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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES FOR ITS NEW STEM BUILDING

On Tuesday, September 19 at 10 a.m., Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held the official Grand Opening ceremonies for the new 70,070 square-foot STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Building at 263 Academy Street in Jersey City.

HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman William J. Netchert, Esq. and HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. welcomed federal and local officials, including U.S. Congressman Albio Sires, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Freeholder Anthony Romano, and Hudson County Clerk Barbara Netchert.

Mr. Netchert and Dr. Gabert also greeted College Trustees and several members of the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors, as well as HCCC administrators, faculty, and students. In all, approximately 200 people were present for the event.

Located just blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transit Center, construction on the \$30 million, 70,070 square-foot HCCC STEM Building began more than two years ago. The HCCC STEM Building is constructed to link to the HCCC Cundari Center, which was renovated and reopened in September 2015 to accommodate the HCCC Nursing and Radiography programs. The Cundari Center includes state-of-the-art simulated rooms in various hospital settings (pediatrics, OB/GYN, general medicine, orthopedics, ER, and more).

As designed by RSC Architects, the six-story, steel-frame HCCC STEM Building, each of the top five floors is dedicated to a specific course of study: Chemistry and Organic Chemistry on the sixth floor; Biology, Microbiology and Histology on the fifth floor; Physics, Engineering and Electronics Engineering on the fourth floor; Geology and Environmental Studies on the third floor; and Mathematics on the second floor. The floors include lecture halls, classrooms, science labs, prep rooms, clean rooms, dirty rooms, STEM computer labs and stations, conference rooms, breakout rooms, suites of administrative and faculty offices, and student lounges.

The commanding exterior design of the HCCC STEM Building opens onto an impressive, 1,500 square-foot, first-floor lobby with stone-detailed walls, and a coffered ceiling with light pockets. The first floor will also include a student lounge, lecture hall, and exhibit/event space.

State-of-the-art equipment, including autoclaves, incubators, ionizers, explosion-proof refrigerators, and vacuum ovens were built into the labs. Some of the other unique features are: classrooms and breakout rooms adjacent to labs which allow for what is learned to be



Pictured from left at the Grand Opening ceremonies of Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) STEM Building on Sept. 19: Joseph Sansone, HCCC Vice President for Development; Many Otero, Chair, HCCC Foundation; Anthony Romano, Hudson County Freeholder; Paula P. Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President, North Hudson Campus/Student and Educational Support Services; Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive; William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair, HCCC Board of Trustees; U.S. Congressman Albio Sires; Adrienne Sires, HCCC Trustees; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President; Issam El-Achkar, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics, Electronic Engineering & Computer Technology Programs Coordinator; Joanne Kosakowski, HCCC Trustee; Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Barbara A. Netchert, Hudson County Clerk; and John Capazzi, AIA, President of RSC Architects.

put into practical use; stage and prep rooms attached to labs; lab tables with data ports so students may research their findings immediately; walls coated with "Wink," a clear, water-soluble, dry-erase coating that wipes clean with no ghosting; microscopes that transmit images to laptops so specimens can be better seen; labs outfitted with workstations with fume hoods that protect students, faculty, and the environment from toxic or volatile chemicals; acid-proof pipes; additional security mechanisms.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Phi Theta Kappa News – October

Beta Alpha Phi members Gabrielle Giordano, Elizabeth Tejada, George Karas, and Reda Mastauri, Beta Alpha Phi alumna Ana Polanco and her daughter Melanie, Essex County College Alpha Theta Theta Chapter President Dwayne Henderson, and Prof. Theodore Lai volunteered at the Empty Sky 9/11 Memorial Foundation 5K Run/Walk at Liberty State Park on Sept. 10.



Pictured from left: Gabrielle Giordano, Elizabeth Tejada, Nancy Zaragova, George Karas, Ana Polanco with her daughter Melanie, Reda Mastouri, and Prof. Theodore Lai. Missing from photo: Dwayne Henderson.



Cledys Diaz, Rehka Singh, her son Randhir, Reda Mastouri, and Prof. Theodore Lai volunteered at the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on Sept. 23. Rosemary Cuillerier, Liberty State Park horticulturist and Sam Pesin, President of the Friends of Liberty State Park are also in the photo (third from right and far right).



Sharon Lazo, Rekha Singh, her son Randhir, Reda Mastouri, and Prof. Theodore Lai (top left) had volunteered at Family Day on September 23. The chapter had a crafts table for making bracelets and necklaces.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION



On Tuesday, August 29 at 3 p.m. HCCC held an Orientation for International Students. Guest speakers were Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, and Lisa Dougherty, Dean of Enrollment.

HCCC TO HOST THE FIRST COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT INSPIRED BY TED TALKS, HCCC CONVOS

Hudson County Community College is issuing a call for submissions to share your voice and story with our community. The theme of the event is to discuss race. Submission subject matter should complement the theme.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Please submit your proposal for your 10-minute talk to Emily Skinner at eskinner@hccc.edu by Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017.

FOCUS FRIDAYS CALENDAR FALL 2017

All FOCUS Fridays will take place in the Library Building (Building L, 71 Sip Ave.), Lower Level Conference Room.

Friday, October 6, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

LPN, RN, and Radiography Programs

Friday, October 13, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical Assisting and Health Services
(Includes visit to MDA Lab at 870 Bergen Ave.)

