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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS NURSING PINNING CEREMONIES

n Thursday, June 17, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored students graduating from the College's Registered Nursing Associate Degree program.

Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D., HCCC President, addressed the graduates and their families and friends in ceremonies for students in the Daytime and Evening/Weekend programs.

The events also included traditional candle lighting/pinning ceremonies marking the students' graduation. The graduates at each ceremony also took the International Nurses' Pledge.



ON THE COVER: Scenes from Hudson County Community College's Nursing Pinning Ceremony.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER JULY 12



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation invites area residents, professionals, and business leaders to participate in its 19th Annual Golf Outing. The event will take place on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the picturesque Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to HCCC students and the College's development.

The Golf Outing will feature activities to please golfers and non-golfers alike. The itinerary includes Check-in from 8 to 8:45 a.m.; Continental Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m.; Shotgun Start at 9:30 a.m.; and Cocktails, Luncheon and Awards at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the green.

Sponsorship opportunities are as follows: Lunch Guest only \$100; Hole Sponsor \$400; Individual Golfer \$500; Cigar Sponsor \$500; Hole Sponsor with Foursome/VIP Package \$2,200; Cocktail Sponsor \$4,000; Golf Cart Sponsor with Foursome \$4,000; Lunch Sponsor with Foursome \$4,000; Breakfast Sponsor with Foursome \$4,000; Awards Sponsor with Foursome \$4,000; and Tournament Sponsor with Foursome \$6,000. Those who cannot participate in the event may contribute any amount.

Established in 1997, the HCCC Foundation is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) corporation that provides tax-exempt status to contributions. The Foundation supports and promotes the College and its students by building awareness and developing financial resources. In keeping with its vision that all Hudson County residents should be afforded the opportunity to acquire a college education and enjoy the lifelong benefits of that education, the HCCC Foundation works diligently to find and generate funding that provides scholarships for students, seed money for new and innovative programs, stipends for faculty development, capital to assist the College in its physical expansion, and resources to address basic needs and insecurities of our HCCC community members and students beyond the classroom.

The HCCC Foundation has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships, totaling \$2 million, to deserving students. Additionally, students benefit each year from the hundreds of Book Vouchers and Knife Vouchers supplied by the Foundation for Culinary students. Each year, the Foundation also provides \$40,000 to assist students with course materials.

More information and reservations are available by contacting Mirta Sanchez, Assistant to the Vice President for Planning and Development, at 201-360-4004 or msanchez@hccc.edu.

STUDENTS FROM HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETE FIFTH COHORT OF LOCAL COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOLDMAN SACHS

 udson County Community College (HCCC), in partnership with Goldman Sachs, had its fifth cohort of the Local College Collaborative (LCC) complete the final presentation to this year's case study partner, Vexcel / Microsoft. Spearheaded by Goldman Sachs, the Local College Collaborative brings together four local colleges and universities and forms partnerships with Fortune 500 employers like NRG Energy and Sherwin Williams on behalf of students looking for real world experience. Top students are selected to participate in the Collaborative where they work with peers and receive mentorship from college faculty and business partners to complete case studies and create deliverables such as strategies to break into new markets or to promote sustainable products. While the Collaborative's main aims are to expose students to different career paths and enhance their career readiness, it is clear that they get so much more from the experience.

Students had the opportunity to reflect on what they learned about themselves during the final Collaborative debrief and were overheard saying things like: "I work well under pressure"; "I was holding myself back before, now I see the potential I have"; "my own development is more motivating than trying to impress others to see my value"; "working in a team environment tested those skills and I learned to trust others instead of just doing all of the work myself"; and "I can manage conflict and like people more because of it instead of avoiding them".

This year, students from HCCC were tasked with establishing a 'return to office' strategy for Vexcel / Microsoft employees. This case study was unique in that it reflected an urgent, real-world challenge that many companies are currently facing during the pandemic. The team, self-dubbed 'The Illuminators', had to contend with constant changes related to testing rates and safety guidelines as they co-created a five-phase plan that allowed employees to safely return to Vexcel's Microsoft's Manhattan office. On Friday May 7th, the students delivered their keynote presentation that summed up their 49-page proposal document to the 47 virtual attendees. The stakes were high attendees included senior leadership from Vexcel / Microsoft, Goldman Sachs, and HCCC - and they nailed it.

The College's Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Lisa Dougherty, stated "I can think of few 'real world' problems more pressing than organizations planning for their return to on-ground operations in the coming weeks and months. Our students provided Vexcel / Microsoft with excellent solutions for bringing their workforce back safely and within budget. We are so proud of them!" The event ran beyond the allotted time as attendees peppered the students with questions and provoked an in-depth discussion.

Too often community college students are overlooked in favor of those from four-year institutions, and even more so when stacked against top tier institutions. Employers should know that HCCC students are the most aspirational, persevering, and intelligent individuals who reflect the best of Hudson County and are poised to lead. Dougherty continued saying, "HCCC is so proud of our partnership with the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. Each year, our students impress me with their finished products, presentation skills, and professionalism. This year, even with the challenges of the pandemic, was no different."

