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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOLDS 15TH DONOR-SCHOLAR RECOGNITION CELEBRATION**

The Hudson County Community College Foundation hosted its 15th Annual Donor-Scholar Recognition Celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the College's Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City.

Vice President for Advancement & Communications Nicole Bouknight Johnson said that this is one of the Foundation's most important annual events because it provides the Foundation with the opportunity to acknowledge the generosity of its donors in a public manner and to showcase the academic achievements of HCCC scholars. It also allows the students to meet and thank their benefactors in person.

Also, at the event, Roy Groething of Jersey Pictures, a longtime photography partner of the College, was publicly recognized for his recent establishment of an endowment gift in his parents' honor.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. Established in 1997, the Foundation generates financial support for the College and its students; develops and awards need-based and merit



*Pictured from left: Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Vice President for Advancement & Communications; Roy Groething, benefactor of a recent endowment to the College; Chuka Collins Nweke, recipient of the Eric and Irene Groething Scholarship; Monica McCormack-Casey, Chair of the Hudson County Community College Foundation; and Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President.*

scholarships; provides seed money for faculty programs; assists incoming students in achieving academic success; and provides for the College's physical growth and the cultural enrichment of Hudson County residents. Since its founding, the Foundation has raised more than \$4.2 million for scholarships. The Foundation Art Collection, established in 2006, now includes 1,790 works – most by nationally and internationally renowned artists.

**ON THE COVER:** *The Hudson County Community College Foundation, scholarship donors, and scholarship recipients gather at a Recognition Celebration on Oct. 12.*

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ACADEMIC AND WORKFORCE PATHWAY PROGRAM OFFERS NEW HOPE AND FRESH STARTS FOR INCARCERATED STUDENTS**



*Pictured here, Joseph Wise, a participant in the Hudson County Community College Academic and Workforce Pathway Program.*

In the film *Dead Poets Society*, Robin Williams' character, teacher John Keating, tells his students, "No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world."

Never were those words truer than in the case of Joseph Wise, and Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Academic and Workforce Pathway Program (AWPP).

Joseph Wise is a 48-year-old, lifelong Jersey City resident who is now in his third semester of studies at HCCC. He began his higher education journey in AWPP in September 2021 while incarcerated at Hudson County Correctional Center.

Mr. Wise stated that he has spent his whole life in and out of institutions and battling substance abuse. He said that shortly after starting AWPP, HCCC's Associate Vice President for Continuing

Education and Workforce Development, Lori Margolin, called him "a scholar."

"No one ever called me a scholar before," Mr. Wise said. "It made me think. It made me realize that my mind was more locked up than my body." It also made Wise come to the realization that classes got his mind off jail, and that education was the only way to stay out of institutions. "I decided: I did jail, now do education," he said.

AWPP is the result of a partnership between Hudson County Community College, the Hudson County Correctional Center, and the Hudson County Department of Housing and Community Reintegration. The program is made possible by a \$450,000 grant to HCCC from Hudson County. It is one of just a handful of such programs in the United States that offer virtual degree and workforce training in a county correctional facility.

All too often, incarcerated men and women are not given the tools to return to society without encountering poverty, violence, unemployment, and dependency – the same conditions that led to their incarceration. Data indicate that the unemployment rate of previously incarcerated men and women is five times higher than that of the general population, and 70% of children with

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## HCCC PRESIDENT REBER APPEARS AS GUEST ON 'HUDSON COUNTY VIEW LIVE'

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, Hudson County Community College President Dr. Christopher Reber was a guest on "Hudson County View Live," a weekly show covering news and politics for Hudson County and all of its municipalities.

John Heinis is the host of "Hudson County View Live." The interview may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3L1E16CbnTE>.



Hudson County Community College President Dr. Christopher Reber (left) with "Hudson County View Live" host John Heinis.

## HCCC CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



On Tuesday, Oct. 18, HCCC's Latin Society held a Latin Heritage Fashion Show at the North Hudson Campus. The event demonstrated pride and appreciation of the models' roots through traditional clothing, music and performances as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

## THE HCCC CULINARY CLUB HOSTS A STREET FOOD FAIR



The Culinary Club collaborated with Culinary Arts Institute alumni to host a successful Street Food Fair.