Friday, October 27, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Social Sciences: Criminal Justice
(National Crime Prevention Month)

Friday, November 3, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

English Programs
(National Novel Writing Month)

Friday, November 10, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering,
& Mathematics (STEM)

Friday, December 1, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Studio and Performing Arts

Friday, December 8, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical Coding Program, Occupational
Therapy Assistant, and Personal Fitness

Friday, December 15,, 2017

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management

**To register for a tour go to
www.hccc.edu/campustours**

OCTOBER IS OPEN ENROLLMENT MONTH

Hudson County Community College's Human Resources Department will assist College employees in making changes to coverage during the open enrollment period. Employees will have from Wednesday, Oct. 11 to Tuesday, Oct. 31 to change enrollment options. Enrollment forms should be sent to Laura Montgomery at lmontgomery@hccc.edu. Employees do not have to submit a new form if no changes are being made.

In planning coverage for 2018, it is important to note the following:

- There is a 13% increase in the cost for medical/prescription benefits, which will be paid by both the College and employees. (The College contributes 86% of the cost for employee's medical benefits.)
- There will be a new pharmacy benefits manager, OptumRx. Enrolled members will receive correspondence and new cards.

- Insurance waiver rates will be increased an additional \$500 per tier (pending approval by the Board of Trustees).

- A new flexible spending account vendor, Benefit Resource, will be introduced. The deadline for enrollment is Friday, Dec. 1. The Human Resources Department will host an information/enrollment session at the College (date to be announced).

- A representative from the Social Security Administrative will also be on campus to discuss SSI benefits and Medicare (date to be announced).

Overall, College-sponsored benefits for medical, dental, vision, and tuition remission/reimbursement add a 38% value to an employee's base salary – greater than the U.S. Department of Labor's report that benefits add an average of 30% to an employee's total compensation. Consequently, although an employee may earn \$50,000, that employee's total compensation is actually \$69,000.

2017 JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

I am extremely proud to announce that our sponsor, Johnston Communications, is supporting the Excellence in Teaching Awards for this past year.

Nominations should be forwarded to my office through Linda Guastini at lguastini@hccc.edu.

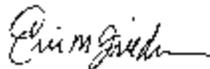
This year's theme for the awards will be:

1. Turning Challenges into Opportunities
2. Student Success

Please identify where the nominated faculty member has demonstrated excellence in one of the themed areas and provide a 250 to 500 word summary that supports your nomination. Note: You may nominate yourself. Nominees must have completed two full years of full-time teaching at the College.

Each award carries a \$2,000 recognition, and the ceremony will coincide with College Service Day in January 2018. There will be one award in each category. Nominations must be received and acknowledged by December 18, 2017. An outside judge will make the final selections.

Please feel free to contact Linda or myself with questions.



Dr. Eric M. Friedman
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017 WEBINARS

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

- Wednesday, October 18: Eating through Celebration (You've got the power to TRIM THE FAT)
- Thursday, November 16: Holiday Budgeting (You've got the power to STAY ON TRACK)
- Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Lisa Dougherty
Leonid Freydin
Jenny Henriquez

Five Years

Sheila Marie Aitouakrim

10 Years

Karine Davis

15 Years

Sharon Moise

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Academic Foundations Mathematics Instructor

Adjunct Positions

Assistant Director of Admissions

Associate Registrar

College Lecturer, Business

College Lecturer, Health Sciences (revised)

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Coordinator, Writing Center

Dean of Libraries

Director of Grants

DSS Coordinator Advisor

Instructor of Business/Economics

Instructor of Chemistry

Part Time Customer Service Assistant (2 positions)

Part Time Enrollment Support Assistant

Part Time HR Office Assistant

Part Time Payroll Office Assistant

PC Technician

Science Lab Coordinator

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

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

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

NEW HIRES/TITLES

Sean Kerwick, Grants Officer

Luis Rafael Sosa Santiago, Evening, Weekend & Off-Site Programs Coordinator

Foundation Art Collection

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

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

Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to Robert Gioia for the donation of the art installation tool cart.

Thank you to Mickey Mathis for the donation of the wonderful photographs.

Artist News

October is Italian-American Heritage Month. You can find all around campus Foundation Art Collection works by Americans who have Italian ancestors, including the following: **Serena Bocchino's** *Simpatico* can be seen on the first floor hallway of 168 Sip Ave. (Building D). **Tony Lordi's** mixed media work *New York Window* is there too. **Franc Palaia's** work *Circo Italiano* is on the second floor of 119 Newkirk St. (Building I). **Dot Paolo's** *Spen Bites* can be seen on the third floor of 2 Enos Place (Building J). **Peter Paone's** work *Gift of Ophelia* is in the North Hudson Campus Library. Local artist **Charles Renzulli's** huge painting of the *Morris Canal* is on the second floor of the Journal Square Library. **Prof. Laurie Ricadonna's** work is on the first floor of the Library. Woolpunk's work is in the student lounge on the lower level of 2 Enos Place.

If you like the watercolor by **Carl Burger** in the lobby of 70 Sip Ave. (Building A), you might enjoy this short film that shows him making a watercolor painting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nniaZYtjaj4>

Charles Burwell, whose lithograph *Labyrinth #4* is installed on the third floor of the Journal Square Library and on the first floor of the Cundari Building, recently worked with students in Philadelphia to create an enormous mural on the side of a building at 1016 Hamilton Street, the first permanent mural in the Spring Arts District of Philly,



Simpatico by Serena Bocchino is a lithograph, silkscreen with pochoir and blind embossing. It was published by the Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The collaborator was Eileen Foti. You can see this work in the first-floor hallway of D Building. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "simpatico" means agreeable, likeable and congenial. This word made its way from the Italian language to the English language with no changes in spelling or structure.

and Burwell's first mural. As part of the work, he taught students how to create templates to enlarge drawings to huge proportions for mural work. The students also collaborated on the painting.

