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HCCC HOLDS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR FIRST RADIOGRAPHY CLASS



Hudson County Community College President Dr. Chris Reber (back row, second from left) congratulates the 2018 graduates of the College's Radiography Program on Wednesday, August 8. This marked the first radiography class to graduate since the College assumed full authority from the CarePoint Schools of Nursing and Radiography in 2017.

On Wednesday, Aug. 8, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held graduation ceremonies for students who successfully completed the College's 63-credit Associate of Science in Radiography degree program. The event took place in the College's new STEM Building on the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City.

The graduates, who received their A.S. in Radiography degrees, as well as a certificate in radiography, include: Sylvia Ahamefule, Karen V. Alvarenga, Ana P. Baires, Kevin A. Castillo, Guillermo Garcia, Johnny S. Guamanquispe, Amanda M. Lorenc, Elizabeth Pastrana, Jonathan C. Sanders, Samantha J. Sharo, and Stephen V. Sumergido.

Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President, welcomed the graduates and congratulated them for successfully completing this rigorous program. He said to the graduates: "I hope you will take a moment today to reflect upon all you have accomplished and take your pride and commitment to serving others with you every day you go to work. I applaud your caring and I am cheering for your success."

The Radiography Class of 2018 is the first graduating class in this degree program since it fully transitioned from CarePoint Schools of Nursing and Radiography to HCCC last October. Having completed the 63-credit A.S. in Radiography program, the HCCC graduates are now eligible to sit for the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam, and may work in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, and physician offices.

For coverage of the Radiography graduation courtesy of Verizon FiOS, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/FiOS1NewsNJ/videos/vb.375663569152337/1911090845609594/?type=2&theater>



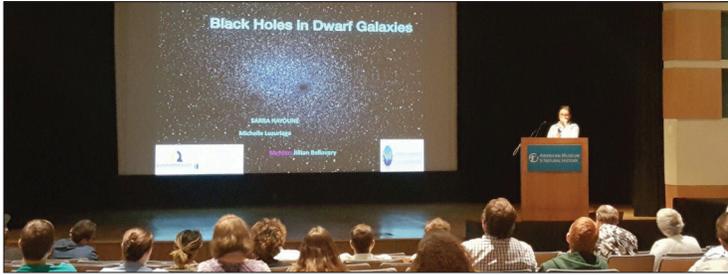
Hudson County Community College's School of Radiography graduates participate in a White Coat Ceremony during the Aug. 8 graduation. The ceremony is intended to represent the beginning of their medical careers.

"This is an exciting moment for our graduates and College," stated Suzanne Novy, Director of the Radiography Program. "The opportunities in this field are significant."

HCCC Radiography Class of 2018 President Samantha Sharo commented: "The program is hard, but well worth it! The clinical hands-on experience gained will help me in future endeavors. How much the instructors care, and their passion for helping us succeed, helped throughout the program."

To learn more about HCCC's Radiography Program, please contact the Nursing & Health Sciences Division at healthprograms@hccc.edu.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Sarrah Hayoune (photo above) made a presentation, "Black Holes in Dwarf Galaxies," on July 11 at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Astronomical Society of New York at the American Museum of Natural History. Her talk was based on her project in the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Summer Program.



Zeenat Ahmed volunteered at the Garden State Episcopal Community Development food pantry at the Triangle Park Community Center in Jersey City on Aug. 17.



After cancellations on two consecutive weeks because of rain, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter was back at Liberty State Park on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Historic Successes in Scholarships

Eight Hudson County Community College students, all of whom are Phi Theta Kappa members, received scholarships from the Research and Development Council of New Jersey: Nghia Vo, Ngoc Yen Nhi Vo, Reda Mastouri, Sarrah Hayoune, Said Koubane, Abderahim Salhi, Lauren Choi, and Fardeen Syed.

Several students have been selected to receive a Cengage Unlimited Subscription. This award provides access to Cengage's learning materials for the semester. Cengage Unlimited provides one-of-a-kind access to digital learning platforms, eBooks, online homework and study tools, in addition to affordable textbook rentals. They are Ghania Ahmed Zaid, Alexander Riviello, Bianca Sanchez, and Binary Sune.

Abderahim Salhi, Chapter President, was selected as one of only 10 students to receive Phi Theta

Kappa's 2018 Pearson Scholarship for Higher Education, which comes with a \$5,000 award and a Pearson mentor.

Sarrah Hayoune (Chapter Vice President) was selected as a 2018 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Lindy Pagan was selected as a 2018 Coca-Cola Military Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Amayha Jimenez (Class of 2013) recently began medical school at the School at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Jimenez, a 2016 graduate of Columbia University, attended her White Coat Ceremony in August.



Amayha Jimenez at the White Coat Ceremony for incoming students at the School at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

HCCC STUDENT EARNS \$5,000 PEARSON SCHOLARSHIP

Growing up in eastern Algeria, Abderahim Salhi saw teenagers dropping out of school and joining gangs. While he dedicated himself to working in his family's business, he came to the realization that money doesn't last, and what's really important is the knowledge one acquires. He set his sights on higher education and emigrated to the United States to develop his knowledge and skills at Hudson County Community College (HCCC), where he expects to earn an Associate degree in Computer Science in May 2019.

Set to graduate next year, Mr. Salhi was recently chosen from a pool of 800 students nationally to receive the \$5,000 Phi Theta Kappa 2018 Pearson Scholarship for Higher Education. The honor is bestowed on just 10 students across the nation for their civic engagement, persistence and leadership, and academic rigor and excellence. Preference was given to first-generation college students.

