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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS 45TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT RED BULL ARENA

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored the Graduating Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 at Commencement exercises on Thursday, May 26. The ceremony took place at Red Bull Arena, 600 Cape May Street, in Harrison, New Jersey.

"At this, our first on-ground Commencement ceremony since the beginning of the pandemic, we will proudly and properly celebrate the nearly 2,300 graduates of the Classes of 2020 and 2021 and the more than 1,400 graduates of the Class of 2022," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber before the ceremony. "The entire HCCC Family is delighted to come together in celebration of our students' milestone accomplishments, and their families and loved ones who have supported them every step of the way."

In a break with tradition, yet one that is perfectly aligned with HCCC as a student-centered institution, HCCC 2021 valedictorian Pedro Moranchel delivered the keynote address. Mr. Moranchel, now a Princeton student, received



Pedro Moranchel, HCCC Class of 2021 Valedictorian, now a Princeton University junior and the HCCC 2022 Commencement keynote speaker, is pictured here with his parents.

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ON THE COVER: *Scenes from Hudson County Community College's 45th Commencement Exercises at the Red Bull Arena in Harrison. For additional Commencement coverage, please see pages 10 and 11.*

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION SIGN TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM



Pictured here with HCCC students and leadership from both institutions are Dr. Charles Menifield, Dean, Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Newark (seated left), and Dr. Christopher Reber, President, Hudson County Community College (seated right).

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration (RUSPAA) recently entered into an agreement enabling students who graduate from HCCC with an Associate of Science degree in Human Services to transfer seamlessly and attain their Bachelor of Arts degree from RUSPAA. HCCC President, Dr. Christopher M. Reber; Rutgers University-Newark Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ashwani

Monga; HCCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Darryl Jones; and Dean of the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration, Dr. Charles Menifield signed the agreement.

Students who earned their degree from HCCC within the last seven years may transfer up to 65 credits toward the RUSPAA baccalaureate degree in Public and Nonprofit Administration. They will

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HCCC EOF SCHOLARS RECEIVE EOFPANJ ARRIGO O. ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey (EOFPANJ) presents the Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award at the EOFPANJ Conference. Proudly, this year's award recipients are Hudson County Community College's very own EOF Scholars, Marlene Andalia and Ayah Awawdeh. The awards were presented in April at the EOFPANJ 2022 Spring Conference in Atlantic City.

Andalia, a psychology major, has served as a Peer Mentor with the EOF Program. She was most recently Vice President of Public Relations for the College's Phi Theta Kapa chapter (Beta Alpha Phi) and was elected Vice President of Service for the 2022-23 academic year. She has also served as Director of the Intra-Club Council for the Student Government Association and President of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for Two-

Year Colleges. Rider University selected her to participate in its 2022 STEM Summer Institute, and in April she received designation as a member of the 2022 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for outstanding academic achievement and exceptional service to her community and to the College.

Awawdeh, an accounting major, participates in several activities and clubs at the College and credits the EOF Program with the enhancement of her leadership skills. "With EOF, I am exposed to many different individuals, and I learn something from every one of them." She described, for example, her joy in creating digital cards for hospitalized children during the MLK Day of Service.



Scholarship recipient Ayah Awawdeh (left) with EOF Director Jose Lowe.

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

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) was selected as one of 24 community colleges in the United States – and the only community college in New Jersey – to be named among the "2022 Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges" by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD), in collaboration with Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.

The "2022 Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges" recipients were recognized for exceptional commitment to diversity in all forms, including race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, class, and veteran status. A team examined recipients' focus on workplace diversity, staffing practices, and work environment, and categories such as family friendliness, salary/benefits, professional development opportunities, and more.

In his letter notifying HCCC of the recognition, Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD Executive Director, stated that HCCC was honored for the College's "best-in-class student and staff recruitment and retention practices, inclusive learning, and working environments, and meaningful community service and engagement opportunities." He concluded: "Thank you for serving as a beacon for diversity."

"This is another point of pride for all of us at Hudson County Community College," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "All members of our HCCC family, working together to live and breathe our mission, make recognitions such as this possible. I am grateful to our Trustees, our faculty and staff, and our friends for all they do to support our students, our College, and our community," he stated.

Hudson County Community College serves

one of the most ethnically and racially diverse areas of the United States. The nation's sixth most densely populated county, Hudson is New Jersey's fastest growing and most ethnically diverse county. The HCCC student body is 87% non-white, and HCCC has a long, proud history as an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

In 2019, HCCC established the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI); added, expanded, and enhanced programs, services, and academic offerings to further remove barriers to retention and completion; ensured access to more and greater opportunities for students to achieve academic goals and rewarding, sustainable careers; and, most importantly, deepened understanding and respect for all.

In July 2021, HCCC appointed a Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, a cabinet-level position reporting directly to the President. To create a fully operational Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) grounded in best practices, additional professional and support staff services were added. This divisional office assumed oversight for the Office of Accessibility Services, Department of Cultural Affairs, and institutional leadership for Title IX, among other College-wide activities, programs and services.

Principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion are embraced by the entire HCCC community and interwoven into every aspect of HCCC operations, particularly the *Achieving the Dream* and Hudson Helps Resource Center initiatives. In response to the protracted challenges of the COVID-19 and racial and social justice pandemics, the HCCC



Pictured with HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber (center), are from left, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Yeurys Pujols; Assistant Director of the North Hudson Campus, Diana Galvez; Tutor, Carlos R. Dunn-Fernández; alumnus, Warren Rigby; Assistant Professor, Lester McRae; alumnus, Bladimir Quito; Lecturer, Sharon Daughtry; and alumnus, Cesar Orozco.

family came together to support one another and ensure the community's safety and students' success over the past more than two years.

NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. NISOD provides budget-friendly, high-quality, and faculty-focused programs and resources for community and technical colleges that want to make the most of their professional development dollars. For over 40 years, NISOD has aligned a wide array of benefits with the needs of its members, which explains why the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) named NISOD, "The country's leading provider of professional development for community college faculty, staff, and administrators."

Since 1984, *Diverse* has been the only bi-weekly national news magazine focusing on matters of access and opportunity for all in higher education and remains a preeminent source of critical news, insightful and provocative commentary, and interviews on a range of issues affecting all higher education professionals, especially underrepresented populations.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO 2022 NEW JERSEY ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

On Thursday, April 28, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) honored 38 students from the state's 18 community colleges who were named to the 2022 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities and colleges as members of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for Community Colleges. Two Hudson County Community College (HCCC) students received the honor – Marlenne Andalia, and Jeffrey LeVine.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) hosted the celebration, which was held at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton. NJCCC 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.

“These students truly exemplify the true power of Community Colleges. The New Jersey All-State Academic Team members have worked

incredibly hard to become the state's very best Community College students. They have remarkable stories and serve as an inspiration to all,” said NJCCC President Aaron Fichtner, Ph.D.

“They have become leaders on their college campuses and have contributed to their communities in myriad ways,” said NJCCC Chair Mary Zimmermann. “As we emerge from the pandemic, New Jersey Community College students continue to prove their perseverance and achieve.”

Additionally, eight New Jersey Community College students received scholarships as part of the USA All-State Academic Team competition from Phi Theta Kappa and the Coca-Cola Foundation. College administrators nominated team members

based on their academic achievement, leadership, and college and community service engagement.



Hudson County Community College President Dr. Christopher Reber (right), Beta Alpha Phi advisor Prof. Ted Lai (left), and HCCC honorees Jeffrey LeVine and Marlenne Andalia at the New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration on April 28.

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Nicholas Mangal
Katherine Morales

5 Years

Samaya Yashayeva

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

5 Years

Tayyaba Hafeez

RETIREMENT

Elena Gorokhova, Professor, ESL
(effective Sept. 1, 2022)

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Kyara Martin, Counselor, Educational Opportunity Fund (effective May 18, 2022)

Crystal Newton, Student Services Assistant
(effective May 18, 2022)

Erika Padilla, Accountant (effective May 30, 2022)

Tejal Parekh, Assistant Director, Educational Opportunity Fund (effective May 18, 2022)

Prachi Patel, Student Services Assistant
(effective May 18, 2022)

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

Gunes D. Senturk, Instructor of Physics
(effective Aug. 16, 2022)

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS FOR JUNE 2022

Planning a Financial Future
(Live – All Employees), Wednesday, June 15, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Preparing for the future means having financial resources to fall back on in the event of an emergency while building wealth with savings and investments. Unfortunately, too many of us are not saving as we should. In this session, we will talk about some typical roadblocks to saving and how to overcome them.

Bias Is a Four-Letter Word
(Live – Leaders and Managers), Wednesday, June 22, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Our biases are unconscious but can have significant impact on our relationships. As leaders, it is critical to understand and manage biases.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Anita Belle, Director, Workforce Pathways
(effective May 18, 2022)

Kristofer Fontanez, Interim Manager of Web and Portal Services (effective May 18, 2022)

Brianna Heim, Customer Service Manager
(effective May 18, 2022)

Curtis Lee Mincey Jr., Financial Counselor
(effective May 18, 2022)

Ridhdhi Shah, Au Pair Coordinator
(effective May 18, 2022)

Angelica Villalta, Academic Advisor
(effective May 18, 2022)

How to Talk to Your Partner about Money (Pre-Recorded) – Money can be one of the most challenging issues in many relationships. But it doesn't have to be. Understanding why and how these conversations are sometimes stressful is the first step to shifting the dynamic. In this webinar, we'll discuss why money can be such a problematic issue and ways to approach the topic with a fresh perspective. We'll offer practical strategies to have productive, connected conversations about money going forward.

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

PROMOTION OF FULL-TIME FACULTY (effective Aug. 16, 2022)

Salim Bendaoud, Associate Professor to Professor Velino Joasil, Associate Professor to Professor Antonio Acevedo, Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Alison Bach, Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Joseph Gallo, Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Jerry Lamb, Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Azhar Mahmood, Assistant Professor Associate Professor

Denise Rossilli, Assistant Professor Associate Professor

Robin Singer, Assistant Professor Associate Professor

HOLOCAUST & ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION AT HCCC

By Raffi Manjikian

On Thursday, April 28, the HCCC President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) and the Department of Cultural Affairs sponsored an event commemorating the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. The event provided an opportunity for everyone to participate in a discussion on how each of us can prevent anti-Semitism and Genocide denial. It also highlighted the significance of recognizing these unspeakable tragedies when everyone demonstrates tolerance and compassion.

Opening remarks by President Reber and Dr. Karakashian were followed by a panel discussion. The panel included: Dr. Doyle Stevick, Executive Director of The Anne Frank Center at the University of South Carolina; Dr. Jermaine McCalpin, Genocide Scholar, Chair of African and African American Studies at New Jersey City University; Dr. Henry Theriault, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Worcester State University, and Founding Co-Editor, Genocide Studies International; and Ms. Sara Cohan, Education Director of The Genocide Education Project. The panel encouraged participant engagement, and questions from the moderator and HCCC community prompted further insight into this difficult topic.

Participants enjoyed a poignant moment when Dr. Stevick shared a view of the interior of the historic Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, where he was for our program, as well as the gardens outside. That moment truly shone a light on the magnitude of participating and connecting via these dialogues. Panelists agreed on the importance that accepting history plays in preventing similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

While most of the 150 participants were located throughout New Jersey, some logged on from locations in Armenia, Netherlands, and Massachusetts.

