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Hudson County Community College Receives 2021 ACCT Northeast Region Equity Award





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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES 2021 ACCT NORTHEAST REGION EQUITY AWARD

On Thursday, October 14, 2021, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) accepted the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2021 Equity Award for Northeastern United States. The award was presented at the Regional Awards Luncheon of the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California. This recognition honors the College's leadership in setting policies within the last five years that promote and enhance opportunities for institutional diversity, inclusion, and equity for women, persons of color, LGBTQs, and members of any other underrepresented and underserved population.

A Hudson County Community College delegation, led by Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President, was present for the awards ceremony. The

HCCC attendees included: Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Vice Chair, Board of Trustees; Pamela Gardner, Member, Board of Trustees; Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development; Jose Lowe, Director, Educational Opportunity Fund Program; Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean, Student Life and Leadership; Dr. Alison Wakefield, Assistant Professor and Interim Associate Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences; Sharon A. Daughtry, Lecturer, Business; Amaalah Ogburn, Associate Director, North Hudson Campus; and Warren Rigby, HCCC Alumnus and former Student Government President.

"This award recognizes the College's work to advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in all

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Cover: Top Photo- Pictured from left are David Mathis, ACCT Chair; Dr. Yvonne Barnes, ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair; Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; Bakari G. Lee, Esq., Vice Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees; and J. Noah Brown, ACCT President and CEO.

Bottom Photo- Pictured with Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President (right), from left are Jose Lowe, Co-Chair, President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Lilisa Williams, Co-Chair, President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Amaalah Ogburn, Associate Director, North Hudson Campus; Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean, Student Life and Leadership; Pamela Gardner, HCCC Trustee; Warren Rigby, 2019-2020 Student Government Association President; Sharon Daughtry, Vice Chair, All College Council; Bakari Gerard Lee, Esq., Vice Chair, HCCC Board of Trustees; and Dr. Alison Wakefield, Interim Associate Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW STUDENT CENTER



Pictured from left: Delfin Ganapin III, Program Assistant, Student Life and Leadership; Ja'Via Hall, Programing Coordinator, North Hudson Campus, Student Life and Leadership; Angela Tuzzo, Associate Director, Student Life and Leadership; Roman Dodia, President, Students Against Ableism; Natalie Betancourt, Social Media Intern, Student Life and Leadership; Jasmine Ngin, Alumni Advisor, Student Government Association; Angel Beebe, President, Student Government Association; Pamela Gardner, HCCC Trustee; Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean, Student Affairs; Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; Christian Rodriguez, Student Center Information Desk Assistant, Student Life and Leadership; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment; Keiry Hernandez, Student Center Information Desk Assistant, Student Life and Leadership; June Barrière, Administrative Assistant, Office of Student Services; and Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean, Student Life and Leadership.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) officially celebrated the grand opening of its new Student Center at 81 Sip Avenue in Jersey City on Thursday, September 30, 2021. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at 12:00 noon with HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber officiating. Food tastings from Libby's Home Kitchen and Starbucks, which are located in the Student Center, were available for students

throughout the day. Attendees explored the new Student Center through self-guided tours.

The College-owned building, which formerly housed faculty offices and classrooms, underwent an \$8.2 million renovation that was completed at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. "This building is the first, dedicated

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND KEARNY BOARD OF EDUCATION SIGN DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Christopher Reber and Kearny School District Superintendent Patricia Blood signed an agreement for the HCCC Early College Program on Thursday, Oct. 21. The signing ceremony took place in the Scott Ring Room of the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City.

As a result of the agreement, Kearny High School (KHS) students will have the opportunity to earn their Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degree upon high school graduation. Students will complete a combination of college-level courses taught as part of the high school curriculum by qualified high school instructors, and courses taught by HCCC faculty on the KHS campus after regular school hours. Credits earned transfer toward baccalaureate degrees at four-year colleges and universities, and students who complete the program will finish their senior year of high school with both a high school diploma and an HCCC degree.

The sixteen KHS students enrolled in the first HCCC-KHS cohort may take Basic French I, College Composition I, College Student Success, and Introduction to Computers during the 2021-22 academic year.

“Students enrolled in the HCCC Early College Program literally jump-start their college education while paying only half of the In-County



Pictured here, Kearny School District Superintendent Patricia Blood, and Hudson County Community College President Dr. Christopher Reber.

tuition rate – a huge savings in comparison to tuition at four-year institutions,” said Dr. Reber.

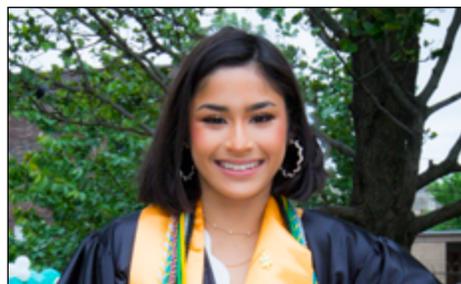
In May of this year, HCCC presented associate degrees to 29 Hudson County high school graduates, including 18 students from Dickinson, Lincoln, and Ferris High Schools in Jersey City, and 11 students from Hudson County Schools of Technology’s High Tech High School.

HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES THANKS ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE KORAL BOOTH



On Tuesday, Oct. 19, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (right) presents to Koral Booth a token of appreciation for her service as 2020-2021 Alumni Representative to the HCCC Board of Trustees. Booth, who enrolled at HCCC as a 37-year-old mother of four school-age sons, earned her Associate of Arts (A.A.) in English degree in May 2020. She is currently enrolled in Saint Peter’s University’s Dual Degree Program to pursue her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees.

JASMINE NGIN TO JOIN HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE



Jasmine Ngin is a member of the Hudson County Community College Class of 2021, earning her Associate in Science in Computer Science. While a student at HCCC, Jasmine’s work ethic and passion led her to take part in many experiences and making many connections, all while working virtually through a pandemic. Jasmine has earned Dean’s List recognition, served as Director of Finance for the Student Government Association, a member of the HCCC Cohort of the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative, and on HCCC’s *Achieving the Dream* student leader strategy team. As a result of her leadership, she spearheaded the initiation of a transfer partnership between HCCC and New York University, and has participated in conversations and planning around a program for incarcerated persons to earn a college degree through HCCC. She is excited and ready to work as the Student Alumni Representative on the HCCC Board of Trustees to continue to impact our students, the institution, and our community.



