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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS NURSING PROGRAM PINNING CEREMONY

On Thursday, June 16, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored 71 students who graduated from the College's Registered Nursing Associate Degree program.

Darryl Jones, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, addressed the graduates, their families, and friends in a combined ceremony for

students in the Daytime and Evening/Weekend programs.

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

ON THE COVER: *Hudson County Community College's RN Nursing Class of 2022, prior to their Pinning Ceremony on June 16.*

'HUDSON ES CASA' EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY FAIR



HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (center) with members of the HCCC Latino Advisory Council

On Saturday, June 25, Hudson County Community College's North Hudson Campus served as the site of the "Hudson es Casa" Education & Community Fair. Dozens of HCCC departments, direct service providers, and local businesses met with members of the community in attendance. Radio personality Gloria B of 93.1 Amor WPAT-FM also greeted attendees, took photos with them, and awarded prizes to some lucky winners. The event also

featured performances of dance and song, as well as arts and crafts.

The event was planned and organized by the College's Latino Advisory Council.

For more photos from this event, please visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hudsonccc/albums/72177720300174019>

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMED A 'MOST PROMISING PLACE TO WORK IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES'



Hudson County Community College President, Dr. Christopher Reber (right), accepts the "2022 Most Promising Place to Work in Community Colleges" award from Dr. Edward J. Leach, Executive Director of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). The award was presented by NISOD, in collaboration with Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, at a recognition event during NISOD's Annual Conference in May.

HCCC TEAM ATTENDED THE 2022 NISOD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

As in past years, the Hudson County Community College Foundation awards funds to a team of faculty, staff, and administrators to participate in the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development's (NISOD) International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. Overall, 11 members of the College attended the NISOD annual conference. Several faculty members from HCCC presented at the conference. Presenters from HCCC included Dr. Abdullah Matari and Dr. Nadia Hedhli (faculty members from our STEM Division), who presented on the topic "Lessons Learned from Teaching Science Courses During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Jonathan Cabrera (Instructor from our Humanities and Social Sciences Division) presented two workshops: "Hip Hop and Social Media: The New Civic Square and the Answer to Inclusivity" and "Revolutionary Scholarship: The Bond Between Social Justice and the Classroom Experience." All of these conference sessions had high attendance.

The conference was exciting! Hudson won the "Most Promising Places to Work in Community

HCCC AT SAINT PETER'S BUSINESS EVENT



Pictured from left: Mary Mercado, Associate Director of Career Engagement and Experiential Learning at Saint Peter's University (and HCCC alumna); Dr. Mary Kate Naatus, KPMG Dean of the Frank J. Guarini School of Business, Saint Peter's University; Lester McRae, Assistant Professor, HCCC; and Sharon Daughtry, Lecturer, Business, HCCC.

The Frank J. Guarini School of Business at Saint Peter's University held its annual Accounting Society and Business Law Association dinner at the Chart House in Weehawken on Monday, May 2. Representing Hudson County Community College were Lecturer Sharon Daughtry and Professor Lester McRae.

HCCC has an excellent relationship with Saint Peter's University, and many of our students, particularly accounting majors, transfer there to pursue their bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Business Administration.

Our faculty members had a wonderful time meeting and conversing with their former students, who were delighted to see them. The HCCC alumni demonstrated their networking skills by introducing themselves to the many guests in attendance. The professors also met former HCCC students who transferred to and graduated from Saint Peter's, and are now doing well in their careers.

Colleges" award this year! (Editor's Note: See presentation photo on page 2.) NISOD held a private meet and greet event at the AACC (American Association of Community Colleges) conference in New York City in April. Several HCCC members attended that event and met other winners and the creators of the award, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber traveled to the 2022 NISOD conference to accept the award on HCCC's behalf. Recipients (24 in total from around the nation) also received this prestigious award, presented on the "big stage" at NISOD's signature conference, International Conference on Teaching and Leadership. This conference represents one of community college employees' most comprehensive professional development events. Attendees from HCCC had the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques.