"We are all so proud of Abderahim, said Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC. "He is truly deserving of this honor, and his tenacity and resolve are inspiring."

The Pearson is Phi Theta Kappa Society's first renewable scholarship and mentorship program supporting both associate and bachelor's degree

completion. Scholarship recipients earn \$1,000 to utilize at their associate degree-granting college, and \$2,000 each year for two years to be utilized at their four-year college of choice. Complimentary access to Pearson textbooks and online codes are also provided to support each student as they complete their degrees. Scholars also receive a commemorative medallion, which will be awarded during Phi Theta Kappa's 2019 Annual Convention next April in Orlando, Florida.

The 34-year-old HCCC student's passion for technology and thirst for learning has inspired him to make long-range plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

"It took me almost 16 years until I came here to the U.S. to see my dream come true. Being a new immigrant in the U.S. was not easy, especially with a wife and son," Salhi said, noting that the couple's baby and his wife's encouragement motivate him to be a role model. "I have always enjoyed fixing things, and to know about the different components of electronic devices. Academia is the best place for me. I can see myself sharing my knowledge and experience with passionate students who have the same interests," Mr. Salhi said. "HCCC has helped my dreams become a reality," Salhi concluded.



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He has plenty of practice in the College's STEM lab, where he works. In the STEM Club, Mr. Salhi designed a drone for a capstone project, using Autodesk Fusion 360 and printing the model using a 3D printer. He oversaw the purchase of the electronic parts and helped with the implementation, calibration, and tuning of drone equipment. As a Robotics and Programming Workshops Instructor, he has trained eight students on Scratch programming using Google CS First Curriculum. Mr. Salhi also introduced robotics basics using Arduino board and assisted in recruiting students for workshops.

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EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 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, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health

Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging

Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Lori Byrd
Cheryl Cashell
Lisa Ciekiewicz
Mary Cvek
Carol Fasano
Griselda Frane
Sigma Ledford
Miriam Masias
Suzanne Novy
Carmen Pelardis
Kathleen Rodriguez
Nancy Saliba
Suzette Samson
Shaun Sugrue
Katherine Vargo
Lori Vega

Five Years

Kenny Fabara
Jeannette Lim

35 Years

Kevin O'Malley

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Dr. Nancy Booth, Professor of ESL, presented at this year's NJTESOL/BE conference on Friday, June 1. Her first presentation was "Flash Writing/Editing," in which she told the packed audience how to conserve class time when students needed to learn how to edit their works. Her second presentation was "Teaching Reading Skills: Enlightening, Innovative, and Fun." Conference attendees were turned away at the door because they began to exceed the fire limit. In this presentation, she described her "outside-the-box" methods to encourage previewing, comprehension, synthesis, and reviewing for self-correction."



Dr. Nancy Booth at NJTESOL/NJBOE 2018 Spring Conference.

Robin Singer, Instructor and Coordinator, Early Childhood Education, co-authored "Designing the Learning Environment and Planning Multisensory Structured Literacy Lessons," a chapter in the recently released *Multisensory Teaching of Basic Language Skills*, Fourth Edition with Dr. Judith Birsh, and her colleague, Dr. Jean Schedler, from Teachers College, Columbia University. In addition, Singer created and edited the book's glossary.

NEW HIRES/NEW TITLES

Eric Adamson,
Tenure Track Instructor, English

Mohammed Ansari,
Senior PC Technician

Aya Badr,
Biology & Chemistry Lab Technician

Jonathan Bowman,
Counselor

James Cox,
Librarian

Ricardo Janvier,
Counselor

Aisha Javed,
Student Financial Aid Assistant

Kathleen Meehan-Hart
Lecturer/Clinical Specialist, Maternal and Child Care

Kenneth Melewski,
Help Desk Manager

Colin Moore,
PC Technician

Gihan Nakhla,
Tenure Track Instructor, Medical Assisting

Gilda Reyes,
Tenure-Track Instructor, Romance Languages

Kathleen Smith-Wenning,
Director, Health Related Programs

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accountant

Accounts Payable Clerk (Part Time)

Adjunct Positions (Fall/Summer 2018)

Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)

Certified Nurse Aide Instructor

College Lecturer, English

College Lecturer, Nursing

College Librarian Archivist PT

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Custodial Worker

Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)

Director of Career Development

Director of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)

Director of Library Technology

Director of Radiography

Engineering Science Instructor

Instructor, Accounting

Instructor, English (2 positions)

Instructor, Environmental Studies

Instructor, Mathematics

Librarian FT

Library Associate PT

Manager, Web and Portal Services

Senior PC Technician

Sign Language Interpreter (PT)

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.

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.

Artist News

If you like the **Larry Fink** photographic portrait in the fourth floor portrait gallery in the Gabert Library, you might enjoy a trip down to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see Larry Fink's exhibit of boxing photographs. You can pay what you wish for admission the first Sunday of the month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. In an interview with A.D. Amorosi of Philly.com, Fink said, "Here's the deal: When I was a kid I used to listen to the radio and hear the drama between Joe Louis fighting Max Schmeling, the hero of America versus the German. My parents were out partying, so boxing, and the radio, filled a void. Later, when I would watch boxing on television, I would get so worked up from the aggression, I would get heart palpitations. Anyway, it's the '90s, and I got this assignment from Manhattan, Inc. to photograph a fight camp in the Catskills. I drive up, I get there and see everybody working out, including Mike Tyson with his sweet little voice. ... As soon as I got into the ring, something came over my body that made me feel comfortable, truly psychically comfortable, with the action. ... Boxing has an interesting history in America. It always represented the ethnic mix, even when it didn't. There were the Irish boxers and the Italian boxers as they immigrated here. The blacks weren't truly represented until Joe Louis. Each immigrant class was signified in singular fashion, as a hero of their people, like Rocky Graziano stepped forward. The thing that truly drove me to it was that it was an internalized opera of its own accord. There was innocence and there was corrosion. You have drama, drama about men's destinies and personalities. You have pictures to be made. But, I don't make pictures just for the sake of making pictures. I'm trying to come to grips with some sort of truth."