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Date: November 3rd, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#)




MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Jamar Johnson
Wim Anneke Shepherd

Five Years
Leslie Lang
Matthew Fessler
Michael Carchia
Maurice Dasent

10 Years
Patrick Del Piano
Emanuele Infurna

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Brianna Heim
Ana Hernandez Aquino
Harshkumar Patel
Raj Patel
Tejkumar Patel

Five Years
Neyla Torres

10 Years
Marina Laborde

NEW HIRES/TITLES

Mohammed Ansari, Coordinator, Instructional Technology and Testing (effective Oct. 25, 2021)

Michelle DeLaFleur, Librarian (effective Oct. 20, 2021)

Mariana Fuentes, Library Associate of Technology (effective Oct. 20, 2021)

Richwyn Nicandro, PC Technician (effective Oct. 20, 2021)

Fariha Tasneem, CTE Career Coach (Grant-funded) (effective Oct. 20, 2021)

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME FACULTY, FALL 2021

Brian Lorio, Instructor (Non-tenured) (effective Sept. 1, 2021)

MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE

Anthony Deschamps, Lawrence Louie, Richwyn Nicandro, Brian Ribas, and Willie Shirer PC Technician to Support Analyst (effective Oct. 20, 2021)

OUR STORIES UNTOLD

Submission by Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources and Yeurys Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Over 50 faculty, staff and students joined Professor Karen Galli and her family on Friday, October 8th, 2021, for the first Fall 2021 session of the Our Stories Untold series. Professor Galli began her story with a memory that during her undergraduate and graduate studies, she came across very few if any Asian or Latinx instructors. Her story throughout the one-hour program reinforced the theme of belongingness and connections that she has made over her life's journey thus far, where she's been, how she thinks, and how all this informs her teaching.

Professor Galli posed three questions that she would typically pose to others to understand them better during her presentation. The first was about art. Professor Galli spoke about Ai Weiwei's Kui Hua Zi exhibit, which featured 100 million sunflower seeds made from porcelain, individually delicate but collectively powerful. She continued by showcasing the number 1,445,524,887 – which represented the number of people in China. She asked, "Where do I fit?" and asked the audience to wonder how a billion more people in an entirely different country can exist separately yet resemble each other.

The second question was about the books that influenced her. She noted her discovery of a comic book, *Lo Fu Zhi* ("Old Master Q"), and

its complicated meaning to her, allowing for visual storytelling and a connection to a culture that was so far from what she knew and what she understood. Another book, *the World According to Garp*, or at least the discovery of it, made her feel like a rebel at eight years old, setting her up for the joy of discovering life's journey. She further shared that *A Field Guide to Getting Lost* by Rebecca Solnit had the most influence on her life. Because it allowed her to think about the things that are far from you, but that can look different when they're close, and things up close that can look different when they're very far from you. This book was also the catalyst to her traveling the world and discovering her true self. Further, *Beyond Despair* by Aharon Appelfeld set her on a journey of researching epigenetic inheritance and how stories can have a profound impact even if our generation is not experiencing trauma.

Professor Galli began her presentation with a quote: "Do I dare disturb the universe in a minute there is time for decision and revisions which a minute will reverse." The universe and our community seem to agree. With several of Professor

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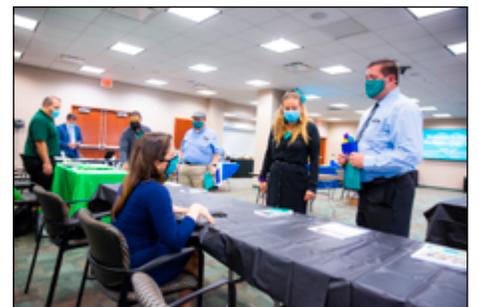
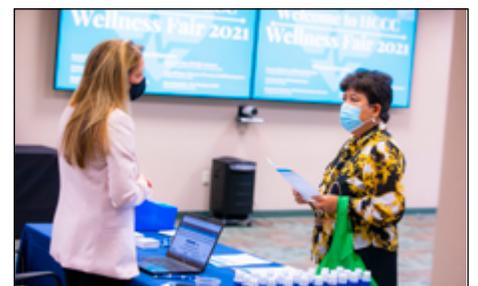
HCCC TAKES STEPS FOR WELLNESS



Pictured from left: Kyle Woolley, Jose Lowe, Royal Mainor, Elham Kamali, Lisa Dougherty, and Anna Krupitskiy.

To promote self-care and balance, the Office of Human Resources and the College Life Committee of the All College Council have relaunched a wellness program, Steps to Wellness. Faculty, staff and students may submit a snapshot of their weekly mileage while walking or jogging to track progress. Scores will be maintained and top achievers announced weekly and at the end of the program.

HCCC HOLDS WELLNESS FAIRS



On Oct. 6 and 7, the Office of Human Resources held Wellness Fairs for faculty and staff at the Journal Square and North Hudson campuses.

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION: MOVING FROM THEORY TO APPLICATION

Submission by Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, Associate Director, The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The mission of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is to promote an institutional climate that embraces and celebrates differences while championing equitable and inclusive practices, policies, and procedures in all College activities. The Office leads and supports practices that foster safe, inclusive, and accessible facilities and activities for all community members.

On September 1, 2021, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion launched virtual listening hours, entitled “We’re All Ears,” that invited members of the faculty, staff, students and beyond, to engage with the DEI Team (Yeury Pujols, Vice President for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, Associate Director for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Jacqueline Safont, Director Accessibility Services; and Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs).

The purpose in holding “listening spaces” is not just to market the newly developed Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to HCCC members, but also to create synergy among departments and institutional goals and efforts by providing internal stakeholders a safe space to discuss how

the Office of DEI can support the various areas of the College community and the students served. This space also allowed everyone to address any questions, comments, or concerns. Throughout four sessions, over 25 participants tuned in to the listening hours. The dialogue provided the team with a foundation to address some of the needs within the College community.

In the upcoming months, the DEI team is conducting Team Participatory Action Workshops (PAW) with supervisors and their teams around the campus. The “Team PAW” was developed adopting the framework used in participatory action research (PAR) that is an approach that seeks to generate personal healing and social change through focused discussion and analysis with community members. The purpose of the Team PAW is to collectively consider ways to infuse DEI into specific areas of our College community by focusing on what currently exists and locating and strengthening potential gaps.