Franc Palaia, whose work *Circo Italiano* is installed on the second floor of 119 Newkirk St., is participating in an exhibit called "New Jersey & You - Perfect Together!" at the Village West Gallery through Nov. 12. The exhibition features work by artists "inspired by the great state of New Jersey." The gallery is at 331 Newark Avenue in Jersey City. For more information, go to villagewestgallery.com.

Congratulations to Professors **Nooshin Rostami**, **Mark H. Ramos**, and **Jeremiah Teipen**, on the glowing *Riverview Observer* two-page review of their artwork in the recent show "Future Reboot" at the HCCC Dineen Hull Gallery. Curated by Prof. Teipen, the exhibit was inspired by the opening of the new STEM Building. Professor Teipen was noted as discussing the fact that,

"creating art in today's fast-paced technology-driven culture is a way of trying to make sense of the changes that are happening in our lives at practically warp speed." These technology-connected art works addressed critical issues in contemporary culture including Prof. Teipen's brilliantly colored meditation on the importance of touch in a technologically-based society, Prof. Rostami's poignant interactive work on the idea of borders and boundaries in a world where 65 million people are refugees, and Prof. Ramos' use of NASA data about the sun to create a work that addresses our profound connection to the natural world amidst all this technology.

The Art Collection at Hudson County Community College has grown to over 1,000 works! For an up-to-date finding guide of all works installed on both campuses, please visit: www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

North Hudson Campus

4800 Kennedy Blvd, Union City

(adjacent to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Bergenline Avenue Transit Station)

Saturday, November 18, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

Journal Square Campus, Culinary Conference Center

161 Newkirk St., Jersey City

(two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Station)

Apply to HCCC at the Open House and have your \$25 application fee waived!

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



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"FUTURE REBOOT," INTERACTIVE FALL ART EXHIBITION



HCCC Associate Professor Jeremiah Teipen (pictured center) coordinates a group exhibition in which artists use science, technology, engineering and math to create work that questions our current trajectory. Artists include (from left) Taezoo Park, Nooshin Rostami, Jeremiah Teipen, Meng Chih Chiang, and Mark Ramos



Taezoo Park stands in front of his art at the "Future Reboot" Art Exhibit taking place in the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery

DYNAMIC ASSESSMENT CULTURE

Hudson's Assessment Coordinator attended a three-day "Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning Assessment" at Drexel University. The theme of the conference, "Facilitating Conversations that Matter," was in direct alignment with our Assessment Dialogues sessions held last year. The highlight of the conference was hearing from industry leaders, Dr. Belle Whelan, President of SACS, and Patricia M. O'Brien, Senior Vice President of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC), and Dr. Elizabeth Sibolski, Vice President of MSCHE. Their discussion centered upon leading a dynamic assessment culture with a current emphasis on changes in standards and accreditation requirements. The future focus of assessment involves the possibility of federal inquiry into institutional improvement; the results of which would directly impact federal educational funding with the formulation of federal standards in assessment.

More than 100 seminars were offered to assessment professionals as far away as Dubai, Kenya, Oregon, and California. With the successful submission of our Monitoring Report, and the acclimation and involvement of our faculty and staff, we have demonstrated our commitment to assessment at Hudson. As the institution matures in this ongoing process, Dr. Paula Roberson plans to facilitate conversations that matter at Hudson to continue to grow our assessment culture.

FALL 2017 LEARNING COMMUNITY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



Professor Kenny Fabara is conducting a workshop on "Kahoot".

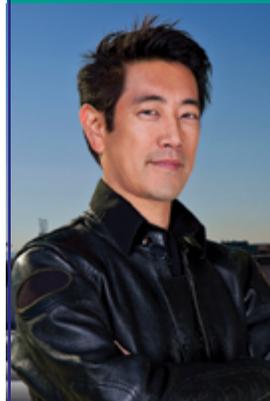
On August 31st, prior to the All College Faculty Orientation, Learning Community (LC) program held its Fall 2017 LC Faculty Development Workshop. LC Faculty and LC Academic Coaches for Fall 2017 attended this workshop.

In the first session, Prof. Syeda Jesmin, LC Coordinator, led a workshop on "LC Faculty and LC Academic Coaches: Building Communities"; in this workshop, the participants shared ideas on some specific challenges they face in the LC classes and discussed strategies to resolve these issues; they specifically focused on the role of an Academic Coach in an LC class and deliberated on collaborative approaches to overcome these

challenges. In the second session, Prof. Kenny Fabara conducted a hands-on workshop on "Kahoot," - the free game-based learning platform; participants were provided the opportunity to play a few learning games and experience first-hand how this interactive website can be used as an exciting and engaging way to teach and review various concepts/terms across disciplines.

Attendees included LC faculty: Prof. Alison Friars, Prof. Craig McLaughlin, Prof. Jacqueline Brody, Prof. Lisa Bellan-Boyer, Prof. Sibyl Ponder, Prof. Susannah Wexler, and LC Academic Coaches: Ms. Yamima Shaheen, Ms. Briana Daly, and Ms. Naima Asjad.

