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COLLEGE DEDICATES
NEW BLOOMBERG FINANCE LAB**



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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEDICATES NEW BLOOMBERG FINANCE LAB ON OCTOBER 23

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) marked the official opening of the College's new Bloomberg Finance Lab with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. The event took place in the new Lab, which is located on the fourth floor of the College's Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City, NJ.

The event was hosted by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, who welcomed Bloomberg LP Account Manager, Dana Klarer; HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Eric Friedman; Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Paul Dillon; and HCCC students, faculty, and staff.

The HCCC Bloomberg Finance Lab is designed to provide students with real-world experience utilizing the same platform employed by the world's leading banks, corporations, and government agencies. The Lab is outfitted with a terminal and computers like those found in major financial institutions on Wall Street and around the world. The Bloomberg for Education Terminal, for example, is a 24-hour, global, financial-services system that provides transparent and reliable financial, economic, and government information on all markets. The Terminal features more than 20 years of company financials, market data,

charts, and statistics; as well as communication platforms, and current news reports.

"The Bloomberg Finance Lab gives our business students a tremendous edge," Dr. Reber stated. "It exposes students pursuing Associate of Science degrees in Business Administration to a simulated – but very realistic – market environment, and provides them with the opportunity to attain the hands-on knowledge and real-world experience they will need to compete in today's financial world."

The Bloomberg Finance Lab was made possible by a grant from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The federal funding is awarded to the states and then allocated to secondary and post-secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

The HCCC Associate in Science in Business Administration program prepares graduates for seamless transfers to baccalaureate degree programs in business-related fields. HCCC graduates are also qualified for entry-level administrative and management positions. The curriculum includes communication skills, accounting, economics, finance, marketing, and business management courses, and electives that prepare students for specialized and advanced coursework.

ON THE COVER

Pictured from left: Nydia James, Assistant Grants Officer; Sean Kerwick, Grants Officer; Dana Klarer, Bloomberg LP Account Manager; Sharon Daughtry, College Lecturer – Business; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management; Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost; and Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President.

HCCC TRUSTEE CHAIR WILLIAM J. NETCHERT HONORED WITH ACCT NORTHEAST REGION TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD



HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman, William J. Netchert, Esq. (right), Northeast Region M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award, pictured with, on stage from left; Dr. Edward Mathein, Jackson College, Michigan (Central); and Gladys Christensen, Central Arizona College, Arizona (Pacific).

Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Board of Trustees Chairman, William J. Netchert, Esq., received the 2019 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Northeast



HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman, William J. Netchert, Esq. (center) with Alexandra Kehagias (left), Alumni Representative to the Board and Trustee Roberta Kenny.

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DELEGATES PARTICIPATE IN HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE



In background from left: Yeury Pujols, Executive Director, North Hudson Campus; Rafael Castro; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Kerry Stetler; and Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost. In foreground from left: Katicia ("Kat") Colon; Suri Hidalgo; and Kailyn Segovia Vazquez.



Pictured from left: Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President and Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost.

A delegation of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) students and administrators recently attended the HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) 33rd Annual Conference at the Hilton Chicago. The conference, which included a series of workshops to showcase exemplary programs and initiatives, and the most promising practices in educating Hispanic students in higher education, took place from Saturday, October 5, to Monday, October 7, 2019. The theme for this year's conference was "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Meeting the Challenge of Prosperity and Equality."

Hudson County Community College is a member of HACU, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting Hispanic student success in higher education. HACU represents more than

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL LEARNING CENTER AWARD

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Abigail Douglas Johnson Academic Support Services Center has been recognized with the 2019 National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award for 2-Year Institutions. The award was presented at the NCLCA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

Each year, the NCLCA recognizes just two learning assistance centers for excellence – one two-year college, and one four-year college or university. The award brings national attention to work done by learning centers in fostering their future growth and development.

"This recognition is truly outstanding, and well deserved," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "The Abigail Douglas Johnson Academic Support Services Center is vital to our students' success, and the Frank L. Christ Award is a testimony to the dedication and hard work of our Academic Support Services staff."

Criteria for the award are based on best practices established by Frank Christ, the esteemed founder of the Winter Institutes for Learning Assistance Professionals and the Western Reading Association, now known as the College Reading and



The Hudson County Community College Abigail Douglas-Johnson Academic Support Services Center was the recipient of the 2019 National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award for 2-Year Institutions. The College's Head Tutor for Math, Science, & Business, Kyle Woolley, and North Hudson Head Tutor, Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, accepted the award at the NCLCA Conference.

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NEW BANNERS IN JOURNAL SQUARE HIGHLIGHT A GROWING COLLEGE CAMPUS



Pictured from left: Ahmed Shedeed, Trustee, Journal Square SID; Dr. Chris Reber, President, Hudson County Community College; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President & Provost, Hudson County Community College; Chris Bernardo, Administrator, Journal Square SID.

College students have long provided social, economic, and cultural energy to the communities they study in. They support local businesses and seek out new and exciting ways to experience the neighborhoods and public spaces they inhabit.

In an effort to underscore the contributions of Hudson County Community College (HCCC), and its students, the College, along with the Journal Square Special Improvement District (SID), has launched a campaign that includes 100 pole-mounted banners around the district. The banners

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HCCC TO COHOST THE NISOD/ACUE SEMINAR COLLABORATION

The National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) recently launched a new collaborative that commits to excellence in faculty instruction and student success. HCCC was selected as a CoHost.

This group of HCCC Faculty and Staff Members (along with several others that are not pictured here) will be attending the NISOD/ACUE One-Day Credit Bearing Seminar. To kick off the Seminar, a "Meet and Greet" was held by the Office of Faculty and Staff Development, so that Seminar attendees could network and ask questions about the upcoming day's event. The Seminar will take place at the Culinary Conference Center on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. HCCC is one of the first 10 colleges around the nation, and the only college in the state of New Jersey, selected to co-host the NISOD/ACUE collaboration. We are thankful to Dr. Eric Friedman and Dr. Chris Reber for their support of this professional development initiative that sup-



Pictured from left: Heather Connors, English Instructor; Joseph Cangilia, Interim Associate Dean of English and ESL; Maria Schirita, ESL Instructor; and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development. (Missing from photo: Jihan Nakhla, Medical Assisting Instructor and Ahmed Bekkouche, STEM Instructor.)

ports our faculty members in their mission to offer high-quality programs that promote the success of all our students. This particular Seminar will give participants the tools to help close the gaps for students who are lacking in college preparedness. For more information about this and other faculty and staff professional development contact Lilisa Williams at 201-360-4015 or send email to lwiliams@hccc.edu. Find us online at <https://my.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accounts Receivable/Bursar Clerk (PT)
 Adjunct Faculty – Developmental English and Reading
 Adjunct Faculty – English Composition I and II
 Adjunct Faculty – ESL
 Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Nursing
 Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
 Adjunct Faculty – Sociology and Anthropology
 Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
 Admissions Recruiter
 Apprenticeship Program Coordinator
 Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
 Certified Nurse Aide Instructor (PT)
 Clinical Nurse Specialist
 College Lecturer / Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical
 College Lecturer, Radiography: Didactic/Clinical
 College Lecturer, English
 College Lecturer (Radiography)
 Custodial Worker
 Customer Service Assistant (PT)
 Customer Service Assistant (PT) (Spanish Speaker)
 Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
 Instructional Technologist
 Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
 Instructor, Exercise Science
 Librarian (PT)
 Patient Access Representative Technician Instructor (PT)
 Per Diem BLS and CPR Instructor
 Perkins Grant Coordinator
 Research Analyst
 Senior Accountant
 Sign Language Interpreter (PT)

BENEFITS FAIR



The Human Resources Department held a Benefits Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 8, giving employees an opportunity to interact with representatives from medical, retirement, and mental health benefits vendors and the College's employee unions.