This year's team from HCCC included Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Linda Guastini, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Abdullah Matari, Professor, Biology (conference presenter); Nicholas Mangal, Academic Counselor, Advisement and Counseling; Dr. Gretchen Schulthes, Associate Director of Advisement & Transfer; Dr. Sirhan Abdallah, Assistant Professor, Nursing and Health Sciences; Dr. Christopher Reber, President;



Pictured above from the back row, from left: Nicholas Mangal, Dr. Abdullah Matari, Dr. Gretchen Schulthes, Dr. Sirhan Abdallah, Dr. Christopher Reber, and Lilisa J. Williams. Front row from left: Dr. Darryl Jones, Linda Guastini, Dr. Nadia Hedhli, and Karen Galli. Missing from photo: Jonathan Cabrera.

and Lilisa J. Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development, Dr. Nadia Hedhli, Associate Professor, Biology (conference presenter); Karen Galli, Instructor, English; and Jonathan Cabrera, Instructor, Criminal Justice (conference presenter.)

In addition, this year, NISOD recognized 29 HCCC faculty and staff members with the 2022 Excellence Award. Each awardee received a website listing on [NISOD.org](https://www.nisod.org), a decorative medallion, and an award journal to commemorate the occasion. To view the listing, please visit <https://www.nisod.org/excellence-awards/current-recipients/#H>

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Spring Induction

On May 7, the Beta Alpha Phi Chapter held its first in-person induction since November 2020. Past Vice President John E. Catana and Middle States Regional President Carolina Ramos were the guest speakers. Catana is an entrepreneur in Union City. Carolina is an Alpha Eta Chi Chapter member at Passaic County Community College.

College President Dr. Christopher Reber, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Dr. Lisa Dougherty, Assistant Dean of Student Life and Leadership Veronica Gerosimo, Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment Dr. Heather Devries, and Director of Faculty and Staff Development Lilisa Williams also addressed the inductees. Ms. Williams is a Past Middle States Regional President.

The Middle States North District President, Nicolette Carpenter, who is a Passaic County Community College student, also attended the induction.

National Science Foundation Research Experience Opportunity for Undergraduates

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funds many research opportunities for undergraduate students through its REU Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of 10 undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where (s)he works closely with the faculty and other researchers. Students receive stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel.



Kathleen Stass (left) became a member on May 31 and started volunteering as a member on June 4. She is pictured with the Liberty State Park gardener, Rosemarie Cuillerier.

Undergraduate students supported with NSF funds must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An REU Site may be at either a U.S. or foreign location.

By using the web page, <https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/>, and searching for an REU site, you may examine opportunities in the subject areas supported by various NSF units. You may also search by keywords to identify sites in particular research areas or with certain features, such as a particular location.

Students must contact each site for information and application materials; NSF does not have application materials and does not select student participants. Each site lists a contact person and contact information.

Hudson County Community College students have participated in the Queensborough Community College Research Experience for Undergraduates program for several summers. There are Research Experience for Undergraduates programs all over the country. Check the National Science Foundation website often because new programs continue to be added.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Dalisay Bacal, Administrative Assistant, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Effective June 27, 2022

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Karina Arango, Student Success Coordinator, Academic Workforce Pathway Program (Grant-funded), Effective June 15, 2022

Ronny Canales, Administrative Support Specialist, STEM, Effective June 15, 2022

Haida Contla, Program Assistant, Early College Programs, Effective July 1, 2022

Natalia Da Silva, Development Coordinator, Advancement, Effective July 1, 2022

Jedediah Palmer, Director of ESL and Academic Foundations English, Effective July 1, 2022

Esperanza Robles-Class, COVID Coordinator (Grant-funded), Effective July 1, 2022

Rodrigo Romea Coordinator, Writing and Tutoring Centers, Effective July 1, 2022

Connie Silletti-Cafaro, Perkins Equity Coordinator (Grant-funded), Effective July 1, 2022

Leslie Soriano, Administrative Assistant, College Libraries, Effective June 15, 2022

Alison Wakefield, Interim Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, Effective July 1, 2022

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

Tosha D. Bratcher, Instructor, Nursing and Health Sciences (Tenure-track), Effective August 16, 2022

Marissa Lontoc, Instructor, Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management (Tenure-track), Effective August 16, 2022

Daniel Ondieki Instructor, STEM, Mathematics (Tenure-track), Effective August 16, 2022

MILESTONES

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

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Andres Molina

Five Years

*Anass Ennasraoui
Justin Epps*

10 Years

Jonathan Ramos

REAPPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Ingrid Aviles, Instructor, Nursing and Health Sciences

Jeanne Baptiste, Instructor, Humanities and Social Sciences (English)