LECTURE SERIES 2017-18



GRANT IMAHARA
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Former host on Discovery's "MythBusters" and animatronics engineering expert

Co-host of Netflix original series, "White Rabbit Project," and special effects modelmaker

Former modelmaker and animatronics engineer at George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic, where he worked in movie special effects on 11 feature films

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

Admission to the HCCC Lecture Series is FREE and open to the community. Tickets are required and can be found at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

For more information, please contact 201-360-4020.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MARTHA RADDATZ
Thursday, March 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.

B.D. WONG
Thursday, April 5, 2018
6:00 p.m.

HUDSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - TAP INTO HUDSON



Maria Nieves (left), President & CEO, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, and Eric Friedman, Ph.D., HCCC Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, at a Sept. 7 "Tap into Hudson" event.



The first "Tap into Hudson" event with the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce was held at HCCC's Culinary Conference Center on Sept. 7.

"Tap into Hudson" was designed as a new series of early evening networking events through the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce. During her opening remarks at the Sept. 7 event (the first of several to be held), Maria Nieves, the President & CEO of the Hudson County Chamber, said, 'Tapping into Hudson' refers to the literal 'tapping' of local beers and spirits from breweries and distilleries in the county, as well as tapping into the incredible talent in the business community."

Each event features a local beverage as well as a topical short presentation on marketing, IT, business expansion, and other areas important for business success.

"We couldn't think of a better place to launch a new series of networking opportunities than the open bar space at the Culinary Conference Center," said Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Hudson County Community College's Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. "We're looking forward to creating a 'community' around these events."

PNC BANK AWARDS \$11,000 GRANT TO HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Pictured from left are members of the HCCC Foundation: John Burns, Jr.; Monica McCormack-Casey (Officer-at-Large); Ronnie Sevilla; Joseph Sansone (Vice President for Development); Darryl Spence (Regional Manager/Senior Vice President, PNC Bank); Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (HCCC President), Mandy Otero (Chair, Foundation Board of Directors); Maria Nieves; and Richard Zaborowski.

On Tuesday, September 19, PNC Bank presented Hudson County Community College (HCCC) with a check for \$11,000. The presentation was made during the official Grand Opening ceremonies for the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Building at 263 Academy Street in Jersey City.

The grant will be used to fund the College's LEAP Bridge Program. Project LEAP (Learning Enables All Possibilities), a dual-enrollment/credit

program operated in conjunction with area high schools that allows high school students to take — and earn credit for — up to three college-level courses per semester.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation, established in 1997, is a 501 (c) 3 corporation, and provides tax-exempt status to contributions.

WEST HUDSON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HOSTS WINE TRIP

On Sunday, Sept. 10, the Hudson County Community College Foundation's West Hudson Scholarship Committee held a "Day at the Wineries," visiting the Laurita Winery in New Egypt and the Cream Ridge Winery in Cream Ridge. The proceeds from this event will fund scholarships for HCCC students from Kearny, Harrison, East Newark, and North Arlington.



Photo at the left: Pictured from foreground: Mirta Sanchez, Dorothea Graham-King, Jennifer Oakley, Marcella Williams, Nydia James, and Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development.

Photo above left: Dorothea Graham-King.

Photo above right: Joe and Violet Abello enjoy a folk and grass music concert at Cream Ridge Winery.

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWS



Officer Shawna Alvarez (left) and Senior Corporal Ray Milburn of the Dallas Police Department.

Cathie Seidman, Professor and Coordinator of Hudson County Community College's Criminal Justice Program, was published in the book, *The Use and Abuse of Police Power in America* (ABC-CLIO Publishers). Her entry was a discussion of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Mississippi*, 297 U.S. 278 (1936), which was based on the issue of the constitutionality of using confessions which were extorted by brutality and violence at trial.

Prof. Seidman was also published in the *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*; her entry was on the role of the prosecutor. The *Encyclopedia* is a publication of John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Two recruiters from the Dallas Police Department visited the Journal Square Campus on September 12. The officers regularly travel around the United States in order to recruit students from community colleges and universities, in addition to civilians looking to join the DPD.

Senior Corporal Ray Milburn stated that he and his colleague, Officer Shawna Alvarez, were at Essex County College the night before, and that they were slated to attend the John Jay School of

Criminal Justice Job Fair on Sept. 13. Corporal Milburn and Officer Alvarez visited Richard Walker's Corrections class; Dorothy Anderson's African-American History class; and Nicholetta Prince's Ethics and Justice class to speak to students about basic requirements, testing, the police academy, salary, and promotions within the department. Several HCCC students expressed interest in joining the Dallas Police Department.

Richard Walker (Lecturer, Social Sciences) and his Policeman's Role in the Community class visited the Hudson County Sheriff's Office on Sept. 28. The students were given a tour by one of the Undersheriffs, Bruce Lamparello, and were able to meet County Sheriff staff, ask questions, and observe in order to enhance their academic understanding of police work from the county officer's perspective.

Richard Walker's peer reviewed published journal article, "The Integral Theory: New Ways to View Incarceration in America," published in *Corrections Today* (2016), was cited in the *Questia* blog by contributor Ginny Taylor as a source for suggested research paper topics under the blog's heading, "The effect of the prison industrial complex."

CAREER CORNER

Each month we'll be answering your questions about Career Development.