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Eduardo Calderon

Five Years
Tera McGee

10 Years
Guerly Jean- Baptiste

20 Years
Dorothea Graham-King

25 Years
Pamela Bandyopadhyay

NEW HIRES

Darryl E. Jones,
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
(effective Nov. 12, 2019)

Ernestina Vargas,
Library Associate

Jocelyn S. Wong-Castellano,
Admissions Advisor

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Office of Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

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

**Hudson County Community College
 Human Resources Department
 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
 Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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



Dr. Darryl E. Jones
Associate Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President, Dr. Chris Reber, announced the appointment of Dr. Darryl E. Jones as the College's new Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"We are very happy to welcome Dr. Jones to Hudson County Community College," Dr. Reber said. "He possesses a wealth of leadership and academic experience. Further, he is passionate about student success, and values diversity and inclusion, which are HCCC priorities."

Reporting to the Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Jones will provide vision, leadership, and supervision for all credit-bearing instructional areas; supervise academic deans and other leaders throughout the academic division; manage and ensure effective use of fiscal resources through appropriate hiring, planning, and scheduling; oversee academic and instructional budgets; ensure relevant program development and curricular change to best serve the College's community; and ensure excellence in academic programs and services.

Dr. Jones comes to HCCC from Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) in Pennsylvania, where he served as the Vice President of the York Campus. Before joining HACC, Dr. Jones spent 12 years at the College of New Rochelle (NY), where he held several leadership roles including Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. He also taught a variety of psychology courses.

Dr. Jones holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Union Institute and University in Ohio, and a Master of Education degree in Counseling and Student Development Psychology from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for six years and was honorably discharged in 1990.

Dr. Jones will begin his new role at HCCC on November 12, 2019.

HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Trustee Adamarys Galvin (second from left) takes the oath of office as a member of the HCCC Board of Trustees. She is pictured with, from left, Board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.; Board Counsel Sean D. Dias, Esq.; and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. announced that the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently named Dr. Joseph Doria and Adamarys Galvin to serve as new Board members, filling the expiring terms of former Trustees Joanne Kosakowski and Kevin Callahan. The new Trustees' terms on the HCCC Board run through Oct. 31, 2021. In addition, the Freeholders reappointed HCCC Trustee Karen Fahrholz to serve through Oct. 31, 2022, and Trustee Harold Stahl to serve through Oct. 31, 2021.

Dr. Doria and Ms. Galvin were inducted at the Board's meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019. At that meeting, Ms. Kosakowski was recognized as Trustee Emerita for her long service on the Board. Outgoing Trustee Kevin Callahan and former Trustee Adrienne Sires were also honored for their years of exemplary Board service.

Dr. Doria presently serves as Dean of the School of Education at Saint Peter's University. He is also a part-time faculty member at the Rutgers University-New Brunswick Eagleton Institute of Politics, and a Principal at Magis Strategies. North



Dr. Joseph Doria (second from left) is inducted as a member of the HCCC Board of Trustees. He is pictured with, from left, Board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.; Board Counsel Sean D. Dias, Esq.; and HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

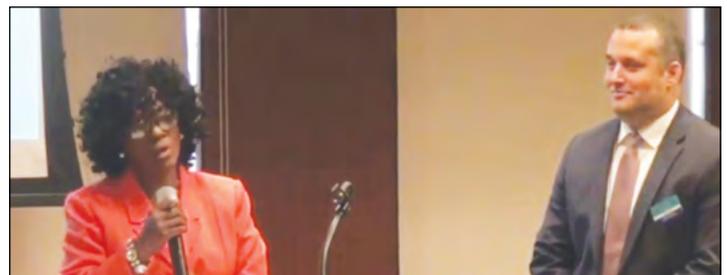


Pictured from left: former Trustee Adrienne Sires; Board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.; Trustee Emerita Joanne Kosakowski; HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; and former Trustee Kevin G. Callahan, J.S.C. (Ret.)

Bergen resident Adamarys Galvin possesses a distinguished career in Bilingual and ESL education. She began her career as a Bilingual Teacher with the North Bergen Board of Education and progressed to Supervisor of the Bilingual/ESL Program. Ms. Galvin is presently Director of the Bilingual/ESL Program for the North Bergen Board of Education and Director of the ESL Adult Night School at Hudson County Schools of Technology.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (PACDEI) LAUNCHED OCTOBER 3, 2019

The PACDEI held its kick-off meeting on Thursday, October 3 where 31 of its 35 members attended. The membership of the PACDEI is composed of faculty, staff, administrators, students, board of trustee members and community members who volunteered to be a part of it. The meeting's agenda included welcoming remarks from President Reber, additional remarks from Bakari Lee, Esq., Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, review of the PACDEI's charges and robust discussion on the topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at HCCC.



Pictured above: Co-Chairs of the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus and Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development.

Dr. Reber kicked off the agenda by highlighting the importance of DEI work and his commitment to its success. Bakari Lee welcomed the group and shared his desires to see everyone work together to take

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ENROLLMENT NEWS

OPEN HOUSE



The Nursing & Health Sciences Division answers questions for prospective students.



Prospective students complete applications for admission. Application fees were waived at the event.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Hudson County Community College held its Fall Open House at the North Hudson Campus.

EOF DEAN'S LIST RECEPTION



Jose Lowe, EOF Director, brings greetings to students, administrators, and staff members.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program honored EOF students who made the Spring 2019 Dean's List at a luncheon gathering.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL



On Oct. 17, Student Life and Leadership and WomenRising, Inc. collaborated to support Domestic Abuse Awareness Month with a special candlelight vigil for those affected by and victims of domestic violence.

SOCIALS WITH THE PRESIDENT



Pizza at North Hudson, Sept. 24.



Empanadas at Journal Square, Oct. 23.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber met one-on-one with students at socials on the Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses.

INVOLVEMENT FAIR



On Oct. 3, students at the North Hudson Campus had an opportunity to sign up for College clubs and organizations and meet club members and officers.

REAL MONEY 101



Robert Nash of Northeast Planning Corporation discusses "How to Build Wealth While Protecting Against Risk" at a Financial Literacy workshop, presented by the Office of Student Financial Assistance, on Oct. 3.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at:

www.hccc.edu/testschedule.

Community College Opportunity Grant

Eligible students will receive **FREE TUITION** and fees.
(For students with an adjusted gross income of \$65,000 per year or less)

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS: 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (adjacent to the Journal Square PATH Station)

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS: 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ (adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)

SECAUCUS CENTER: One High Tech Way, Secaucus, NJ

HUDSON ONLINE: Many courses and five fully online degrees! www.hccc.edu/OnlineLearning/



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freetuition@hccc.edu | 201.360.HCCC (4222) | Text: 201-744-2767

www.hccc.edu/freetuition

"After being absent from the classroom for over 20 years, the CCOG program allowed me to return to college and work towards a degree for me and my four children."