If you like the **Ben Jones** work installed in the new STEM Building, you might enjoy seeing "Ben Jones: Envision Empower Embrace" at the Montclair Art Museum through next June. The large work, installed in the Laurie Art Stairway of the museum, addresses social justice, climate change, and environmental disasters.

If you like the work of **Matsumi Kanemitsu** on the first floor of the Cundari Building at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy learning more about the artist, whose paintings were on exhibit at Matthew Marks Gallery in New York City through August 19. In a review of the show, John Yau in *Hyperallergic* writes:

"Long before I saw any of his work, I knew the name Kanemitsu from 'Personal Poem' by Frank O'Hara, which I first read in 1971. Imagine my delight in coming across an Asian-sounding name in a poem by a New York School poet: 'Now when I walk around at lunchtime/I have only two charms

in my pocket/an old Roman coin Mike Kanemitsu gave me [...]. I did not learn that Kanemitsu was an artist until the early 1980s and that it was Jackson Pollock who gave him the nickname 'Mike.' Nearly 50 years after reading his name, I finally got to see a painting done around the time he was living in New York and knew O'Hara. I was not disappointed.

"Kanemitsu, whose biography reads like the script for a movie that Hollywood will never make unless they can get a white actor to play the part, was born in Ogden, Utah, but raised by his grandparents in a suburb outside Hiroshima from 1925 until 1940 (during which time he learned calligraphy and the use of Sumi brush). A dual citizen, he returned to America and was drafted into the U.S. Army, but with the country's entry into World War II after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was arrested and sent to internment camps, where he began drawing with materials given to him by the American Red Cross. Later in the war, he was granted permission to serve as an Army nurse in Europe, where he stayed on after the war ended and studied with Fernand Leger in Paris (as did Robert Colescott). Returning to the States, he settled in New York, where he studied with Yasuo Kuniyoshi, at the Art Students League. In 1961, invited by June Wayne to work at the Tamarind print workshop, he moved to Los Angeles, California.

"Kanemitsu, who painted in Japanese sumi ink and brushes his entire life, recognized that he had multiple identities – something reflected in his work multiple mediums, which he never tried to unite under a single style. This is why seeing paintings by Kanemitsu in this show was so important to me; they offered a glimpse into a side of him I did not know. ... If the dates of Kanemitsu's paintings are any indication, he was at the forefront of artists who rejected both the gestural and strict geometrical aspects of Abstract Expressionism in favor of rounded forms and solid planes of color. His work ... remains neglected, at best. His absence from an art history that is just getting around to acknowledging its nonwhite artists is telling."

Anne McKeown, Bisa Washington, Dahlia Elsayed, Daniel Patrick Helmsetter, Ibrahim Ahmed, Joe Waks, and John Masi, artists whose work is in the Hudson County Community College Foundation art collection, are part of the Newark Artists Photo Documentary Project: Portraits of Established and Emerging Artists in Newark. You might enjoy seeing pictures of these artists at <https://www.newarkartsphotodoc.com/>. Closer to home you can see Anne McKeown's large landscape paintings on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue in Journal Square, and in the Welcome Center at North Hudson. Dahlia Elsayed's work



Jacob Lawrence (1917 – 2000), Olympic Games Munich 1972 (1972), Color screen-print. This screenprint work is dedicated by the Hudson County Community College Foundation to Richard Zaborowski, who was an Olympic track finalist in 1972. It was recently installed on the third floor of the Gabert Library.

is — among other places — in the North Hudson student lounge and on the second floor of 2 Enos Place. John Masi's and Daniel Patrick Helmsetter's work is on the second floor too. Bisa Washington's work is in the dean's reception area on the third floor of the Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue in Journal Square. Ibrahim Ahmed's work can be found on the fifth floor of the new STEM Building. Joe Wak's painting can be found on the third floor of the Culinary Conference Center in the student service training area.

At the Princeton Museum through Oct. 14 is an exhibition called "Picturing Protest" featuring photographs of the Civil Rights Movement and the antiwar protests by major photographers including Gordon Parks. You can also glimpse the exhibit on the web at this site: <https://bit.ly/2BeE1Bf>. Closer to home, in the fourth floor lobby of 70 Sip Avenue, you can see photographic work by **Gordon Parks**, and art about social justice can be seen on the third floor of 2 Enos Place.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

presents



Spinning, Heidi Curko

TEACHER AS ARTIST: Celebrating the Creativity of Educators in Hudson County

Heidi Curko
September 4 – October 16
Both Campus Libraries

This fall the Department of Cultural Affairs "Teacher as Artist" program will feature Heidi Curko and Jill Schifter. Curko is a gestural abstractionist whose work is energized by what she calls her inner landscape. Her work has been exhibited locally and across the country.