The HCCC Culinary Club hosted their annual Street Food Fair at the Culinary Park on October 15. This year was extra special thanks to the outstanding support from the culinary alumni. Current students worked hand-in-hand with graduates to prepare a wide variety of dishes. The venue overflowed with tasty empanadas, creamy crepes, spicy tteokbokki, pillowy pork buns, warm chowders, colorful brigaderros, wood-

fired pizza and, a show-stopping whole roasted pig. Culinary faculty also volunteered much of their time and energy for the event. The success of the event is largely due to the commitment and dedication of the culinary faculty and students. As the evening drew to a close and the dancing and singing came to a halt, it became more evident that Hudson is and will always be home.

## HCCC CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS ASSISTED AT MINDFUL EATING EVENT



Culinary Arts Institute students at serving stations inside (left) and outside (right) of the Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center.

On Saturday, September 24, 2022, HCCC students volunteered at the Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center in Jersey City, NJ.

This event was sponsored by the Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Senior Affairs and other community partners. The event provided health screenings, free food, yoga, music, and activities geared towards wellness. Chef Claude Lewis, CAI alumnus and owner of the Freetown Road Project, also volunteered his services at this event. We appreciate that Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) students are taking their career and community service seriously.

## HUDSON HELPS RESOURCE CENTER FALL RESOURCE FAIR



On Monday, Oct. 3, the Hudson Helps Resource Center (HHRC) held a Fall Resource Fair at the Student Center. The event featured local community partners from around Hudson County, including New Jersey City



University and WomenRising, Inc. HHRC provides information on access to services, programs, and resources that assist in addressing basic needs beyond the classroom.

## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

#### One Year

Samantha Ceballo  
Janet Chavez  
Candice Peterson  
Hamza Saleem  
Tamara Williams

#### 5 Years

Gretchen Schulthes

#### 10 Years

Maritess Wiggins

#### 15 Years

Victoria Orellana

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

#### 5 years

Carmen Diaz  
Shila Gonsalves  
Rafaela Rodriguez

## APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

*Karina Arango, Student Success Coach, Incarcerated Students, Academic and Workforce Pathway Program (Grant-funded) (effective Oct. 12, 2022 to Aug. 31, 2023)*

*Rimsha Bazaid, Career and Academic Advisor, Gateway to Innovation (Grant-funded) (effective Oct. 17, 2022 to June 30, 2023)*

*Glennis Ehi Senior Accountant (effective Oct. 17, 2022)*

*Curtis Lee Mincey Jr., Financial Counselor, Gateway to Innovation (Grant-funded) (effective Oct. 12, 2022 to Aug. 31, 2023)*

*Juan Peralta, Student Services Assistant (Grant-funded; CCOG Grant) (effective Oct. 12, 2022)*

*Iqra Usmani, Financial Aid Advisor (effective Oct. 12, 2022)*

## APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

*Maryann Connelly, Instructor, Education (Non-tenured) (effective Aug. 31, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022)*

## MODIFICATIONS TO STAFFING TABLE

*Fiabiola Ocean, Student Success Coach, Incarcerated Students to Student Success Coordinator, Incarcerated Students (Grant-funded) (effective Oct. 12, 2022)*

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

### Prioritizing Self (Live – All Employees),

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"You cannot pour from an empty cup." Many of us spend most of our time giving of ourselves to family, friends, and employers, making it easy to forget to take care of ourselves. This session dives deeper into the importance of prioritizing and taking care of yourself so you can show up for those in your life.

### You've Got This! Essential Skills for Leaders (Live – Leaders and Managers)

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Most leaderships skills require development. In this session we will review a number of essential management concepts that will help support your team to maximize engagement, productivity and innovation.

### Mindset for Success (Pre-Recorded)

Available 24-7 during the month on November Mindset has a huge influence on many areas of life, including physical and emotional wellbeing, relationships and personal and professional success. Regardless of whether we've identified as optimists or pessimists in the past, we all have the ability to harness a mindset that allows us to deal with challenging events more effectively, turn "failures" into growth opportunities and experience a greater sense of contentment. You will leave this webinar armed with strategies for making simple shifts in thinking that can lead to great change.

To sign up for these webinars, visit [eap.ndbh.com](http://eap.ndbh.com), enter company code HCCC, scroll down to the

"Check Out Our Webinars" box.