A special message from Sen. Robert Menendez and the entire program is located here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjMYjRfvMK0&t=3s>



The graphic features a golf course scene with a green flag on a pole that says 'HCCC'. To the right is the logo for the Hudson County Community College Foundation, 20th Annual Golf Outing. Below the logo, it says 'GOLF OUTING' in large green letters, followed by 'TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022'. At the bottom left, it lists the location: 'Forest Hill Field Club, 9 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003'. At the bottom right, it says '9:00 a.m. SHOTGUN START' and 'Any questions please contact: foundation@hccc.edu'.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 'HUDSON SCHOLARS' PROGRAM RECOGNIZED WITH 2021-22 INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD



Pictured in foreground from left: "Hudson Scholars" counselors Elizabeth Ryan, Alyssa Rupnarain, and Mackenzie Johnson. In background at left and right: "Hudson Scholars" counselors Nicholas Mangal and Richard Remoura; center: Dr. Gretchen Schulthes, Associate Director, HCCC Advisement and Transfer.

The League for Innovation in the Community College has recognized Hudson County Community College (HCCC) with its 2021-22 Innovation of the Year Award. The League conferred the honor for the College's "Hudson Scholars" Program. The College is one of just 20 community colleges in the United States to receive the award.

The Innovation of the Year Award celebrates programs, practices, and activities that improve the institutions' ability to serve students and the community while honoring the faculty, staff, and administrators while creating and implementing them.

Designed and developed under the leadership of HCCC President Dr. Christopher M. Reber, the HCCC "Hudson Scholars" program is a tripartite model of student support that provides proactive advisement, financial stipends, and early academic intervention. "Hudson Scholars" utilizes best practices of the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) and the City University of New York (CUNY) Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) to ensure that a greater number of students facing financial challenges, language barriers, employment concerns, and family responsibilities complete their college educations. Early outcomes of the "Hudson Scholars" project are exceedingly positive. They indicate the program may be sustained and grown beyond the initial grant seed funding period because of its impact on student retention and the resulting increased revenue.

"We are especially proud to be recognized for 'Hudson Scholars' as it assists students with whole-life needs and completing degree work in a more timely and effective manner," Dr. Reber stated. "We are committed to sustaining and enlarging successful elements of the program to serve all HCCC students eventually," he said.

HCCC formulated the "Hudson Scholars" program to initially serve almost 800 students – four times the number of students enrolled in the HCCC EOF program, impacting nearly 1,000 HCCC students combined. Due to the success realized in the program's first year, a second cohort of 800 additional students will participate in the program in Fall 2022.

The program is open to incoming students enrolled for at least nine credit hours of coursework at HCCC, including students in their final semester of English as a Second Language (ESL) and all levels of Academic Foundations English. "Hudson Scholars" have the advantage of meeting regularly with "Hudson Scholars" academic counselors, whose caseloads are 80% less than those of other advisors, and who mentor and coach students and help keep them on track with an early alert system. Counselors monitor and support students' academic progress; prompt students to complete assigned tasks; assist students in setting academic and career goals; monitor outside factors that may impact students' progress; and make referrals to on-campus support such as tutoring and "Hudson Helps" Resource Center services.

"Hudson Scholars" students are further incentivized to participate in high-impact practices each month and receive stipends of \$125 to \$250 for completing designated tasks and achieving important academic milestones every month. The stipends are utilized for books and supplies, purchasing food and paying bills, transportation, housing, tuition, and childcare.

Early "Hudson Scholars" program data show that fall-to-spring retention increased 51% for students engaged in the program. Increased revenue associated with this improved retention has already covered the program's current operating costs, while anticipated fall-to-fall increased retention makes its long-term sustainability highly probable.

The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for introducing and sustaining transformational innovation within and across colleges and international borders to increase student success and institutional excellence. The League fulfills its mission through conferences and institutes; online resources; research; and projects and initiatives with member colleges, corporate partners, government agencies, and private foundations. League activities center on diversity, equity, and inclusion; information technology; leadership development; learning and student success; research; and workforce development.

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 Acknowledgements

Thanks to Janette Staloff for the lovely donation of the book about the painter Fred Staloff.

Thank you to the artist LoVid (Tali Hinkis and Kyle Lapidus) for the wonderful donation of two limited edition prints on satin.

Thank you to the Estate of Bruce Teleky and Executor Agnes Grunfeld for donating thousands of mini-posters for Student Life and Leadership.

Thank you to Nancy Stein and Edward McDermott for the sheet music books donated for our students' humanities education.

Artists' News

Studying art in college can be wonderful, but you should major in whatever interests you most. The 92-year-old artist **Jo Baer** majored in biology at the University of Washington and did graduate work in visual psychology at the New School for Social Research in New York before she started to focus on painting. Life can be a long adventure.

If you like Jo Baer's art on view at the Gabert Library (in the makerspace) and on the second floor of the Culinary Conference Center (in the Dean's reception area), you might enjoy her current exhibit at *Jo Baer: The Minimalist Years, 1960-1975* at Dia Center for the Arts in Chelsea at 537 West 22nd Street. The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.; admission is free. Works by **John Chamberlain**, **On Kawara**, **Andy Warhol**, **Lawrence Weiner**, and **Sol LeWitt** (other artists whose works are in the Foundation

Art Collection) may be viewed at another Dia museum in Beacon, New York.

Also on exhibit on the second floor of the Culinary Conference Center is a print work by **Andy Warhol** that came from the artist's estate. You can see more of Warhol's work in an exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum called "Andy Warhol: Revelation." This show explores the artist's life-long devotion to Catholicism and closes on June 19.