—Koral Booth
CCOG recipient
English major



Join us for an
OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, November 9, 2019
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
(adjacent to the Journal Square
PATH Station)

RSVP Today at
www.hccc.edu/openhouse
or contact admissions@hccc.edu

Hudson County Community College

FREE TUITION
Information Session

Eligible students will receive
FREE TUITION and fees.
(for students with an adjusted
gross income of \$65,000 per year or less)



In partnership with the Mayor's Office, HCCC will hold an information session on the new Community College Opportunity Grant, which is a pilot program that gives eligible students the opportunity to attend HCCC tuition free. **This session is an opportunity to determine if you are eligible, learn about the enrollment process, get your questions answered, and more!**

Admissions and Financial Aid representatives will be available on-site.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Formal presentation to begin at 10 a.m.
with informal Q&A session to follow

Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

To register: freehccc.eventbrite.com

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



On Saturday, Oct. 12, Jamie Swanson, her three sons, and two HCCC mathematics professors volunteered.



Beta Alpha Phi volunteered with the Friends of Liberty State Park on Saturday, Sept. 28.



Beta Alpha Phi participated in Phi Theta Kappa Awareness Week from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27.



Rimsha Bazaïd, Anass Ennasraoui, David Martinez, Melinda Mclendon, Crystal Newton, Samikshya Poudel, Brian Ribas, Kailyn Segovia-Vazquez, Christine Tirado, Abou Traore, Diego Villatoro, and Professors Fidelis Foda-Kaouo and Ted Lai attended the Middle States Leadership Conference at Rowan College of South Jersey on Oct. 19.

HCCC WELCOMES 'THE WALK OF IMMIGRANTS' PHOTOJOURNALIST SAUL FLORES



Saul Flores (center) with HCCC students following his presentation of "The Walk of Immigrants."

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) kicked off its 2019-2020 "Speaker Series" featuring the acclaimed photojournalist and philanthropist Saul Flores. Mr. Flores' appearance took place on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

In "The Walk of Immigrants" presentation Mr. Flores shared details of his three-month, 5,328-mile walk from Ecuador to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2010. He made the grueling and treacherous journey to document what immigrants face in attempting to enter the United States. During the journey he snapped 20,000 photographs, capturing the essence of the people, communities and cultures he encountered.



Photojournalist and philanthropist Saul Flores lectures at the College during an Oct. 16 appearance.

Foundation Art Collection

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

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

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Annina Nosei for the generous donation of *Mina* by Santiago Rubino (2007) a graphite on paper work. Thank you to James White for the numerous books, brochures and pamphlets about artist Robert Kipniss, and the 12 limited-edition prints.

ARTIST NEWS

Ibrahim Ahmed III, whose work is on view on the second, third, and fifth floors of the North Hudson Campus, and **Anne McKeown**, whose work can be seen in the Welcome Center of North Hudson and the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue, among many places on campus, are both featured in an exhibition called "Raw Umber" through March 3, 2020 at Nico Kitchen + Bar, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), 1 Center Street in Newark. "Raw Umber" is the inaugural exhibit that launches a new partnership between Newark's artist-run Gallery Aferro and NJPAC.

Work by **Richard Artschwager** can be seen on the first floor of 2 Enos Place and at the North Hudson Library. The collection also includes work by **Bruce Nauman** and **Claes Oldenburg** which is being prepared for installation. Art by all of these artists can be seen at Hudson Valley MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) in Peekskill, New York in an exhibition called "How We Live: Selections from the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection" through July 19, 2020.

Artwork by **Siona Benjamin** can be seen on the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center. You can now also see recent paintings by the artist at the new MC Hotel in downtown Montclair, which commissioned six works of art which are 6' x 6' acrylic-on-canvas and mixed media works featuring the beautiful flora and

fauna of the Montclair area. These were inspired by the tradition of the Jodhpur style of Indian miniature paintings. Check it out!

Elizabeth Catlett's work can be seen on the third floor of the Gabert Library and on the first floor of the Joseph Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Avenue. **Wille Cole's** work can also be seen on the second and third floors of the Gabert Library. **Kerry James Marshall's** work can be seen on the second floor of 2 Enos Place. Art by all of these artists is also featured at a new ongoing exhibit "Afrocosmologies: American Reflections" at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Connecticut until Jan 20, 2020. According to the Museum, "It's human to look for order in the universe – to develop a cosmology or system of belief. Art reflects this search for understanding." This show "examines successive generations of African American artists [whose] cosmologies illustrate particular aspects of American history but are informed by African philosophical, ritual, and cultural systems that migrated here in memory." According to curator and artist Berrisford Boothe of the Petrucci Family Foundation, one of the exhibition donors, this work speaks to "the resilient, creative, and persistent humanity within Black American culture ... Within the African American community and now across America at large, conceptions of race, gender, and community that once seemed fixed are now in flux or at least open for discussion. What was once a binary system of black or white aesthetics, now involves globally transplanted voices of color that exist within, are elevated by, and add authentic cosmological dynamism to American cultural conversations." In this continuing conversation, there must be sensitivity, but also the recognition that America's history and its impact cannot be eluded."



Acclaimed artist, **Karen Finley**, whose art addresses issues such as the treatment of women, AIDS, and the Holocaust, appeared at a Foundation Artist Talk on Friday, Oct. 3.

The New Jersey Historical Commission is sponsoring a full-day conference on Nov. 1 at Rutgers University titled, "NJ Women Make History." Among the many panels featured that day will be one moderated by Dr. Fernanda Perrone of Rutgers titled "Through the Archival Lens: New Jersey Women Artists of the 20th Century." One of the artists who will be discussed is **Sister Mary of the Compassion, from the Blue Chapel in Union City**. For more information go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-new-jersey-history-conference-nj-women-make-history-tickets-68191983057>. You can see Compassion's work on the seventh floor of the North Hudson Campus.

Valeri Larko, whose work is installed on the fourth floor of the STEM Building, will be exhibiting her work through Nov. 17 at the Susquehanna Art Museum, 1401 North 3rd St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For more information: <http://www.susquehannaartmuseum.org/galleries/hidden-city/>

Congratulations to Cultural Affairs Director **Michelle Vitale**, whose art is included in at Seton Hall University's recent show, "New World Water" which opens on November 7, 5 to 9 p.m. If you're in the South Orange area, take a look at the show, which will be on display through December 13 in the Walsh Library.

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

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

If you'd like a free tour of the Collection, please contact **Andrea Siegel, PhD, Foundation Art Collection Coordinator** at ASiegel@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4007.



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

CULTURES & DIVERSITY

A GALA DINING EXPERIENCE

Featuring the Culinary Arts Institute

Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information go to www.hccc.edu/foundationdonor

2019 DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD HONOREES

GARY GREENBERG
Executive Director/CEO,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County

FRANK J. GARGIULO
Retired Superintendent of
Hudson County Schools of Technology



DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents



HCCC UNVEILS 'RELATABLE' ART EXHIBITION



Michelle Vitale (left), Director of Cultural Affairs, introduces artists participating in the "Relatable" exhibition. She is pictured with, from left: Freddy Samboy, Jim Watt, Taezoo Park, and Pat Lay.

Artist, Pat Lay (center) discusses her work and process and how it relates to everyday life with HCCC Art Students during the "Relatable" exhibition artist talk on Oct. 4.



The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs highlights emerging and established New Jersey artists of worldwide acclaim in the new exhibition, "Relatable."

