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## From the Editor's Desk

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT, CHRIS REBER



*Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., President of Hudson County Community College, meets members of the College community during a July 2 Town Hall Forum.*

On Monday, July 2, 2018, Chris Reber officially began his tenure as the new president of Hudson County Community College by holding a town hall meeting with the College's students, faculty, staff and administrators. The meeting was held in the HCCC Culinary Conference Center on the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City.

Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D. – who prefers to be called Chris – was appointed to the College's presidency by the HCCC Board of Trustees at its May 8, 2018 meeting. He succeeds Glen Gabert, Ph.D. who retired last month after serving more than 25 years at the College's president.

In his remarks at the Monday morning town hall, Dr. Reber thanked everyone who had assisted him in transitioning to HCCC and all those who had sent him notes and background information. He offered special thanks to

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## HCCC LIBRARY NAMED FOR GLEN GABERT, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 25+ YEARS AT THE HELM

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) officially honored and said farewell to the College's longtime President, Glen Gabert, Ph.D. on Thursday evening, June 14th.

The retirement celebration began with a ceremony naming the College's Library – which is located at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City – the "Gabert Library" and unveiling a plaque memorializing the naming. Immediately following, guests attended a cocktail reception in the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery on the Library's sixth floor, where they viewed a special exhibit featuring works from the HCCC Foundation Art Collection. Guests then proceeded to the HCCC Culinary Arts Institute at 161 Newkirk Street for a dinner honoring Dr. Gabert.

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*On June 14, the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees named the College's Library for retiring President, Glen Gabert, Ph.D. Pictured here from left: Trustees Kevin G. Callahan, J.S.C (Ret.) and Secretary/Treasurer Karen A. Fahrenholz; Dr. Gabert; Trustee Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.; Trustee Joanne Kosakowski; Trustee Alumni Representative Hamza Saleem; and Trustee Pamela E. Gardner.*

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY STAFF RECEIVE STATEWIDE AWARDS

The New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) has recognized members of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Library staff for excellence in planning, implementation, and innovative use of technology.

The staffers were honored at the 2018 NJLA Conference which took place from May 30 through June 1 at the Waterfront Conference Center at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City. The conference provided a forum for the state's librarians and library associates. Approximately 1,000 library employees met to discuss emerging library trends, review changes in policy and technology, and share best practices for delivering services.

HCCC Technical Services Librarian Mei Xie received the NJLA College and University Section (CUS) Technical Services Award. This was the first time this award was given. She was honored for leadership and efforts in improving access to electronic resources, enhancing workflows, and implementing new services/cataloging standards. Mei Xie led the Library catalog migration from SirsiDynix to open-source Koha, updated library catalog records to RDA standards, modernized the Library's authority file and subject headings, improved access to electronic resources for all users, and added support for emerging technologies such as linked data.

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## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Max Perelson (left) and Prof. Ted Lai (background) volunteering in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on June 2.



Pictured from left at the May 6 Beta Alpha Phi induction: Dr. Khushbu Janani, Past Beta Alpha Phi Vice President of Leadership; Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development, HCCC; and Jennifer Greco, Middle States Regional President and member of Alpha Eta Chi, Passaic County Community College.



Dr. Clive Li, Physics Professor (left) and alumna Aminata Adewumi, adjunct instructor, Mathematics (right) volunteering and guiding Hudson youth at Liberty Science Center for the Hack-A-Thon 2018 on June 2.

## HCCC LIBRARY NAMED FOR GLEN GABERT

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Clockwise from top left: Family members of HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (third from right), along with Gregory Ratcliff (third from left).

HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (center) with William O'Dea (left), Vice Chairperson, and Anthony Romano, Chair Pro Temp, of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., Chair of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors.

HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (left) with Michael Billy, Executive Director of Hudson Pride Center.

Members of the Hudson County Board of Trustees, from left: William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair; Kevin G. Callahan, J.S.C (Ret.); Karen A. Fahrenholz, Secretary/Treasurer; Joanne Kosakowski; and Hamza Saleem, Alumni Representative.



In attendance at the event were: William O'Dea and Anthony L. Romano, Jr. from the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. and members of that Board; members of the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors; area and state educational, community and business leaders; HCCC administrators, faculty, and students; and Dr. Gabert's family and friends.

Dr. Gabert announced his retirement in December 2017. He is the College's longest serving President, having held that office since September 1992. He is also the longest-serving current community college president in New Jersey. He will remain in office until June 30.

Chairman Netchert said: "In the 25-plus years that Glen Gabert has been President of Hudson County Community College, remarkable and beneficial changes have taken place. He formed a partnership with my colleagues on the Board of Trustees and me, and together with our elected representatives and area leaders, we have transformed what was a deeply distressed college into a life-changing resource for the people of our community."