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HCCC CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE HOSTS TRAINING IN CHOCOLATE PRODUCTION



Culinary Arts Institute faculty and staff participate in Chocolate Production professional development course.

n June 19, the Culinary Arts department hosted a Perkins Grant funded professional development class on Chocolate Production for its faculty and staff. It was an 8-hour long immersive course on tempering and casting chocolate taught by Chef Matthew Siciliano. The participants, Tonja Webb, Margaret Wong, Beth Karam-Putt, Robert Bennett, Marissa Lontoc, Lynette Lacson, Kasandra Beltran, and Mhonnera Mauleon, produced a variety of truffles filled with caramels and ganaches. They also made pralines and chocolate emulsions. The class provided the faculty with effective approaches in teaching students about the science and applications of chocolate in pastries. This event is part of the department's goal of providing on campus technical training to its faculty and staff.



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING** on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12 p.m.**

https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-TownHall

NEW HIRES/ NEW TITLES

Katherine Morales, Director, Hudson Helps Resource Center (Grant-funded)

Alexandra Plante, Director of Library Instruction

MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE:

Jason Figueroa - Assistant Director, NHC to Associate Director, NHC

Amaalah Ogburn - Coordinator, NHC to Associate Director, NHC

Diana Galvez - Student Development Associate to Assistant Director, NHC

Connie Silletti-Cafaro – Perkins Grant Coordinator to CTE Academic Advisor/Counselor

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

25 Years *Willie Malone*

35 Years Nabil Marshood (retiring effective Aug. 31, 2021)

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year Adita Singh Keischa Taylor

Five Years Michaelangelo Alkuino Sohir Elgebily Cynthia Gonzaga Jeanette Nelson Robert Richard Krishna Sahadeo Angelita Tubungbanua

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Omar Williams, Manager, Web and Portal Services, and his family on the recent birth of his daughter.

HCCC PRESENTS AT ACCT VIRTUAL DIVERSITY INSTITUTE











n Tuesday, June 29, 2021 five members of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) community presented at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Virtual Diversity Institute. The opportunity to present emerged through the active participation and engagement of HCCC Trustee Pamela Gardner, with a formal invitation for HCCC to close the two-day conference. The presentation shared the HCCC journey and progress of its diversity, equity, and inclusion work through five different lenses: trustee, president, chief diversity officer, faculty and student.

Members of the College community were invited to participate in the conference and attend the closing presentation. The Institute focused on exploring the policies and practices that help community college governing boards and college leaders create a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) mindset for their colleges to foster a more equitable institution for their communities. Actionable steps, policy imperatives, and metrics that create forward momentum and accountability were explored over two consecutive Tuesdays, June 22 and June 29, respectively. The delegation from HCCC included Trustee Pamela Gardner; President Christopher M. Reber; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Yeurys Pujols; Assistant Professor Eric Adamson; and HCCC Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees Koral Booth. The presentation provided an overview of Hudson County Community College, and the College's DEI story from the unique perspective of each presenter, followed by a robust discussion, lessons learned and actionable items.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS FOR COLLEGE STAKEHOLDERS

FOR TRUSTEES

- Be involved and attend College programs
- Interact with students and College employees
- Work with other Trustees and the President

FOR PRESIDENTS

- Continuously frame diversity, equity, and inclusion as an overarching theme or guiding principle
- Promote opportunities for DEI updates
- Guide the ground-up development of the organization
- Encourage and participate in complex conversations
- Create Office of DEI

FOR CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICERS

- Encourage diverse and collective perspectives
- Avoid the STP (Same Ten People)
- Make connections and partnerships outside of the organization
- Embrace internal talent and storytelling for building community

FOR FACULTY

- Engage the College community outside of the classroom
- Find your voice and use it

FOR STUDENTS

- Use your voice to advocate for others
- Create community with other students

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

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS THREE MORE IN-DEMAND, FULLY ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

H udson County Community College (HCCC) has added three new programs to its roster of fully online degree studies – Associate of Arts in English, Associate of Arts in Psychology (Liberal Arts), and Associate of Science in Health Services.

"Our fully online degree programs provide the opportunity for students to achieve their educational goals from any convenient location and at times convenient for them," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "The College also provides online tutoring, and 24/7/365 technical support to help ensure successful outcomes. Regardless of where students live, those enrolled in any of our fully online degree programs are eligible for the in-county tuition rate."