The College invites the community to view the "Relatable" exhibition, which highlights the age-old question, "Does art imitate life, or does life imitate art?" The exhibition was highlighted on Friday, Oct. 4 with an artists' discussion in the Dineen Hull Gallery, located at 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. There is no charge for admission to the exhibition, which will be on display through Nov. 19.

At the Oct. 4 talk, the presenting artists reflected on their work as it relates to daily experiences. HCCC Professors Michael Aaron Lee and Jon Rappleye, and HCCC alumnus Freddy Samboy, were joined by fellow artists Beth Achenbach, Pat Lay, Ibou Ndoye, Taezoo Park, and Jim Watt.

The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs welcomes Hudson County community members, organizations, businesses, and school groups to enjoy cultural programs at the College. Groups of 6 to 30 visitors are invited to a FREE 45-minute tour of our current fall exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. To schedule a tour, contact Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.edu, or call 201-360-4182.

The Dineen Hull Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. More information is available at www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

**DOCA RESIDENCY
JERSEY CITY WRITERS NANOWRIMO**



Jersey City Writers are back by popular demand! Throughout the month of November, DOCA partners with Jersey City Writers, College Libraries, and the Writing Center at HCCC to offer Writing Marathons for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo).

What is NaNoWriMo? It's an annual, internet-based creative writing project where participants attempt to write a 50,000-word manuscript between November 1 and November 30. These Writing Marathons are designed to help you hit your NaNoWriMo word count or to reach any writing goal you may have. Join us and knock out that novel, short story, poem, or blog post!

HCCC students are encouraged to sign up! Students that attend may enter a drawing to win gift cards from some great local businesses. The drawing will be done at the end of the JCW Residency program. Programs will be held in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., 6th Fl.

SCHEDULE:

- Wednesdays: November 6, 13, 20 at 6 p.m.
- Fridays: November 1, 8, 15, 22 at 6 p.m.
- Saturdays: November 2, 9, 16, 23 at 2 p.m.
- Sundays: November 3, 10, 17, 24 at 2 p.m.

Sign up to attend the NaNoWriMo Writing Marathons on Meetup at www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group.

Photo I.D. must be shown when entering the Hudson County Community College campus. All events are FREE and open to the public.

For up-to-date program and event information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

ART CAFÉ

November 15,
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium



In honor of Veterans Day, join the Department of Cultural Affairs for a special edition of Art Café on Friday, November 15. Enjoy New York views, stroll the gallery, and meet other local veterans. HCCC alumnus and Jersey City Police Officer Leon Tucker, Jr. will lead a discussion on the life and legacy as an American veteran. Light refreshments will be served.

ART OF YOGA

November 19, 12 p.m.
Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium



Reflecting back, moving forward. Join entrepreneur and creator of Mindful Play Yoga Jamie Wilson Murray for a 50-minute yoga session. This partnership supports themes in our gallery exhibit *Pow(h)er* and celebrates the anniversary of the woman suffrage movement and empowerment. The goal of the trilogy is to recognize women's contributions to the Yoga movement, and to the wellness of everyday life. We recommend bringing your own yoga mat – a limited number of mats will be available.
www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga

CLOSING RECEPTION

Relatable
November 19,
4-7 p.m.

Join us for the *Relatable* exhibition closing reception and also view Roberta Melzl's artwork in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium. Light refreshments will be served.



Modernist Fence, Michael Lee

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



From Sept. 28, CE's Watercolor workshop with local artist Katie Perez of Katie Pea Studio.



Last month's #SocialMedia #ContentCreation & #PersonalBranding class with Instructor Sudio Sudarsan.

HCCC's Continuing Education has partnered with "Classroom Au Pair" to offer a series of weekend classes specifically designed for the busy lifestyle and schedule of au pairs. Each weekend program accounts for three CEU credits. Our first class, "Social Media, Creating Content & Personal Branding," kicked off in October. Our next course is Nov. 2 and 3, "Exploring Digital Photography and NYC." Email cfarrell@hccc.edu for more details!



From Oct. 25, students get into food preparation at CE's Latin Flavors class with Chef Sean Wilson. Visit tinyurl.com/hccc1920culinary for more upcoming classes and email cfarrell@hccc.edu for group discounts.

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) LEADERSHIP CONGRESS



At the 2019 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in October, administrators from HCCC facilitated a panel titled "Building the Student-Apprentice Model: Making It Work for All." Dr. John Marlin, Vice President of Academic Affairs at County College of Morris, also participated in the panel.

Pictured above from left: Dr. Eric M. Friedman Executive Vice President and Provost; Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Board Vice Chair; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; and Lori Margolin, Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Development.



Center for Business & Industry joined WomenRising Inc. as they celebrated 114 years of service at their annual Gala on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The evening's honoree was Ikram Ben, an alumna of Hudson County Community College. Pictured from left are Samaya Yashayeva; Dr. Joan Rafter, HCCC Professor; Ikram Ben; Elaine Foster, HCCC Professor; Sr. Roseann Mazzeo, Executive Director of WomenRising; and Catherina Mirasol.

HUDSON COUNTY WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HOLDS 'MEET THE FELLOWS RECEPTION'

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) hosted the Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy (HCWLA) "Meet the Fellows Reception" on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the College's Culinary Conference Center. The reception provided invited guests with the opportunity to hear about the Fellows' experiences, celebrate their work, and network with workforce industry colleagues.

A 12-month fellowship developed through a partnership with the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program, the HCWLA is designed to strengthen the local network of workforce leaders through a series of retreats and workshops that acquaint the Fellows with new tools and strategies.

The 2019-2020 Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy Fellows and HCCC administrators.



STUDENT SUCCESS ACADEMY



Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, welcomes attendees to an inaugural Student Success Academy Luncheon.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, Hudson County Community College launched a Student Success Academy for a select group of students who have earned more than 40 credits and will receive specialized assistance in achieving degree completion.

Students in attendance had been placed on academic probation. Through the new success academy, they are able to hear about the many customized supports they will receive to be able to complete their programs.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES STUDENTS NAMED TO THE SPRING 2019 FULL-TIME DEAN'S LIST



HCCC students who qualified for the Spring 2019 Dean's List are congratulated by College administrators and faculty.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that 517 full-time students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester.

A special reception recognizing the accomplishments of these students was held at the College's Culinary Conference Center on Thursday evening, October 17, 2019. HCCC Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chris Wahl, and Associate

Dean of the Division of Academic Development and Support Services, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, welcomed and congratulated the students.

Criteria for eligibility to the Dean's List include full-time degree-seeking status, completion of all Academic Foundations and ESL (English as a Second Language) courses, and a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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470 universities and community colleges in the United States that, together, enroll two-thirds of all Hispanic students in higher education. (HACU also has 45 member universities in Latin America and Spain.) The organization's activities include improving legislation and government support for U.S. member institutions, building the institutional capacity of its member institutions, and promoting strategic alliances and partnerships, including academic cooperation programs across borders.

The HCCC delegation to the conference was headed by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Eric Friedman, and North Hudson Campus Executive Director Yeurys Pujols. The HCCC students – Rafael Castro,

Katricia Colon, Suri Hidalgo, and Kailyn Segovia Vazquez – were among just 234 students who attended the conference as participants sponsored by HACU and its partners from higher education institutions, corporations, and federal entities.