If you’d like more information on how you can participate in Team PAW, email Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin at nvazquez-bodkin@hccc.edu or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6p7ujdn>.

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HCCC CAI VOLUNTEERS AT NYC WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL



Baking and Pastry majors Bruno Pereira, Jassiel Nicolalde, Layla Soto, and Marina Youssef pose with Chef Robert Irvine of the Food Network's Dinner Impossible.



HCCC culinary students show their support for the Food Bank of New York.

In October, a delegation of Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) students, led by Marissa P. Lontoc (Lecturer, Baking and Pastry), volunteered at the 14th annual NYC Wine & Food Festival (NYC-WFF). This proved a great opportunity for CAI students to work with chefs from the Food Network and to help those less fortunate.

Together with Food Bank for New York City, the city's largest hunger-relief organization and NYCWFF's long-term beneficiary, the Festival supported New Yorkers in their greatest time of need by raising awareness and critical funds for those facing severe illness and food poverty.



Lamar Porter, Samad Marche, Marina Youssef, and Bruno Pereira at the entrance of the NYC Wine & Food Festival.



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a

TOWN HALL MEETING

on Monday, November 29 12 p.m.

In-person at:
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room
Jersey City, NJ

North Hudson Campus,
4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N703
Union City, NJ

Virtual at:
<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-TH-Nov>
Meeting number: 2633 034 4300
Meeting password: NovTH2021

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,600+ 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.



Thanks again to Janette Staloff for the recently donated a 1951 painting, "Interior with Boy" by Fred Staloff on the third floor of the STEM Building. Next to the picture are, from left, Foundation Art Collection Coordinator Dr. Andrea Siegel, Donor Janette Staloff and Donor Dennis C. Hull



In the lobby of the STEM building, an untitled (1987) ink-and-wax-on-paper drawing by Jeff Gompertz, Annie Plumb (left, who donated the work to the Hudson County Community College Foundation) and Coordinator Dr. Andrea Siegel. Thank you to Annie for the generous donation of this work!

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, Vice President for Advancement and Communications at (201) 360-4069 or nicolebjohnson@hccc.edu

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

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

Poolville (2021) by Ken Rush. Oil on Linen. 40" x 30"



Acknowledgements

Thank you to *New York Magazine* Art Critic Jerry Saltz for featuring on his Instagram page on Oct. 19 the work *Family* by Michelle Doll, which is now on display on the second floor of the Gabert Library.

Thank you to Dana Boylan and Carol and Donald Glaser for the generous donation of 5 works by Jacob Pell.

Thank you to Ken Rush for the generous donation of his work, *Poolville*. (featured above)

Winner Dineen Art Award Recipient

Congratulations to Mayra Preciado, (featured above), who won a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Benjamin J. Dineen III from Winifred A. Dineen and Kevin R. Dineen.

Mayra Preciado is a spectacular art student with enormous potential. She has made real strides and progress in her studies in the arts program while surmounting extraordinary obstacles with diligence, perseverance and grace. This West New York, New Jersey resident says, "I found my love of art during a time when I felt like I lost control of things that were important to me. As an artist, I love to draw and paint still life to find focus and peace in the chaos. I want to be able to inspire people to find art in the simple, everyday things in life. For the future, I would love to open a shop that offers a safe environment for people to be creative and help express their love for all types of art."

We wish Mayra all the best; and thank Winifred A. Dineen and Kevin R. Dineen for their generous gift.

Artist News

If you like Judy Brodsky's art work, "Iron Horses," on the 4th floor of the STEM building, in the area devoted to Urban Landscapes, you might be interested in her recent article in *Hyperallergic* called, "A History of Digital Art Through a Feminist Lens." Despite the fact that the most famous artists today in the world of digital art are men, Brodsky notes that, "Many of the issues connected



Pictured from left: Laurie Riccadonna, Mayra Preciado, Win Dineen Art Award recipient, and Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Vice President for Advancement and Communications.

to digital art were raised by women digital artists as early as the late 1960s when computers first became publicly available. Until then, digital technology was in the domain of the military, the government, and major university laboratories." If you're interested in the re-visioning of digital art's history to be inclusive, check out Brodsky's recently published book: *Dismantling the Patriarchy, Bit by Bit: Art, Feminism, and Digital Technology*.

Camden, New Jersey-born artist Mickalene Thomas, whose works are installed on the first floor of the Gabert Library, was recently profiled in the *New York Times* by Angela Flournoy (October 13, 2021). "Camden's not an easy place to break from," said Thomas. "I took the first opportunity to get out without hesitation." After leaving high school at 17, she followed a girlfriend home to Portland, Oregon. At first, Thomas wanted to study art therapy, or perhaps interior design, but then she saw Carrie Mae Weems' photographs in an exhibit called: "Kitchen Table Series" "in which Weems plays, and plays with, different roles of Black womanhood in the traditionally gendered family space." That inspired Thomas to go to art school. She returned to the New York metro area and enrolled at Pratt Institute earning her B.F.A. If you look at her work installed in the Gabert Library, you'll notice Crayola crayons and glitter. "She's always been very good at taking humble materials and imbuing them with this kind of nobility," said artist Kehinde Wiley. "And a part of it has to do with just the self-assured sass that comes with it. You know, I don't know if it's sass or cockiness, but it's this kind of attitude that comes from knowing your own value." The *Times* notes, "The things an artist endures while growing up certainly don't define who they are, but in the case of Thomas, the good and the bad of those years seem to have fueled a particular kind of tenacity and an irrepensible urge to do things her way..." To which we might add, "with well-deserved success."

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
 presents

Join the Department of Cultural Affairs for another month of art, interviews and music on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library. For more information, to RSVP for programs or to visit the gallery, email: mvitale@hccc.edu



Michael Lee is currently an Adjunct Instructor at Hudson in the Studio Arts Department and at Montclair State University. However, his claim to fame is the beloved Artist Lecture Series that was developed with former HCCC Art Professor, Chris Sade.

Professor Lee now shares his love of interviewing artists with the series, *Hudson Presents, Conversations with ...* Each semester, he conducts four interviews that are featured on Zoom. We are thrilled to host our first live interview at our Fall Exhibition Reception on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at 5 p.m. with both Professors Jeremiah Teipen and Laurie Riccadonna in the atrium on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. Discussion will include how art studio practices inform teaching and vice versa. Seating is limited. RSVP: mvitale@hccc.edu.