Congratulations to artist **Willie Cole**, whose exhibit called "No Strings" at Alexander and Bonin Gallery at 59 Wooster Street in New York City is open through June 18. His new sculptures are made of parts of guitars, pianos, and saxophones. His work with guitars was in part inspired by seeing an 18th century illustration of a slave yoke: He saw the shape of the yoke "echoed" in the form of a guitar yoke. He says, "I venture to synchronize shapes in an effort to compress time." Many of the materials for his sculptures came from an invitation from the Yamaha company for the artist to participate in their recycling program, where the other artists blemished instruments that did not pass final inspection. Sales of the work will benefit the artist's alma mater, Arts High in Newark.

If you like **Isca Greenfield-Sanders'** work on the lower level of 119 Newkirk Street, you might enjoy her upcoming solo show, *The Things I Can't Forget*, on view at Miles McEnery Gallery from June 9 - July 23, 2022. The gallery is located at 511 W. 22nd Street in Manhattan.



Serene/Cries by Joan Snyder (2005), Digital and Lithograph Print with Chine Colle on Paper, 36" x 40" at the Joseph A. Cundari Center, First Floor, Nursing Program.

Joan Snyder's art is on display on the first floor of the Nursing Program in the Joseph Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Avenue. You can also see her work in the figurative arts instruction room, Gabert Library (71 Sip Avenue), Room 516. The College is preparing many more works by the artist for installation. In the meantime, her most recent exhibit, "Joan Snyder: To Become a Painting," is on view at Franklin Parrasch Gallery, 19 East 66th Street, New York City, through June 24, 2022.

Visits to all the galleries mentioned in this column are free. Call ahead to make sure you go during regular business hours.

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

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38 HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARLY COLLEGE GRADUATES RECEIVED COLLEGE DEGREES AHEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS



Pictured here, 2022 Early College Graduates from William L. Dickinson High School in Jersey City; Hudson County Schools of Technology-High Tech High School; and James J. Ferris High School in Jersey City.

Among the 3,700 graduates awarded associate degrees at the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Commencement exercises on Thursday, May 26, 2022, were 38 who will not receive their high school diplomas until later this month. They are the 2022 graduates of HCCC's Early College program.

"Graduating from the Early College program is a remarkable achievement, especially when you consider that these young women and men can enter a four-year college or university with junior status," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "What they have attained requires concentrated effort and determination throughout their four years of high school studies. We are very proud of them and know they will continue to shine with exceptional achievements."

Dr. Reber said the 2022 cohort includes 15 graduates from Jersey City's William L. Dickinson High School, 14 from Hudson County Schools of Technology High Tech High School, five from Jersey City's James J. Ferris High

School, and four from the former Marist High School and other schools. They received associate degrees in Business Administration, Science and Mathematics, Environmental Studies, and Liberal Arts. They are transferring to New Jersey City University, New York University, Rutgers University-Newark, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and other four-year institutions as juniors. Many plan to pursue graduate degrees. Thanks to the HCCC Early College program, these students will earn baccalaureate and graduate degrees much more quickly than usual, and with far less student debt.

The HCCC Early College program allows high school students who reside or attend school in Hudson County to earn up to 36 college-level credits towards an associate degree. Credits earned in the program may be transferred for a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university. Students who attend high schools that have special agreements with the College may

earn more than 36 credits and, in instances such as those celebrated at 2022 Commencement, a full associate degree.

HCCC Executive Director of the Secaucus Center and Early College Programs, Dr. Christopher Conzen, noted that in addition to jump-starting their college educations, Early College program participants pay just half the in-County tuition rate – a huge savings in comparison to four-year colleges and universities. The program is available to all Hudson County high school students, and additional opportunities, including dual enrollment, certificate, and associate degree tracks are available to students in Jersey City Public Schools, Newark Public Schools, and Bayonne, County Prep, Harrison, High Tech, Hoboken Charter, Hoboken, Kearny, Marion P. Thomas Charter, Memorial, North Bergen, Orange, Rising Star Academy, Union City, and West Orange high schools.

Learn more about HCCC's Early College program by emailing earlycollege@hccc.edu or phoning 201-360-5330.

A THAI FEAST

For Community College Month there was no better way to celebrate HCCC's diverse community than with food! A Thai Feast, that is.

On Friday, April 22, the Hudson County Community College Foundation hosted its first Pop-Up Dining event of 2022, featuring our very own Chef Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit.

Chef Puk, as he is commonly known, is the star of the Foundation's Subscription Dining program. For this event, he prepared an exquisite array of authentic Thai dishes, including Chicken Lapp, Shrimp Wrapped Wontons, Hor Mok Seafood, Lamb Masaman, Crab Fried Rice, Chicken Coconut Green Curry, Puk's famous Sexy Fish, refreshing Thai Iced tea, and Coconut Ice Cream. Happy, supporting diners enjoyed every bite!

Supporters included community members, students, alumni, employees, and Foundation Directors. Tonja Webb and Janine Nunez, the HCCC gurus of Hospitality, were there as always to ensure the success of the event. The 14-hour day did not stop them from delivering perfection with a smile.

The highlight of the event? Our students, our warriors, and the fruit of HCCC's hard labor.

Cynthia Soto, Alumna, Class of 2011, and the owner of Empanada Lady food truck, said: "I can't think of a better way to spend a Friday evening than with traditional Thai food prepared by our favorite chef who is always outdoing himself! @hccc_culinaryartsinstitute is my home, my family because what they taught me is why I am where I am today."



HCCC is about family. You, too, can be a part of our family. Send your contact information to: foundation@hccc.edu to receive information on HCCC news and events such as this. Please donate and help our students thrive with the gift of education and support their greatest needs. Go to: www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/

We've been celebrating...