Gabert Library: 71 Sip Ave., Jersey City
North Hudson Library: 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Third Floor, Union City

WWI: *Beyond Flanders Fields*

September 10 – November 16
Curated by Michelle Vitale
Dineen Hull Gallery
71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306

September 11: Opening Reception & Andrea Siotto Lecture, 4-7 p.m.
September 25: Kevin Fitzpatrick Lecture, 4-6 p.m.
November 15: Closing Reception & Captain Devon Collins, 4-7 p.m.

Hudson County Community College commemorates the Great War in our Fall 2018 exhibition. The exhibition will highlight war themes as well as examine its global and cultural effects on Hudson life.



WWI Poster: *Liberty* by Kenyon Cox

Supplementary programs include public lectures in partnership with the New York Military Affairs Symposium. Special installations will include a commemorative poppy memorial to Hudson County veterans, select WWI movie screenings including *A Farewell to Arms*, and items on loan from The National WWI Museum and Memorial including a U.S. service coat with an insignia from the New York 77th Division.

World War I Movie Screenings

Weekday Screenings of WWI classic movies will begin on Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. and continue through Nov. 16 in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium: *A Farewell to Arms*, *Path of Glory*, *Westfront*, and *Wooden Crosses*.

Fall Gallery Hours:
Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Closed Sundays & Holidays

Admission is FREE
For more information contact: galler@hccc.edu
www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs

HCCC SPOTLIGHT *Black N' Blue* Film Screening and Panel Discussion

September 18, 7 p.m.
North Hudson Campus
4800 Kennedy Blvd., Multipurpose Room,
Second Floor, Union City



HCCC Adjunct Professor and Filmmaker Brandon Todd Johnston along with a panel of esteemed guests will discuss Johnston's celebrated Cannes Film Festival short *Black N' Blue*. Johnston, (aka B. Todd) was born in Atlanta, Georgia and is the writer and Executive Producer of *Black N' Blue*. His acting credits include *Army Wives*, *CBGB*, *The Cure*, and *Single Ladies*. Johnston currently lives in Union City, N.J. where he filmed *Black N' Blue*.

Screening begins at 7 p.m. followed by a community discussion moderated by Johnston. To register visit: www.eventbrite.com/e/black-n-blue-film-screening-and-panel-discussion-tickets-48618075974

OPEN CALL

Thinking In Full Color: Theatrical Writing Residency

Deadline: September 29

Thinking In Full Color (TIFC) is seeking woman-identified students of color to be part of their writing residency this fall at HCCC. Selected students will work with director Summer Dawn Reyes to create a theatrical monologue, essay or poem that explores a critical component of their identity. The student writer's story will then be performed by a professional actress from TIFC as part of a dynamic showcase on Nov. 29.

To submit, share a written piece (poetry or prose) under 600 words about a time you felt your identity was challenged. How did that moment impact your sense of self and your life? How did you choose to react? Is this a common experience, and if so, what does that mean for others who share your identity? Send pieces to ThinkingInFullColor@gmail.com with the subject line "HCCC Writing Residency Submission." No PDFs, please. Submissions are due September 29.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Mike Duverne & Hudson Haitian Student Alliance presents



Kompa Music and Dance September 12, 6-8 p.m. Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium

In a collaborative effort with Haitian leaders in Hudson County, Michael Duverne, President of the Hudson Haitian Student Alliance and club advisor Guerly Jean Baptiste share the history, culture, and national music of Haiti known as Kompa. Release the stresses from the semester with movement and exercise in the form of Kompa 101 Dance classes every second Wednesday night each month during the Fall Semester. This program is free and open to the public. HHSAA membership is not required to attend. If you are interested in joining HHSAA, contact (973) 413-0989 for details.

Meets Second Wednesday of the Month:
September 12, 6-8 p.m.
October 10, 6-8 p.m.
November 14, 6-8 p.m.

LECTURE

WWI: *Beyond Flanders Fields*

September 25, 4-6 p.m.
Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium

Kevin C. Fitzpatrick will give a special lecture as part of our *WWI: Beyond Flanders Fields* exhibition. Fitzpatrick is the author of seven books tied to New York City history. His most recent is *World War One New York: A Guide to the City's Enduring Ties to the Great War*. He is the program director for the WWI Centennial Committee for New York City.

TOWN HALL with President Reber



On Wednesday, Aug. 15, Hudson County Community College President Dr. Chris Reber held his second Town Hall Meeting for faculty, staff members, and students.

Dr. Reber stated that he had concluded a “listening tour,” which included over 90 meetings with each department and division across campus faculty, students, and external stakeholders. Some of the priorities of the College during the next year include successfully undergoing the re-accreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education; strategic enrollment management; and a faculty and staff salary study.

Additional Town Hall meetings are scheduled throughout the fall semester. Each meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and is 90 minutes long.

- Wednesday, September 19
- Wednesday, October 10
- Wednesday, November 14

MIDDLE STATES UPDATE

Hudson County Community College
Decennial Self-Study Update
August 2018

• Throughout the month of August, various comments and suggestions on the rough draft of the Self-Study were provided as feedback by Cabinet Members, Core Committee members, and Deans’ Council members. Feedback is being reviewed and incorporated in the document that will be distributed to the entire College community by Aug. 31.

• President Reber, during his inaugural Town Hall Meeting on Aug. 15, stressed the importance and priority of the Self-Study process. Dr. Reber and Dr. Friedman both asked members of the College community for their focused input regarding the narrative. Emphasis was placed on creating a narrative that celebrates how HCCC serves its communities well, how it lives out its mission, while also identifying challenges that should be addressed.