Currently, the professors are highlighted with midcareer solo shows in the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery. Each exhibition is accompanied with a scholarly essay. Artist, writer, and former HCCC professor Chris Bors asks the big question in referencing Jeremiah's artistic creativity, *Do Digital Sheep Dream of Androids?* Both exhibition essays can be enjoyed outside the gallery where they are presented on pedestals to engage visitors. Gallery hours for the semester are from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Friday or by appointment by emailing mvitale@hccc.edu.

Tune In Series

Curated by Angelica Sanchez

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.

For more event information or to RSVP, please email: mvitale@hccc.edu

Meet the Talent



ELLIOT BERNARD

Pianist and educator Elliot Bernard first cultivated his interest in jazz at a local music studio in his hometown of Leesburg, Virginia and, during high school, became involved with and mentored by the veteran military musicians of the Washington, D.C. music scene. As a member of the National Jazz Workshop All-Star Jazz Orchestra, he has performed at venues such as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the 2018 Jazz Education Network Conference in Dallas, Texas. After being placed in the All-Virginia Jazz Band his senior year of high school in 2018, Bernard began his undergraduate studies as a jazz piano performance major at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey and has since studied with pianists Bill Charlap, Kevin Hays, Aaron Diehl, Geoff Keezer, and Mike LeDonne. He currently teaches piano in New Jersey and plans to pursue a career in performance and education in the greater New York metropolitan area upon graduating in the spring of 2022.

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/DOCA-TuneIn>

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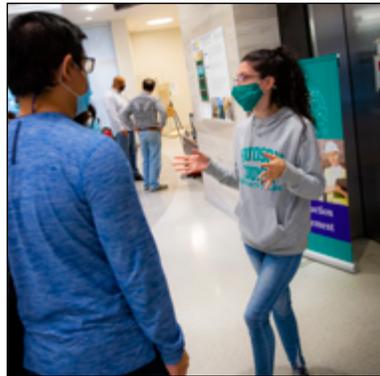
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ENROLLMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO ATTEND FALL 2021 OPEN HOUSE.



HCCC hosted its Fall 2021 Open House on Saturday, Oct. 23.

EOF TRIP TO VINCENT VAN GOGH IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE NYC

On September 10, Hudson County Community College's Educational Opportunity Fund had the opportunity to visit the Vincent van Gogh Immersive Experience in New York City. The exhibition displayed some of Vincent van Gogh's most famous works in an interactive format that allowed attendees to immerse themselves in the artwork. The exhibit featured an exposition of van Gogh's art journey, EOF scholars were able to gain knowledge of his techniques and inspiration.

The exhibition began by presenting his still life flower paintings, such as the *Sunflowers* and the *Irises*, highlighting how he would continuously draw the same subject to improve. It is also important to note that during his career he was influenced by Japanese art which inspired paintings such as *The Courtesan: after Eisen* and the *Almond Blossoms*. There was also a replica of van Gogh's *The Bedroom*, where students were able to take pictures and stand in the room van Gogh depicted in his painting. After the exploration of Van Gogh's artistic journey, the exhibition led into a wide room where spectators were immersed in the colorful and impressive painting in a show that



Members of the EOF Program at the Vincent van Gogh Immersive Experience in September.

lasted about 30 minutes. Attendees were encouraged to sit down and absorb the vibrancy and life of his painting in a magical experience, from the *Starry Night* to the *Wheatfield with Crows*.

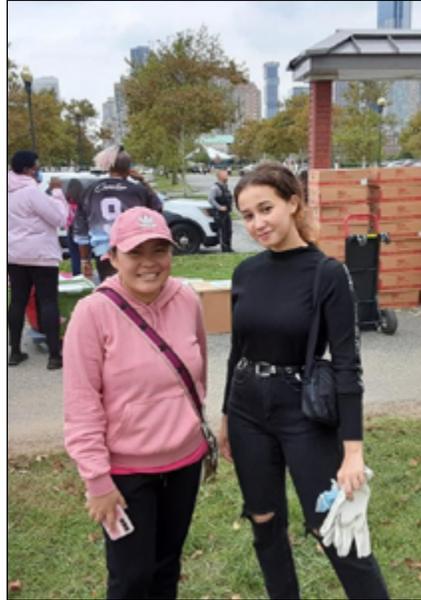
Once the exhibition was over, EOF scholars were able to artistically express themselves by coloring famous Van Gogh printouts, which they

could hang to be displayed. They also had the opportunity to try the VR experience that displayed the town van Gogh lived in and was inspired by to create some of his most famous art. This was a great opportunity for EOF Scholars to learn about and experience the incredible art of Vincent van Gogh.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Professor Bernard Adamitey (left) and Mirna Allsayed (English major) participating in the gardening project at Liberty State Park on Saturday, October 9.



Setting up for Making Strides against Breast Cancer on October 10 at Liberty State Park on Saturday, October 9: Dina Thompson (Biology major) and Mirna Allsayed (English major).



Alumnae Misano Ishida (studying at Rutgers) and Bianelly Tellez (a 2020 graduate from Drew University) at the Bike MS on October 17.

SAVE THE DATE



Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Beta Alpha Phi Chapter

Induction Ceremony

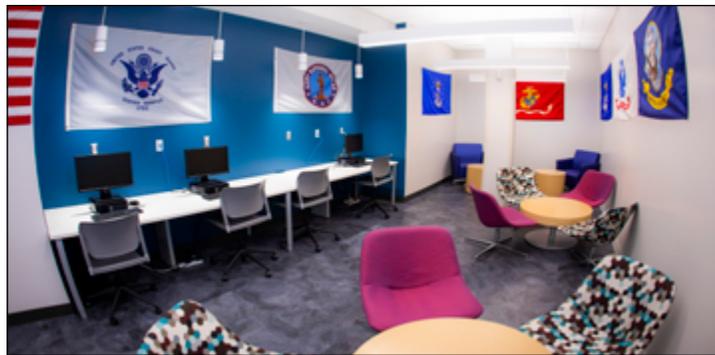
Sunday, November 7, 2021
2:00 p.m.

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HCCC CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW STUDENT CENTER

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Flags of the United States Armed Forces hanging in The Bunker, a space dedicated for veteran students.



Following the ribbon-cutting ceremonies, students and staff enjoyed the Stuff-a-Plush stuffed animal activity.