Submit your questions to be featured here!
career@hccc.edu

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2. Creating a game plan
3. Managing your brand
4. Establishing your personal pitch



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NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS
 October 12, 2017
 4:00 p.m.

Journal Square Campus
 October 17, 2017
 11:00 a.m.

Journal Square Campus
 70 Sip Ave. (Building A), 3rd Floor,
 Room A 302
 (201) 360-4184

North Hudson Campus
 4800 Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor,
 Room 204A
 (201) 360-4138

Contact us to learn more about all these initiatives:
career@hccc.edu
 201-360-4184



SAVE THE DATE



Celebrating the Full Transition of the CarePoint Schools of Nursing and Radiography to HCCC

Thursday, October 12, 2017
10 a.m.

Journal Square Campus - Cundari Building
870 Bergen Avenue, 1st Floor
Jersey City, New Jersey

To RSVP, please visit <http://bit.ly/2y60vSS> or contact the Communications Department at (201) 360-4060 or communications@hccc.edu.

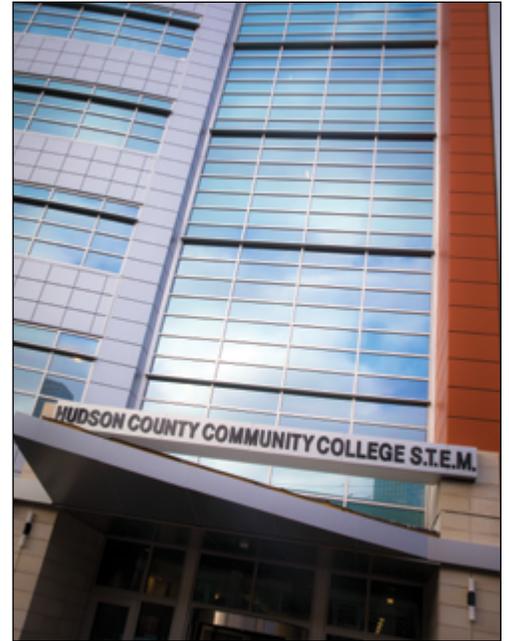


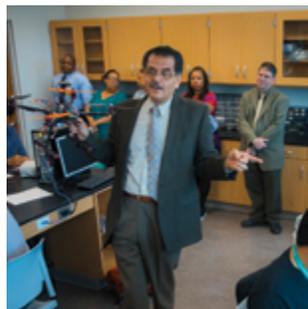
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“All of us at the College are very proud of this new STEM Building,” stated HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. “The most important thing, however, is not the building, but the students we are serving and the programs that are offered. The opportunities these programs provide will benefit the people of Hudson County far into the future.” He notes that the HCCC STEM programs – including the new Computer Science A.S. - Cybersecurity Option, Biotechnology A.S., Computer Science A.S. - Bioinformatics Option, and Construction Management A.A.S. offerings – will allow HCCC students to prepare for careers that are in-demand now and will remain so for decades to come. Moreover, HCCC students will now be able to pursue these courses of study on the HCCC campus, without having to utilize labs at other colleges and universities.

President Gabert noted that another important aspect of the HCCC STEM Building will be the installation throughout the building of art from the HCCC Foundation Permanent Art Collection, which now includes more than 1,000 works.





HCCC STEM OPENING EVENTS!

*Stop by and join us this fall to celebrate
our opening events!*

Future Reboot Panel Discussion

Tuesday, October 3, 3:30 p.m. in the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Avenue.

Check our website for the full listing at www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

STEM Tour Tuesdays

Tuesday, October 10, Tuesday, October 24, and Tuesday, November 7 (Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) The tour is open to all members of the HCCC community and those of Hudson County. Come and see this wonderful building and learn what we have to offer! Continental breakfast and/or snacks will be served.

The Chem Show at the Jacob Javits Convention Center

Wednesday, November 1- Bus departs at 9 a.m., returns at 2 p.m. The Chem Show is where engineers, plant managers and other CPI personnel come together to see the latest equipment and technology, meet product experts, and discover new ways to optimize their plant operations.

STEM & Nursing/Health Sciences

Major-Career Exploration Fair

Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Current HCCC students are invited to this Major-Career Exploration Fair, which is designed to help make connections between majors and different career tracks. This event will provide clarity and direction for students to become more confident to plan for intentional exploration of careers and opportunities! The event will begin with a STEM Panel from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by a Fair from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The event will end with a Health Sciences Panel from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

FOCUS Friday

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

Friday, November 10, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

FOCUS Fridays is a series of informational events running throughout the Fall 2017 term at Hudson County Community College where we will "focus" on different academic programs and/or departments. It's a great opportunity to learn about academic programs offered at HCCC, receive a campus tour, obtain information on how to enroll, discover The HCCC FOCUS, and more! Library Building (Building L, 71 Sip Ave.), Lower Level Conference Room.

Penguin Lecture

Thursday, December 7, 12:30 p.m.

This 45-minute presentation provides an in-depth discovery on the penguin habitat and will conclude with a visit to campus by a real living penguin. Come see for yourself and enjoy this program.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Building
263 Academy Street, Jersey City, NJ

All events are in the STEM Building unless otherwise noted.