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

## HR WELLNESS FAIR HELD AT JOURNAL SQUARE AND NORTH HUDSON CAMPUSES



*Top Left photo: Service providers meet with HCCC faculty and staff at the Culinary Conference Center, Journal Square Campus. Top Right photo: Pictured from left: Carmen McGuire, Associate Director, Human Resources; Amaalah Ogburn, Associate Director, North Hudson Campus; and Stephanie Sergeant, Human Resources Coordinator. Bottom Photo: Griselda E. Frane, Lecturer, Nursing (center) with students from the Nursing Program, who performed blood pressure screenings.*



## HCCC SHINES AT NISOD FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) held its Annual Fall Virtual Conference in October, bringing together full- and part-time faculty members, librarians, and student support services personnel to share best and promising practices for increasing student success at community and technical colleges. This new convening provided an opportunity for campus allies to thoroughly examine what it means to meet the needs of 21st-century students.

Several members of the HCCC community delivered presentations during the three-day conference (Oct. 19-21), including:

- **DEI-Focused Employee Recruitment and Retention Strategies That Build a Community of Engagement and Belonging:** Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources, and Yeury Pujols, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- **Achieving Student Success Through Sustainability:** Swathi Karamcheti, Adjunct Instructor, STEM, Academic Advising, Student Affairs
- **Becoming a Fulbright Scholar:** Catherine Sweeting, Associate Professor, English

## HCCC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NEWS



Pictured from left: successful interns turned employees Erika Aguilar, Miguel Santamaria, and Diego Mardonado.

### HCCC Construction Management Students Landing Full-Time Positions

Congratulations to three Hudson County Community College Construction Management students –Erika Aguilar, Miguel Santamaria, and Diego Mardonado– who participated in a summer internship program and received full-time job offers from their host companies.

Each student has accepted their offer, working full-time while completing degree work at HCCC. “This is an indication of the strength of our Construction Management program and the quality of knowledge our instructors impart to their students,” said Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Associate Professor (STEM) and Coordinator of the Construction Management Program.

### Field Trip to Construction Sites

Students of the Construction Management program at HCCC took a field trip to neighboring construction sites with their instructor, Prof. Javid Raja. The visit was a part of the course (CNM 202, Construction Procedure, Materials and Testing), and the objective of such trips is to expose students with practical field experience about their course material.



Construction Management students visited the 1 Journal Square site in September.

### Field Trip to 1 Journal Square

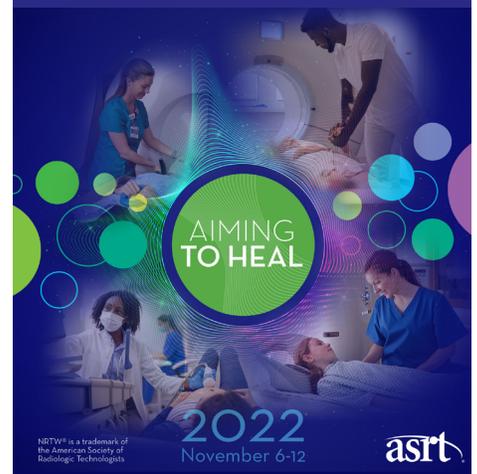
We are fortunate that a new multi-story, mega building project has started at 1 Journal Square, in close proximity to the College. It is a great opportunity for our students to observe the completion of a gigantic building structure from start to finish.

The development will create more than 2 million square feet with a mix of rental apartments and amenities, retail space, an enclosed parking garage, and publicly accessible green space facing John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, HCCC’s Construction Management students visited the facility and observed site preparation activities.

In the future, they will observe foundation work and gradually all the subsequent stages of the project. Students will make formal reports of these trips, which will be submitted to the National Science Foundation.

## NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK: NOV. 6-12, 2022



The Hudson County Community College Radiography Program will celebrate the vital work of radiologic technologists (RTs) nationwide during National Radiologic Technology Week from Nov. 6 to 12. The annual celebration takes place each year during the week inclusive of November 8, to commemorate the discovery of the X-ray by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 8, 1895. This nationwide week-long celebration calls attention to the critical role medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals play in patient care and health care safety.

The theme for 2022 is "Aiming to Heal."



Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **TOWN HALL MEETING** on Wednesday, November 30 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:**  
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# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,750+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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



Untitled (Painting of Saint with Halo), Sister Mary Imelda, O.P., ca. 1950s, Oil on Canvas Board, 13.375 x 9.75 in.