Student Center in the College's 47-year history, and because of the pandemic, this is the first time our students are able to take full advantage of everything it offers," Dr. Reber stated. He said the HCCC Student Center has been bustling these past few weeks, and Student Center Information Desk Assistants have been very busy because of increased on-campus classes.

Di Cara| Rubino Architects designed the renovation to create a state-of-the-art setting that affords students the very best in technology, safety, and convenience. The Student Center is the "living room" for all HCCC students – a place where students can relax, meet outside the classroom, share ideas and values, assist and advise one another, pursue career and employment opportunities, attend events celebrating diverse cultures, and build long-lasting relationships.

The HCCC Student Center first floor includes the Welcome Center, Student Lounges, full-service Café, Veterans' Lounge, and Security Command Center. The second floor houses offices for Student Life, Student Government and a variety of other student organizations, an Open Lounge, and a large, Multipurpose Room for events and meetings. Offices of the College's Security, Custodial and Facilities staff, and storage space are located on the lower level.

The renovation by APS Contracting, Inc. included the addition of façade brick stained to match that of the adjoining HCCC Gabert Library; replacement of the existing roof; complete interior demolition; the addition of a new entrance vestibule; installation of new HVAC systems, elevators, and an emergency generator; and a direct, indoor connection to the Gabert Library.

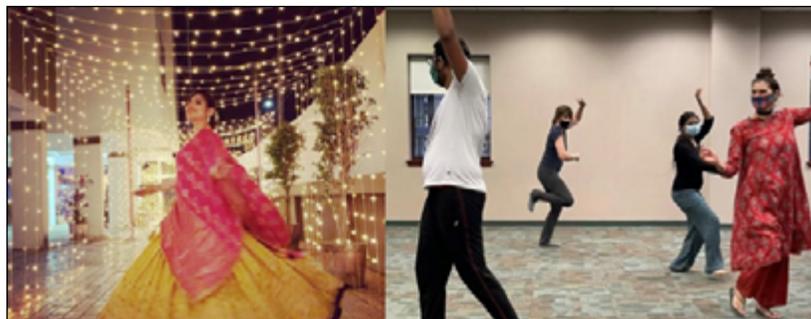
Wi-Fi and computer stations are available throughout the building, as are "green" elements for energy efficiency and sustainability.

The HCCC Student Center is the latest of several construction projects undertaken by the College that have transformed Journal Square. It represents the College's mission to serve its diverse communities with inclusive educational programs and services that promote student success, upward social and economic mobility, and resources for growth. The project was financed with Chapter 12 funding, a state program for county colleges that is funded through State and County capital bond financing. All of the College's capital improvements have been completed with appropriated capital. As a result, the College does not carry any capital debt, and not one dollar of student tuition is utilized for debt.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Ms. Dana Doyle, HR Recruiter for Christ Hospital speaking to a group of CEWD Healthcare students regarding career opportunities.



Instructor Ridhdi Shah and scene from CE's Garba Dance course.

Meet & Greet

Gateway to Innovation hosted Christ Hospital, Dialysis Center International, and Bayonne Hospital to strengthen relationships with employers, by engaging students and alumni in a "Meet & Greet" recruitment event. Our employer partners engaged with over 55 HCCC students and alumni over the course of three visits, conducted real time recruitment, and encouraged students to apply for open positions.

We plan to conduct additional Meet & Greet events to highlight our programs, showcase our talented students, and strengthen bonds with our employer partners.

The Making of a Walt Disney World Course

This October, Continuing Education ran a course in "the Happiest Place on Earth!" In this versatile course, Au pair students not only learned about the history and making of Walt Disney World, but also about different countries, cultures, the history and progress of communication and technology, U.S. history, as well as animals and wildlife! Students visited educational attractions in three Disney theme parks: EPCOT Center, Animal Kingdom and, of course, the Magic Kingdom.

Some attractions visited in EPCOT included Spaceship Earth, where students traveled in time and explored the history of communication on a ride that took them from the Stone Age to the computer age. Soarin', where students took flight on a breathtaking journey as they soared over some of the world's most awe-inspiring sights – from the Great Wall of China to Iguazu Falls in South America. This was a great opportunity to experience the joy of hang gliding through a virtual reality!

In EPCOT's World Showcases, students walked through the countries and spent more time at some selected ones, especially the American Adventure pavilion – where they watched a show that presents the history of America, which was a great introduction to U.S. history. Visiting the World Showcases is a great way to expand your cultural diversity without the expense of traveling.

At the Magic Kingdom, students visited Liberty Square and Liberty Bell and learned the history behind both. They also visited the Hall of Presidents and learned about all 45 of the men who served as U.S. Presidents. This audio animatronic



Scene from Walt Disney World, a Continuing Education partnership with Classroom Au Pair

show also traces the history of the United States. Students enjoyed a ride on the Jungle Cruise, where they set sail for a high adventure on a tour of the most exotic and "dangerous" rivers in Asia, Africa and South America.

Students also visited Walt Disney's Carousel of Progress, where they traveled through the 20th century to see how technology has improved our way of life. The Carousel of Progress was first debuted at the 1964 World's Fair and is one of the only attractions in the park to have been personally created by Walt Disney himself, so it really is a piece of Disney history!

Animal Kingdom is all about animal conservation and the natural environment. Attractions in Animal Kingdom included Kilimanjaro Safaris where students had the opportunity to explore the closest experience to a true African safari in Florida. This is an 18-minute cruise in an expedition vehicle while on the lookout for 34 different species is an incredible adventure and learning experience! At The Wilderness Explorers, students learned about animals and the Wilderness. Lastly, students visited The Gorilla Falls Exploration Trail. The highlight of the Exploration Trail was the gorilla habitat, which offers guests the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful creatures in their natural habitat of grassy hill, and waterfalls.

Indian Folk Dance – Garba Course

The Department of Continuing Education launched a unique series of fun cultural dance workshops, beginning with the Indian folk dance, Garba. In this month-long course, which ran at the Culinary Conference Center in September through

October, students of all levels learned Garba and Dodiya dance steps and techniques, as well as Indian culture. The course, taught by Ridhdi Shah, emphasized rhythm and proper alignment, as well as being graceful with eye expressions, hand coordination, and footwork.

Garba is a form of dance, as well as a religious and social event that originates from Gujarat, India. Garba is a circular and spiral pattern dance form that originates in the northwestern Indian state of Gujarat. This form of dance is performed during Navratri (Nine Nights), the longest and largest dance festival in the world. The Garba Hindu festival is dedicated to the feminine form of divinity and her nine forms. Garba is danced around this symbol to honor the fact that all humans have the divine energy of Devi within them.