Mr. Netchert said that under Dr. Gabert's leadership, Hudson County Community College is now an award-winning, student- and community-centered institution focused on fostering understanding and attaining success. During Dr. Gabert's tenure enrollment more than tripled, two state-of-the-art campuses – Journal Square (Jersey City) and North Hudson (Union City) – were built, and more than 60 degree and certificate programs have been put in place. In addition, the HCCC Foundation, which has provided over \$3 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 deserving students, was initiated.

The 2017 Equality of Opportunity Project ranked HCCC in the top 120 of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions for social mobility – the only community college in New Jersey's top ten. The College's Culinary Arts program is ranked number eight in the U.S., and, with 93.75% of graduates passing the NCLEX first time out, the HCCC Nursing program is ranked number two among New Jersey associate-degree programs.

## INTRODUCING ...



### PHILIP CAFASSO, ASSOCIATE DEAN, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

Dean Cafasso has been Interim Associate Dean of the Division since September 2017 and also served as Interim Associate Dean of Social Sciences in the Fall of 2014.

Dean Cafasso earned his first degree, an A.A.S. in Culinary Arts, here at HCCC, and then went on to earn a B.A. in English from Kean University and an M.S. in Hospitality Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been teaching in HCCC's Culinary Arts program since 1988, and has served as a consulting chef to numerous New Jersey restaurants and caterers. He regularly teaches in the Humanities and Social Sciences in the course, Food and Culture.

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 WEBINARS

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

Wednesday, July 25: Identity Theft Protection and Self-Help

Wednesday, August 22: Bullying

Wednesday, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health

Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging

Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

## RETIREMENT

Ann Marie Frenche (effective July 1, 2018)

Mojdeh Tabatabaie (effective Sept. 1, 2018)

Rafael Nivar (effective Dec. 1, 2018)

## NEW HIRES

Arturo Arana,  
Admissions Recruiter

Joyce Belcher,  
Associate Dean, STEM

Philip Cafasso,  
Associate Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences

Karen Gali,  
Instructor, English (Tenure Track)

Mohamed Qasem,  
Instructor, Physics

Jedediah Palmer,  
ESL Lecturer

Upasana Sethi-Pagan,  
Assistant Registrar

Fatma Tat,  
Instructor, Chemistry

## JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

*Accountant*

*Adjunct Positions (Fall/Summer 2018)*

*College Lecturer, English*

*College Lecturer, Health Sciences (Revised)*

*College Lecturer, Nursing*

*College Librarian Archivist PT*

*Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)*

*Counselor*

*Custodial Worker*

*Dean of Libraries*

*Director of Career Development*

*Director of Health Related Programs*

*Help Desk Manager*

*Instructor, Accounting*

*Instructor, English*

*Instructor, Mathematics*

*Instructor, Medical Assisting*

*Instructor, Romance Languages*

*Librarian FT*

*Library Associate PT*

*Payroll Office Assistant (PT)*

*PC Technician*

*Perkins Coordinator PT*

*Senior PC Technician*

*Sign Language Interpreter (PT)*

*Student Financial Aid Assistant*

## FACULTY & STAFF

# SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE

THURSDAY, JULY 12

*Building Social Communities in the Classroom*

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

L512 (Gabert Library)

MONDAY, JULY 23

*Grant Writing for Higher Education Professionals*

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

E511 (Culinary Conference Center)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

*Business/Professional Writing*

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

E511 (Culinary Conference Center)

For more information contact:

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or call (201) 360-4015

## MILESTONES

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

**15 Years**

Paula Pando

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](mailto: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](http://www.njherc.org), the Higher-EdJobs.com website at [www.higheredjobs.com](http://www.higheredjobs.com), [www.latinoshighered.com](http://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](http://www.hccc.edu).

## ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

### HCCC OFFERS APPLICATION, TESTING, REGISTRATION WITH EASE AT JUNE 27 "REGISTER & ROCK ON" SUMMER ONE STOP EVENT

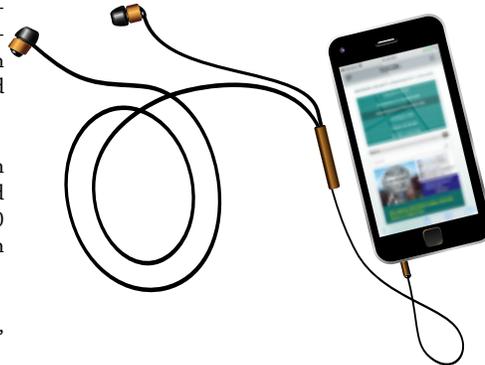
Potential students who took action on college plans on June 27 benefited with guidance from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) representatives who assisted them through each step — application, testing, and registration.

The College held a "One Stop" registration event on Wednesday, June 27. The event was held on both the HCCC Journal Square Campus at 70 Sip Avenue, in Jersey City, and the North Hudson Campus at 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City.