HCCC's nine fully online degree programs are offered in seven- and fifteen-week formats. Credits from these degrees will transfer seamlessly to New Jersey public, four-year colleges and universities.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ERASES FINANCIAL BALANCES TOTAL-ING \$4.8 MILLION FOR 4,800 STUDENTS

H udson County Community College (HCCC) has expunged \$4,861,188 in outstanding financial balances for approximately 4,800 students. The forgiven debt covers all outstanding balances for the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020, as well as Spring 2021 semesters, when the pandemic imposed catastrophic challenges that disproportionately impacted students and residents of Hudson County and metropolitan New York.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said the College did not use grade-point averages or any other qualifiers in determining whose outstanding balances should be forgiven. "COVID-19 has impacted our students and our community physically, emotionally, and economically, and eradicating all students' outstanding financial balances was simply the right thing to do," he stated.

The College utilized funding provided through the Higher Education Relief Fund of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), also known as the CARES Act. The U.S. Department of Education allows colleges and universities to use this funding for any component of students' attendance, or for emergency costs that have arisen because of the pandemic, including tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care. Associate of Arts (A.A.) in English degree program is intended for students who want to broaden and deepen their understanding of literature, and develop writing skills for professional and scholarly purposes, as well as personal growth. Through the study of English rhetoric, academic writing and research, and analysis of literature, graduates can advance to four-year programs in English, Writing, Creative Writing, Communications, Literature, or Journalism, as well as other majors that require writing skills and knowledge of literature. This degree also helps equip graduates for career opportunities in advertising, business, education, publishing, law, and public service.

Associate of Science (A.S.) in Health Services degree program prepares students for seamless transfer into health-related baccalaureate degree programs. As a result of the many changes in health care, there is an expanded need for qualified individuals to fill important supportive roles in patient care. These include business and managerial positions in allied health, nursing, and healthrelated settings, such as Hospital Services Supervisor, Medical Billing Specialist, and Health System Project Manager.

Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Liberal Arts - Psychology degree program prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. These studies help strengthen critical thinking, increase employability, and develop better understanding of interpersonal relationships. Program graduates may advance to majors in Psychology or related subjects, and seek careers in Counseling, Social Work, and Teacher Certification.

The College also offers fully online studies for Associate of Science in Accounting, Associate of Science in Business Administration, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences, Associate of Arts in History (Liberal Arts), and Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts (General) degrees. Additional information is available at https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/col/.

ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE

H CCC's Achieving the Dream Dream Team is in the process of submitting a formal end-of-year Reflection Report to Achieving the Dream, which is informed by the recommendations and reports from the How Teams. Once complete, this Reflection Report will be posted to the Achieving the Dream webpage for viewing by the entire College community. In the meantime, as HCCC's second year of engagement with Achieving the Dream comes to a close, the Dream Team would like to share the following points of celebration:

- The How Teams have engaged approximately 100 faculty, staff, and students from across the College.
- A fifth strategy was added to Priority 2 in March 2021, and an eighth How Team was formed, in response to compelling data surrounding the cohort of Pre-Nursing students. Priority 2, Strategy 5 is focused on creating a clearer pathway to careers in healthcare for these students.
- The eight How Teams have made progress on their respective initiatives. Some of the many highlights include:
 - The creation and implementation of a "needs assessment" as part of the application so that HCCC can better match students with resources;
 - o The development of a "Hudson is Home" marketing campaign by the Student Leader How Team;

- The delivery of a workshop at College Service Day January 2021 on the importance of entering attendance, midterm grades, and retention alerts to student success;
- An Analysis of preliminary data related to the Directed Self Placement Procedure. The How Teams will continue to assess DSP and make recommendations for improvement of the procedure as appropriate.
- The Student Leader How Team has been recognized by Drs. Fifield and Garcia as nationally distinctive as, to their knowledge, no other ATD college has ever utilized a team of students in the implementation of its Student Success Action Plan.
- An ESL Rapid Response Team (RRT) has been formed and will build on the work of the ESL How Team this summer to create a reimagined model of ESL education at HCCC.
- With a contingent of 27 faculty, staff, and students, HCCC had strong attendance at and participation in the annual Achieving the Dream conference in February 2021.
- HCCC Student Pedro Moranchel was selected as one of eight students nationally to receive recognition as a DREAM Scholar.
- Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia, HCCC's Achieving the Dream Leadership and Data Coaches, respectively, conducted two successful virtual visits to HCCC to assess our progress in implementing our Student Success Action Plan.

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Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,500+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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



Dessert Tray (1992) by Wayne Thiebaud, Offset Lithograph, 32×32 in, can be seen in the Culinary Building Center for Business and Industry, room 504.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to Prof. Joseph Gallo for the generous donation of 118 Playbills which will be used to create a "lobby" area outside our new black box theater.

Thank you to Jeanne Staloff for the generous donation of two artist catalogs of the work of Jersey City artist Fred Staloff and artist materials.

ARTIST NEWS

As you know, the Foundation Art Collection is nationally distinctive because 628 of the 1598 works in the collection (or 39%) are known to be by women. Given that the gender of the creator is unknown for many of our historic artifacts--such as the prehistoric Native American tools on exhibition on the fourth floor of the Gabert Library--it is likely that our collection has parity, or near parity in terms of an equal number of male and female artists. This is radically different from most public collections in the US, where usually less than 11% of art is by women.