For more information on upcoming dance, art, and personal enrichment classes, please contact ce@hccc.edu.

Giving Thanks to Our Business Partners

During this month of "Thanks-Giving" HCCC's Center for Business and Industry is very thankful for its business partnerships. This month, CBI would like to give an extra special "thank you" to its small business partner, Jewell Singletary, Owner of "Gratitude Griot", for her LinkedIn post, "Consider Community College for Business Courses."

To read the article please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/consider-community-college-business-courses-jewell-singletary>

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPOINTS JOSEPH CANIGLIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has selected Professor Joseph Caniglia to serve as Executive Director of the College's comprehensive North Hudson Campus in Union City, New Jersey.

"Professor Caniglia has served the College for many years in multiple capacities," HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber stated. "We are confident that he will continue his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the growth of the North Hudson Campus in service to the residents of Union City and other communities in Hudson County."

Nearly 3,000 students pursue studies at the HCCC North Hudson Campus each semester. In addition to classrooms with SMART-boards and Wi-Fi, the seven-story, nearly 100,000 square-foot building at 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City houses a fully operational Library and Bookstore; an Enrollment Center with Enrollment Services, Bursar, Financial Aid, Testing and Assessment, Academic Advisement, and Community Education Offices; Academic Support Center; Computer, Science and Language Labs; Student Lounge; Outdoor Courtyard; and Multipurpose Room. A glass-

enclosed pedestrian bridge connects the building to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Bergenline Avenue Transit Center.

Joseph Caniglia's 25 years of experience as an educator includes service as a public-school teacher and administrator, Professor of English and Developmental Education, Interim Associate Dean for the College's English, and English as a Second Language Division. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College-Pace University, a Master of Science degree in Education and Reading from New Paltz University, and a Post-Master's Certificate in Higher Education Administration from Grambling State University, where he is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration.

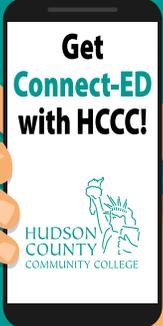
"I believe passionately in education's transformational impact," Director Caniglia stated. "As the new Executive Director of the College's North Hudson Campus, I will collaborate with staff and all members of the North Hudson and Journal Square campuses to support and encourage students to excel in their academic and personal careers."

The HCCC North Hudson Campus offers 19 degree programs on site that can be completed from start to finish: Accounting AS; Business AA; Business Administration AS; Criminal Justice-Homeland Security AS; Early Childhood Education AAS; English AA; Environmental Studies AS; History AA; Sociology AA; Criminal Justice AS; Digital Art and Design Proficiency Certificate; Early Childhood Education AA; Early Childhood Education Child Development Associate (CDA) Coursework; Elementary/Secondary Education AA; Health Science AAS; Infant/Toddler CDA Professional Development; Liberal Arts AA; Psychology AA; and Special Education AA.



Information about courses offered at the HCCC North Hudson Campus may be obtained by emailing northhudsoncampus@hccc.edu.

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.

Users may access the College's web site, <https://www.hccc.edu/administration/communications/emergency-notification.html>, and click on the Connect-ED link to register their 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 :
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Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!

OUR STORIES UNTOLD

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Galli's students in the audience, she shared her educational and professional pursuits journey. These included initial failures, confusion, and uncertainty as to her purpose and what she most loved. These experiences also made her discover that another person could see her potential and impact even before she could see it for herself, a mentor who found her during her career in banking. A faculty member stated that "I loved learning more about Karen and I'm glad it let everyone else see what an amazing person she is and how valuable she is to our community." We loved her story on the importance of a life's journey, even failures, and finding humor in situations where one does not speak the native language and is covered in leeches.

"The entire *Untold Stories* program is powerful in connecting employees," a participant stated. *Our Stories Untold* storytelling emerged as a partnership between the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This series highlights the HCCC community members' personal, educational, and professional experiences, advice, and insight. Each program aims to introduce some of our outstanding and influential colleagues to enhance inclusion and create community. Do you know someone with an inspirational story? Do you want to tell your story? Tell us by contacting dei@hccc.edu.



New Mask Protocol
MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.
Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Your safety is important to us!

HCCC RECEIVES 2021 ACCT NORTHEAST REGION EQUITY AWARD

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forms,” said Dr. Reber. “It is a significant point of pride for our entire College community. DEI is a shared value and priority that has truly galvanized all members of our HCCC Family.”

William J. Netchert, Esq., HCCC Board of Trustees Chair, said that because the College serves one of the most ethnically and racially diverse communities in the United States, student success and issues surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion – particularly increasing access to the College’s high-quality, transformative educational and economic programs and services – are foremost priorities.

“These past three years, we redoubled our efforts and established the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PAC-DEI), which espouses the principles embraced and actively supported by the Trustees and the entire HCCC community,” Mr. Netchert stated. “These principles are interwoven in every HCCC policy, procedure, program, and offering, and this award is a testament to our ongoing commitment to supporting and fostering a welcoming, diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment on our campuses, throughout the County, and beyond.”

Hudson County Community College also recently received the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The annual award recognizes colleges and universities in the United States that demonstrate outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. HCCC is one of just eight community colleges among the 101 award recipients. <https://www.insightintodiversity.com/about-the-heed-award/2021-recipients/>

BUSINESS DIVISION HOLDS BUSINESS ALUMNI SPEAKER PANEL

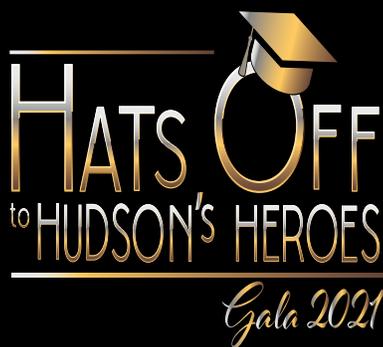
On Monday, October 18, the Division of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management held a Business Alumni Speaker Panel. The Division had a very nice student turnout, and had special guests: Associate Dean Dr. Ara Karakashian, and Assistant Dean/Recruitment Lucille Foster from Rutgers Business School, who oversees transfers. The panelists all attended both HCCC and Rutgers, so this was especially meaningful.