## Donor Acknowledgments

Thank you to Clifford Brooks for the generous donation of the painting by Sister Mary Imelda, OP. This work will grace our growing collection of art by the local artists nuns of the Blue Chapel in Union City. You can see this collection on the 7th floor of North Hudson Campus.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the donation of the easel.

## Artist News

You can see **Shepard Fairey's** work on the 2nd Floor of 2 Enos Place outside the Writing Center—in the area devoted to art that includes writing—and on the 4th floor of the North Hudson campus in the area devoted to portraits. The artist is having his first solo museum exhibit at Dallas contemporary in Texas. While most of us won't make it to Texas for that show, it is a good time to reflect on this influential artist.

You may have seen his work on the cover of *Time* magazine just before the 2020 election. For the first time in the magazine's history, they altered the name "Time" to read "Vote" on the cover that Shepard Fairey designed. He said, "The future is not shaped by voting alone, but voting is crucial to make a healthy, functional democracy."

Fairey first became famous as a "street" artist using stickers glued in public places. Some property owners and law-enforcement officers might think stickers are annoying vandalism. Other folks might just find stickers interesting. Fairey says: "I noticed that putting stickers in a few places that were just supposed to be noticed by my friends was actually catching the attention of a lot of people and that started to raise issues of the control of the public space and image absorption...I quickly realized that disrupting the usual semiotics of consumption and control of public space was actually really powerful and provocative." The question of who owns so-called public space is a critical one in our society. The question of public space applies both to the physical world and the virtual one of social media and the internet. How those public-space questions are answered may well influence the fate of our democracy.

The artist says of his new solo show: "My exhibition backward forward addresses many crucial issues facing America and the planet at large. The work takes many approaches aesthetically and conceptually but consistently asks the questions - 'Are we moving forward or backward?' and 'What do we want the future to look like?'"

If you like the art on the walls by **Willie Cole** and **James Sienna**, you might enjoy seeing or even walking on the limited-edition rugs these artists have made. Artists' rugs? According to BravinLee, the exhibition venue, "When an artist's work comes off the wall and onto the floor, it's experienced in an entirely new way.... " Made of wool and silk, the rugs are designed by the artist and then hand-knotted by artisans in Nepal. These products are also made without child, forced or bonded labor. I am not sure how comfortable I'd be walking on, but perhaps this could work for you? On view at the gallery, 526 West 26th Street, New York City, through early November.

If you like **Maya Lin's** work on the first floor of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy the short video that is on the website about her current show at the National Portrait Gallery. She speaks about the influences of her parents, both of whom were immigrants, artists, and professors; about her work; and about what she hopes for her children: *One Life: Maya Lin* <https://npg.si.edu/exhibition/one-life-maya-lin-exhibition>. On this webpage, there is also a video about her recent work, "What is Missing?" This work is about our environment in crisis: What animals, plants and other things are in grave danger and what we can do about it.

**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](mailto:ASiegel@hccc.edu) and tell us the story of how the Art Collection works for you.**

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

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## INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW



The Office of Student Life and Leadership and Department of Cultural Affairs will host an International Fashion Show on Friday, Nov. 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium, at 71 Sip Ave.

Countries including Egypt, the Philippines, Jamaica, Italy, Argentina, and India will be showcased! Come enjoy the show with free food, activities, and a chance “to win a raffle.”



**November 10 to 13**  
Enjoy state-wide celebrated artists at the Armory at Mckinley Square in Jersey City. Please visit [www.artfair14c.com](http://www.artfair14c.com)

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Leave 12 p.m.	Gabert Library
Leave 12:30 p.m.	Armory
Leave 1 p.m.	Gabert Library
Leave 1:30 p.m.	Armory
Leave 2 p.m.	Gabert Library
Leave 2:30 p.m.	Armory
Leave 3 p.m.	Gabert Library
Leave 3:30 p.m.	Armory
Leave 4 p.m.	Gabert Library
Leave 4:30 p.m.	Armory
5 p.m.	final drop-off Gabert Library

**Going to Art Fair 14C?**  
WE'RE OFFERING A FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR THE HCCC COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY, NOV. 12.  
The shuttle will run from the Gabert Library Lobby to the Armory on a first come first serve basis starting at 12 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

### NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

- 4 International Fashion Show**  
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Dineen Hull Gallery/Atrium, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
The International Fashion Show is hosted by the Department of Student Life & Leadership and DEL/Cultural Affairs. This show will showcase traditional, cultural clothing from all over the world modeled by HCCC students
- 10-13 Art Fair 14C**  
Enjoy state-wide celebrated artists at the Armory at Mckinley Square in Jersey City. Please visit [www.artfair14c.com](http://www.artfair14c.com)
- 16 Digitized Computer Arts Show Opening Reception, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.,**  
Art Concourse at North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd. Third Floor
- 17 Your Home Is My Home Artist Talk**  
with Maria de Los Angeles, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk St., <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Speaker>

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## NEW HOPE AND FRESH STARTS FOR INCARCERATED STUDENTS

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incarcerated parents develop criminal records as well.