"Hudson County Community College is proud to be designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), one of only 275 colleges and universities in the nation that is recognized as such by HACU," Dr. Reber stated. "HACU provides scholarships, seminars, and opportunities like this conference that are immensely beneficial for our students."

The Hudson County Community College students joined more than 600 students from colleges

HCCC HOSTS LOCAL CHILDREN FOR DAY OF TREATS



Members of the Human Services Club engage with local children during a visit to the STEM Building.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the Human Services Program hosted children with autism from Jersey City's Public School No. 11. The Office of Student Life & Leadership provided gift bags for them which included an HCCC T-shirt. Flik provided a make-your-own pizza lunch at the Bits and Bytes Bistro. The STEM Division provided a tour of the labs, including a skeleton and chemistry hands-on demonstration.

The Human Services Club provided pumpkins and wooden cars for decorating. It was a collaborative effort to provide a fun visit for the children. Thanks to all who contributed.

SAFETY & SECURITY UNDERGOES CPR/AED TRAINING



On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Safety & Security Department underwent training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The certification following the passing of a written test is valid for two years.

and universities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to participate in the HACU ¡Adelante! Leadership Institute. In these workshops and networking sessions, students addressed educational, career, cultural and leadership issues, gained insight on the newest employment opportunities and hiring trends, and met potential mentors and employers.

The College's administrative delegates participated in workshops focused on Grants and Fundraising Opportunities; Partnerships that Work; Executive Leadership for Presidents, CEOs and Trustees; Championing Academic Success for Hispanic Students, Research and Practice; Advocacy and Policy; and International Partnerships.

NJCCC VISION 2028 BRIEFING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT AND ALUMNI LEADERS



HCCC representatives Diego Villatoro, Christine Tirado, Hamza Saleem, and Rhoda Alaribe.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges hosted a Student and Alumni Leader Briefing at Middlesex County College.

A delegation of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) student leaders and alumni (Hamza Saleem, Rhoda Alaribe, Christine Tirado and



Pictured from left: Dr. Aaron R. Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges; Diego Villatoro; Rhoda Alaribe; Christine Tirado; Hamza Saleem; and Dr. Phil Linfinte, Chairman, New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

Diego Villatoro) attended the NJCCC Vision 2028 to learn about and provide input on the Council's key initiatives and state policies that are impacting the state's community colleges. The group met counterparts from among New Jersey's 18 community colleges, as well as networked, and brainstormed ideas on how to improve the community

college experience. Students were also provided and update on the state's Community College Opportunity Grant Program. Lastly, students were also able to provide feedback on how to best encourage students and alumni to stay engaged.

The HCCC team discussed with NJCCC issues such as working with community colleges to strengthen the food safety net for students, as well as workforce training, and extending CCOG so it is available to more students. There was also a discussion about connecting student leaders of all 18 community colleges to work together on issues that matters to all New Jersey community college students.

"Most of the issues that were being discussed," says Saleem, "Hudson is already working on, including our amazing Food Pantry and our partnership with organizations such as Year Up New York New Jersey."

HCCC ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENTS IN EARLY COLLEGE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY



Students from the Marist High School College Now Program get their HCCC Student ID badges during orientation

University Partnerships

Hudson County Community College has a new onsite university partner, Montclair State University! According to Dr. Susan Cole, MSU President, of the 2019 Montclair State graduating students, "71 were from Hudson County Community College. While students received degrees in 25 different academic fields, the largest numbers were in Business Administration and Family Science and Human Development." In the fall, nearly 90 HCCC graduates transferred to MSU. Dr. Cole wrote, "The success of your students is a testament to the fine preparation they received at Hudson County Community College. On behalf of the entire University community, I extend congratulations to your fine faculty and staff."

A representative from Montclair State University is on the HCCC campus every Wednesday. Look for him tabling in the STEM Building, Gabert Library, and North Hudson Center. For more information about the dual admissions program between Hudson County Community College and Montclair State University, please contact Zabdi Medel, Montclair State University Community College Liaison at medelz@montclair.edu.

Early College News

This semester, over 500 students from more than 20 area high schools are earning college credit through the HCCC Early College Program.

In late August, first year students and parents from Jersey City Public Schools and Marist High School students were welcomed at the Early College Orientation. The orientation introduced the students to the campus, allowed students and parents to meet with the Early College staff, provided details for the Pathway to an associate degree, and prepared them for their first college course, College Student Success. Students in the program start earning college credits beginning their freshman year and will continue earning credits both in their high school building and on the HCCC campus, through their senior year. The high school graduation class of 2022 will earn an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation. Students registered for the College Student Success course, which began the following day.

The associate degree programs are just one aspect of Early College at HCCC. Students are also enrolled in a number of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in conjunction with area high schools. Every Friday, 40 high school students take classes at the award-winning Culinary Arts Institute with HCCC faculty.

STUDENTS TO DOCENTS



Speech students of Professor Nancy Booth became docents for their descriptive presentations. After selecting an artwork enshoused at NHC and getting approval from their teacher, Nancy's students researched the artist, media, and theme of the artwork. From Frank Gehry's *Wiggle Side Chair* of cardboard on the first floor to Tony Mendoza's acrylic *Bodega Union City* on second, from Sister Mary Rowe's silver and stones Brooch on three to Will Barnet's mylar *Gramercy Park* on four to Kenda North's ultrachrome print *Girl with Violin*, the class progressed from selected artwork to selected artwork. As they traveled from the seventh to the first floor, each student became the docent when the class reached their chosen picture/sculpture. It was a great experience for everyone, as some artwork, previously unnoticed before, now became a topic of conversation.

ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE



Associate Dean and Dream Team Member Paul Dillon and his Business, Culinary, and Hospitality Management faculty share their definitions of student success during Convocation.

At Convocation on October 2, 2019, Heather DeVries, co-chair of HCCC's Dream Team shared details related to ATD's Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool (ICAT). The ICAT is ATD's unique method of helping colleges assess capacity across ATD's seven dimensions of student success: equity; data and technology; leadership and vision; policy and practices; strategy and planning; engagement and communication; and teaching and learning. All faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to take the ICAT, which will be available from November 1 to November 16. The survey takes about an hour and can be completed either in one sitting, or as long as the same machine/device is used, in multiple sittings. Faculty, staff, and administrators can complete the ICAT from their respective desk computers or are welcome to use the open computer labs in the following locations: Gabert Library (L-419), the STEM Building (S-217), and North Hudson Campus (N-224).

HCCC will be among the first to administer ICAT, Version 1.5. A link to HCCC's ICAT survey, with HCCC's specific access code, will be shared with all faculty, staff and administrators via email starting on November 1. By participating in the ICAT, members of the HCCC community are eligible to enter raffles for several fantastic prizes

including two tickets for the Radio City Holiday Spectacular, two tickets for a holiday show at NJPAC, various gift cards to businesses on and around Journal Square, and lunch at HCCC's Subscription Dining Series. To enter, simply take a screenshot of your ICAT completion screen and send it to ICAT@hccc.edu. Winners will be selected at HCCC's Capacity Café event.

Dr. Mary Fifield and Dr. Rene Garcia, HCCC's Leadership and Data Coach respectively, will lead HCCC's Capacity Café on Thursday, November 21, 2019. The Capacity Café is an opportunity for the campus community to come together and discuss the results of the ICAT.

Until then, HCCC's Dream Team is hard at work disaggregating data and developing a plan for sharing key findings with the college community.