All of the panelists are former students of Prof. Elana Winslow, who have remained in touch with over the years via LinkedIn or Facebook, and they

were thrilled to be able to share their journeys and advice to current HCCC students.

The panelists included:

- Saira Afzal, HCCC 2012, Rutgers Business School 2015, Manager, Business Consulting, Ernst & Young
- Sachi Patel, HCCC 2011, Rutgers Business School 2014, Duke University Business School 2020, Global Business Manager, Wipro
- Javier Pineda, HCCC 2016, Rutgers Business School 2018, Ecomm Channel Customer Logistics Manager, Bayer U.S.



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HCCC PT and FT Faculty and Staff!
Effective December 20, 2021,

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For updates, please refer to the Return to Campus Task Force Web Page at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/returntocampus/index.html>

For other questions, please email the Return to Campus Task Force at return@hccc.edu.

** Submitting a fraudulent vaccination card is a violation of HCCC policy and will result in investigation and possible punishment, including termination. Additionally, the filing of a fraudulent vaccination card will be reported to public authorities for investigation and may result in criminal prosecution.

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November 5
November 12
November 10

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For more information, please contact Mirta Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004.

Thank you for supporting the educational aspirations of our students through your Dining Series subscription.

Bon Appetit!



COVID-19 Guidelines are in place for the protection of our students, faculty, staff, and guests. HCCC requires face masks and social distancing and our health and sanitizing protocols exceed CDC & NJ requirements.

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FALL 2021

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Evidence Based Pedagogy and Practice in Higher Education

What kind of pedagogies and practices make a difference in fostering student learning from the ears of Achieving the Dream?

- Build a resource team that includes faculty, advisers, librarians, and technology professionals.
- Help students see that the skills they acquire will be used throughout college and life.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12 | 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

How to Include Diversity in the Classroom

This workshop will show you the latest tips and strategies for including diversity in your classroom. We will discuss what you are currently doing and how to enhance your practices for making your classroom environment one that lives up to HCCC's diversity and inclusion goals. Come prepared to learn, share, and discuss ways to make sure that all your students feel included in your classroom.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 19 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Post Pandemic Pedagogy

It is late November, and the great experiment in remote instruction is receding in our collective rearview mirror. We are once again teaching face-to-face, but not without making some revisions to instructional practices in response to the lessons learned during the lockdown. Please join us for a late semester discussion of and a reflection on our evolving pedagogy.

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CALENDAR

Monday, November 1

Faculty Workshop: All about Quizzes in Canvas, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day – College Open/Classes in Session. Floating Holiday

Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=md8ed5b1e961ce407d2d38adb14eb2bdf>; Meeting number: 2632 838 9190; Password: rSBKyYkz225

Student Introduction to Canvas and Online Learning, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hccccenter-for-online-learning-10899964365>

“Wanna Talk about It?” weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Wednesday, November 3

Last day to submit Midterm Advisory Grades

Win it Wednesday – Log into Involved (<https://involved.hccc.edu/>) and enter the “Win It Wednesday” raffle to win an Amazon gift card! Twenty students will win a \$25 Gift Card! Enter by 11:59 p.m.

Flexibility Assessment, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace (71 Sip Ave.) or join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/info/5c329966876e4c86b15750e361038738?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m06470b96569a9431aee703bc75635e59>

Nursing Student Appreciation, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

Redistricting: Mapping New Jersey’s Political Future for the Next 10 Years, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8309826378>

Breakfast Bar Express, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby, 4800 Kennedy Blvd.

Grab and Go: Reed Diffusers, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby, 4800 Kennedy Blvd.

Breaking the Silence Series, Part I: Domestic Violence Vigil and Community Gathering, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., Multipurpose Room

What We’re Reading: Book Recs from the Libraries, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. View at <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Thursday, November 4

The Refill: A School Supply Giveaway, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., while supplies last, Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Friday, November 5

Benjamin J. Dineen Hull III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery closed

UndocuAlly Training, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. RSVP/Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7387335>

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

The Art of Diplomacy in Leadership, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m252608805cebb9659655fe025954c0f3>; Meeting number: 2632 913 2647; Password: fCEB8fKUZ82

Evidence-Based Pedagogy and Practice in Higher Education, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m0a8c653fb1106f3aeaca7826079684a2>; Meeting number: 132 551 2201; Password: UhJBefDq648

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Trivia Night - Brands You Know, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join at <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Saturday, November 6

President’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion Student Action Group Orientation, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. RSVP at <http://evite.me/d73cp67KHq>

Sunday, November 7

Phi Theta Kappa Fall Induction, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 8

First-Generation College Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave., Multipurpose Room

Arduino Workshop, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace. 71 Sip Ave. Registration required; visit event page at <https://hccclibrary.libcal.com/event/8072199>

Tuesday, November 9

Benjamin J. Dineen Hull III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery closed

Meet and Greet the New Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus and the North Hudson Administrative Team, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room (N203)

Grab and Go: Reed Diffusers, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., while supplies last, Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

“Wanna Talk about It?” weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Wednesday, November 10

Muscular Fitness Assessment, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace (71 Sip Ave.) or join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/info/5c329966876e4c86b15750e361038738?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m06470b96569a9431aee703bc75635e59>

Success Tips for Creating with Canva, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mfff8a82aa74473cddb23ed825ec914b>; Meeting number: 2630 586 9419; Password: PpZV5EmD5S2

Tune in to Music Series featuring Elliot Bernard, 6:30 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEqce6qqj8uE916eO30_Yf3FOwpbRgrN3lZ

Thursday, November 11

Veterans’ Day – College Open/Classes in Session. Floating Holiday

CLEP Testing, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Testing Center, 71 Sip Avenue (Gabert Library, Lower Level); register at <https://calendly.com/hudsonclep>

Celebrate Our Return to Campus Event, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room, 81 Sip Ave.