Annual Kente Graduation Celebration

Hudson County Community College recognized the academic and cultural achievements of graduating Black, African-American, and African students at its Kente Graduation on May 10. Trustee Pamela Gardner (second from left) gave the keynote address.

Early College Program Graduate Celebration

Dr. Christopher Conzen (right), Executive Director of HCCC's Early College Program and Secaucus Center, congratulates Lincoln High School student Kiany Cameron on her successful participation in the Early College Culinary Arts Program at a reception for the students on May 13.



EOF Graduation Dinner

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program held a dinner and award ceremony for its graduating Scholars on May 6.



NSLS Induction Ceremony

Students meeting the required criteria received their Advanced Leadership or Foundations of Leadership Certificate during HCCC's National Society of Leadership and Success induction ceremony on May 6.



HCCC's 1st Pride Parade

Members of the HCCC Community, Hudson PRIDE, New Jersey City University's LGBTQ Alliance, and Saint Peter's University's PRIDE Club took part in HCCC's first PRIDE Parade on May 5.



PTK Induction Ceremony

Phi Theta Kappa's HCCC chapter, Beta Alpha Phi, inducted its newest members at a ceremony on May 7.





Graduation Celebrations at Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses

The Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses both hosted barbecues and Graduate Salutes for the Class of 2022.



Grad Formal

Graduates and guests danced the night away at the Graduation Formal on May 19, held at Hudson House.



Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction

Alpha Sigma Lambda, the oldest and largest national honor society for non-traditional students, held its induction ceremony on May 11.



Annual Lavender Graduation Ceremony

The College honored the achievements and contributions of graduating LGBTQIA+ students at a Lavender Graduation Ceremony on May 16.



DEISPP AWARD Ceremony

The College honored a new cohort of student completing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Passport Program (DEISPP) at an event on May 13.



SGA Summer Kickoff

On May 21, the Student Government Association hosted a Summer Kick-Off at the Journal Square Campus.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS 45TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT RED BULL ARENA

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the esteemed 2021 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This award covers tuition, living expenses, books, and required fees for high-achieving community college students who often transfer to prestigious universities to complete baccalaureate and graduate studies. Pedro was one of only 16 community college students nationwide admitted to Princeton last year.



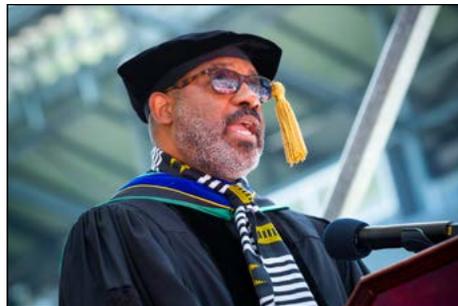
(REU) program at Queensborough Community College, funded by the National Science Foundation, and a prestigious 10-week internship at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

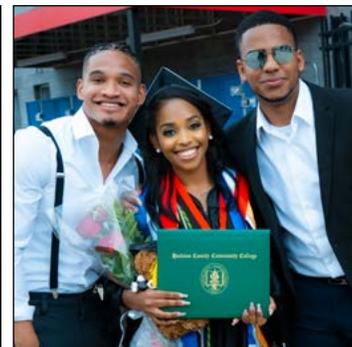
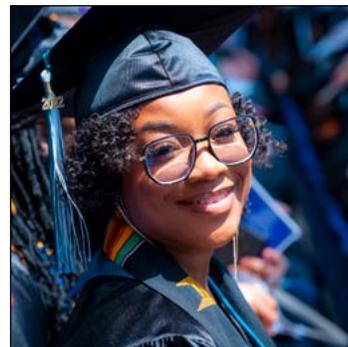
Habiba Desouky, Class of 2022 valedictorian and Bayonne resident, who will receive her Associate in Science in Medical Sciences Pre-Professional degree, delivered the valedictory address.

Reverend Dr. Dorothy Patterson, Pastor of Wallace Temple AME Zion Church in Bayonne, offered the invocation. The first woman pastor of the Wallace Temple AME Zion Church, Dr. Patterson is an educator, advocate, and prominent community leader.

Pedro Moranchel is the son of Mexican and Honduran immigrants, whose struggles motivated him to set and achieve ambitious academic goals. While at HCCC, Mr. Moranchel served as Vice President of Scholarship for the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, President of the HCCC STEM Club, and Director of the Inter-Club Council of the HCCC Student Government Association. He participated in the Summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise presented the 2022 Heritage Award to Dr. Joseph Sirangelo. Dr. Sirangelo is the Director of Planning, Research, and Evaluation at the Hudson County Schools of Technology (HCST), where he





has utilized his 41 years of experience in urban public schools to help the HCST District achieve success and recognition. HCCC and HCST have always worked closely together, and 14 HCST High Tech High School students enrolled in the College's dual-enrollment Early College program will receive their high school diplomas and graduate from HCCC this year. The College also offers classes on the HCST Frank J. Gargiulo Campus in Secaucus.

Mt. Sinai Full Baptist Church Mother Jacqueline Mays; United Way of Hudson County President Daniel Altilio; Hudson County business leader Raju Patel; retired Jersey Journal publisher Scott Ring; former New Jersey City University President Dr. Carlos Hernandez; Director of District Redesign and Leadership at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform/Brown University Marla Ucelli; retired HCCC Vice President for Development and Assistant to the President Joseph D. Sansone; and Executive Director of WomenRising, Sr. Roseann Mazzeo, S.C.

The National Anthem was sung by Marliza Mabutas, a member of the HCCC Early College program, who received her HCCC degree on May 26, and will be awarded her diploma from Jersey City's Dickinson High School this month. She is one of 38 Hudson County high school students who completed the HCCC associate degree this year while enrolled in high school.