HCCC provides students with the options, resources, and tools to succeed:

- More than 60 high-quality degree and certificate courses – many offered online
- Faculty and staff focused on student success
- Tuition at one of the most affordable rates in New Jersey
- One of the most effective Financial Aid and scholarship programs in New Jersey
- Flexible hours at two easy-to-reach campuses
- Transfer agreements with many in- and out-of-state colleges and universities
- Seamless credit transfer to 4-year institutions including New Jersey City University, Saint Peter's University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Attendees learned about the application and acceptance processes. Testing was available most of the day. Representatives from the College's award-winning student support services team provided information on assisting HCCC students in reaching their academic and career goals. The team helps students navigate through each step –



it's the difference between driving around lost or using GPS.

HCCC students pay a fraction of the cost of tuition at a four-year college or university, and the College has one of the most successful financial aid and scholarship programs in New Jersey. Approximately 83% of HCCC students receive financial assistance. Members of the Financial Aid department will assist in setting up FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) accounts. Attendees of the One Stop who applied to HCCC that day had the \$25 college application fee waived. Students who registered in person received a free pair of HCCC earbuds.

In addition to registering for the Fall 2018 semester, students may also register for Summer II semester. Online classes for Summer II begin on Thursday, July 5; in-person classes begin on Monday, July 9.

More information may be obtained by emailing [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu).



The current HCCC Enrollment Guide is now available at [www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide](http://www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide)

## SUMMER IN THE CITY!



Courses available online and in-person. Get ahead on your current degree.

- Save hundreds of dollars as you lighten your course load
- More than 100 course offerings to choose from; taking classes online or in person at 2 easy-to-reach campuses
- Credits transfer to major four-year colleges and universities
- Earn up to 12 credits over the summer!
- Non-credit Continuing Education classes are also available.

### SESSION II

begins Monday, July 9

**APPLY NOW!**  
[www.hccc.edu/summer](http://www.hccc.edu/summer)

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at: [www.hccc.edu/testschedule](http://www.hccc.edu/testschedule).

## HCCC NURSING PROGRAM SALUTES 2018 GRADUATES



On Wednesday, June 13, Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Nursing Program held a Pinning Ceremony for its Associate Degree graduates.

Following a welcome by Carol A. Fasano, Director of the Nursing Program, greetings by HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D., and remarks by Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the graduates received their pins and recited the International Nurses' Pledge in a candlelight ceremony.

Mara C. Yuson also delivered remarks as the graduate with the highest grade point average.

## PLANS MOVING FORWARD FOR BSN PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED WITH NJCU ON HCCC CAMPUS

On Tuesday, June 26, Christina McSherry, Ph.D., R.N., visited with academic leaders at Hudson County Community College to continue the work on a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to be offered at the Journal Square campus of HCCC. Dr. McSherry is the Associate Dean for the College of Professional Studies at New Jersey City University and administers the nursing programs.

Course offerings toward the BSN have already begun to be offered at HCCC. The Health Assessment course, part of the BSN, is currently offered at the Cundari Center, taught by NJCU's professors. Health Assessment is offered during the summer so that students have an early start on their BSN studies. Offering a BSN on our campus is part of our student success efforts to meet students where they are and to provide the credentials that employers require.

The nationally distributed Institute of Medicine report, *The Future of Nursing*, has called for a goal of 80% of nurses to have achieved the BSN by 2020. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American Nurses Association, and others, have endorsed and supported the report. Additionally, local employers who are seeking magnet status, such

as the Jersey City Medical Center, are requiring nursing personnel to have the BSN. Currently, HCCC offers a registered nursing program as an associate degree. The new agreement will provide a seamless transfer and articulation into the BSN and allow students to continue to come to the same convenient Journal Square location at which they completed their RN studies.

"Having NJCU offer the BSN right on our campus will provide a great opportunity for students

to achieve the credentials that so many employers are telling us they should have. Our central focus is student success in our programs but also beyond our programs — in employment," said Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

HCCC and NJCU have a long-standing partnership and seamless articulation through a dual-admit relationship for nursing. Hundreds of students have transferred into bachelors and even master's level nursing programs at the university.



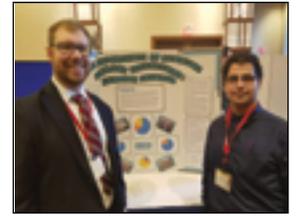
*Pictured from left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Christina McSherry, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Dean, New Jersey City University College of Professional Studies; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction; and Lori Byrd, Ph.D., R.N., Nursing Program Coordinator.*

"The relation works and benefits students," said Carol Fasano, HCCC's Director of Nursing. "Students who are currently in the HCCC program will be taking six NJCU credits during this year's summer session; by the time they graduate, they will have 12 credits towards the BSN and will accelerate their bachelor's studies. It's a dream come true!"

HCCC's department of nursing is part of the Division of Nursing & Health Sciences led by Catherine Sirangelo, Associate Dean.