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



The Census Business Builder Workshop on September 25 at the Culinary Conference Center. Front row: Zakera Ahmed, U.S. Census Bureau; Andrew W. Hait, U.S. Census Bureau; Lynda Lee, U.S. Census Bureau. Middle row: Catherina Mirasol; Aycha Edwards; Patricia Green Alston, U.S. Census Bureau; Noemi Mendez, U.S. Census Bureau; Djadji Sylla, Michelle Richardson, Hudson County Economic Development Corp. Back row: David Kraiker, U.S. Census Bureau.



On September 14, the Division of Non-Traditional Programs, in partnership with Cultural Affairs, hosted a drawing workshop with artist Said Bouftass at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery. In the workshop, participating artists were able to draw side-by-side with Mr. Bouftass, who has won worldwide acclaim as being the greatest specialist in artistic anatomy in Morocco. Attendees learned figure drawing through Phenomorphology of the Human Body, the study of art through the structures of experience and consciousness. The event was being sponsored by CarePoint Health, and HCCC's Career Development Center, and the Office of Student Activities.

Center for Business and Industry

On September 25, the Center for Business and Industry, in partnership with the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation and the U.S. Census Bureau, hosted an afternoon of learning for small businesses and other institutions in the county.

The event consisted of two workshops on using the Census Business Builder tool. Businesses were able to learn how to explore a suite of services that provide selected demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau tailored to specific types of users in a simple to access and use format.



Community Education

Community Education is offering a \$29 Special on its remaining Fall Family Culinary Classes: Winter Wonderland Cookies (12/10 Sunday), and Bread Baking Basics (12/16 Saturday). For more information and to register, go to: www.tinyurl.com/hcccfamilyculinary or email cfarrell@hccc.edu

On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, the Division of Non-Traditional Programs kicked off its Fall 2017 offerings of New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ) at HCCC. The program is running a 50-hour Introduction to Teaching course, which is the foundation of the Alternate Route to Teaching program. Eighteen students are enrolled in this hybrid class led by HCCC Community Education instructor Stephanie Arena.

NPTNJ is a partnership among HCCC, several community colleges across New Jersey, and New Jersey City University (NJCU) which transforms candidates from diverse professional and academic backgrounds into strong high school, middle school, and elementary school teachers.

For information about NPTNJ at HCCC, contact Luis R. Sosa Santiago at lsosasantiago@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4244.

Students at the New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey Introduction to Teaching course on September 27, at the Culinary Conference Center. Guadalupe Urizar at the JC Families Education Fair in Hamilton Park on September 23.

After the Harvest Wine & Food Event

Presented by Provident Bank

Enjoy wine samplings from leading New Jersey wineries, paired with HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute selections, and live entertainment.

Saturday, October 28, 2017
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Wine Seminars to Include:
History of New Jersey Wine, Health Benefits of Wine, and The Five Sensory Aspects to Tasting Wine

\$25 each | \$10 for non-drinkers Each \$25 ticket entitles you to a wristband and a FREE wineglass with proper ID. All attendees must be 21 or older.

<http://tinyurl.com/AfterTheHarvest>

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FALL 2017 CONVOCATION



Pictured from left to right is Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Keynote Speaker Chuck Underwood, host of television series America's Generations with Chuck Underwood.



Keynote speaker Chuck Underwood talked with faculty during the lunch break and answered questions about his seminar.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Harvey Rubinstein, Professor of English and Humanities Coordinator, played a set of traditional Irish fiddle tunes along with guitarist Peter Carbonara at this year's Maplewood Porchfest, on Sept. 4. The event presented local professional and amateur musicians performing in front of homes throughout the Hilton neighborhood.

Aaron Sergeant, a 2017 graduate of the College and the son of Sandra Aviles, Administrative Assistant, Information Technology Services, appeared on a Sept. 22 segment of the television show, *What Would You Do?* Using hidden cameras, *What Would You Do?* establishes everyday scenarios and then captures people's reactions. To see the video, please visit <http://abcnews.go.com/WhatWouldYouDo>, "Latino men met with prejudice after placing order" (Sergeant enters the scene at 3:41).

MIDDLE STATES MEETING



The Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, September 20

FAKE NEWS IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE STREET



On September 26, HCCC Library hosted "Fake News in the Classroom & the Street", with Dr. Cynthia Walker, professor and chair of the Department of Communications and Media Culture at St. Peter's University and working journalist for over 40 years. She led a lively, informative discussion for students, faculty, and staff that explored the origins of "fake news" and strategies for becoming more media savvy.



NURSING PROGRAM (LPN AND RN) Invites you to join us for our FALL INFORMATION SESSION

To find out more information about becoming a:
Practical Nurse (LPN) or
Registered Nurse (RN)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
LPN Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.
RN Presentation begins at 5:00 p.m.

HCCC - Nursing Program
870 Bergen Avenue (Building F), First Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information please contact:
(201) 360-4226 (LPN) / (201) 360-4767 (RN)



Join us

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Sunday, October 22
Walk begins at 10 a.m.
Newport Plaza, Jersey City, NJ

Join HCCC's team and participate in the American Cancer Society's walk to raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer.

Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to sign up for our team or to donate.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT HCCC



Welcome Back BBQ

Left Picture: Students enjoyed festivities and networked at the annual Welcome Back BBQ.

Right Picture: Students and staff danced and enjoyed the amazing day in celebration of the new school year.

AfroCuba Band

Left Picture: In honor of the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, the AfroCuba Band played for a large group of students in the Journal Square Student Lounge.

Right Picture: Students danced and participated in the performance of the AfroCuba Band.