Monthly Download, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/93412681406?pwd=WDFma21xVThpOTlSdK9GYWwwOHJpUT09>; Meeting ID: 934 1268 1406; Passcode: 637257

Friday, November 12 – Sunday, November 14

Art Fair 14C, Mana Contemporary, 888 Newark Ave, Jersey City. Interested in meeting artists and supporting the arts in your community? Volunteers are needed to represent HCCC at the most successful art fair in New Jersey. For more information, visit: www.artfair14c.com

Friday, November 12

How to Include Diversity in the Classroom, 11 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m8e8d4d465641c17c4563b77663948710>; Meeting number: 132 469 9916; Password: 2aXFMKCSJ23

Coaching and Counseling in Performance Management, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m47d7fe1be5b37557887ecc266922f306>; Meeting number: 2630 760 7939; Password: uCPnwEiG797

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Virtual Pizza with the President, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., RSVP and Event Link on Involved at <https://involved.hccc.edu/>

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Hudson Presents: Conversations with Esperanza Mayobre, 6:30 p.m. Join at Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/95011204013?pwd=aStybnfydkNSSLJXWjJ0Ui85cFhFZz09>; Meeting ID: 950 1120 4013; Passcode: 941123

Monday, November 15 – Sunday, November 21

National Apprenticeship Week

Monday, November 15

Addressing the Opioid Epidemic, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join at <https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/96005665053?pwd=MVd2ZmJzT1VsTUZtaWRzMOJFZmxGZz09>; Meeting ID: 960 0566 5053; Password: RIOT

CALENDAR

Pizza with the President, 12 to 1 p.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, November 16

Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb6b8d984c75fa17fd3f368d88bec97>; Meeting number: 2632 182 7762; Password: 226t93CTDAf

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Library Book Club: "Notes from a Young Black Chef," 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/98461020668?pwd=NuDT0YwcnlzZmpMaWg4S25PTWduZz09>; Meeting ID: 984 6102 0668; Passcode: 852270

Nursing Program (RN) Information Session, 5 p.m. Join at <https://jclibrary.zoom.us/j/86495283888>

Wednesday, November 17

Last day to complete official withdrawal

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Enter at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7291511>

Body Composition Assessment, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace (71 Sip Ave.) or join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/info/5c329966876e4c86b15750e361038738?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m06470b96569a9431aee703bc75635e59>

Classroom Management Tips for New & Returning Adjunct Faculty Members, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mdda656f3c378b7008ddd1a0e665e327>; Meeting number: 2631 961 1981; Password: pyS7EXVtx94

"Our Stories Untold" featuring Omar Williams, 2 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=md3a5a7114bf5270251d760da9222d69>

What We're Reading: Book Recs from the Libraries, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. View at <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Radiography Program Q&A, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=ma406f785976e17531c60aa94d40230e7>; Event number: 2631 335 6961; Event password: Xray2021 (97292021 from phones)

Thursday, November 18

All College Council General Meeting, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m0fb2df442a62a453e88749b2c9862774>; Meeting number: 2633 107 4937; Password: EJvKC7Xe5g7

Turkey and a Tote, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room, 4800 Kennedy Blvd.

Libraries Story Time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/91601001602?pwd=d0czVTBaYbFhd1ZmZlZvMDFiYURNQT09>; Meeting ID: 916 0100 1602; Passcode: 215524

Friday, November 19

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Post-Pandemic Pedagogy, 1 p.m. Join at ; <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m64ebbab96eef2595b94b43ee37b839f>; Meeting number (access code): 132 851 4407; Meeting password: qXqy2kaK3p7

Turkey and a Tote, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 1st Floor, 161 Newkirk St.

Libraries Open Mic, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/91770702046?pwd=d3Q1Vm5uZTRXR0V6d2hMd2R2QkFCUT09>; Meeting ID: 917 7070 2046; Passcode: 683613

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, November 23

Health and Wellness for Everyday Living, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m9a3ec29119555578f82be14b6a15c9bc>; Meeting number: 2632 762 6512; Password: Healthy

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Snackivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/94418606138?pwd=b2ttejBQNDNwZUNERkpoMXpFKzRuQT09> or dial in to 1-312-626-6799; Webinar ID: 944 1860 6138; Passcode: 683494

Wednesday, November 24

Day classes in session; no evening classes

Early closing at 3 p.m. Supervisors will give essential student support personnel required to work after 3 p.m. an alternate early departure date/time.

Thursday, November 25 – Sunday, November 28
Thanksgiving Recess (College Closed – No Classes)

Monday, November 29

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=m1b07a198860a6ee1d91a0bf3c0f60715>; Meeting number (access code): 2633 034 4300; Meeting password: NovTH2021

Work Smarter, Not Harder, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center, Multipurpose Room, 81 Sip Ave.

Grab and Go: Winter Prep, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby, 4800 Kennedy Blvd.

Tuesday, November 30

HCCC Foundation Giving Tuesday

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Grab and Go: Winter Prep, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Ave.

Library Book Club discussion of "Book Club: Red, White, and Royal Blue," 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/92538148306?pwd=bVhIa3k4cThFcmZlZ2xwDHRCaGZDdz09>; Meeting ID: 925 3814 8306; Passcode: 178124

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ALUMNI CORNER

Bianelly Tellez Class of 2018 Associate of Arts in English



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

Hudson County Community College is affordable and I knew that it would be a good starting point for my career and I would be able to receive a valuable education.

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

One of my favorite memories from my time at Hudson is when I had the opportunity to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) conference in California. Not only was the trip extremely educational and insightful, I also met one of my closest friends.

How did you become interested in English?

As Spanish is my first language, I had to learn English. During this journey, reading was one of the best ways for me to learn the English language. I grew up loving books and I wanted to pursue a career that allowed me to continue working with my passion.

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

In HCCC, I had the opportunity to be in leadership positions in Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta, which helped me grow confident in my abilities to communicate and delegate. The skills I learned at Hudson followed me in my endeavors at Drew University. They also continue to be useful in my current position as Tutor Coordinator under the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program.

What is a typical workday for you?

A typical day for me consists of interacting with HCCC students, addressing any issues that may arise in the office and aiding in the academic success of EOF Scholars as well as tutoring.

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

As president of Phi Theta Kappa- Beta Alpha Phi chapter, I along with a group of officers worked alongside the Covenant House in Jersey City in an outreach program. This was a very impactful project because I felt that we were directly contributing and providing services to the community.

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

One of my biggest inspirations is my sister, whose efforts and dedication inspired me to pursue a career I was passionate about, and she continuously pushes me forward.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

It is important to remember the skills and experiences you learn at Hudson and apply them in your next chapter of life. Also, I would suggest continuing the connections you have built in HCCC because networking is vital.

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

If you need help, ask for it. HCCC has a lot of services, programs, and organizations for the benefit of students, so it is important to find them and utilize them.

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Are you willing to contribute time?

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