## HCCC LIBRARY STAFF RECEIVE STATEWIDE AWARDS

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Library Technology Associate Devlyn Courtier, along with Johnathan Cintron (a former HCCC employee), won the NJLA CUS Technology Innovation Award for their application of Raspberry Pi technology to advance the current manual door count to an automated system. By building three different prototypes using lasers, PIR (passive infrared sensors), and ultrasonic technology, they created devices that can collect and transmit door counts to a database, making record keeping much easier.

Seven HCCC Library employees attended the conference, including Cynthia Coulter, Devlyn Courtier, John DeLooper, Devika Gonsalves, Lotta Sanchez, Lawren Wilkins, and Mei Xie.

Courtier, DeLooper, and Gonsalves presented a poster entitled "Lessons Learned from Sampling a Library Collection." In Spring 2018, the HCCC Library began sampling the availability of its shelved items. The goal was to determine what percentage of the library's collection was available at the correct location, and learn how this information can be used to improve check-in and shelving procedures. The poster was used to illustrate what was learned from the sampling process, what actions the survey led to, and how other libraries can conduct sampling. Cynthia Coulter, who is a librarian at the HCCC North Hudson campus in Union City, moderated the NJLA CUS Research Award Forum.

The HCCC Library supports students, staff, and faculty in their pursuit of knowledge and research. It currently holds more than 40,000 books, 750 DVDs, 37,000 online journals, and 2,800 E-books at the North Hudson and Jersey City campuses.

# 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.



Among the artworks currently on display in the Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery is Nancy Scheinman's *Untitled (1986), Mixed Media Collage*.

## Artist News

If you like the works of **Elizabeth Catlett** exhibited in the Nursing Program at Cundari (870 Bergen) or on the third floor of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy this wonderful short video about her recent exhibition at Burning in Water Gallery, curated by Art Historian Unity Lewis who knew Catlett: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=223&v=4JNZP3yJ2ZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=223&v=4JNZP3yJ2ZE)

**Nancy Cohen**, who recently donated three drawings, and whose print *Procession* is installed in the reception area of Dean Sirangelo's reception area on the mezzanine of 870 Bergen, will be exhibiting her work at Robert Henry Contemporary in Brooklyn through July 29. The show is called "A Quest Place: Mike Childs & Nancy Cohen." You can also see Nancy Cohen's work at the Dorksy Gallery (11-03 45th Avenue, Long Island City, New York) in a show called *Wave*, curated by Michele L'Heureux through July 15. Google the galleries for more information.

**Maya Lin**, whose work is on exhibit at the Gabert Library on the first floor, has work on view at Storm King Art Center in an exhibit called, "Indicators: Artists on Climate Change," which features artworks by 17 artists. Storm King, in the lower Hudson Valley, is one of the world's leading sculpture parks. At many local public libraries, you can check out a free pass for Storm King, bring a picnic, and spend the day walking the beautiful grounds and looking at gigantic sculpture. If your library doesn't have a free pass, encourage them to get one for your community!

The exhibition with Maya Lin's work explores the impacts of the changing climate with both indoor and outdoor installations. John P. Stern, President of Storm King, says, "From its founding in 1960, Storm King has prioritized environmen-

tal projects including land conservation, reclamation of industrial sites for sensitive landscaping for art using native plants, and preservation of wildlife habitat corridors in the Hudson Valley. This exhibition features artists whose site-sensitive and site-specific works resonate with Storm King's mission and history of environmental stewardship and that further the dialogue between art and nature while also speaking to broader issues that affect regional, national, and global ecological health." Maya Lin's work in this exhibit is called *The Secret Life of Grasses*, and includes "three ten-foot-tall tubes, each housing a single stalk of prairie grass and making its entire structure—from root to tip—visible. The clear tubes demonstrate the extensive root systems shared by the types of native grasses that have been reintroduced into Storm King's landscape over the past twenty years." Lin says, "The ability of these root structures to absorb carbon points to a potential solution to climate change—namely by restoring our soils and grasslands and by reforming our ranching and agricultural practices, we could not only improve food production, make our soils more resilient and able to stand longer periods of drought . . . but we could significantly reduce climate emissions, and restore biodiversity."

If you like the **Miriam Schapiro** work installed on the second floor of the Cundari Building at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy this recent podcast about her show at the Museum of Art and Design through Sept. 9. The museum is at Columbus Circle (57th and Broadway) in New York City. Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., admission is "pay what you wish." Children 18 and under are always free. <https://www.wnyc.org/story/review-miriam-schapiro-son/>

Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation Art Collection will install an entire corridor devoted to the artwork of **Kiki Smith** later this year.

In the meantime, you can see 50 of her artworks on exhibit at the Eldridge Street Museum, formerly the Eldridge Street Synagogue, on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in a show called "Below the Horizon: Kiki Smith at Eldridge." Opened in 1887, the synagogue was the first great house of worship built in America by Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. Many had come from places where they could not practice their religion freely. By contrast, in America religious freedom is a Constitutional right. As the demography of the Lower East Side changed, over half a century ago, the synagogue sanctuary was closed due to declining membership.