In our time of necessary and increasing awareness of issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, many articles have been written about gender parity, such as the recent piece in *Hyperallergic* entitled, "We Don't Need More Temporary Exhibitions of All Women Artists." The author, Sofia Cotrona, writes, "temporary exhibitions can be problematic since they achieve an ephemeral effect on the feminist fight for inclusion with-

out any long-lasting impact like the acquisition of women and non-binary artists in permanent collection." She states instead that, "Institutions' actual commitment to inclusivity should be done through acquisitions since permanent collections are the ones shaping public opinion and framing how history gets recorded for posterity." Here at HCCC, we're doing our part!

If you like the **Maya Lin's** work in the Gabert Library, you might enjoy this short free film (6 minutes, 56 seconds) about her new sculpture on the Princeton University campus. It's worth watching because it's like taking a short vacation in beauty. The film shows the history of her making a marvelous public sculpture out of earth, grass, water, and rock. She made the sculpture with a bulldozer and 10 landscapers, and said of these workers, "They become effectively your hands." One Princetonian said of the piece, "The art reflects the values of the institution and continues to promote the campus as a place of imagination, of curiosity, of exploration of the human condition." The same could be said of the Foundation Art Collection. (https:// artmuseum.princeton.edu/false/video/maya-linprinceton-line-and-einsteins-table)

Many people enjoy our signed offset lithographs by Wayne Thiebaud that are installed in the Culinary Conference Center. When the artist is written about, articles often discuss amazement that the artist is still painting meaningful pictures at the age of 100. They also mention his wonderful paintings of cakes and pies. In a new twist, Thiebaud appeared in a recent article about social class. Author Truman Chambers criticizes museum shows that gloss over substantive issues of inequality. In a piece called "How an Art Museum Betrays Its Social Class Bias," Chambers discussed Thiebaud's personal history: "While working as an animator in the 1930s, Thiebaud was fired for union activities and consequently considered pursuing a career as a union lawyer. His demonstration of class consciousness suggests Thiebaud's awareness of the dynamics of industrial capitalism and their relationship to his art. This aspect of the work was ignored in the exhibition. Rather, the exhibition's wall text focused on issues such as Thiebaud's application of paint, his use of color, and his choice of subject matter." For more information about art and social class, you might be interested to read the article: https://hyperallergic.com/654108/how-an-art-museum-betraysits-social-class-bias/

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

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

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools? Go to www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html

Do you know someone who has extra display cabinets they want to give away?

The Foundation Art Collection welcomes inquiries about donating large display cases to use for permanent exhibitions of small sculpture. Call (201) 360-4007 or email ASiegel@hccc.edu with more information.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS



n Saturday, June 12, Hudson County Community College's Department of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) co-sponsored an event hosted by the Landmark Loew's Jersey Theater, "To India, with Love: Benefit for COVID Relief in India." The event included an Indian dance performance by Rimli Roy and Surati, followed by the classic Bollywood movie Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge. Guests enjoyed Indian refreshments as well as concessions by the Friends of the Loew's.

The fundraiser was established to assist with the second wave of COVID-19 cases in India, which began in March 2021. The event's net proceeds were \$20,968.04



Scenes from "To India, with Love: Benefit for COVID Relief in India," on June 12, Landmark Loew's Jersey Theater. (Photos courtesy of Maria Lita A. Sarmiento)

"Supporting this good cause makes me feel accomplished, resonates with my values, and gives me a deeper sense of my resolve that aims to make a difference in people's lives," said Maria Lita A. Sarmiento, Alumni Manager at the College. "Moreover, the HCCC Cultural Affairs, the Alumni Services, and the College had placed a mark in the Hudson Community that we rally behind them, and support the community in need, near or far. We make them feel that they are not alone, and we stand by them."

Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs at HCCC, also volunteered at the event.

For more information, email: gallery@hccc.edu

HUDSON LEADS STATEWIDE BOOK DISCUSSION

by Dr. Paula Roberson

The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation (CTL&I) is leading a book discussion on "Stamped from the Beginning" written by Ibram X. Kendi. This New York Times bestseller is at the center of a rich and analytical discussion on the history of racist ideology through the perspective of five American influencers. Dr. Paula Roberson, Director of the CTL&I, lead the initial discussion on Cotton Mather joined by over twenty faculty, staff, and administrators from Passaic, Salem, Sussex, Camden, Raritan, and Bergen County Colleges. This researched text is timely and appropriate in deconstructing and understanding racist ideals that are embedded in institutional practices, disabling stereotypes, and gaining a greater insight into the history of racist ideology and its enduring impact, states Dr. Roberson.

A lively and informative second discussion on President Thomas Jefferson was facilitated by our STEM adjunct Professor Raffi Manjikian, and Passaic County Community College professors Petar Drakulich, and Bijal Pandya-Provenza. Two of the CTL&Is community partners, the Diversity Action Alliance and the Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice are participating in the discussion as well. Some participants have expressed an anticipated change in their professional pedagogy, syllabus, and personal mindset based on the reading and new learning.



