Luck," Eden D. Abraham

Award Presentations

- Office Assistant of the Year – Angline Plummer
- Academic Coach of the Year – Carlos Fernandez
- English & Humanities Tutor of the Year – Marwa Abdeleziz



Jeffannie Duan (second from left) earned second place for her essay, "Androgynous Babies," in the Student Writing Contest. Duan is pictured with, from left, Michael Reimer, Dean for Student Services; Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Division of Academic Development & Support Services; and Joseph Pascale, Writing Center Coordinator.

- STEM Tutor of the Year – Mohamed Amarir
- Distinguished Tutor Award – Steven Galarza
- Support Services Scholar Award – Kenny Fabara, Head Tutor for North Hudson Campus
- Outstanding Dedication Award – Nitzia Berrio, Department Secretary

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Melissa Villafane, Class of 2012 A.A. Psychology Adjunct Professor



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

Having applied to several colleges and universities led me to the realization of the costliness of getting an education. Although I applied for several scholarships for other institutions, I was selected to receive the HCCC Foundations Scholarship which greatly impacted my decision to attend HCCC.

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

I truly enjoyed the trips that the Student Activities department offered. It was nice to bond with classmates, friends, and faculty alike on our way to the Chaung Yen Monastery in Carmel, NY and to tour Philadelphia. I also appreciated the passion that many of my instructors displayed. They always pushed me to improve and elevate myself. Their motivation and dedication to teaching prepared me for the next step in my life. So, I can't mention a specific memory that is a favorite because I truly enjoyed my time at HCCC.

How did you become interested in [major/career]?

During my sophomore year of high school, my school counselor kept asking what career I wanted to pursue. At that time I was very indecisive and my answers varied from becoming an interior designer to becoming a doctor. I took several assessments and still felt unsure. After researching several career options, I finally realized that I enjoy helping others and I had a passion for the field of education. At that point, I knew that becoming a K-12 teacher was not what I was truly interested in nor was becoming a psychologist. The perfect choice encompassing aspects of teaching and psychology was to become a school counselor. I then spent most of my time at the counseling office and worked as an aide. From there on out, I realized where my passion lay.

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

Many of my instructors taught me the motivation necessary to pursue an education and played a role in feeding my passion for the field of Psychology. The College Student Success course taught me skills that I still use today, such as time and stress management, and responsibility.

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

The students are my inspiration. HCCC offers a variety of programs, and students of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures come together to learn. I have met people who were doctors, lawyers, psychiatrists, etc. in their home countries who came to the U.S. to start over again. They begin their American educational career with us. As they come in and out of the tutoring center and classrooms, we listen to their stories and celebrate their successes.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

It is important to never give up, always find a way, and go the extra mile without looking back. Our lives become very busy with the responsibilities and obligations of being students, parents, siblings, etc., but never giving up and always trying to go above and beyond, no matter how exhausted we may be, will help us achieve our ultimate goals in life.

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

HCCC has always been very family-oriented which was exactly what I needed when I was beginning this new chapter in my life. Many of the people I interacted with were not only helpful, but also very welcoming. Therefore, during this time it is best to enjoy all the resources that the school has to offer and do a lot of research into every major, career, and/or field they might be interested in. It is a great time to explore and ask many questions. HCCC is a step in the road that will put them on the path to their intended careers.

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