• The Self-Study Steering Committee met on Aug. 22 to discuss progress related to revising chapters based on the feedback being received. It was also the first time that Dr. Friedman, newly appointed Liaison and Accreditation Officer, met with the larger group to discuss his impressions of the first draft of the Self-Study and to provide guidance for the process.

• With about eight weeks remaining to finalize the report that will be shared with the visiting Team Chair, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College, the following dates have been marked on the calendar (the draft report is due to Dr. Pollard two weeks prior to her preliminary visit on Nov. 9).

August 31, 2018
Self-Study distributed to College Community for comments and feedback

September 4, 2018
Dr. Reber and Dr. Friedman to visit Dr. Stephen Pugliese, Vice President at Middle States Commission on Higher Education, in Philadelphia

September 7, 2018
Due date for community members’ feedback on the draft

October 26, 2018
Document delivered to Dr. Pollard at ACCT Congress

November 9, 2018
Preliminary visit by Dr. Pollard



CAREER CORNER

Each month we'll be answering your questions about Career Development. Submit your questions to be featured here!
career@hccc.edu

WELCOME BACK!

The Career Development Center would like to welcome back all new and returning students! This is just a friendly reminder that there are many student services to take advantage of at the Career Center, from resume and cover letter help, to brushing up on or learning new interview skills, to getting help with job search and exploring possible career paths. When it comes to any of your career needs, the Career Development Team is available to help. We are also available to answer any quick questions about upcoming programming and offerings during regular office hours via Instagram and Facebook.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have earned 30 credits and have over a 3.5 GPA are eligible to apply to the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. The GSLCC selects 10 students to collaborate with Goldman Sachs coaches to get a behind-the-scenes look at corporate culture, hear from speakers about professionalism, participate in team building activities, and network with future leaders. Participants in the program receive a \$1,000 stipend. For more information, click the advertisement on the HCCC portal, and use the following the link to apply:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7jpy2j2>.

Career Development Center
70 Sip Avenue, Building A, Third Floor

North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 204A

Email us for more information and follow us on social media @HudsonCareer.



Contact us to learn more:
career@hccc.edu | 201-360-4138

HONORS INFORMATION SESSION



Jenny Bobea (left), Honors Program Lecturer and Coordinator, facilitates an orientation on the Honors Program on Aug. 6. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Academic Development & Support Services, is pictured at right.

On Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, Jenny Bobea, the new Honors Program Lecturer and Coordinator, hosted an information session for prospective Honors students. Approximately, 50 students attended this session and learned about the program and what it means to be an Honors student. The session was organized into different categories that touched upon key points to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the program.

In an enthusiastic presentation, Bobea began with the history of the Honors Program at Hudson County Community College and highlighted its significance in providing students numerous opportunities to surpass their own expectations and build upon already stellar academic careers. She segued into the criteria for and benefits of becoming Honors students. She emphasized the academic and potential financial benefits of transferring with an Honors designation, listing a number of four-year institutions former HCCC Honors students have moved on to, such as Princeton, Columbia, and

New York University, as well as the myriad scholarship opportunities that will become available to them.

Bobea also invited Jamar Johnson, Academic Advisor for Advisement and Counseling, to register students interested in taking Honors courses in the fall. Those in attendance had many questions regarding the program, and Bobea readily answered all inquiries, leaving the students with a greater awareness of the Honors Program and, equally, if not more importantly, of their respective achievements.

Under her leadership, the Honors Program will continue its tradition of providing students with optimal paths to success while generating greater opportunities for students and the HCCC community alike.

If you are interested in learning more about the Honors Program, please contact Jenny Bobea at honors@hccc.edu.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



On Tuesday, Aug. 21, Hudson County Community College held one of a series of New Student Orientations, which have occurred over the summer. These sessions are designed to assist new HCCC students in acclimating to the College and becoming aware of the resources available to them.

After a welcome from Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, the first speaker the students met was Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC's President. Dur-

ing the course of the afternoon, the new students also heard from Peer Leaders and members of College departments with which students should expect to interact during their journeys.

The New Student Orientation is one facet of the College's First Year Experience, a program that guides students from the time they apply and all throughout their initial year at HCCC.

READ A BOOK MONTH WINNERS

The 2018 edition of "March is Read a Book Month" took place from March 1 to April 12. As in previous years, many students, faculty, and staff from the North Hudson Campus read a book, completed the half-page questionnaire, deposited it in the Library's box, and waited in hope that their selection would be drawn at the ceremony on April 17.

Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; Cynthia Coulter, North Hudson Campus Librarian; Alexa Riano, Executive Administration Assistant; and Dr. Nancy Booth, ESL Professor and originator of the event, all spoke about their love of books and drew entries for prizes from the box. Prizes were donated by the Learning Resource Center, President's Office, Pearson ELT, Office of Student Affairs, and Follett Bookstore. Katherine Motino, Letticia Perez, Belma Sarahi Paredes, Josn Diossa, and Edison Serrano won prizes. Additional prizes were awarded to Sara Gomex, Martha Ofori-Boakye, Sharon Irias, Ashley Torres, and Svtlena Kichkina. Christine Romero, Carlos Francisco, Takevia Greene, Neiveys Machado, and Monica Graveran were also winners. Alicia Markle, Daniel Sedares, Laura Garcia, Carlos Betancourt Ortiz, and Jose Hernandez made up the last round of winners.