“The most effective programs to combat recidivism are those that begin prior to release, include education and/or job training programs, and provide ongoing support – elements that are incorporated into AWPP,” said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. “Programs like this are essential and transformational, and the men and women who participate are extraordinarily inspirational.”

Ms. Margolin, and HCCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Assessment Dr. Heather DeVries, worked with Hudson County Department of Housing and Community Reintegration Director Frank Mazza and the Hudson County Correctional Center to institute the program, which offers

participants a choice of a degree or workforce path. When it began last fall, the program was offered only to men, and this summer women were included. Today, there are 44 scholars in the AWPP, for a total of 122 students enrolled since the program began.

Program participants must meet all HCCC academic requirements. Classes are held in the jail’s Law Library. In addition to providing classes, HCCC partner WomenRising, Inc. conducts financial literacy and life skills sessions, and to promote equity, the College ensures that incarcerated students receive the same academic coaching and assistance as other HCCC students.

Mr. Wise said that he was also battling substance abuse, and one of his professors gave him a list of meetings to attend. Now on probation with Recovery Court, he is taking

classes on campus at HCCC as an EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund) student, receiving counseling, tutoring, financial assistance, and the support of faculty and academic counselors, especially HCCC EOF Director Jose Lowe and his staff.

After graduating from HCCC with his Associate of Science degree in Human Services/Pre-Social Work, Mr. Wise plans on transferring to Rutgers University School of Social Work. Eventually he wants to work with adolescents in a treatment facility so he can help prevent young people from going through some of the challenges he has experienced.

“This is a really good program with people who are great inspirations to me,” Mr. Wise stated. “Everyone in the program is pushing to help me do what I need to do to succeed, and I am going to do that.”

# HCCC HOSTS FALL OPEN HOUSE



On Saturday, Oct. 22, Hudson County Community College held its semiannual Open House. Upon check-in at the Student Centers, prospective students received a map to help them navigate to the different academic divisions and departments present.

More than 120 students and 60 guests attended the event, and more than 25 College departments were represented. Several of the students completed an online application for admission.

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who made the event a success.

# IN THEIR SHOES™ EXHIBITION: SUICIDE PREVENTION



Photo above: Members of the HCCC and Attitudes in Reverse teams who made the IN THEIR SHOES event possible. Photo to the right: Notes are attached to each pair of shoes in the IN THEIR SHOES to represent young people who committed suicide.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Attitudes in Reverse presented IN THEIR SHOES™, a suicide prevention program. The exhibit consists of 277 pairs of shoes representing the New Jersey youth (ages 10-24, most being young men) who lost hope and ended their lives between 2014 and 2016.

This exhibit let young people know they are not alone in their struggles and encouraged them to seek help. In addition, the IN THEIR SHOES™ presentation increased understanding, empathy and kindness toward those who might be struggling in silence.

Partners in Prevention, a Hudson County-based wellness organization, attended the event and provided student resources.



# CAREER CONFERENCE & JOB FAIR

## CANNADEMIX

Thurs., Nov. 10

12 pm to 7 pm

Join us on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10** at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ, for a **CAREER FAIR & JOB FAIR** highlighting the education, opportunities, and culture of Cannabis in New Jersey!

**ATTENDANCE IS FREE!**

- Educational Panels
- Cannabis Industry Employers
- Mentoring Sessions
- Résumé Writing
- Licensing Clinic
- Consumption Demo
- Expungement Clinic
- 1-on-1 Mentoring Sessions
- Career Resources
- Dab Bar & Refreshments



Click on link below or Scan QR code for Tickets  
<https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Cannademix>

To volunteer, participate, or learn more please contact Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at [cfarrell@hccc.edu](mailto:cfarrell@hccc.edu)



# HCCC HOSTS INTERNSHIP AND JOB FAIRS



Hudson County Community College's Career Services Department held Internship and Job Fairs at each of the College's campuses: on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the North Hudson Campus, and on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Journal Square Campus.