Meticulously restored and reopened as a museum in 2007, this National Historic Landmark building is one of the few remaining markers of the great wave of Jewish migration to the Lower East Side. Kiki Smith's sculptures recall the moment of the synagogue's decay: she has created gold leaf-covered birds perched on aluminum chairs, which are installed on the third level women's gallery of the synagogue. One bird is suspended up by the rose window, "soaring in the kaleidoscopic light." Smith created the stained-glass window with architect Deborah Gans. It depicts a field of stars against a fragmented landscape of blue. On Mondays, the entry fee is "pay what you wish." For more information about the Museum, watch this short film <https://www.eldridgestreet.org/about/#>.

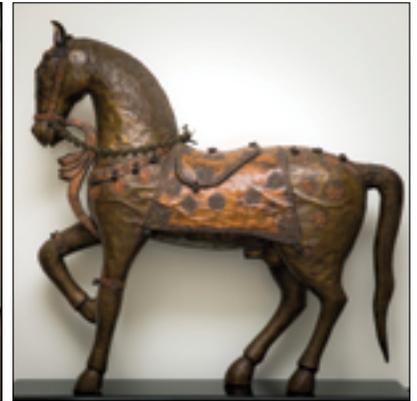
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## DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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The Department of Cultural Affairs is hosting an exhibition featuring select items from the Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection through Tuesday, July 31 at the Dineen Hull Gallery on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue. Gallery summer hours are Monday through Thursday, from 12 to 4 p.m.; closed Friday–Sunday and holidays.

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT, CHRIS REBER

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HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. and the members of the Board for their trust, guidance, advocacy and support.

In preparation for assuming the HCCC presidency, Dr. Reber disclosed that he had read a great deal about the work everyone at the College does – the College’s commitment and leadership in diversity, equity and inclusion, its achievement in making opportunities for social mobility available for the community, and the academic programs that have been recognized regionally and nationally. He also recognized the College’s cultural arts programs, facilities, K-12 dual enrollment and transfer programs.

Dr. Reber stated goals must be challenging but achievable and informed and guided by data. He emphasized his belief that students are at the center of everything everyone at the College does: “... our students’ success is our success, and we are partners with our students on their educational journeys,” he said. He disclosed that he is planning on holding “Pizza with the President” sessions to become acquainted with HCCC students.

He said he aspires to be what some might call a “servant leader,” one who wants to support students’, faculty’s and staff’s efforts and successes in every way possible. To that end, Dr. Reber will be conducting a listening tour throughout the campus and community in the upcoming weeks and months and invites everyone – students, faculty and staff – to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with him.

Dr. Reber comes to Hudson County Community College from Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) near Pittsburgh, PA where he had served as president from July 2014 until June 2018. Before arriving at CCBC, Dr. Reber served for 12 years as the Executive Dean of Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where he was the chief executive and academic officer. His career also includes 18 years at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he served on the senior management team as the Chief Development, University Relations, and Alumni Affairs Officer during a successful \$50 million capital campaign; and Chief Student Affairs Officer during a period of major college growth.

Dr. Reber holds a bachelor’s degree in Latin from Dickinson College, a master’s degree in college student personnel administration from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a post-graduate certificate from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education.

The complete text of Dr. Reber’s remarks may be viewed at [http://www.hccc.edu/uploadedFiles/Resources/PDFs/President/president-reber-remarks\\_summer-2018.pdf](http://www.hccc.edu/uploadedFiles/Resources/PDFs/President/president-reber-remarks_summer-2018.pdf). The Q&A session which was a part of the town hall meeting is available on the College’s Facebook page – [https://www.facebook.com/pg/hcccedu/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/hcccedu/posts/?ref=page_internal).

## HCCC Alumni: Get involved!



*Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?*

*Are you willing to contribute time?*

*Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?*

*Are you looking for career support?*

*If so join, socialize and network!*

### SOME BENEFITS INCLUDE:

*Discounts on movies, shows, Culinary Conference Center, and specific discounts on available spaces in Community Education classes.*

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

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Kids learned how to make tasty, healthy snacks with fruit, vegetables, and granola during CE's Healthy Snacks Family class on May 26 with Chef Caroline Phillipuk.



Students learned how to break down and debone various meats, such as sirloin, prime rib, and chuck during CE's hands-on Cuts of Meats workshop on May 20 with Chef Sami Khouzam.



Students learned about poetry slam, were taught writing prompts, performance exercises, shared in-class performances, and received critiques during CE's Spoken Word / Poetry Slam workshop on May 24 and 31 with JC Slam Master, Mark Skrzypczak



Parents and children learned how to create delicious frozen treats from scratch during CE's Ice Cream Creations class on June 3 with Chef Luci Brasil.



Students received the guidance and tools needed to enter the world of self-publishing during CE's Self-Publishing Master Class on May 16 and 23 with Lilisa Williams.