Didn't get a chance to participate in defining student success at Convocation?

KEEP A LOOK OUT—

"What Does Student Success Mean to You?" will be making an appearance at various other events throughout the semester!

**The ICAT will now be available November 1 – November 16, 2019.
Check your email and the HCCC portal for more information!**

NEW BANNERS IN JOURNAL SQUARE HIGHLIGHT A GROWING COLLEGE CAMPUS

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highlight the College's course offerings in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Nursing and the Culinary Arts.

"Our students already know about the diversity of the academic programs we offer," Chris Reber, President of Hudson County Community College said. "We want everyone visiting the Journal Square area to know that too, and to see that they don't have to leave the community to take advantage of a top notch college education."

HCCC's presence in Journal Square has grown rapidly over the last two decades with the development of new facilities throughout the district, including a state-of-the-art STEM building on

Academy Street, the Gabert Library on Sip Avenue and the landmark Culinary Arts Center and pocket park on Newkirk Street. Further investment is anticipated with the planned development of an \$8 million Student Center on Sip Avenue next to the Gabert Library. "Although Jersey City may not be considered a college town in the traditional sense," Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President & Provost for the College, said "the economic impact that students of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) have on Journal Square and our City should not be understated."

While the college has made a significant financial investment in the banner campaign, the SID, with the assistance of its operations team, will manage it and provide all of the necessary instal-

lation and maintenance support for the program. Chris Bernardo, Administrator for the SID, said, "Streets aren't just about cars, they're about creating a sense of connection between people and the places they're visiting." Bernardo added, "we're working with our City and County partners to create sidewalks and streets that are attractive, functional and safe." Pointing out that the SID has recently introduced a farmers market with artisan and merchandise vendors, and a seating area with food trucks, live music, and yoga, Jordan Galatz, President of the Journal Square Special Improvement District concluded that "These new banners are just a small part of a much larger effort to make sure that people know when they visit Journal Square they are visiting an extended college campus."



MIDDLE STATES UPDATE

- The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) issued a preliminary approval of our Secaucus campus as an additional location in July 2019. Per MSCHE, a respective substantive change site visit will be scheduled for final approval no later than six months after the commencement of instruction at the additional location. We have initiated communications with MSCHE in order to identify tentative site visit dates.
- Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, and the College's Accreditation Liaison Officer, will be presenting at the MSCHE Pre-Conference Workshop: "Keep Calm and Communicate: Employing Effective Communications in the Accreditation Process." Hudson County Community College has been commended on its exemplary communication initiatives.
- As part of our continuous improvement efforts, Dr. Friedman distributed to the President's Executive Council (PEC), all suggestions and recommendations identified in our Self-Study and by the Visiting Team in their report. Champions will be identified in the coming weeks to begin providing progress reports for all recommendations.
- An Accreditation Team will be attending the MSCHE Annual Conference in December 2019.

CONVOCATION



Pictured from left: Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Todd May, Convocation Keynote Speaker; and Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost.



Dr. Todd May, Convocation Keynote Speaker (center) with members of the STEM Division. Pictured at his left and right are Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, and Dr. Burl Yearwood, Associate Dean, STEM.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Hudson County Community College welcomed Dr. Todd May, Class of 1941 Memorial Professor of the Humanities at Clemson University, as keynote speaker for its 2019 Convocation.

He is the author of 15 books of philosophy, most recently *A Significant Life* (2015), *A Fragile Life* (2017), and *A Decent Life* (2019), all from University of Chicago Press. A sixteenth will be released in early 2020.

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS CLASS VISITS AMAZON FACILITY



On Thursday, Oct. 24, Prof. Elana Winslow accompanied some of her Introduction to Business students to an Amazon Distribution Center in Edison. The group received an in-depth tour of the facility and learned a lot related to supply chain logistics, employee motivation, and employee compensation/benefits.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER

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Learning Association. The criteria fall into nine areas: general (mission, administration); clientele (serving the entire campus community – students, faculty, administration, staff and alumni); programs and services (walk-in assistance plus workshops); technology; partnering; program evaluation (using qualitative and quantitative measures by an outside evaluator); publicity and public relations (to promote programs and offerings); staff training; and certification and recognition.

The HCCC Abigail Douglas Johnson Academic Support Services Center provides free tutoring in all subject areas on walk-in and scheduled bases. Individual and small-group sessions are conducted

each day by trained tutors. Workshops help students prepare for exams, polish writing skills, and much more. In 2014, the Center was honored with the National Tutoring Association Excellence in Tutoring Award.

Dr. Reber congratulated and thanked HCCC Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Christopher Wahl; Associate Dean of Academic Development and Support Services, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay; Head Tutor for Math, Science, & Business, Kyle Woolley; and North Hudson Head Tutor, Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin; and all of the Center's tutors and staff members.

"This award is a great point of pride for the College, and our entire community," Dr. Reber stated.

Get Connect-ED with HCCC!



Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice-messaging emergency-alert system in the event of a crisis or emergency that poses an immediate and life-threatening danger to the College community.

Connect-ED is HCCC's response to a federal law which requires disclosure of pertinent information about campus crime and security. The system will allow the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email and/or text message.

Both HCCC students and employees have been automatically registered by College email in the emergency-alert system and will receive alerts unless they opt out. Users may access the College's web site, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register additional contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers.

Free and Confidential

HCCC will provide this emergency service free of charge to students and employees – there is no charge to sign up. However, mobile service providers may charge a fee for incoming messages depending on an individual's plan.

Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

For information about Connect-ED, visit www.hccc.edu/emergency

Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!

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STEM Building, 263 Academy Street, First Floor
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday to Friday

OFFICE OF FACULTY & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS @ NHC

A CLOSER LOOK AT OER

Monday, November 11
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
North Hudson Campus

PLANNING YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Thursday, December 5
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
North Hudson Campus

For more information and to register, please visit the Office of Faculty and Staff Development portal page.

STEM SPOTLIGHT



*NSF S-STEM/B2B Annual Conference at Rutgers University: Dr. Clive Li (left) with students Anass Ennasraoui, Diana Gonzalez-Argueta, Joane Neira and Carolina Balcazar. (**students may not be in the right order)***



On Tuesday, Oct. 22, the STEM Club welcomed Tom Timko, a NASA Solar System Ambassador, who discussed his passion and love for space and astronomy.

On Friday, Oct. 11, during the NSF S-STEM/B2B Annual Conference at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Hudson County Community College STEM students represented the College with a very successful way.

HCCC STEM students (and STEM Club members) Diana Gonzalez-Argueta, Joane Neira and Carolina Balcazar won the first two places of best posters out of 163 poster existed during the event.