Heather Connors, Instructor, Humanities and Social Sciences (English)

Inez Cruz, Instructor, Nursing and Health Sciences

Madeline Cruz, Instructor, Nursing and Health Sciences

Fidelis Foda-Kahouo, Instructor, STEM (Mathematics)

Karen Galli, Instructor, Humanities and Social Sciences (English)

Karen Hosick, Instructor, Nursing and Health Sciences (Exercise Science)

Clive Li, Instructor, STEM (Engineering Sciences)

Jihan Nakhla, Instructor, STEM (Medical Assisting Program)

Laura Samuelsen, Instructor, STEM (Academic Foundations Math)

Fatma Tat, Instructor, STEM (Chemistry)

Rong "Carrie" Xiao Instructor, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (Accounting)

REAPPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME LECTURERS

Sharon Daughtry, Lecturer, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

Griselda Frane Lecturer, Nursing and Health Sciences

Ruthann Kelman, Lecturer, Nursing and Health Sciences (Clinical Nurse Specialist, Maternal Child Nursing)

Kathleen Meehan-Hart, Lecturer, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Maternal Child Nursing

Jedediah Palmer, Lecturer, Humanities and Social Sciences (ESL)

Carmen Pelardis, Lecturer, Nursing and Health Sciences (Nursing)

Nancy Saliba, Lecturer, Nursing and Health Sciences (Nursing)

Richard Walker, Lecturer, Humanities and Social Sciences (Criminal Justice)

Michael Whelpley Lecturer, Humanities and Social Sciences (Academic Foundations English)

MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE

Ronny Canales, (Interim), Administrative Support Specialist, STEM, Effective June 15, 2022

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS FOR JULY 2022

Embracing Conflict (Live – All Employees), Wednesday, July 20, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Conflict is a part of life, and while it can be a source of stress that we would rather avoid, it can also be an opportunity. In this session, you'll develop skills to give you the confidence to embrace conflict when it is productive, and manage it when it's not.

Curbing Rumors, Gossip and Teasing Behavior (Live – Leaders and Managers), Wednesday, July 27, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You set the tone for how people in your department treat one another. Learn how to set expectations and address behaviors that go too far when it comes to rumors and behaviors that create a hostile work environment.

Working It Out in the Workplace (Pre-Recorded)

Most of us spend more than half of our waking hours at work. A huge part of our satisfaction and productivity depends on the strength of our interpersonal relationships. For your own personal success, and the success of the organization, it's essential to create and maintain positive relationships. During this webinar, we'll explore common challenges, and provide you with steps for navigating them.

To sign up for these webinars, visit eap.ndbh.com, enter company code HCCC, scroll down to the "Check Out Our Webinars" box.

Questions? Connect with your EAP account manager, HR department or 800-624-5544

We are here for you!



Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?

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

Please complete the General Concern Form at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care>. A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.



THE CANNABIS CULTURE OF NEW JERSEY EVENT



Scenes from *Cannademix: The Cannabis Culture of New Jersey* at HCCC's Culinary Conference Center on June 2, 2022.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and Cannademix co-hosted a daylong special event, "The Cannabis Culture of New Jersey: A Community Cannabis Conversation." Over 300 people attended the event held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center.

HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber, and Cannademix Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Josh Alb, delivered welcoming remarks. Event highlights included a daylong Expungement Clinic, presented by The Hoffman Centers, P.C. and Emerge Law Group; culinary CBD infusion demonstrations with HCCC Continuing Education Instructor, Sean Wilson; a CBD mocktail bar; networking room; photo station; community donation center; and free food, beverages, and livestream.

There were also panel discussions with community and industry leaders on timely topics, including:

- "Educating Our Community" with Jessica Gonzalez, Esq.; Students for Sensible Drug Policy President, Jason Ortiz, HCCC Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Dr. Ara Karakashian; HCCC Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Chastity Farrell; and LIM College Director of Cannabis Education, Mike Z.
- "The Cannabusiness Experience" with NJ Cannabis Business Association President, Edward DeVeaux; Minority Cannabis Business Association Executive Director, Amber Littlejohn; Cannacclusive Director of Community & Strategy, Kassia Graham; Sanna CBD Yoga founder, Salam Diri; and Nabis Director of Marketing & Partnerships, Jennifer Seo;