Truckin Thursday

In a prolonged celebration of the STEM Building Grand Opening, Amanda Bananas delivered frozen banana treats to students outside the building.



Out of the Darkness

On Sunday, September 17, HCCC participated in the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk at Braddock County Hudson Park in North Bergen. The event helps raise awareness for suicide prevention and how to help someone who is dealing with the issue. Please see then November issue of "HCCC Happenings" for more information.

Check out our Fall 2017 Student Life Guide for all upcoming events!

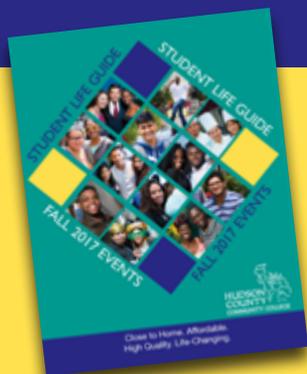
***Come out and enjoy the Fall semester with all your favorite events!
Come Out! Be Social! Enjoy!***

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
Journal Square Campus, B Building, Room 104
North Hudson Campus, 2nd Floor, Room 204
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For questions, please call 201-360-4195
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 (201) 360-4190/4193/4194
 Website: www.hccc.edu/testing
 Email: testing@hccc.edu



College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT **seriously!** Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward a degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

October 2017

Term: Fall Online B & Winter/Spring 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	4 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	5 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	6 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	10 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	11 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 1:00 AM	12 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	13 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
16 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	17 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	18 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	19 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	20 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
23 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM	24 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	25 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 1:00 PM	26 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	27 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
30 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	31 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level, Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City		

College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes

The WPT is required when ENG 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language Placement Test

*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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View additional Accuplacer Study Resources at:
www.hccc.edu/accuplacerstudyresources

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 1

Medieval Festival at The Cloisters Museum, Fort Tryon Park, New York City. Group will leave 25 Journal Square at 9 a.m. and will travel via bus. Tickets for HCCC students \$5; \$15 for HCCC faculty and staff (guests not permitted). Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, October 2

Last day to file Degree Audit application for December 2017 graduation

Tuesday, October 3

On-Campus Recruitment – Riverside Medical Group, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Building Lobby, 71 Sip Ave.

Future Reboot Panel Discussion, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

Service Opportunity: Conversations and Connections, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Josephine's Place, Elizabeth. Volunteers will help non-native English speaking citizens practice conversational English. Transportation will be provided; visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to sign up.

Wednesday, October 4

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

Budgeting and Money Management workshop, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. By the time you leave this session, you will learn how to create a budget and the benefits of it, and how to use student loan money wisely. Register at <http://hcccrealmoney101.eventbrite.com>

On-Campus Recruitment – Ora Group International, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library Building Lobby, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, October 5

Brazilian Dance Lesson, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m.: Mobile Mardi Gras outside of 81 Sip Ave.; Incrediballs outside North Hudson Campus (while supplies last)

Friday, October 6

Trip to Storm King Art Center. Group will leave 25 Journal Square at 10 a.m. and will travel via bus. Tickets for HCCC students \$5; \$15 for HCCC faculty and staff (guests not permitted). Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Origami, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

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

FOCUS Friday – LPN, RN, and Radiography Programs, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

Fright Fest, Six Flags Great Adventure. Combine the thrills of roller coasters with the thrill of being followed by a zombie at Six Flags' Annual Halloween Celebration. Transportation not provided. Student Ticket: \$20; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$45.

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day – College Open/classes in session

Movie Screening: "Beauty and the Beast." The movie will begin at 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Tuesday, October 10

STEM Tour Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., STEM Lobby, 263 Academy Street. Register at <http://www.hccc.edu/campustours/>

Fall Fest and Transfer Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., NHC Student Lounge and Multi-Purpose Room

Twilight Tuesday: HCCC Student Mixer hosted by English Department, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

Open Forum with Middle States Vice President Dr. Stephen Pugliese, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Mary T. Norton Board Room, 70 Sip Avenue, 4th Floor

Twilight Tuesday: HCCC Faculty & Administrators' Mixer, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

National Society of Leadership and Success Live Speaker Broadcast featuring Genevieve Thiers, 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

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

Wednesday, October 11

HCCC Foundation Room Dedication, 9:30 a.m. Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 506

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

Fall Fest, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Taste of Uruguay, 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

HCCC Foundation, Donor/Scholar Reception, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Thursday, October 12 –

Wednesday, November 15

Culinary Classes, Cycle II (Day)

Thursday, October 12

Celebration of the Full Transition of the CarePoint Schools of Nursing and Radiography to HCCC, 10 a.m., 870 Bergen Ave.

Movie Screening: "Beauty and the Beast." The movie will begin at 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

True Life: The Power of Your Story featuring Nancy Mendez-Booth, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Main Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Professional Branding Workshop, 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 204

Friday, October 13 – Friday, November 17

Exhibition: "Each state of mind is irreducible: Spanish & Latin American Artists," Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Friday, October 13

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

FOCUS Friday – Medical Assisting and Health Services, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

Bus Trip to "The Price is Right Live!" show time 8 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Bus leaves 25 Journal Square at 7 p.m. Student Ticket: \$25; Staff Ticket: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, October 14

Trip to Laurita Harvest Festival, New Egypt. Bus leaves 25 Journal Square at 10:30 a.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$15. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Collectors Club: Dineen Hall Gallery & Art Foundation Tour, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

Sunday, October 15

Jersey City Art & Studio Tour Closing Party, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

New York Red Bulls vs. Atlanta United FC: Fan Appreciation Day, 5 p.m., Red Bull Arena, Harrison. Group will leave 25 Journal Square at 4 p.m. and travel to the game via mass transit. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$30. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, October 16

On-Campus Recruitment - Hospitality Staffing, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street,

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Professional Branding Brunch & Learn, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Room 302

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 17

National Society of Leadership and Success Live Speaker Broadcast featuring Sir Richard Branson, 6:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, October 18

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

Fall Information Session for Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN) Programs – LPN Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.; RN Presentation begins at 5:00 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue. For more information please contact (201) 360-4226 (LPN) or (201) 360-4767 (RN).