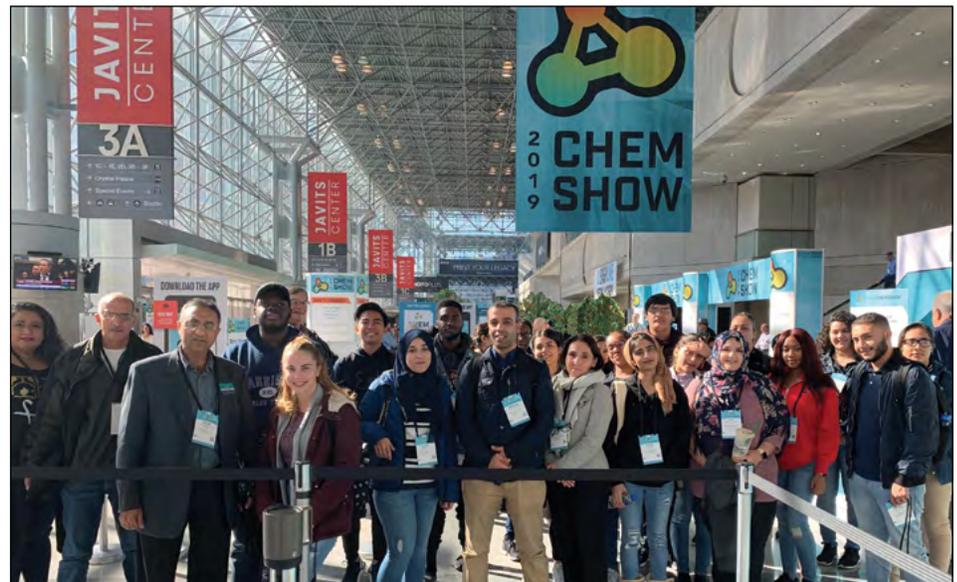
Construction Management Program Visits FDU

On Monday, Oct. 21, the STEM Division – Construction Management Program took its students to Fairleigh Dickinson University. The objective was to introduce students to a four-year institution with which HCCC has dual admission/articulation agreement and where they could pursue bachelor's degree after graduating from the A.A.S. program in Construction Management.

The HCCC team was hosted by Dr. Alfredo Tan, Director of the University's Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences and Engineering. Different representatives from academics, enrolment, financial aid and student advisement divisions gave presentations to the students. Dr. Tan also arranged lunch for the team and gave a detailed tour of their engineering labs, which was very informative for the students.



Construction Management students toured the Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences and Engineering at Fairleigh Dickinson University.



More than 50 HCCC students and faculty attended the Chem Show at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City.

The delegation from HCCC included: Dr. Burl Yearwood (Associate Dean of STEM); Dr. Azhar Mahmood (Coordinator/Contact Person – Construction Management Program); Prof. Engr. Khursheed Khan (adjunct faculty – Construction Management program); S. Williams (Security Officer, HCCC); and students.

Chem Show

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, a delegation of more than 50 HCCC students and faculty attended the Chem Show at the Jacob Javits Center in New York

City. Held every other year, the show exclusively focuses on the processing of fluids, powders and gases and is attended by more than 270 exhibiting companies and more than 5,000 chemical processing industry (CPI) professionals for one-on-one networking, product interaction, educational seminars and best practices learning.

Special thanks to Dr. Azhar Mahmood and Dr. Clive Li who served as chaperones, and to the Office of Student Life and Leadership who sponsored transportation for the trip.

HCCC TRUSTEE CHAIR WILLIAM J. NETCHERT HONORED

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Pictured from left: 2018-19 ACCT Chair Connie Hornbeck; HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman, William J. Netchert, Esq.; and ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown.



Pictured from left: Marcella Williams, Executive Secretary; Alexandra Kehagias, Alumni Representative to the Board; Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative Assistant; and Trustee Roberta Kenny.



Pictured from left: HCC President Dr. Chris Reber; HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman, William J. Netchert, Esq.; Barbara Netchert; Alexandra Kehagias, Alumni Representative to the Board; and Trustee Roberta Kenny.

Region M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

The M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions as a trustee in promoting the community college concept. The ACCT regional awards

program recognizes one trustee from each of the five regions of the United States. The awards were presented at during the ACCT Leadership Congress in San Francisco on Friday, Oct. 18.

Mr. Netchert was sworn in as a member of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees in 2003 and has served as Chairman since 2005.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (PACDEI)

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steps to progressively diversify HCCC faculty, administration, and staff to better reflect the student population of the College and the community of Hudson County. Dr. Reber and Mr. Lee will not attend every meeting but will contribute to the goals of the PACDEI and provide guidance and support as needed. Yeurys Pujols followed by asking each member to share their top item related to DEI that they feel is appropriate for the PACDEI to work on. This exercise produced an expansive list of topics ranging from student success, faculty appointments, succession planning and many others.

The first task of the PACDEI is to continue the work started by Jose Lowe and others from the All College Council by creating climate surveys for employees, Board members and students. The target circulation launch is Wednesday, October 23. Yeurys and Lilisa are prepared to assist anyone who has questions about taking this important survey. In addition, the PACDEI will assemble for its second meeting in mid-November. The next agenda items will include a presentation from Human Resources about hiring policies and current practices. If available, early results from the climate surveys will also be discussed. DEI training for all PACDEI members, HCCC employees and students will be on the agenda as well.

The creation of a strategic plan for equity,

diversity and inclusion and developing specific goals to carry out the plan are of primary focus for the PACDEI. The strategic plan should be completed during the current academic year. Multiple avenues will be available for all members of the College community to provide their input and perspectives. For now, you may email the group at PACDEI@hccc.edu with any questions or concerns. Taking the climate surveys is your first step to ensuring your voice is included in the process. In addition to the support of the President and the Board of Trustees, the work of the PACDEI is to guide the College to be a place where every employee, student, community and Board member feels they are treated with fairness, equity and inclusiveness.

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NURSING INFO SESSION



Lisa Ciekiewicz-McCall, Coordinator - Admissions, leads an information session regarding admission into Hudson County Community College's Registered Nurse program on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Hosted by:

The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office and
Hudson County Community College

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Registration at 9:00 a.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk St., Scott Ring Rm., 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Overview of Law Enforcement
Practices and Protocols

Sexual Assault Response Team

A SURVIVOR'S STORY

Prevention and Resources

HCCC Campus Prevention Efforts

Lunch will be served.

No registration required for
HCCC faculty, staff and students.

Guest parking is available at
60 Sip Ave. and 149 Sip Ave.



TOWN HALL with President Reber



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

North Hudson Campus
4800 Kennedy Blvd.,
Multipurpose Room
Union City, NJ

**HCCC faculty, staff, and students
are welcome!**

Light Refreshments will be served.

Transportation is available leaving
Journal Square Campus
at 11:40 a.m. to Journal Square Campus
and departing from the NHC to Journal
Square Campus at 2 p.m.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

FOUNDATION DONOR- SCHOLAR RECEPTION



Clockwise from left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber gives remarks; HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (foreground, far right) and HCCC Foundation Chair Richard Mackiewicz, Jr. (background, far left) with Hudson County Government Scholarship recipients; William O'Dea, Vice Chairperson, Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders, brings greetings; Past Foundation Chair Mandy Otero (standing, left) and Monica McCormack-Casey, Foundation Treasurer, greet Joseph Cruz (seated, left) and Foundation Scholarship recipient Navi Johal (seated, right); Vice President of External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, greets scholarship recipients and their families.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, the HCCC Foundation held its annual Donor-Scholar Reception at the Culinary Conference Center. This event allows

scholarship recipients to meet and thank their donors in person.

FOUNDATION SUBSCRIPTION DINING



Students from HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute prepare for Subscription Dining Service on Friday, Oct. 25. The professionally trained student-chefs serve guests for eight consecutive Fridays.

FOUNDATION TEAM BUILDING



Members of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors participated in a team building event on Thursday, Oct. 10.

FEELING LUCKY?

Enter the
Foundation's
Lucky Odds Raffle!