- "Cannabis & the Culinary Arts" with NJ Cannabis Insider Cannabis Life Reporter, Gabby Warren; Chef for Higher founder, "Hawaii" Mike Salman; Mikey Likes It Ice Cream founder and owner, Michael "Mikey" Cole; and Alb Labs Chief Production Officer, Bruce Bernstein;
- "Current State of Cannabis" with Jersey City Ward D Councilman, Yousef Saleh; Jersey City Cannabis Control Board Chair, Brittani Bunney; Law Office of Rosemarie Moyeno Matos LLC Managing Member, Rosemarie Moyeno Matos; and NJ Cannabis Insider Content Lead, Jelani Gibson;
- "Restoring Our Communities: A Call to Action" The National Cannabis Party President, Sephida Artis-Mills; Shryne Group Vice President of Special Operations, Audie Veraga; and Sol JC Community Organizer, Taina Spicer; and
- "New Jersey Cannabis Culture" with Newark's New Jersey's own Redman, Rapper, Actor, and Co-founder of the National Cannabis political party, and Cannademix President and Founder, Joshua Alb.

As a companion to the event, Continuing Education is offering the New Jersey Licensing Cannabis Workshop, a four-week virtual course, beginning July 12, that will provide those looking to enter the NJ cannabis industry with an overview of what it takes to apply for and operate a state-licensed cannabis establishment.

Learn more and register at:
www.tinyurl.com/HCCCLicensing
 or contact Chastity Farrell, Director, Continuing Education & Workforce Development;
cfarrell@hccc.edu.



CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>. Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify the calendar as necessary.

Monday, July 4
 Observance of Independence Day – College closed

Tuesday July 5
 Final Exams for Online Session A

Late registration for Summer Session II and Online Session B

Friday, July 8
 Classes begin, Online Session B

Monday, July 11 – Wednesday, August 11
 EOF Summer Program for New Students

Monday, July 11
 Last day to add classes for Online Session B

Wednesday July 13
 Classes begin, Summer II

Monday, July 18
 Last day to add/drop classes for Summer II

Last day to drop classes for Online Session B

Tuesday, July 19
 HCCC Foundation Golf Outing, Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS CLOSES SPRING 2022 WITH ARTWORK DISPLAY OF JERSEY CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Visitors, administrators, community members, and the HCCC family welcomed Jersey City Public High School students and their families at an exhibition that celebrated over 300 works of art from the schools' artistically talented students.

Schools provided a series of highlights throughout the spring semester where the Jersey City Public School community enjoyed the HCCC facilities showcasing the students' talents. These included a week-long Poetry Festival with 200 visitors; several music performances with over 400 visitors; and two art exhibitions with over 200 visitors.

The special partnership between the Department of Cultural Affairs and Jersey City Public

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,750+ 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.

Donor Acknowledgments

Thank you to Professor Richard Skinner and his family for the donation of two terrific watercolors of castles in Spain (ca. the 1880s) by his ancestor Carl Boettger. We look forward to installing these works for students and the community to learn from and enjoy.

Artist News

You may have seen the **Kiki Smith** prints on the STEM Building's sixth floor, the area devoted to art by New Jersey teachers. It's surprising when an artist whose work looks so delicate makes sculptures in bronze. It may be worth a trip to the Pamela Salisbury Gallery to see Smith's limited-edition small metal sculptures on exhibit in a show called *Wander* through July 24. The gallery is located at 362 Warren Street in Hudson, New York.

Isca Greenfield-Sanders' wonderful small aquatint *Sky Beach: Blue* is on display on the lower level of 119 Newkirk Street. Some of her vast new paintings can be seen in a show called "The Things I Can't Forget" through July 23 at Miles McEnery Gallery, 511 West 22nd Street, New York City. The artist derived her paintings from slides she found from 70 years ago. She says, "I have titled the show 'Things I Can't Forget,' a nod to the fabricated nature of working from found images. These are not my memories until they are painted." Critic Phyllis Tuchman in *Points of View* says, "Isca Greenfield-Sanders' figured landscapes transport viewers to light-dappled lakes, mountain trails, rustic sites where wildflowers bloom, and ocean shores bounded by sandy beaches and sunny skies. These are well-trodden places that people like to visit. Often, they appear to be startlingly familiar. You might feel you have already been there—or somewhere very similar." To see more of the work and experience a brief summer vacation go to <https://milesmcenery.viewingrooms.com/viewing-room/116-isca-greenfield-sanders-the-things-i-cant-forget/>

Barbara Kruger's "You're Right" lithograph is on the second floor of 2 Enos Place. The work is installed in the corridor outside the Writing Center, which is devoted to art that includes writing. Her newest exhibit opens July 16 at the



Barbara Kruger, "You're Right" (2010). Lithograph. Edition of 200.