LEAP PLUS ORIENTATION



Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator

Recently, 35 Jersey City Public High School freshmen, 22 Marist High School freshmen, and their parents were welcomed at the LEAP Orientation on Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. The orientation introduced the students to our campus, allowed students and parents to meet with the LEAP staff, provided details for the Pathway to an associate degree, and prepared them for their first college course, College Student Success. Students in the program were selected to start earning college credits beginning their freshman year. The high school graduation class of 2022 will earn an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation. Students registered for the College Student Success course, which began the following day. The students will enroll in an additional 6 credits between September and June at the high school during the day.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Scene from Continuing Ed's Summer Youth Culinary Program.



Scene from Continuing Ed's Summer Youth Theater, Playwriting, and Stage Production Program with Speranza Theater Co.

Continuing Education

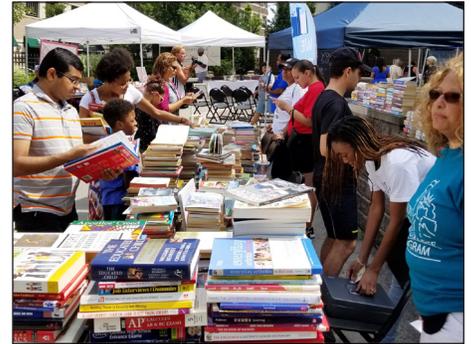
The Department of Continuing Education hosted an end-of-summer Book and Art Fair on Saturday, Aug. 25, in Hudson County Community College's Culinary Plaza Park. The event, which was open to the community, included fun art workshops, shopping, food, entertainment, and giveaways. Attendees were able to purchase new and used books, shop local vendors' wares, and participate in book readings. Activities for children included face painting, creating spin-art frisbees, making pencil cases, creating jewelry from recycled materials, and carnival games. Book readings included *Annabelle & Aiden* by author J.R. Becker, *Down the Swale* by author Valerie Munro, and *Little Birdie Learns to Fly* by author Gregory Alexander.

CE thanks our event sponsors – HCCC's Office of Student Activities, JCFamilies.com, and Joys in Teaching, LLC., as well as all event staff and volunteers. Special thanks to Phi Theta Kappa and Prof. Ted Lai for collecting donated books, assisting with event prep and taking on several crucial roles on event day.

Continuing Education's Summer Youth & Teen Programs wrapped up in the last week of August. The program ran for two months and included a variety of weeklong courses offered in partnership with HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute, Speranza Theatre Company, and Black Rocket. 184 middle school and high school students participated in courses in STEM/Coding, SAT Math and Language Prep, Culinary Arts and Theater, Playwriting, and Stage Design. Each program emphasized self-discovery, cognitive reasoning, and cooperative thinking using hands-on approaches.



Aya Edwards with Francisco Guzman of *Fem International* magazine promoting Continuing Education's ESL programs at the West New York Cultural Affairs event in Miller Park on August 7th. Fall ESL programs will be held at HCCC's Journal Square and North Hudson campuses and the registration deadline is Sept. 14. For more information on ESL programs please contact aedwards@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4224.



Scenes from Continuing Education's end-of-summer Book and Art Fair on Aug. 25.

Continuing Education has teamed up with Rising Tide Capital (RTC) to offer the RTC Community Business Academy at HCCC's Journal Square Campus and in Spanish at the North Hudson Campus. These 12-week courses offer hands-on training in business planning and management. Students learn business fundamentals such as

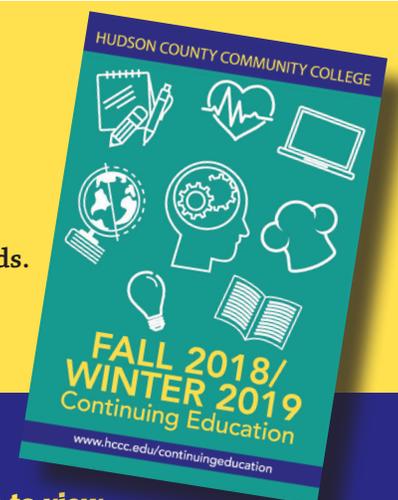
budgeting, marketing, bookkeeping, and financing. The English session will run from Sept. 18 to Dec. 11, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Journal Square, and the Spanish session will run from Sept. 20 to Dec. 11 in North Hudson. For more information, please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4262.

Continuing Education Is Open for Fall Registration!

Revitalize your career, upgrade your credentials, or grow your business. Take a culinary class, learn an art, or sign up for an activity with your family, and friends. HCCC is the place for enriching your life personally and professionally.

REGISTER NOW!

Visit www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation to view the Fall 2018-Winter 2019 Catalog and to register for classes!



PEARSON SCHOLARSHIP

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In his Pearson scholarship essay, Mr. Salhi explained how digital technology played a role in influencing his education, and described a learning tool he would create. He wrote: "I always wanted to pursue a career in the academia, as it is the best soil for me to grow as a researcher. At the same time, I can share my passion for technology with students who want to learn and discover."

The HCCC Pearson scholarship winner's vision is to reach students in unconventional ways. "People from all corners of the world can have access to knowledge at their fingertips, from their phones or computers," he said. "This has inspired me to create a platform that makes the content of traditional textbooks more interactive and responsive. The student will enjoy the same textbooks, but with added features like short videos and quizzes that can be accessed from a phone or computer."

In addition to the Pearson Scholarship, Mr. Salhi – who is the President of the HCCC Beta Alpha Phi chapter of PTK – has also been awarded a Merit Scholarship from the Research and Development Council of New Jersey, and is an "America Needs You" program fellow.

HCCC HOSTS JOURNAL SQUARE FORUM



On Monday, Aug. 13, Hudson County Community College hosted a monthly meeting of the Journal Square Neighborhood Association, during which Mayor Steven Fulop (background) answered questions regarding development projects in and around Journal Square.