Each week an informal dialogue on how to move forward at the state curriculum level to reveal historical racist principles across the curriculum is deliberated. Future discussions include William Lloyd Garrison, W.E.B. Dubois, and Angela Davis on Tuesdays July 6 and 13 from 12:00 p.m. -1:15 p.m. All persons are invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE



CLASS OF 2021 HCCC NURSING



ENROLLMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EOF GRAD CELEBRATION



Top photo: EOF Program 2021 graduates at their recognition ceremony. Photo at bottom right: Tejal Parekh, MSW, EOF Counselor (right) delivers remarks as, pictured from left, Rosa Perez, Secretary, Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director, and Jose Lowe, Director, look on. Photo at bottom left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber brings greetings to event attendees.

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You can earn up to 12 credits over the summer!

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There is still time to register!

Summer II: Tuesday, July 13 – Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Online Session B: July 8 – August 18, 2021

View Course Schedule at www.hccc.edu/schedule

For more information contact: admissions@hccc.edu | 201.714.7200 | <u>www.hccc.edu/apply</u>

For In-Person and Remote Registration Appointments go to www.hccc.edu/remoteservices

We are open On-Ground, Hybrid and Online!



"HCCC is life-changing." Pedro Moranchel Valdictorian Class of 2021 Transferring to Princeton University



n June 10, the HCCC EOF Program celebrated its largest graduation class with over 40 graduating students. Following HCCC'S Covid-19 guidelines, EOF celebrated the graduates on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. The speakers of the evening included EOF Director Jose Lowe; President Dr. Chris Reber; Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Lisa Dougherty; and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Darryl Jones. After the heartfelt speeches from our faculty, the students were invited to share their own stories of achievement and hard work through their academic career. Once the ceremony concluded, the graduates enjoyed a prepared meal on the terrace and dressed in their regalia were able to pose for pictures. Through the hardships of the past year, HCCC's EOF Program was proud to be able to celebrate and honor the hard work of our EOF graduates.

REGISTER NOV for Fall 2021 classes at HCCC!

View Course Schedule at <u>www.hccc.edu/schedule</u>

APPLY NOW for Fall classes!

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We are open On-Ground, Hybrid and Online! To view all our remote online resources, go to: www.hccc.edu/remoteservices

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

New Jersey Community Colleges Honor Outstanding Student Scholars and Leaders: 37 Students Named to the 2021 New Jersey All-State Academic Team

New Jersey's 18 community colleges, as the only educational institutions with statewide reach, provide essential opportunities to more than 300,000 residents each year including the most vulnerable. Over 200,000 students – more than half of all undergraduate students in public colleges and universities in the state – are enrolled in credit and degree programs at New Jersey's Community Colleges. Equity and access priorities are advanced every day with over half of the total undergraduate enrollment in New Jersey community colleges being non-white students.

On Tuesday, June 8, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) honored 37 students from the state's 18 community colleges for being named to the 2021 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities and colleges. These outstanding students are members of the Community College honor society of Phi Theta Kappa. The 27th Annual New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration was held virtually.

Assemblywoman and Deputy Speaker Pamela Lampitt (Legislative District 36) served as the keynote speaker and encouraged these phenomenal students with the inspiring story of her road to where she is today. She ended by telling the Phi Theta Kappa students, "you're all remarkable ... the doors are opening for you and I hope you walk through them without trepidation or fear."

Assemblywoman Lampitt was the author and champion of the 2008 Lampitt Law, which provides a comprehensive statewide transfer agreement designed to facilitate a smooth transfer from a New Jersey community college to the New Jersey public four-year colleges and universities.

"Even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, New Jersey's Community College students have maintained their unwavering commitment to scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship," said Dr. Phil Linfante (NJCCC Chairman).

"The 37 high-achieving students truly represent the very best in postsecondary education in their communities and are committed to making a difference in their lives and the lives of others," said Dr. Aaron Fichtner (NJCCC President).



27th Annual New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration, held virtually on June 8.

The 2021 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members are:

- Atlantic Cape Community College: Lily Chowdhury (Galloway) and Rose Melanie Shaw (Egg Harbor;
- Bergen Community College: Genesis Capellán (Englewood) and Dahyun (Crystal) Yoo (Hackensack);
- Brookdale Community College: Heather
 O'Donnell (Little Silver) and Cecilia Alcantar
 (South Amboy);
- Camden County College: Emma Brellochs (Philadelphia) and Jackie Dursch (Sicklerville);
- Essex County College: Anne Alabson (Newark) and Joseph Rivera (Belleville);
- Hudson County Community College: Sofia Pazmino (Jersey City) and Darciane Barbieri-Eltz (Jersey City);
- Mercer County Community College: Patricia Vieira (Princeton) and Brian Amigh (Lawrenceville);
- Middlesex College: Sanjana Butala (New Brunswick) and Medhavi Anand (Monmouth Junction);
- County College of Morris: Jenna Curran (Denville) and Hans Alexander Drexler Rivero (Flanders);
- Ocean County College: Kaitlyn Barrett (Brick) and Anaheed Dakrat (Toms River);
- Passaic County Community College: Edwin Lotero (Paterson) and Bianca Osma (Clifton);
- Raritan Valley Community College: Danielle Marzigliano (Hackettstown) and Samuel Cartagena-Sergenian (Somerset);
- Rowan College at Burlington County: Adelaide Akosua Ababio (Beverly) and Christopher Zacharko (Cinnaminson);