The HCCC Heritage Award was instituted 33 years ago to honor community members who have made significant contributions to the College, its students, and families. Past recipients include Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise; President of Lindenfelser Associates, Aerospace Consultants, and former Kearny Mayor and Councilperson Kenneth H. Lindenfelser; SILVERMAN principal Paul Silverman; former HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson; Union City science teacher Nadia Makar; Pastor and Overseer of



For more photos go to: <https://tinyurl.com/GradPhotos22>
Scan QR code for Commencement program

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Upcoming Programs & Events

Microsoft Office Word Level I & II

Wednesdays, June 1 - July 20

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-word-level-i-level-ii-registration-316851319827>

Finding the 25th Hour: The Power and Secrets of Time Management

Wednesdays, June 1 - June 15,

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-the-25th-hour-the-power-and-secrets-of-time-management-registration-330697624497>

Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)

Tuesday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

www.tinyurl.com/BLSSpring22

Self-Publishing Masterclass

Tuesdays, June 28 - July 5

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-publishing-online-masterclass-registration-330678808217>

Microsoft Excel Level 1

Thursdays, June 30 - July 21,

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-excel-level-i-registration-330573603547>

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/professional-certifications/construction-management/index.html>

TOEFL Preparation

Saturdays, July 9 - October 8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toefl-preparation-course-tickets-325187674087>

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Registration Now Open for the HCCC Summer Youth and Teen Program

At Continuing Education's "Summer Youth and Teen Program," middle school and high school students will experience a variety of engaging and enriching programs that emphasize self-discovery, cognitive reasoning, and cooperative thinking using a hands-on approach. Sessions for 9- to 15-year-olds run from July 11 through August

26. For more information, please email Carmen Guerra at cguerra@hccc.edu.

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

Join HCCC Continuing Education (CE) on June 23 for a "Cannademix: The Cannabis Culture of New Jersey" event!

CE will host the free event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center.

Cannademix was created to provide accurate information on cannabis to local communities by established professionals. In providing a unique experience for attendees, Cannademix exhibits a different vision for the legal industry that is based upon accurate information. Attendees will hear from and meet Cannabis industry leaders who will distinguish fact from fiction and provide unique insights.

Attendees will experience cannabis culture in a fun and interactive way:

- Panels with Industry Leaders
- Networking Room
- Expungement Clinic

Register for the event at:

<https://tinyurl.com/hcccjune23>

For more information, please email Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, at cfarrell@hccc.edu.



Scene from Continuing Education's Basic Life Support Certification (BLS) class. Students use a scenario-based approach to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that result in better outcomes for adult, child, and infant patients. For more information, please email QuaFayshia Ransom at qramson@hccc.edu, or to register, visit: <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/healthcare/life-support-training.html>



Scene from Continuing Education's Classroom Au Pair Destination Course, "Exploring Digital Photography and Oahu: The Heart of Hawaii." To learn more, email Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or visit: <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/au-pair/index.html>



Prepare for the TOEFL TEST at HCCC!

ONLINE

Hours: 42 hours Days: Saturdays

Dates: July 9, 2022 - October 6, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Price: \$299

Register at: www.tinyurl.com/hccc2022

For more information please email ce@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4224

The TOEFL test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a standardized test that measures the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enroll in English-speaking colleges and universities. The test is accepted by more than 11,000 universities and other institutions in over 190 countries and territories. Every university has a minimum score in order to be accepted. In this course, you will learn the skills and the strategies that could help you achieve a high score on the TOEFL.

The TOEFL iBT® test has four sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing.

This Preparation course will strengthen your linguistic skills: reading, listening, speaking, and writing and academic skills: note-taking, skimming, scanning, paraphrasing, and summarizing.

The instructor uses the latest published exam content. During the test, you will perform tasks that combine the four English communication skills: reading, listening, and speaking. This class will help you to build your linguistic and academic competencies.

* The price of the TOEFL test itself is NOT included.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES 497 STUDENTS WHO PROGRESSED FROM ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE STUDIES TO COLLEGE GRADUATION

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is one of the most ethnically diverse higher education institutions in the United States, with students born in 119 different countries and who speak 29 different languages. Many are recent arrivals to the United States navigating unfamiliar surroundings, cultural differences, and a new language. The College's commitment to students' success often begins by helping them overcome language challenges through the Academic English as a Second Language (AESL) program.

The "ESL to Graduation: A Celebration" event was held on May 24, 2022 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. The celebration featured welcoming remarks by Jed Palmer, Interim Director of ESL and Academic Foundations English (AFE); and "Tales of Immigration: Past and Present" presented by Linda Joy Miller, Associate Professor, ESL.

HCCC 2005 graduate Bahmini Ketheesan, Manager, SERV Finances and Accounts Group, Stevens Institute of Technology, spoke about "Student Success Stories: Past".

Simone Ebeid, a member of the Class of 2021 who earned her Associate in Science, Medical Sciences degree, and Elie Natuwila, Class of 2022 who will receive his Associate in Science, Criminal Justice degree at commencement ceremonies on May 26th, spoke on "Student Success Stories: Present."

HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber, and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Yeurys Pujols offered congratulatory remarks to the graduates who are receiving degrees in Business, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Digital Arts, Early Childhood Education, Engineering, English, Health Services, Hospitality Management, Human Services, Mathematics, Medical Assisting, Medical Coding, Nursing, Psychology, Radiography, Studio Arts, and several other disciplines.

For more information on the Academic ESL program, please email esl@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4384.

THEATRE ARTS RETURNS LIVE TO HCCC



HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber (second from left), Professor Joseph Gallo (right) and guests attending the premiere of "The Girl Who Got Frozen" on April 27.



Theatre Arts major Deja Alfaro performs in the Spring Theatre Festival in a scene from "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord." This was the first live performance on-campus since Fall 2019.