## We are here for you!

Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty in a course?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?



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

Please complete the General Concern Form at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care>.

A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



*Team HCCC-PTK at Making Strides of Jersey City Presented by Goya on Sunday, Oct. 9.*

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The Beta Alpha Phi Chapter has volunteered at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer for many years. There was a pause in 2020, but the in-person event resumed last year.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, Michael Salinas, Tyshara Bonaparte, and Prof. Ted Lai, Beta Alpha Phi advisor, volunteered at the walk. Several members of the Radiography Program also volunteered.

Dina Thompson formed a Phi Theta Kappa team to walk. More than 30 Phi Theta Kappa members, other students, and Hudson County Community College staff members joined the team. There were many other HCCC participants including a large contingent of EOF students and staff.

### Now Open: PTK 2023 All-USA Academic Team Scholarship Application

The application for the 2023 All-USA Academic Team, the Coca-Cola Academic Team, and Coca-Cola New Century Workforce & Transfer Pathway Scholarships, sponsored by Cengage, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa is currently open and will close to students on Dec. 1, 2022.

The deadline to submit nominations is Dec. 7, 2022, at 5 p.m. Central Time. Each college campus may nominate up to four students per college campus for the All-USA Academic Team Program: two career-bound, workforce-ready (CTE) applicants and two transfer-bound applicants.

Scholars are selected from over 2,000 nominations, come from varied backgrounds, and express wide-ranging interests. In addition to the scholarships and national recognition, nominees to these programs are recognized in All-State Academic Team programs held in 39 states. All-State Team programs offer additional recognition, media coverage, medallions, certificates, and \$41 million in academic scholarships. The 2023 All-USA Academic Team members and New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars will be recognized virtually in April 2023 during the annual convention of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and 2023 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars will be recognized during the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) Congress, held in October 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society  
Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Induction Ceremony

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, 2 p.m.  
Culinary Conference Center  
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

## CENTER FOR TEACHING, LEARNING, AND INNOVATION (CTLI)

### THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS (ACUE) PEER-SHARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Mission: To enhance teaching effectiveness, thereby improving student learning.**

**Thursday, November 10**

**Providing Clear Directions and Explanations in Online Courses**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Virtual

Facilitator: Lisa Bogart

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m8aa530423d1043af21287dce12c570c8>

Meeting number: 2631 730 1277 Password: P3n8qmFmQm3

**Friday, November 11**

**Welcoming Students to Online Learning**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Virtual

Facilitator: Victor Moruzzi

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/vmoruzzi>

Meeting number: 793 022 237 Password: Jj2386ExG33

**Monday, November 14**

**Micro-aggressions: Identification and Mitigation**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

Facilitator: Cyndi Wilson

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m7f54e7a48043c8587591ecc31c2ce420>

Meeting number: 2632 112 6620 Password: JwyVgWMU873

**Monday, November 28**

**Designing and Creating an Assessment Blueprint**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Virtual

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m069ffc038d2f1fe1b0a280486904c211>

Meeting number: 2633 319 0010 Password: UeADpm3Jb73

For more details on these session go to: <https://www.hccc.edu/community/ctli.html>

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Continuing Education's New Jersey Licensing Cannabis Workshop Is Back!

On November 28, Continuing Education will run the second cycle of this four-week, virtual workshop on what it takes to apply for and operate a state-licensed cannabis establishment in New Jersey.

The class, taught by Jessica F. Gonzalez, Esq., winner of *NJ Cannabis Insider's* Community Game Changer award, drew 35 students last July. Students met several cannabis business operators, and learned directly from those who are succeeding in the industry.

Guest speakers included:

Matthew Kutch, the CEO of Woah Flow, and one of the winners of the 2019 RFA. Matt successfully underwent the process of obtaining licensure in NJ for his cannabis dispensary during an extremely competitive round.

Laury Lucien, a cannabis business attorney who helped lead the Worcester cannabis company Major Bloom, the second economic empowerment shop to open in the city. She was appointed to the Cannabis Advisory Board this year by Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, where she will be one of 25 people who make recommendations to the regulatory body Cannabis Control Commission.