The full meeting may be viewed online at <https://www.facebook.com/hudsoncountyview/videos/1917146891688556>

EOF CONCLUDES SUMMER PROGRAM



Graduates of HCCC's EOF Summer Program with members of the EOF Department.

The Educational Opportunity Fund Program welcomed new students to the EOF family this past summer. As usual, the academic program was intentionally designed to challenge our students. Subject areas studied during the five-week program included Writing, Reading, and Mathematics. Students were also provided the opportunity to participate in career exposure programs, leadership development, academic success, personal health, and successful transition to college.

HCCC EOF STUDENT ATTENDS STEVENS SUMMER MATH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Educational Opportunity Fund Program student Daisy Guaman completed the Stevens Institute of Technology Summer Math Immersion Program (MIP) held annually in July at the Stevens campus. MIP is a three-week summer program for New Jersey undergraduate students who have currently enrolled in EOF programs across the state. Run by the Stevens STEP/EOF staff, their primary goal is to help students improve their understanding of general math concepts, and gain a better understanding of the role of mathematics in their daily lives and their chosen career fields. The month-long residential program allows students to develop a network of peers from other New Jersey colleges and universities.



Membership in the Hudson County Community College Foundation's dining series is your opportunity to enjoy world-class dining and service in your own backyard, and to help the College in realizing its goals of assisting deserving students! Our Executive Chef, team of culinary professionals, and students make meals at the Culinary Arts Institute into experiences to remember.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Membership includes lunch in Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute on eight Fridays during the Fall 2018 semester: September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9, and November 16.
- Service hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Cost of membership is \$995 per table for a maximum of four guests.
- Meal includes 4-course luncheon and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages include a full bar charged at a nominal rate.

For more information contact 201-360-4009 or email us at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

10 a.m.

Journal Square Campus,
Culinary Conference Center
Scott Ring Room
Jersey City, NJ

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

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

During the Open House, you will learn about HCCC's many programs, including the newest in:

Homeland Security
Addictions Counseling
Medical Billing
Exercise Science
Construction Management

In addition, you will have an opportunity to tour our campus, meet with Financial Aid and speak personally with students, faculty and staff.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 1 – Monday, September 3
Labor Day weekend – College Closed

Tuesday, September 4 – Monday, September 17
Add/Drop Period (Note: Classes may not be added after two class meetings.)

If registering on or after September 4, 2018, must pay in full, make payment plan arrangement, or have financial aid awards in place at time of registration

Tuesday, September 4 – Friday, October 12
Donations for PERC: Office of Student Activities (Journal Square, 70 Sip Ave., Suite A303 and North Hudson Campus, Room N204). The Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation (PERC) provides a homeless shelter, food pantry, and soup kitchen in Union City. Items needed include new, packaged socks and undergarments, toiletries, and non-perishable food.

Tuesday, September 4 – Tuesday, October 16
Teacher as Artist Exhibition: Heidi Curko, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Library

Tuesday, September 4
Fall 2018 classes begin for 15-week regular term (in-person, online and hybrid), Online Session A, College Student Success (10-week session) and Culinary Cycle I classes

If registered between August 1, 2018 and September 3, 2018, full payment or payment plan arrangements must be made, or financial aid awards must be in place by 5 p.m.

Welcome Back Bagels, 9 a.m., while supplies last, Journal Square Campus, STEM Building Lobby, North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Wednesday, September 5
School Supplies Giveaway, 11 a.m., Office of Student Activities, 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor, and North Hudson Campus, Room 204

Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room 304. To RSVP, please visit <https://nptnj-maincampusinfo.eventbrite.com>.

Thursday, September 6
Truckin' Thursday, 12 p.m., outside Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus (while supplies last)

Friday, September 7
STEM Student Lounge Intro Party, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

Monday, September 10 – Friday, September 28
Human Services Club School Supply Drive. Drop boxes will be located in the Gabert Library, Lobby, and the North Hudson Campus Office of Student Activities, Room 204.

Monday, September 10 – Friday, November 16
Exhibition: "WWI: Beyond Flanders Fields," Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

World War I movie screenings ("A Farewell to Arms" and "Path of Glory"), weekdays at 11 a.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Monday, September 10
Welcome Back BBQ, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Tuesday, September 11
Opening reception for "WWI: Beyond Flanders Fields" and guest lecture by Andrea Siotto on "The Experience of Trench Warfare on the Western Front," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Lecture begins at 4:30 p.m.), Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

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

"Come from Away" on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., Schoenfeld Theatre. Student Ticket: \$30; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$60. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Wednesday, September 12
Classes begin for Fall 2018 LEAP courses (through Dec. 19)

Goldman Sachs Collaborative Program Information Session, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Pizza with the President, 5 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Evening Bagel Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Mike Duverne & Hudson Haitian Student Alliance presents Kompa Music and Dance, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Meeting of Hudson Haitian Student Alliance, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Thursday, September 13
Welcome Back BBQ, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

Goldman Sachs Collaborative Program Information Session, 1 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Friday, September 14
Goldman Sachs Collaborative Program Information Session, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus

Pizza with the President, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Student Lounge

Goldman Sachs Collaborative Program Information Session, 3 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Outdoor Movie Series: Incredibles 2, 8 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

Saturday, September 15
Indoor Weekend Movie Series: Incredibles 2, 7:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 16

New York Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays with Buffet, game time 1 p.m., Yankee Stadium. Ticket includes a buffet open through the fifth inning, including hot dogs, pretzels, sausages, and non-alcoholic beverages. Transportation is not provided. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$50. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Monday, September 17