Students learned how to work with Adobe Spark to create and edit their own short videos during CE's Mobile Video Production class on May 19 and 26 with Adele Merlino.



Program Coordinator, Carmen Guerra, attended the JCFamilies Summer Camp Fair on May 26 in Hamilton Park to promote CE's Summer Youth and Teens Programs in STEM, Culinary, SAT Prep, and Theater.



CE's Third Cycle of the Food Business Bootcamp with Hudson Kitchen was held on May 19, in collaboration with the Culinary Arts Institute. Students learned directly from industry experts who shared the tools and strategies needed to move food ideas from concept to reality.

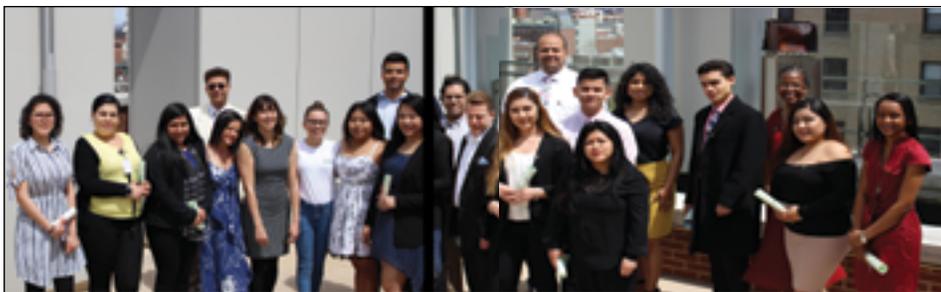


CEWD congratulates Quafayshia Ransom, Assistant Events Coordinator, on graduating from HCCC on May 17 with an Associate degree in Psychology. She is on her way to NJCU in the fall!

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## SIGMA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTION



*Sigma Kappa Delta members with advisor Alison Bach (center).*

The Omicron Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society for two-year colleges, held its fifth annual induction ceremony on April 29, 2018. Kathryn Buckley, Instructor of Academic Foundations, English, was the featured speaker. Chapter President Bianelly Tellez also delivered remarks, and Chapter Secretary Alessandra Molina escorted the candidates. Faculty Advisor Alison Bach presided over the event and presented the candidates for induction. Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Elizabeth Nesius, Asso-

ciate Dean of English and ESL, conducted the ceremonial presentation of certificates.

Membership in the Omicron Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta is open to Hudson County Community College students who have completed 12 credits with a 3.0 GPA and no grade lower than B in any English classes.

**For more information about Sigma Kappa Delta, please contact Alison Bach at abach@hccc.edu.**

## HCCC VISITS MEADOWLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE



*Eric Friedman, Ph.D. (left), Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Francisco Artigas, Ed.D., Director of the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute.*



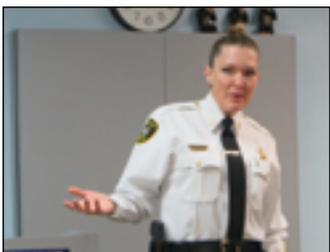
*Pictured from left: Lori Margolin, HCCC Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Francisco Artigas, Ed.D., Director, Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute; Nadia Hedhli, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology; and Sandy Speers, Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute Business Administrator.*

On Tuesday, June 12, representatives from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) visited the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute to explore partnership opportunities. Rutgers University – Newark oversees a comprehensive field research site at the facilities that house the offices of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

The genesis of the meeting came during an earlier meeting in which Eric Friedman, HCCC's Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Nicholas Chiaravallotti, J.D., Ed.D., HCCC's Vice President for Development and Planning, spoke with Christine Sanz, NJSEA's Chief Operating Officer, and Vincent Prieto, NJSEA's President, at the site, about future partnerships with the community college.

Opportunities with the research institute include the possibility of placing STEM and Environmental Studies students into internships at the field site under Rutgers' supervision, possible continuing education programming in Drone Technology and Certified Lab Assistant, as well as the possible development of an HCCC monitoring station for environmental studies. Accompanying Dr. Friedman were Lori Margolin, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, and Nadia Hedhli, Ph.D., Coordinator of HCCC's Environmental programming. Francisco Artigas, the Director of the Research Institute, and Sandy Speers, the Business Administrator at the site, hosted the visit and conducted the tour.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



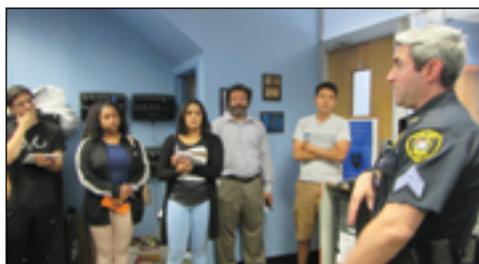
*Captain Nichelle Luster of the Union City Police Department talks to students about her experience in the police force, and how she was able to turn it into a successful career.*