Thursday, October 19 – Wednesday, October 25
Mid-term exams/advisement period

Thursday, October 19

On-Campus Recruitment – Bayada Home Health Care, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Building Lobby, 71 Sip Ave.

Bath Fizzy Balls, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., NHC Student Lounge

#TBT Video Game Friendlies, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Main Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

#TruckinThursday, 5 p.m.: Carpe Donut outside 81 Sip Ave.; Waffle DeLys outside North Hudson Campus (while supplies last)

Friday, October 20

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

Garden State Episcopal Community Development Food Pantry Church of Incarnation, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Van will leave 25 Journal Square at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will help prepare bags of groceries that will be distributed on Saturday morning. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Trip to The Rubin Museum of Art; group leaves campus at 5:15 p.m. Tickets for HCCC students \$5; \$15 for HCCC faculty and staff (guests not permitted). Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, October 21

Fall Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/openhouse

Halloween Voyage at Camp Liberty, 11 a.m., Liberty State Park. Sponsored by the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Sunday, October 22

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Newport Plaza. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to join the team or to donate.

Monday, October 23

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Resume and Cover Letter workshop (presentation in Spanish), 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Bath Fizzy Balls, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, October 24

STEM Tour Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., STEM Lobby, 263 Academy Street. Register at <http://www.hccc.edu/campustours/>

On-Campus Recruitment - Hospitality Staffing, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Trick or Transfer, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

Twilight Tuesdays: NJPAC Teen Jazz Performance, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

National Society of Leadership and Success Live Speaker Broadcast featuring Wendy Williams, 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” show time 7 p.m., Lunt-Fontanne Theatre. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, October 25

Movie Screening: “Get Out.” The movie will begin at 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

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

Coloring & LEGO® Bricks, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Student Lounge

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, October 26

Candlelight Vigil for those affected by, and victims of, domestic violence, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Co-sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and WomenRising, Inc.

Friday, October 27

Movie Screening: “Get Out.” The movie will begin at 9:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

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

FOCUS Friday – Criminal Justice, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions/

Saturday, October 28

Community FoodBank of New Jersey, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bus will depart from 25 Journal Square at 8 a.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Day of the Dead Celebration, Museum of the American Indian, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group will depart from 25 Journal Square at 11 a.m. and take mass transit to venue. Tickets for HCCC students \$5; \$15 for HCCC faculty and staff (guests not permitted). Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

After the Harvest: Wine & Food Event, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center 161 Newkirk Street. Sponsored by the Garden State Wine Growers Association, Culinary Arts Institute of Hudson County Community College, and the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Admission \$25 for regular tickets, \$10 for non-drinker tickets. Purchase tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/AfterTheHarvest>. All attendees must be at least 21 years old and must pick up their wristbands in person.

“Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: In Concert,” show time 7:30 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Student Ticket: \$20; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$35. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, October 30

Meta Major Career Fair (Social Sciences and Humanities), 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room

Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

“The Hunting Ground” viewing and reflection, 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Library Book Club discussion of “Into the Water” by Paula Hawkins, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Ave., and NHC Library

Tuesday, October 31

Last day to submit mid-term advisory grades

Classes begin, Online Session B (7 weeks, through Dec. 20)

Campus Wide Trick or Treating, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Office of Student Activities (25 Journal Square, Room 104 and North Hudson Campus, Room 204)

Fandom Wars, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NHC Student Lounge

Phi Theta Kappa Halloween Party, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. The society will collect canned food items to support a local charity.

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

Hudson County Community College is the best academic institution to begin at as it is close to home and very affordable compared to other colleges. Also, I got to know that the school provided me with work opportunities while attending HCCC. I still work for HCCC as a supplemental instruction leader in the Academic Foundations-Mathematics.

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

My favorite memory at the College when I was awarded the Hudson County Government Scholarship for six semesters. It was a great feeling to see the reward of all the hard work and dedication to my academic career.

How did you become interested in chemistry?

My major was chemistry, which was a challenging major, but very interesting. Chemistry is a central science that is involved in every aspect of other sciences. HCCC had a very good STEM department, and I was sure that I would get the best education out of it.

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

Starting my college education journey at HCCC was a good choice as I got to know what are the essential factors to succeed in college, and I was able to graduate from HCCC with the highest honor (summa cum laude) and transferred to Rutgers University and got my bachelor degree with the same honor. Also, I recently got accepted and started dental school at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

I would like to advise the recent HCCC graduate to continue the hard work they started at HCCC and continue their education.

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

As a college student, you should realize the possibilities and understand that your college education is a vital step toward your goal and toward achieving your career goals. You should take advantage of the potentials available to you through HCCC. You also should realize that successful college career requires hard work, dedication, and sacrifices.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

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