- Rowan College of South Jersey, Cumberland: De'Chyna King (Vineland) and Araya Baldwin (Vineland);
- Rowan College of South Jersey, Gloucester: Ashton Paladino (Williamstown) and Jamilah Davis (Deptford);
- Salem Community College: Joelle Martins (Pedricktown);
- Sussex County Community College: Iliana Mendoza Cobos (Newton) and Rhiannon Bender (Hopatcong);
- Union County College: Julia Landicho (Union) and Ahmed Mashaal (Cranford); and
- Warren County Community College: James Unterwald (Stewartville) and Olena Shutko (Hackettstown).

Exceptionally, two New Jersey Community College students have been named to the 2021 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by Cengage, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Those students are Dayhun (Crystal) Yoo (Bergen Community College) and Bianca Osma (Passaic County Community College).

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Live food-science demonstration with HCCC Chef Marissa Lontoc in one of the College's nationally acclaimed Culinary Arts Institute kitchens.



Live science demonstration with Dr. Clive Li in the HCCC STEM lab.

Gateway to Innovation

The Gateway to Innovation initiative, has granted CEWD the ability to launch a new Alumni Platform, providing focused monthly workshops, learning pathways geared at Hot Jobs, and professional and personal development.

HCCC Alumni Connect offers:

- \cdot Online support and discussion groups
- \cdot Community of like-minded individuals
- \cdot Job board for employment
- opportunities

Targeted Workshops on:

- Interview preparation –
 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- Professional and Personal Development – 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

FREE Access to LinkedIn Learning

Use your HCCC email when signing up, https://alumniconnect.hccc.edu

Please contact Ms. Maria Lita Sarmiento, Alumni Services Manager, for more information: msarmiento2@hccc.edu

Learn more about the Gateway to Innovation initiatives at: https://www.hccc. edu/student-success/gateway-innovation/ index.html



Scenes from CEWD's Virtual "Girls in Technology" symposium on June 3rd. From left to right: Linda Flores, ninth-grade student essay winner from Jose Marti STEM Academy; Carolyn Oser, Vice President, Business & Technology Transformation, EmblemHealth-ConnectiCare; Dr. Clive Li, HCCC STEM Division; Chef Marissa Lontoc, HCCC Culinary Arts Institute; Meridangela Gutierrez Jhong, Security Consultant, Accenture; Natalie Lihacova, Co-Founder and CEO of Mr. Simon; Sarra Hayoune, Astrophysics Research Assistant, the American Museum of Natural History; and Thzaira Charles, P.E., Senior Airport Engineer, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.



ZT Systems trainees with instructor Yusuf Dag (third from the right).

HCCC CEWD and ZT Systems Partnership

Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) is pleased to announce the completion of the first round of the 80-hour Systems Test Technician Training Bootcamp. A group of fifteen ZT Systems incumbent workers participated in the training. This is the first of several cohorts who need to be trained to fill up to one hundred open Systems Test Technician positions at the company.

CEWD instructor Yusuf Dag developed the training curriculum with input from Sean Castor, ZT Systems' Senior Talent Acquisition Advisor. In addition to learning how to assemble computers and troubleshoot problems, trainees learned Linux and Excel for Data Analysis. Post-training assessments demonstrated that participants improved their overall hands-on skills and knowledge in the position by 100% in all the training areas and each trainee will receive a Certificate of Completion.

CEWD has worked with ZT Systems over the past few years, training their incumbent workers in a variety of Fundamental Workplace Skills using NJBIA grant funds.



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STUDENTS FROM HCCC COMPLETE FIFTH COHORT OF LOCAL COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOLDMAN SACHS

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Students like those from the LCC serve to highlight the multi-faceted future of workplace leadership that will bridge critical gaps with authenticity, innovation, and emotional intelligence. The following HCCC students participated in this year's cohort:

- Anthony Mair, future consultant
- Christopher Galarza, future financial controller
- Irene Goldwasser, future creator of sustainable economies in developing countries
- Jasmine Ngin, future actuary
- Joel Cartagena, future financial analyst
- Krysta Alvarez, an aspiring UX designer
- Mariame Sow, an aspiring physician
- Pedro Moranchel, as aspiring physicist
- Radhika Asawla, future nurse

HCCC's staff and faculty hope these outstanding students are given job opportunities by our local employers and partners that will advance their careers and give them a pathway to purpose and prosperity.