Museum of Modern Art at 11 West 53rd Street in New York City. It's called "Thinking of You. I Mean Me. I Mean You." The artist says, "I try to make work that joins the seductions of wishful thinking with the criticality of knowing better." According to the Museum, Kruger is "an incisive critic of popular culture [who] addresses the viewer directly as a way of exposing the power dynamics underlying identity, desire, and consumerism." They say she makes "bold textual statements about truth, belief, and power ... combining images drawn from mass-media photographs with provocatively concise language." If you'd like to learn more about the exhibit, which started at the Art Institute of Chicago, go to: <https://www.artic.edu/exhibitions/2930/barbara-kruger-thinking-of-you-i-mean-me-i-mean-you>.

Also at the Museum of Modern Art is an exhibit called "Surrealist Women," which features the work of **Meret Oppenheim**, among others. The Museum asks, "What is Surrealism? And what did it become in the hands of women artists?" The Surrealist gallery is one of the most visited in the Museum. Surrealism connects our daily lives to the world of fantasy, dreams, and desire. While figures like Salvador Dalí, René Magritte, and Max Ernst are the names that often come to mind, a host of intriguing women were associated with the Surrealist movement that emerged between the World Wars: Claudia Cahun, Frida Kahlo, Dora Maar, Meret Oppenheim and Remedios Varo. These artists both championed Surrealist ideas and pushed against them to create work in which they could explore their unconscious mind and worldly identity." You can examine Oppenheim's work at the Museum online: <https://www.moma.org/magazine/articles/452>.

You can explore the entire exhibit at <https://www.moma.org/calendar/exhibitions/5248>. MoMA's free admission on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. is unfortunately limited to New York City residents. The recent restrictions that some New York City museums have placed on previous policies about free admissions put an unfortunate and undue burden on those with limited means who wish to learn about art. (Closer to home, you can see the Meret Oppenheim work in our collection on the first floor of 2 Enos Place.)

At the Whitney Museum on 99 Gansevoort Street in New York City, an exhibit called "The Whitney's Collection: Selections from 1900 to 1965" opened on June 28. It deals with the history of the museum. Gertrude Whitney, the founder, sought out artists whose works "uniquely reveal the complexity and beauty of American life... The exhibition begins with a gallery devoted to selections from the Museum's founding collection, followed by galleries that weave their way through major art historical movements." The exhibit includes many artists whose works you can find on the HCCC campus, including **Isabel Bishop, Elizabeth Catlett, Rockwell Kent, Jacob Lawrence, Andy Warhol, and Tom Wesselman**. Museum admission is Pay-What-You-Wish on Fridays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Go to the museum website, <https://whitney.org/ticketing-info>, for advance tickets, which the Museum strongly recommends.) To find these works on our campus, go to our website and take a look! Use the word box in the upper right to search for the artist's name. Click on the picture to find its location: <https://www.artworkarchive.com/profile/hudson-county-community-college-foundation-art-collection>

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

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

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

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

NINTH ANNUAL 'GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY' EVENT

On June 2, Continuing Education held its Ninth Annual Girls in Technology Symposium, virtually.

The event, attended by approximately 100 local high school students, included remarks by HCCC Associate Vice President Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) Lori Margolin, and CEWD Director Chastity Farrell.

Student Essay Contest winner, Steffani Rajapaksha, a senior at Jose Marti STEM Academy, read her essay.

Panel Discussion Members included Panel Moderator, Dr. Fahima Bacha, Ed.D., Educational Technology Leadership & Secondary Mathematics Supervisor at North Bergen High School, and Adjunct Professor at New Jersey City University; Stephanie Ginos, Director of Technology Operations Shared Services Leader at Ernst & Young; Jessica Guerrero, Global Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Google Cloud Go To Market; Anchal Gupta, Managing Director, Enterprise Product & Platform Engineering, DTCC New



Scenes from Continuing Education's Virtual Girls in Technology event on June 2, 2022.