Professor Joseph Gallo with the cast of "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord."



Hudson County Community College honored graduating students from the Classes of 2020-22 who began their journeys in Hudson's ESL Program during the "ESL to Graduation: A Celebration" event.

"The Classes of 2020-22 include 497 students who came to the United States from all around the world and began their higher education journey in the HCCC ESL program," Dr. Reber said. "Attendees hail from Algeria, Brazil, Colombia, The Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, and Senegal. We are enormously proud of them for the courage, determination, and persistence they demonstrated in navigating the challenges of learning to read, write, and speak a new language, and then continuing on to earn their associate degrees."

The HCCC Academic ESL program provides students with the high-level English language skills needed to study at a United States college or university, and to succeed and advance in careers. Classes focus on academic essay writing, grammar, reading, and speaking and listening skills. Overall, HCCC ESL students are from 45 different countries. Students enrolled in the Academic ESL program are eligible to apply for the Johanna Van Gandt (JVG) Scholarship for ESL Students, which provides tuition support.

PTK NEWS

The Beta Alpha Phi Chapter received the first-ever Pattie Van Atter Servant Leader Award at the Middle States Regional Convention on March 12.

Courage Lahban (HCCC Class of 2021) has been invited to work on plasma physics research this summer at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. His work will focus on high-energy-density plasma topics and the design and fabrication of boron droppers for plasma control.

Victoria Rodriguez will participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Queensborough Community College.

Mariam Sadek and Marlenne Andalia will participate in the STEM Summer Institute at Rider University.

The University suspended the program in 2020 and 2021 because of coronavirus. In 2019, three Phi Theta Kappa members attended, having since graduated from HCCC.



NEW YORK MODEL UN CONFERENCE



Delegations of students from around the world, including one from Hudson County Community College, converged upon New York City to participate in the 2022 Model UN Conference.

From April 10 to April 15, seven students and Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus from Hudson County Community College attended the New York Model UN Conference in Manhattan. The goal of the conference was to provide a better understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations. The conference allowed students to interact with approximately 2,000 students from across the globe. The conference provided a diverse group of students and faculty advisors the opportunity to address global concerns in a real-world setting, and to build diplomatic skills. The critical issues addressed included regional conflicts, women and children, peacekeeping, human rights, economic and social development, and the environment.

Special thanks to Jenny Martinez, Ahilia Munna, Daniel Lopes, Jeffrey Arana, Alba Paulino, Montaha Osman, and Avalina Gray for their hard work and dedication in preparing for, and their outstanding performance at, the conference.

HCCC AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SIGN TRANSFER AGREEMENT

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also have the option of entering the accelerated Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at Rutgers University.

“Public organizations and nonprofits represent the communities they serve and are critical in providing for the physical, educational, and socioeconomic needs of these communities,” Dr. Reber said. “This agreement will prepare students for management and leadership careers in government and nonprofit sectors.”

Nearly 90,000 federal, state, and local government agencies in the United States provide essential services directly to the public. More than 1.5 million U.S. nonprofit and non-governmental organizations focus primarily on social services. Career options include, but are not limited to, positions as Budget Analysts, Business Administrators, City/Town Managers, Compliance Officers, Community Engagement Directors, Educational Administrators, Emergency Management Directors, Nonprofit Executive Directors, Government Relations Specialists, Human Resources Managers, Labor Relations Specialists, Legislative Aides, Managing Directors, Medical and Health Services Managers, Policy Analysts, Public Affairs Directors, Social and Community Services Managers, and Urban and Regional Planners.

The School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark offers a full complement of degrees from undergraduate to Ph.D., and graduate and non-credit certificates focused on public and nonprofit sector management and policy implementation issues. RUSPAA is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.

Complete information about the HCCC Associate in Science in Human Services degree is available by contacting HCCC Enrollment Services at admissions@hccc.edu or texting 201-509-4222.

HCCC PARTICIPATES IN HUDSON COUNTY MISSION 50 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PITCH COMPETITION

On Monday, May 2, four teams of students from Hudson County Community College’s Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Division, led by Professor Peter Cronrath, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Division, led by Professor Clive Li, competed in the College’s first Mission 50 Internal Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition. The event was led by Professor Sharon Daughtry, who believes this opportunity provided the teams with real-life experience in learning to showcase their vision, creativity, and delivery talents and skills. The winners of the competition were as follows:

1st Place - Biodegradable Golf Tees – Amar Arslanovic, Amber Gutierrez, Isaiah Montalvo, and Timothy Moore.

2nd Place - IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identifier) – Roshanie Budhram, Ola Hasnin, Brandon Odom, Brandon Ortiz.

3rd Place – Smart Hoodie – Youssouf Barry, Darsh Patel, Martena Raof.

The first-place team moved on to the Hudson County Mission 50 Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition to present their Biodegradable Golf Tees



A student team advised by Dr. Clive Li (left) won the College’s first Mission 50 Internal Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition and advanced to the county-wide competition. Pictured at right is Prof. Sharon Daughtry, who coordinated the event.

under the guidance of Professor Clive Li.

Many thanks to Mission 50 for sponsoring and hosting the event. In addition, much appreciation to President Dr. Christopher Reber, Dr. Darryl Jones, Dr. Ara Karakashian, and Dr. Burl Yearwood for their support. Special thanks to the HCCC’s internal judges – Dr. David Clark, Dr. Heather DeVries, Jose Lowe, Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Professor Lester McRae, and Lilisa Williams (coach) – for the valuable feedback they provided to the students in preparation for the event. Congratulations to all the teams!

ARRIGO O. ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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The EOFPANJ established the Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award in 2003, recognizing leaders enrolled in EOF programs who have demonstrated an exceptional record of campus and or community service contributions while sustaining a commitment to academic excellence and career-related endeavors.