Special thanks to the following people who helped make this program possible:

- Dr. Peter Cronrath, HCCC Faculty Mentor
- Karen Galli, HCCC Faculty Mentor
- Victoria Marino, HCCC Program Coordinator
- Hanbit Choi, Goldman Sachs Coach
- Frank Lam, Goldman Sachs Coach
- Peter Schott, Goldman Sachs LCC Program Leader
- Dorie Gladney, Vexcel / Microsoft Representative
- John Kennan, Vexcel / Microsoft Representative





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A greater sense of well-being



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE **RECEIVES NATIONAL** SCIENCE FOUNDATION **'NEW TO ADVANCED TECHNICAL EDUCATION'** AWARD

udson County Community College (HCCC) is the recipient of a three-year National Science Foundation (NSF) "New to Advanced Technological Education" grant that will enhance areas of study at the College. The nearly \$300,000 grant will support career opportunities for community members leading to a better educated and more skilled workforce for area businesses.

HCCC President Chris Reber said the HCCC "Strengthening Community College and Workforce Partnership" project will expand the College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) offerings. The project will support the development of structured partnerships with local employers in associated industries, informed by a strong advisory board to ensure the rigor and relevance of the program.

"This grant is the outcome of three years of faculty and staff collaboration throughout the College - including the members of the 'Mentor Connect' technical assistance program," Dr. Reber stated. "We thank them for their diligence. This is the first time the College has received a grant directly from NSF, and the project will open the door to future NSF and other funding opportunities."

HCCC ERASES FINANCIAL **BALANCES TOTALING** \$4.8 MILLION FOR 4,800 STUDENTS

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Dr. Reber said that the College has distributed nearly \$8 million in CARES Act funding to more than 5,200 individual students to date, with additional funding and support for students forthcoming. "Hudson County Community College is committed to meeting the academic, social, economic, and emotional needs of all of our students. We are doing all we can to remove barriers that students encounter in achieving their academic and career dreams," he stated.

Enrollment for the Fall 2021 semester at HCCC - which begins Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and returns to full on-ground operations is now in progress. The schedule and details for on-ground, online, and remote courses is available at www.hccc.edu/schedule. Information about admissions, applying, and comprehensive financial aid opportunities may be obtained by emailing admissions@hccc.edu, texting 732-509-4222, or phoning 201-714-7200.

If you have any questions, please contact Doreen M. Pontius, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. at 201.360.4229 or email mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu



Through July, & August, HCCC Enrollment Representatives will be available at the following locations and times to discuss any questions you might have about HCCC!

Campus tours will all be available at designated timeslots

- ✓ Get your questions answered
- Receive information on programs and services offered
- ✓ Receive a guided tour

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✓ Complete an enrollment step

HCCC Enrollment Services 70 Sip Avenue - First Floor,Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 714-7200 or text (201) 509-4222 | admissions@hccc.edu Thursday, July 8 Culinary Park Plaza (161 Newkirk Street at Sip Avenue,

Jersey City), 1 p.m.– 3 p.m. *Campus Tour – 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 15

North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd, Union City), 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. *Campus Tour – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20 Building A, Front Entrance (70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City), 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. *Campus Tour – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27

North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd, Union City), 3 p.m.- 5 p.m. *Campus Tour - 4 p.m.

- Wednesday, August 4 Building A, Front Entrance (70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City), 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. *Campus Tour – 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 11 North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd, Union City), 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Campus Tour – 12 p.m.

DON'T MISS Hudson County Community College

OUT of the **BOX**

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC IS: Science, Technology,Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program WITH GUESTS: Dr. Burl Yearwood, Associate Dean - STEM and Lacy Shelby, HCCC STEM Student

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BICYCLE RACK INSTALLED AT 20 ENOS PLACE LOT



CCC Public Safety is pleased to announce the installation of a bicycle rack for everyone's convenience opposite the Security booth in the 20 Enos parking lot. A Security officer is on post during daytime hours. Cyclists must provide their own locks to secure their bikes to the racks and are strongly encouraged to enroll in our bicycle registration program.

National crime data suggests that 53% of students attending a four-year college will at some point during their studies have their bicycle stolen. Additionally, 1.5 million bicycles are stolen annually in the United States.

How the program works: Individuals would register their bicycle or scooter etc., with Safety & Security at either JSQ or NHC. Their information would be loaded into a searchable database. We would then affix a metal, serialized, tamper proof identification tag to the bicycle's frame in a discreet location. These tags would be unique to HCCC. Although the tag would not prevent theft, it would assist law enforcement with identification, prosecution, and the return of the bicycle/scooter to its rightful owner.