Jersey; Nicole Loher, Climate Communications Strategist and Adjunct Professor at New York University and Fashion Institute of Technology; and Michelle Megala, President, Hickory Industries, Inc.

Presentations included "Cybersecurity" by Maria E. Ferreyra, Supervising Associate - Policy & Awareness, of Ernst & Young; and "Advanced Manufacturing" by Regi Mulla, Project Manager, Amber Gutierrez, Engineer, Ece Okat, Estimator, and Gemma L. David, Estimator, of Eastern Millwork.

HCCC thanks its generous sponsors for supporting the event!

Gold Event sponsors were Ernst & Young; Eastern Millwork, and SILVERMAN.

Silver Event sponsors were Englewood Health Physician Network and ConnectOne.

Patron Event sponsors was CloudLabs.

Friend Event sponsors were eMazzanti Technologies; MAST Construction; XMG, Inc.; and Health Source Group.

Learn more about our panelists, presenters, and sponsors by visiting: <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/events/girls-intechnology.html>

The tenth Annual Girls in Technology event will take place on campus, in March 2023! The day-long event includes a panel discussion, hands-on activities, a student display contest, and more. If you are interested in participating please contact Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at cfarrell@hccc.edu.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Summer Youth & Teens Programs

SAT Language and Math Prep, Cooking & Baking, Digital Photography, CPR & First Aid
July 11 - August 26

<https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/events/summer-camp-youth.html>

Construction Management NICET, Level 1 Certification

Saturdays and Sundays, July 9 - July 31,
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

<https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/professionalcertifications/construction-management/index.html>

New Jersey Licensing Cannabis Workshop Virtual

July 12 - August 4, Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/business/cannabis-workshop.html>

Fast-Track Patient Care Technician Information Sessions

Aug 1: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 28: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July 21 and July 25: 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

August 3: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<https://JPMCFASTTrackPatientCareTechnician.eventbrite.com>

Career Exploration Workshop

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ, Room 507

Event RSVP for Career Exploration Workshop

<https://tinyurl.com/getyourfuturestarted>

Summer 2022 Career Fair

July 19, 20, and 21, 2022 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.,

161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ, Follet Room

<https://forms.gle/F3CUDbO1pmW5bFj18>

Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)

Class uses a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that drive better outcomes for adult, child, and infant patients.

Thursday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

www.tinyurl.com/BLSSummer22

LIVE Online Project Management Certificate Program Summer 2022

July 11, 2022, thru August 18, 2022

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/293365613447>

Foundations of Blockchain and Cryptocurrency

July 11, 2022, thru August 29, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/331961404497>

Social Media Marketing Certificate Program

July 12, 2022 - August 30, 2022

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/311963470137>

Microsoft Excel, Level I

July 14, 2022 - August 4, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/330573603547>

QuickBooks Desktop Certification Course, Part I

July 14, 2022, thru September 15, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/365935732627>

Life Coach Certificate Course

July 18, 2022, thru August 1, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/330830160917>

Microsoft Office Word, Level III

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ALUMNI CORNER

Keischa Taylor

Class of 2019

Associate of Arts – Human Service/Pre-Social Work

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

I decided to attend the College because I was seeking growth, starting all over as a non-traditional student, and wanted more for myself.

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

My favorite memories include some of the professors from my Human Service classes; they gave great support.

How did you become interested in Human Services?

I have always been encouraged to help others, even putting others' needs before mine. My choice to study Human Services allows me to help others and benefit while helping.

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

My time as an HCCC student gave me resources, support, and an opportunity to work part-time while furthering my education.

What is a typical work day for you?

My work with the Office of Student Life and Leadership entails planning events, interacting with, and supporting the students.

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

A virtual Black History event, which I coordinated, had poets, music, and games involving students, faculty, and staff.

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

Some of my biggest inspirations included Professor S. Ripley and her supervisor (also a professor); some of the people with whom I work in Student Life and Leadership; President Reber, whom I had the pleasure of interviewing for an assignment for Rutgers.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Never give up on your dreams/goals by constantly putting others before you. Keep pushing if you want it, even when life happens and you have stumbled. Dust yourself off and try again; you feel so accomplished when you do.

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

Keep your eye on the prize (your degree). There is a pot of gold at the end of your rainbow, even when it rains.



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