*Criminal Justice students visit the Union City Police Department and take a tour of the facilities on Tuesday, June 12.*



*Sergeant Ruben Rodriguez discusses his time on the police force and includes his educational history at HCCC.*



*Sergeant Christopher Rengel leads a tour of the Union City Police Department and explains various procedures which take place throughout an average day.*

The Criminal Justice students in Richard Walker's General Police Organization and Administration class visited the Union City Police Department on June 12 for a tour of the facility. Students were required to observe the daily activities of a small law enforcement agency. The students gained knowledge from various units such as the records bureau, computer division, detective bureau, and the juvenile aid bureau.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI-Newark) invited Mr. Walker's General Police Organization and Administration students to participate in a tour of the agency on June 14. The students were given a presentation by FBI agents. Presentation topics included: investigating terrorism and narcotics, recruitment and training of agents, the FBI academy, command staff and structure, promotions and transfer, and internship opportunities for students.

## 'THINK LIKE A NURSE' WORKSHOP



Carol Fasano (left), Director of the Nursing Program, welcomes Keith Rischer, RN, MA, CEN, CCRN to Hudson County Community College.



Keith Rischer leads "Transforming the Educator," the introductory session in "Teach Students to Think like a Nurse."

On Tuesday, June 5, Hudson County Community College's Nursing Program hosted a seminar, "Teach Students to Think like a Nurse: Transformational Strategies That Will Prepare Students for Practice." The seminar was facilitated by Keith Rischer, RN, MA, CEN, CCRN, an author, blogger, nurse educator, and staff nurse who has practiced for 31 years in a wide variety of clinical settings.

The workshop was a full-day presentation incorporating numerous breakout sessions and hands-on strategies to implement the paradigm changes that are required to transform nursing education radically to better prepare students for clinical practice.

## LPN STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE ON MOTHER-NEWBORN MANNEQUIN



On Wednesday, June 6, students in Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Practical Nursing program received training on

the College's SIMS Mother-Newborn electronic mannequin. The mannequin provides a real-life experience of training in obstetrics for students.

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presenting on "Extending the Pathway: From Middle School to Community College to University" at the 2018 NISOD Conference.



Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Instructor STEM Division HCCC; Alexander Caronna from Research and Development Council of New Jersey; Dr. Clive Li, Lecturer STEM Division HCCC

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, July 2

Town Hall Forum with HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Joseph Sansone Room, First Floor

### Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day – College Closed

### Thursday, July 5

Summer Online B classes begin (through Aug. 15)

### Monday, July 9

HCCC Foundation Golf Outing, 8 a.m., Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield. Register at <https://www.hccc.edu/foundation/golf>.

Summer Session II classes begin (through Aug. 14)  
Payment is due in full for Summer II 2018 by 5 p.m.

### Thursday, July 12

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multi-Purpose Room

Building Social Communities in the Classroom workshop, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L512. This workshop focuses on building social opportunities in the classroom to ensuring that students become invested in the class and college community. This workshop will increase the probability that students become active members of the College.

### Thursday, July 19

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Meeting, 1 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Room 314

### Monday, July 23

Grant Writing for Higher Education Professionals, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room E511. Learn the basics of grant writing.

### Tuesday, July 24

New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus,

## SAVE THE DATE Fall 2018 Start-Up Events

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

College Service Day  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
Culinary Conference Center,  
161 Newkirk St.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

All College Faculty  
Orientation & Meeting  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.,  
Culinary Conference Center,  
161 Newkirk St.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Convocation  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Culinary Conference Center,  
161 Newkirk St.

## HCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS SUCCESSFUL AC TRIP

The Hudson County Community College Alumni Association organized a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, June 9. Nearly 40 alumni, faculty and staff attended. Many of the faculty and staff who attended were alumni. It was a very festive occasion and on the way down; bingo was played and prizes such as movie tickets, HCCC bags, Alumni T-shirts and gift cards were awarded. A 50/50 raffle raising funds for the association was also conducted.

The president of the Association, LaTrenda Ross, made brief remarks about the importance of the organization. Professor Salvador Cuellar



was in charge of entertainment and did a fantastic job.

The HCCC Alumni Association wishes to thank the HCCC Foundation, the Office of Student Activities, and Dr. Paula Pandol's office for their assistance and for contributing prizes.

The current officers of the Association are LaTrenda Ross, President; Samuel Folledo, Vice President; Royal Ross, Treasurer; and Jennifer Oyola, Secretary.

## ALUMNI CORNER

### Alyssa Avallon Nursing

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

I attended Hudson County Community College because I wanted to begin a career as a nurse, but it took me a few years to get to that point. I had already received my bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from Rutgers University in 2011, but at that stage in my life, I was unsure what I wanted for my career. To make a long story short, I had a variety of jobs before getting a job at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 2014. Through my experience there, I was inspired to become a nurse. I researched my options and decided I wanted to attend an accelerated BSN (bachelor of science in nursing) program (these accelerated programs are designed for someone like myself who

already has a bachelor's degree). In order to apply and be accepted, though, I needed to take a series of science classes as prerequisites, and that is what led me to attend HCCC. I started my classes there in January of 2016. At the time, I was living in Hoboken and working in Manhattan.