Constitution Day, 11 a.m., Office of Student Activities (70 Sip Ave., Room 300) and North Hudson Campus, Room 204). OSA will distribute free pocket-sized copies of the Constitution. (while supplies last)

Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off featuring Afro-Cuba Band, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Tuesday, September 18

STEM Club Robotics Workshop, 3 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

"Black N' Blue" film screening, HCCC Adjunct Professor and Filmmaker Brandon Todd Johnston along with a panel of esteemed guests will discuss his celebrated Cannes Film Festival short "Black N' Blue," 7 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room, Second Floor. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/black-n-blue-film-screening-and-panel-discussion-tickets-48618075974

Wednesday, September 19

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

Town Hall with President Reber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Zumba, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Thursday, September 20

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

Pizza with the President, 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 413, Union City. To RSVP, please visit <https://nptnjinfonorth-hudson.eventbrite.com>.

Empanadas in the Evening, 5:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby (while supplies last)

Friday, September 21

Trip to 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Group departs Journal Square at 10:30 a.m. HCCC Student Ticket: \$5; HCCC Staff/Faculty Ticket: \$15. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Gaming Competition, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Room 105

New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles, game time 7 p.m., Yankee Stadium. Transportation is not provided. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$35. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Outdoor Movie Series: Black Panther, 7:30 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

Sunday, September 23

Constitution Day: Day Trip to Philadelphia. Bus departs from 71 Sip Ave. at 8 a.m. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$40. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Monday, September 24

Student Involvement & Services Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park

College Visit: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Tuesday, September 25

Quick Term (12-week) courses begin (through Dec. 19)

Classes begin at Off-Site locations (Bayonne, Kearny, Washington Middle, and Union City High Schools) (through Dec. 19)

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

Trivia Night, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Student Lounge

College Visit: Rutgers University, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Author Kevin C. Fitzpatrick will give a special lecture as part of the *WWI: Beyond Flanders Fields* exhibition, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

"Aladdin" on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., New Amsterdam Theatre. Student Ticket: \$35; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$65. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Wednesday, September 26

Convocation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. No daytime credit classes prior to 6 p.m.

All College Council General Meeting, 3 p.m., STEM Building, First Floor, Multipurpose Room

Zumba, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Thursday, September 27

Instant Decision Day: Rutgers University-Newark, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room

Student Involvement & Services Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Truckin Thursday, 5 p.m., outside 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus, while supplies last

College Visit: Bloomfield College, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Friday, September 28

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

Empanadas in the Evening, 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge (while supplies last)

Off-Campus Trip to Gravity Vault Indoor Rock Gym. Bus departs from 71 Sip Ave. at 6 p.m.. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$30. Visit www.hccc.edu/tickets to purchase.

Saturday, September 29

Application deadline for Thinking in Full Color: Theatrical Writing Residency. TIFC is seeking woman-identified students and alumni of color to be part of their writing residency this fall at HCCC. For more information contact gallery@hccc.edu.

Family Day, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park (Rain location: Culinary Conference Center)

Outdoor Family Movie: Coco, 7:30 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park (Rain location: Culinary Conference Center)

SAVE THE DATE Fall 2018

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Convocation
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk St.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Mark Edmundson
In Defense of Ideals

Mark Edmundson is a renowned professor of English at the University of Virginia, a prize-winning scholar and author of *Why Teach? In Defense of a Real Education; Self and Soul: A Defense of Ideals*, and others. He is a preeminent social thinker for our times.

ALUMNI CORNER

Himani Bhati

Computer Science



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

I chose HCCC because of its good reputation, affordable and high-quality education. I had set out with a dream to achieve big in life and HCCC felt like the perfect place to start my journey.

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

My best memory is a trip to King's College, Pennsylvania for the Middle States Regional Officers Academy and Honors Institute. I got the opportunity since I was an officer with Phi Theta Kappa International Society. We were there for four days and we took part in meetings, projects, presentations, and fun events. It infused confidence in me, was intellectually stimulating, and strengthened bonding with Phi Theta Kappa friends. Of course, it was a lot of fun, too!

How did you become interested in your current career?

When I started college in 2011, the financial crisis had still not completely faded away. The environment stimulated my curiosity and interest in finance.

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

HCCC prepared me for career and life by strengthening values of hard work and focus, and my classmates helped me dream big. The professors guided and inspired me to pursue my dreams wholeheartedly and friends fully supported it. Also, being a part of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society strengthened my Columbia University college application and helped make my resume more marketable and impressive.

What is a typical work day for you?

I reach the office at about 8 a.m. and check my emails. I also check the latest market/financial news which is relevant to my work. The next few

hours are spent working on Excel while checking financial updates/emails intermittently. We have a few meetings and calls scheduled during the day. I also need to take a couple of trainings occasionally. My work involves reviewing trading activities, understanding how the market has performed and the desk's trading strategy. I finish my work by 6:30 p.m. and leave for home.

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

The first portfolio of securities that I created as a part of my Columbia University finance project was one of the most memorable projects I worked on. It helped me build my knowledge and gave me the initial experience of working on financial securities.

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

I have been greatly inspired by my professors. Their commitment to education and teaching enriched my learning experience and helped me develop work ethics in my own life.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Never stop learning and growing yourself. Education is and will always remain your biggest investment; help yourself grow a little more each day.

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

My advice for students starting their college careers- college is an opportunity, a challenge, and a privilege too. Make the most of this opportunity, with this challenge, and stay humble about this privilege.

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