Grand Prize
40% of ticket sales

Second Prize
6% of ticket sales

Third Prize
4% of ticket sales

Enter the
**Hudson County
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"Lucky Odds Raffle!"**

Tickets \$50 each

Winning ticket will be drawn at the 22nd Annual Holiday Extravaganza on Thursday, December 5, 2019 (winner need not be present)

To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 1

Winter and Spring 2020 Registration begins online for eligible students (must have exited ESL or English Foundations)

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 2

Hudson County Community College-NISOD/ACUE Seminar: Engaging and Supporting Underprepared Students, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Register at www.nisod.org/hccc.

Midterm Stress Relief Hiking Trip to Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley, NJ. Group leaves Journal Square Gabert Library at 10 a.m. Student Ticket: \$3; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$5. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Day of the Dead Celebration at the Museum of the American Indian. Group leaves Gabert Library (Building L) at 11 a.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Staff/Faculty/Guest Ticket: \$10. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Sunday, November 3

Phi Theta Kappa Fall Induction Ceremony, 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, November 4

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Instant Decision Day – Rutgers University-Newark, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus (Note: No application fee waiver for this date)

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day – College open; classes in session

Instant Decision Day – Fairleigh Dickinson University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Coffee with a Cop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 413

STEM Club present Solar System Panel, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., STEM Building, Room 215, 263 Academy St.

Wednesday, November 6

Last day to submit mid-term advisory grades to the Registrar's Office

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day – Fairleigh Dickinson University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Thursday, November 7

Instant Decision Day – Drew University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Fall Fest, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Career Services Work the Runway Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Friday, November 8

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus

SOAR Forum Sessions, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Museum of Jewish Heritage – Group leaves Journal Square Gabert Library at 12 p.m., returning to HCCC around 5 p.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$10. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 9

Open House, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/openhouse

"Disney on Ice: Road Trip," show time, 7 p.m., Prudential Center, Newark. Student Ticket: \$20. Guest/Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$45. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Monday, November 11

Veterans' Day – College open; classes in session

Winter/Spring 2020 in-person registration begins for all students

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., STEM Building Lobby, 263 Academy St.

A Closer Look at OER, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 702E

Tuesday, November 12

Instant Decision Day – Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

SAVE THE DATE

REPORT OUT

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center

161 Newkirk Street

Jersey City, NJ 07306

Lightning round presentations from a variety of your colleagues illuminating aspects of their programs and/or projects.

*Light Refreshments will be served.
Networking reception to follow.*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, November 13

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Campus Sexual Violence Conference, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Oxfam Hunger Banquet, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room. Please bring three items to donate to the Food Pantries for entrance. Early arrival is encouraged. To reserve your spot, register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Thursday, November 14

"The Lion King" on Broadway, show time 8 p.m., Minskoff Theatre. Tickets will be distributed through a lottery. Visit involved.hccc.edu to sign up for the lottery between Monday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Oct. 25. Winners will be alerted the week of Oct. 28 to purchase their tickets. Each lottery winner will have the ability to purchase 2 tickets for a total of \$125.

Friday, November 15

Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium

Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Instant Decision Day – Ramapo College of New Jersey, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Theater Arts Club presents "Life is a Cabaret" Performance, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 16

Trip to Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum – group will leave Gabert Library at 9:30 a.m. and return to campus around 3 p.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Staff/Faculty/Guest Ticket: \$10. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Monday, November 18 – Thursday, December 19

Culinary Cycle III classes

Monday, November 18

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Diversity Celebration (ESL Student Magazine), 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Tuesday, November 19

Art of Yoga, 12 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Pastries with the President, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Radiography/Medical Assisting Information Session, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave.

"Relatable," closing reception, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, November 20

Last day to complete official withdrawal

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Health and Wellness Fair, 12 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street, Multipurpose Room

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Thursday, November 21

All College Council General Meeting, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Friday, November 22

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24

Let's Share a Meal: Volunteers will meet at the location at West Side Ave. at 10 a.m. on each day. Please visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to register.

JC Writers Residency: NaNoWriMo, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, Dineen Hall Gallery Atrium. Visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs/calendar/ to register.

Monday, November 25

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., STEM Building Lobby, 263 Academy St.

Tuesday, November 26

Instant Decision Day – Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Learning Community Day, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Pastries with the President, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, November 27

No evening classes in session that begin 6 p.m. or later. Day classes will be in session.

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Thursday, November 28 – Sunday, December 1

Thanksgiving Recess – College Closed



Monday and Wednesday - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pantries are open to all members of the College community – students, faculty, and staff. All must present a College ID with valid current semester sticker.

The pantries are located at:

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2 Enos Place, Lower Level, Room J002
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14,
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Journal Square Campus, Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, First Floor Banquet Room

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Jocelyn S. Wong-Castellano

Class of 2016
Associate of Arts: Criminal Justice

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

I was born and raised here until I moved to Malaysia for about eight years. I came back in June 2013 and did not know where to go I applied to Bergen and Hudson, and I made the choice of going to Hudson since it was affordable and close to home while I could work on the weekends.

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

I became a Peer Leader in 2015 and that has transformed me into the best person I am today. If it wasn't for Dean Michael Reimer who saw potential in my leadership and people skills, I wouldn't have been the person I am today thanks to him. Being a Peer Leader for two consecutive years has been such a pleasure working with different departments and being that go-to person who students look up to. You never know who you can inspire until you are the face of the college.

How did you become interested in Criminal Justice?

Before choosing a major/career, I wanted to be an air stewardess and travel the world. I mean, I still do want to travel the world, but I want security and a good life balance. My dad ultimately gave the push in telling me to go for something that's government related. What really made my decision for Criminal Justice was thanks to Professor Jerry Lamb. He's such a great professor and mentor when it comes to following your dreams and aspirations! My ultimate goal is to be a Special Agent one day.

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

Everyone's path is different, and I know that HCCC is affordable and efficient. My parents never went to college/university, so to be the first in my family to graduate with not only an Associate's Degree (debt free), but a Bachelor's Degree was worthwhile! Always make the smart choice when it comes to money because at the end of the day, we want to be debt free from education for a better future.

What is a typical work day for you?

I just started not too long ago as an Admissions Advisor at HCCC. I've transitioned from Peer Leader



to Front Desk Assistant at CASS to now an Admissions Advisor. I'm still in the learning process of the back end work, but I normally answer phone calls and questions if students have about the admissions process. I was once in their shoes; I want to give back and give as much help as I can since I was not given that help when I first started my college career.

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

While I worked in CASS as a Front Desk Assistant, everyone is so family oriented and we help one another. Everyone has each other's backs and that's what HCCC really stands upon. I wouldn't change my college experience one bit!

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

Right now, I would say it's my dad. I lost him in February and I know he's watching over me and wants me to become a better version of myself each and every day! I get that perseverance and toughness from him, I want to carry that legacy and never give up even with obstacles in my way.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Connect, connect, connect! It's not about what you know, but who you know. You don't know if a professor you had ages ago can write your letter of recommendation to grad school! I had a professor at Rutgers and I ended up having an internship with the DEA and I think that's cool!

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

Be yourself because you are your own legacy. No one can dictate your future. Life is like a roller coaster; there will be ups and downs and loops, and life isn't perfect. Enjoy the ride because we all only live once. I am a prime example that I've hit rock bottom with my dad's passing and I managed to graduate and make him proud. Anyone can do it; now be a leader for you and make yourself proud!

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Are you looking for career support?

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