The scholarship awards are named for Arrigo O. Rogers, a graduate of the EOF Program at what was then Rutgers College in New Brunswick, where he received EOF funding for



Scholarship recipient Marlenne Andalia (center) with EOF Program team members from left, Tejal Parekh, Assistant Director; Kyara Martin, Counselor; and Jose Lowe, Director.

his undergraduate and graduate studies. He held several student and professional leadership roles.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION CEREMONY



On Monday, May 23, HCCC’s Office of Student Life and Leadership held a celebration to recognize student leaders who have positively impacted the College and community through their leadership and service.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES DIVERSITY AWARD



HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber displays the College's American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) "Advancing Diversity Award of Excellence." The College was a 2022 finalist. The Awards of Excellence were presented during AACC's recent Annual Conference in New York, NY.

SAVE the DATE!

Hudson es Casa: Education & Community Fair
Presented by the HCCC Latino Advisory Council

Saturday June 25, 2022
North Hudson Campus
4800 Kennedy Blvd.
Union City, NJ 07083
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<https://www.hccc.edu/page/hudson-es-casa.html>

Join HCCC for

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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.

Wednesday, June 1

All About Assignments in Canvas, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Thursday, June 2

Girls in Technology Symposium, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hccc-girls-in-technology-2022-virtual-registration-344764789767>

Monday, June 6

Bridging the Gap Speaker Series, featuring Wajahat Ali, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Wajahat>; Zoom Meeting ID: 965 1578 9452; Passcode: 156255

Interactive Video Discussion with "FlipGrid" in Canvas, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. , Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Tuesday, June 7

New Quizzes in Canvas, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Wednesday, June 8

Videoconferencing with WebEx in Canvas, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Accommodations at HCCC Workshop, 7 p.m.
Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jsafont>

Thursday, June 9

Canvas Analytics, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Tuesday, June 14

Mediasite (part 1) - Creating, Managing, and Delivering Video Content, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96806280986?pwd=bkKvSUppVk5nakFTQ3gzVTJiZVBOZz09>; Passcode: 258699

Thursday, June 16

Learning Community Virtual Information Session, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Join at <https://tinyurl.com/LearnCommunities>; Password: HCCC

Friday, June 17

Observance of Juneteenth – Floating Holiday

Tuesday, June 21

Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m556fd544965e83213721b71a3a989ec4>; Meeting number: 2630 849 2092; Password: JuneTH2022

Mediasite (part 2) - Video Presentation Engagement and Assignments, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Thursday, June 23

Cannadex Cannabis Event, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 161 Newkirk St. Visit <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/events/cannadex.html>

Accessibility and Ally, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3cc3jz>

Saturday, June 25

Hudson es Casa: Latino Education & Community Resource Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

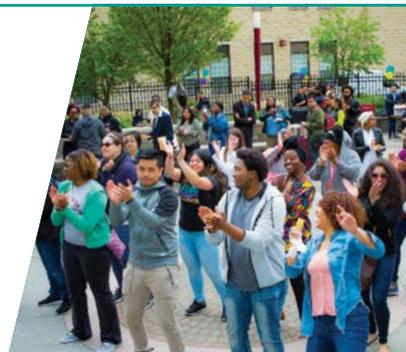
Wednesday, June 29

"Si Se Puede" Information Session, Career Services, 6 p.m., Join virtually at <https://bit.ly/HCCCSiSePuede>

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Samantha Ramirez

Class of 2022

Associate in Arts – Liberal Arts

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

The factors that led me to attend Hudson County Community College included the resources accessible to low-income students like myself. I am a child of a single-parent household, and a first-generation college student. It was not easy to select a school as I did not know much about four-year institutions, nor did I have the funds to pay for tuition. When I heard about the EOF Program, and how students could transfer to a four-year institution after two years of schooling, it was a no-brainer that HCCC was for me.

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

My favorite memory of the College would be participating in the Federal Work-Study program in the Advisement & Counseling Department. Not only did I network with my peers and staff, but I also had a safe space to learn, and came to realize I wanted to pursue a career in counseling. The advisors provided me with the tools I needed to earn my part-time job at the EOF Program.

How did you become interested in Liberal Arts?

Liberal Arts was not always my major. After studying in HCCC's Licensed Practical Nursing Program, I realized nursing was not my path. I took time off during the pandemic and changed my major to Liberal Arts to finish my degree at Hudson. I can transfer with my degree to New Jersey City University and pursue a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with this major.

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

The EOF Program prepared me for my career and life now. With my fellow staff members and counselors, I networked and met so many other staff members from HCCC and several other colleges. I gained more knowledge, and received career advice and support. I owe thanks to HCCC as my confidence increased through the endless opportunities the College offers.

What is a typical workday for you?

A typical workday as a Retention Specialist entails talking with students who need assistance in their academic journey. The students and I work collaboratively on academic plans, tutoring requests, and grade reviews. I meet monthly with scholars remotely or in person – just as they do with their EOF Counselors – to ensure they are on track for academic success.

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

The most memorable case I worked on was a student who reminded me of myself several years ago. After making mistakes and not prioritizing coursework, the student returned to school years later. The student had been on probation because of those mistakes. By meeting with an EOF Counselor and me, the Retention Specialist, the student gained sufficient motivation to exit probation and achieve a higher GPA.

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

My biggest inspirations that impacted my work are the love and support I have received from my EOF family, HCCC staff, and family.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

The advice I give to recent HCCC graduates is to follow your dreams! I learned from the COVID-19 pandemic that life is too short for you to postpone anything. You will never know if the journey or path you wish to take isn't for you if you don't jump at the opportunity and try.

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

Don't let anyone discourage you! Own your journey; do your best. Hudson is truly home and will always be here to help you.



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?

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