Kelly Whyman, a cannabis industry consultant with 10+ years of experience in cannabis compliance, and clients across 20 states. In 2010 she began consulting with highly regulated industries and later founded Cann Do LLC in 2013. Through her work with Cann Do, she has been able to provide a professional resource and referral network of consultants that provide an array of services, assisting companies with applications, licensing and "Seed to CPA" tracking in both operating and emerging medical and adult-use cannabis markets.

To learn more about this course and to register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Cannademix> or email Chastity Farrell, Director, Continuing Education And Workforce Development, at [cfarrell@hccc.edu](mailto:cfarrell@hccc.edu)

### Continuing Education's Youth and Teens Programs

Continuing Education's 2022 Summer Youth Program ended with a bang. Close to 100 kids and teens attended this year's program, which included two one-week sections of Digital Photography, two weeks of SAT Math and Language Arts Prep, and a Culinary Academy, which consisted of two baking and two cooking weeks.

The HCCC Summer Youth Program is an annual summer program for children ages 9 to 16 years old. (Several teen students returned from previous years - some attending since they were 9 years old!) Each year the program runs from the beginning of July through the end of August. The programs are not only educational but also fun, creative, and unique. They're a win-win for both parents and kids!

Continuing Education also runs various youth programs throughout the school year, such as PSAT and SAT Prep, Writing a Successful College Admissions Essay, Interviewing for Your First Job, College Coaching, Financial Basics for Youth, CPR & First Aid for Teens.



For more information on the youth programming please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/programs/family-kids-teen/index.html>, or contact Carmen Guerra, Youth and Language Coordinator, at [cguerra@hccc.edu](mailto:cguerra@hccc.edu). Contact: Department of Continuing Education, 161 Newkirk Street, Room E504, Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 360-4224 [CE@hccc.edu](mailto:CE@hccc.edu)



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##### SPRING ONLINE COURSE

No Prerequisites Required  
Total Hours: 32 | Saturdays and Sundays  
March 4 – March 26 | \$350

##### FALL 2023 ONLINE COURSE

No Prerequisites Required  
Total Hours: 32 | Saturdays and Sundays  
October 7 – October 29 | \$350

#### NICET Level 2 Certification (Preparatory Course)

##### FALL ONLINE COURSE

No Prerequisites Required  
Total Hours: 32 | Saturdays and Sundays  
December 3 – January 8 | (No class December 24, 25, 31 & January 1) | \$350

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or email Chastity Farrell at [cfarrell@hccc.edu](mailto:cfarrell@hccc.edu)

## Upcoming Programs

Tuesday, November 1

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Copywriting for Marketing

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copywriting-for-marketing-registration-383123461587>

Wednesday, November 2

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

Computer Basics

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-computer-basics-registration-367730771637>

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Basic French Level 1

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-french-level-i-registration-416085311367>

Monday, November 14

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

Advanced Communication Skills

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-communications-skills-registration-411963703527>

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Basic Life Support Certification

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-life-support-bls-certification-fall-2022-tickets-347326993387>

Tuesday, November 22

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

Microsoft Excel Level 1

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/microsoft-excel-level-i-registration-367751453497>

Monday, November 28

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

Email Etiquette for Professionals

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/email-etiquette-for-professionals-registration-411962259207>

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NJ Licensing Cannabis Workshop

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-jersey-licensing-cannabis-workshop-virtual-registration-424454804747>

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## CALENDAR

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

### Tuesday, November 1

ATD Coaches Visit

Breaking the Silence, Part One (Third Annual Domestic Violence Awareness), 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Multipurpose Room; register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8493742>

### Wednesday, November 2

Last day to submit Midterm Advisory Grades

Cardiorespiratory Assessment, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace

### Friday, November 4

International Fashion Show, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery/Atrium, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

### Monday, November 7

CARE Team Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m. Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue, Multipurpose Room. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8263244>

### Tuesday, November 8

Election Day – College Open/classes in session (Floating Holiday)

Alpha Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

### Wednesday, November 9

Flexibility Assessment, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace

### Thursday, November 10

Phi Theta Kappa Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street

Virtual Information Session for The Oral History Project, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Register at <https://tiny.cc/huc94b>

### Thursday, November 10 - Monday, December 19

Culinary Cycle III

### Friday, November 11

Veterans Day – College Open/classes in session (Floating Holiday)

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

### Friday, November 11 – Sunday, November 13

Art Fair 14C, The Armory, 678 Montgomery Street; order tickets at <https://artfair14c.com/>