CALENDAR

Saturday July 3 Final Exams for Online A

Sunday, July 4 Independence Day - College Closed

Monday, July 5

Observance of Independence Day (College Closed – No Classes)

Tuesday, July 6

"Stamped from the Beginning" Statewide Book Discussion, 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Join at https:// hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID= m64e3c5560126f6c7424021f461b3615e; Meeting number (access code): 1322 99 3078; Meeting password: beFvjPSD659. Register at https://www. eventbrite.com/e/stamped-from-the-beginningstatewide-book-discussion-tickets-157854082811

Thursday July 8

Classes begin, Online B

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Culinary Park Plaza (161 Newkirk Street at Sip Avenue)

Monday, July 12 Last day to add classes for Online B

Hudson County Community College Foundation 19th Annual Golf Outing, 8 a.m., Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, NJ

Tuesday July 13

Classes begin, Summer II

"Stamped from the Beginning" Statewide Book Discussion, 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Join at https:// hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTI D=m64e3c5560126f6c7424021f461b3615e; Meeting number (access code): 1322 99 3078; Meeting password: beFvjPSD659. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stamped-fromthe-beginning-statewide-book-discussion-tickets-157854082811

Culinary Arts, Baking and Pastry Arts and Hospitality Information Session, 6 p.m. Register at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/culinary-arts-baking-and-pastry-arts-and-hospitality-informationsession-tickets-158773280155

Wednesday, July 14

Advanced Manufacturing Info Session, 7 p.m. Register at https://tinyurl.com/y3crj44v

Thursday, July 15 Last day to drop classes for Online B

Last day to add/drop classes for Summer II

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City)

Tuesday, July 20

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. Join at https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-TownHall

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Front Entrance

Wednesday, July 21

DEI Student Passport Program Completion Ceremony, 2 p.m. Gabert Library Atrium, 71 Sip Ave.

Articulation Agreement Signing Ceremony with New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, July 22

Enrollment Meet & Greet, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus Front Entrance (4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City)

Saturday, July 31

Advanced Manufacturing Info Session, 10 a.m. Register at https://tinyurl.com/y3crj44v

HCCC FOOD PANTRY SUMMER HOURS



JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS: Monday and Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ADDS CUSTOM LETTERING TO PICKUP TRUCK



Facilities' pickup truck received a branding makeover in June.

udson County Community College recently added customized graphics to the Facilities Department's pickup so that it can be more easily recognized when on official business.

ALUMNI CORNER

Diana Gomes Class of 2020 Associate in Science in Engineering

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

When deciding where I wanted to go to further my education HCCC was not the choice I think I would make. I was looking at going to four-year schools because I thought that would be the best step for me, but the realization of not being able to afford it really dawned upon me. HCCC really became the light at the end of the tunnel for me because it really allowed me to get a great education while being affordable. It truly became my home for me, and I loved it so much that I came back to get a second degree in Business Administration.

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

HCCC has been filled with tons of great memories but one of my favorites is when Professor Adamson took us to the Brooklyn Bridge to read a poem. This really did bring the poem to a whole new light and made English/Creative Writing such a more memorable learning experience for me.

How did you become interested in majors?

Growing up I was always curious as to how buildings were made, the process of making them, what they were made of, etc. I always loved math so the whole aspect of engineering really was right up my alley. The big dream that I wanted to achieve is having a giant skyscraper in New York built knowing that I was a major part in the infrastructure. As I have grown up, I also knew that I not only wanted to be a part of these high-profile buildings but also be an engineer that made a difference. I aspire to build homes for those who need them most, and really make sure that I am helping the community around me in a positive way. This is what really influenced me to come back to HCCC and student Business Administration because thinking like an entrepreneur and having those business skills will help me be successful in owning my own business and helping the community around me.

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

I really feel that HCCC prepared me for my future career and life in general because of everything that

I was taught. Not only was I taught the skills to excel in classrooms and in my career, but I was also taught

the skills to excel in my day-to-day life. My professors always taught me to stay curious and not fear asking questions.

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

My biggest inspirations that really have impacted me are my parents. They came to this country with nothing and gave me absolutely everything. They push me to do better and always make sure that I am the best version of myself. I know that they gave up so much for me so I feel very blessed that they gave me the opportunity to go to school, which pushes me to do the very best so that one day I can take care of them like they took care of me.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

First, I would say congratulations for completing such a huge milestone. You graduated from college in a worldwide pandemic so if no one has told you I am here to say I am insanely proud of you. Now that you graduated there are so many doors that are open and waiting for the taking. You have gained so many amazing tools from HCCC, which can help you succeed and achieve your dreams. Most importantly I would tell students to never forget that Hudson is their home, so if they ever need anything the door is always open.

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

I would tell students who just started their college careers to really take advantage of all the school's opportunities. There are always tons of events and opportunities to take ahold of right in front of you. So, make sure you step out of your comfort zone and grasp it. You can meet such amazing people that can positively impact your future and you can also be taking that first step to opening so many doors to your bright future.

CC Alumni: Get Involved! Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC? Are you willing to contribute time? Do you want to inspire others with your success stories? Are you looking for career support?

If so join, socialize and network!

For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.

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