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

One of my favorite classes was microbiology, because I enjoyed staining slides and viewing the different bacteria under a microscope. I'm not sure I can pick one specific moment, but in general the lab sessions during that class were my favorite. I also loved taking developmental psychology with Professor Scott Methven. He was enthusiastic

and made the class memorable. Also, this isn't exactly a memory, but I really liked the library at HCCC. It is a really nice building, and I would often stay there to study after my class ended (that was when I took Saturday classes).

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

I became interested in nursing through my job at the hospital. By the time I began working there, I'd determined that I wanted a career helping people somehow, but I didn't know in what capacity. My job involved a lot of time on the



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phone with patients and it became much more involved than I ever thought it would be, as patients' situations were complex and I often spoke with them extensively and got to know them quite well. I quickly realized that their experience with me on the phone could make a difference in their day and how they were dealing with whatever was going on. The experience I had in this job had a huge impact on me and I began to realize that I desired a career in healthcare, and more specifically, in nursing.

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

My education at HCCC was perfect for me because I am now attending a full-time accelerated RN-BSN program at Rutgers in New Brunswick. I got exactly the foundation I needed in the classes I took there (anatomy and physiology, chemistry, microbiology, nutrition) to prepare me for the intense classes that I am taking now. With a background in English and Spanish, I had not taken a science class since I was in high school. I remember the first day in the first science class I took, Anatomy & Physiology with Professor Salim Bendaoud. I had no idea what to expect, but Professor Bendaoud was clearly passionate about the subject. I quickly became interested in the subject matter as well and was fascinated by the fact that I had such limited knowledge of the complexity of the human body. The classes I took at HCCC made me interested to learn more.

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

Right now, I am not working because I just started the full-time nursing program in January and it is quite rigorous. A work day for me in the past, though, was 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. As I mentioned before, I worked at the hospital doing administrative tasks and frequently speaking with patients over the phone. While I was taking classes at HCCC, I would be at work during the day and go to school in the evenings. Right after work, I would take the subway and then the PATH right to Journal Square for class. I also took a couple of classes on Saturdays due to my work schedule.

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

My biggest inspirations are the people that I worked with at the hospital, particularly the doctor and nurses that I worked closely with for a few years. I learned so much from them. Aside from those two, there were a slew of wonderful, smart people working there. I was inspired all the time by the tireless work they did for their patients and how knowledgeable they were.

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

If you're still unsure about what you want to do, just start somewhere. If you find it difficult getting a job, try signing up with a temp agency (that is what I did). They can set you up with a temporary assignment (usually office work) and it will give you a chance to figure out whether you like

something or don't. One of my temp jobs was at a fashion company and I quickly realized I did not want to go into that line of work. If you don't know what you want to do, you can at least start figuring out what you don't want to do, and eventually you will narrow it down and find something that interests you.

If you are sure about what you want to do, make sure to research the career you want and figure out what employers are looking for. If you are able and if the career requires it, I would encourage you to continue your education at a 4-year school and get a bachelor's degree. Of course, some jobs may not require that, so just be knowledgeable about what you need to do to get the job you want.

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

If you're just starting your college career, I have a few simple bits of advice: go to class, pay attention, and take it seriously. It will pay off. You will see other students around you who slack off and do not take it seriously, and those students will not excel. Also, network. Take advantage of any opportunity that might come up that allows you to meet new people or learn something new. Expand your circle. Often times when job hunting, it is not about what you know but who you know. You never know how a connection you make could end up helping you out.

If you're interested in nursing, HCCC does have a nursing program through which you can obtain your RN. Later, you can get the BSN (bachelor of science in nursing) as well, and this can be done online. Some hospitals will hire RNs and then help fund their BSN classes as well. I think that the BSN is important to have in addition to the RN, as it has become much more important than it was in years past. Some hospitals look for both RN and BSN when hiring, but that's not to say that many hospitals are not still hiring based on RN alone. It just gives you an extra edge to have the BSN as well.

Finally, I'd like to say that it is never too late to begin an education or to learn something new. It is tough to know exactly what you want to do at the time you graduate high school. If you end up with a less direct path, like me, there is nothing wrong with that. Look at everything as a learning experience. I remember complaining to my mom that if I started the process now (i.e. a couple years ago) to become a nurse that I would be almost 30 by the time I am done. I had seen my peers become established in their careers much earlier, and they seem to (thanks to social media) have their lives much more together than I do. She said, "Alyssa, you will be 30 either way. So do you want to be 30 with your RN or 30 without it?" This stuck with me. The time will pass no matter what. If you want to do something, don't get hung up on how long it is going to take or how "late" you are starting.

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