### Monday, November 14

Aspiring Student Leadership Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City; register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aspire-leadership-conference-tickets-428854674877>

### Tuesday, November 15

Beginner Piano Lessons with HCCC Alumnus Eduardo Rivera, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Benjamin J. Dineen III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery

### Wednesday, November 16

Last day to complete official withdrawal

Muscular Fitness Assessment, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace

Digitized Computer Arts Show Opening Reception, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Art Concourse at North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd. Third Floor

### Thursday, November 17

The Sisterhood/La Hermanidad Discussion: What about Autonomy, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/8318624>

All College Council General Meeting, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://tinyurl.com/ACC-Nov>

Radiography Program Information Session, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Join virtually at <https://tinyurl.com/RadiographyInfo>; Meeting number: 2631 969 9403; Password: ZpCHJpqT858

### Friday, November 18

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

### Monday, November 21

Nursing and Health Sciences Division Career/ Panel Discussion, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street, Room 214. Join at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Nursing>; Meeting number: 2633 180 0300; Password: E63We23miPt

### Tuesday, November 22

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Mary T. Norton Room, Join at <https://zoom.us/j/95152569830?pwd=eEtBbG1ySXA4VWVWTEtvROhxRHJSQT09>, Passcode: 537904

### Wednesday, November 23

Day classes in session; no evening classes

### Thursday, November 24 – Sunday, November 27

Thanksgiving recess – College closed

### Tuesday, November 29

Giving Tuesday (HCCC Foundation)

### Wednesday, November 30

Balance Assessment, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace



## Aspiring Student Leadership CONFERENCE

Monday, November 14, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
HCCC North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ 07087

Open to HCCC students and high school students in the area surrounding the North Hudson Campus.

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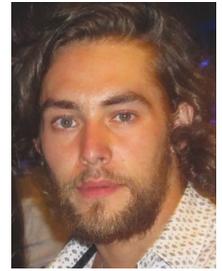
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**ALUMNI CORNER**

**Brian Edgar Lopes**

**Class of 2015**

**Associate in Applied Science – Culinary Arts**



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

The only factor I can think of that led me to Hudson County Community Colleges was the fact that I would be able to attain a degree in something I had a love for, so close to home and at such a feasible price. I put myself through school, financially speaking, so it was the right choice for me. Another factor, which ultimately sealed my decision, was a personal friend and former student at HCCC who spoke so highly of the Culinary Arts program and how affordable it was in comparison to all the other top culinary schools in the tri-state area.

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

The professors/mentors, the staff and friends I made along the way truly made for a memorable experience. But if I really was pressed to choose, our annual Foundation Gala was a night where the faculty and students could really shine and showcase all they've taught, learned and worked hard for, and put it on display.

**How did you become interested in culinary arts?**

I really did not have an interest in culinary arts per se. Growing up in the restaurant industry and my father being a chef and restaurateur is the reason that ultimately led my interests towards hospitality. My wife, Denise, also played a strong role in encouraging me to pursue something she felt I would excel in. (After all, I met her at one of my father's restaurants.) Seeing as I come from a long line of family who all had/have a plethora of experience in hospitality - it only seemed fitting.

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

HCCC prepared me for my career by instilling in me the knowledge, best principles, right tools, and teaching me to prioritize my time better. Also, HCCC gave me a complete understanding the importance of

the most useful techniques for setting and achieving my goals. (Bonus: Feeling the comfort that the professors will always be there for us, to guide us hereafter. Even after graduation, there were times I needed advice in preparation for a job and my professors were always there to help.)

**What is a typical workday for you?**

Typical work day: 12-10 p.m. FREE time is YOUR time, WORK ON YOU!

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

Most memorable project was being part of a restaurant opening in Manhattan, being appointed the position of "chef de cuisine" at the age of 24.

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

My inspirations have been my Chefs/Professors, mentors (you know who you are) in the Culinary Arts Institute. My biggest inspirations are always my wife Denise and my son, Kaiden Oliver.

**What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?**

Best advice: Don't expect your degree to be enough. Talk to everyone, learn as much as you can from everyone. You'd be very surprised at what you can learn when you're humble –leave your ego at home.

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

Don't be afraid to try something new and be awful at it. But do be afraid of trying nothing and expecting to be great at it. You will never grow/advance in any career if you are comfortable. Be uncomfortable! You simply cannot grow if you stay within the limits of what you already know.



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