HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMED RECIPIENT OF ACCT 2021 NORTHEAST REGION EQUITY AWARD
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been selected to receive the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2021 Equity Award for the Northeastern United States. The award will be presented on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California.

As the Regional Award recipient, HCCC will be the sole nominee from the Northeastern Region for the prestigious nationwide Charles Kennedy Equity Award, which will be presented at the ACCT Leadership Congress Annual Awards Gala on Friday evening, October 15, 2021.

The ACCT Equity Award honors leadership in setting policies that promote and enhance opportunities for institutional diversity, inclusion, and equity for women, persons of color, LGBTQs or members of any other underrepresented or underserved population that has happened within the last five years.

“This award recognizes the College’s work to advance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all forms,” said HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber. "It is a significant point of pride for our entire College community. DEI is a shared value and priority that has truly galvanized all members of our HCCC Family.”

Hudson County Community College was recognized with ACCT Northeast Region Equity Awards in 2012 and 2016. “This new award is a testament to our ongoing commitment of supporting and fostering a welcoming, diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment on our campuses, throughout the County and beyond,” Dr. Reber said.

HCC students must submit proof of vaccination at https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-VacProof in order to receive the $100 incentive. Once verified, those who are registered for direct deposit will receive the money in their bank account. Other students will receive a check in the mail.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the financial incentive as well as online, on-ground, and remote modes of classes are on the College’s web site at https://www.hccc.edu/community/returntocampus/index.html. Additional questions may be emailed to the Return to Campus Task Force at return@hccc.edu.
HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMES MATTHEW LABRAKE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has selected Matthew LaBrake to serve as Executive Director of the HCCC Center for Online Learning (COL), effective Aug. 30, 2021.

“The HCCC Center for Online Learning serves students, faculty, and staff who study or teach in the College’s extensive online courses and programs,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “We welcome Mr. LaBrake, who brings strong experience and skills to lead and further develop online, hybrid, and technology-rich courses and programs.”

Mr. LaBrake received his Master of Science degree in Information Science, and his Bachelor of Arts in Information Science and Technology from the University at Albany, State University of New York. He served the last two years as Co-chair of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance and Online Learning Section Instruction Committee, and has served as a member of the United States Distance Learning Association Conference Planning Committee. Mr. LaBrake currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for the newly launched Global Online Learning Development (GOLDEN).

Mr. LaBrake comes to HCCC from Berkeley College of New York/New Jersey and Online Campuses, where he served in a variety of roles, including Senior Director of Digital Support Services, Senior Director of Online Library and Technology Services, and Director of Online Library. He was also a member of the Berkeley faculty at the Larry L. Luing School of Business, and Chair of the Faculty Technology Review Committee.

Before joining the staff at Berkeley, Mr. LaBrake was the School Library Media and Training Specialist for the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Poughkeepsie, New York.

“I look forward to working with the students, faculty and staff at Hudson County Community College to best serve their needs, and to expand the College’s Online programming,” Mr. LaBrake said.

HCCC offers more than 100 courses, and nine fully online degree programs, in seven- and fifteen-week formats. Credits transfer seamlessly to colleges and universities across New Jersey and nationwide. Fully online programs include Associate of Science in Accounting, Associate of Science in Business Administration, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Science in Health Services, Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - History, Associate of Arts in English, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - General, and Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - Psychology. Information is available at https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/col/.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS NEW ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) now offers a certificate program that will provide high-level written and oral English language skills for students whose native language is not English.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Proficiency Certificate program at HCCC addresses the needs of the College’s immigrant student population, and all those who have immigrated to the United States and wish to enhance their opportunities for professional employment.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said that about one-fifth of HCCC students study ESL. "Ours is a community of immigrants, many of whom come to America with baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees earned in their native countries," he stated. "They want to acquire English language skills that will assist them in succeeding in their professional and academic pursuits here, and this program provides that opportunity."

The HCCC ESL Proficiency Certificate verifies that those who earn the certification can competently speak, read, and write English. In addition to successfully completing the ESL Reading and Writing courses, students complete English 112 (Speech), CSC 100 (Introduction to Computers and Computing), any general course in Mathematics or Science, and any two general education courses in Humanities or Social Sciences. HCCC offers free tutorial services to help ensure students’ success.

Those interested may enroll in the HCCC ESL Proficiency Certificate program at www.hccc.edu/apply, where they may complete the online application. Additional information about the program and the availability of financial assistance may be obtained by emailing admissions@hccc.edu, calling (201) 714-7200, or texting (201) 509-4222.

New Mask Protocol
Effective August 8, 2021:

MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.

Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Your safety is important to us!
MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

15 Years
- Reda Agourram
- Marwa Abdelaziz
- Marisa Daponte
- Carmen Guerra
- Daniel Mendez
- Gabrielle Reeves

35 Years
- Siroun Meguerditchian

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
- Reda Agourram
- Tayyaba Hafeez
- Tytianna Jackson
- Karan Patel
- Rutvik Patel
- Samikshya Poudel
- Karl Ramos
- Bianelly Tellez

Five Years
- Marwa Abdelaziz
- Marisa Daponte
- Angel Dumencela
- Carmen Guerra
- Daniel Mendez
- Gabrielle Reeves

10 Years
- Angelita Tubungbanua

BACK TOGETHER AT HCCC

Participants in a Welcome Back Walk from Journal Square to the Waterfront on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

By Lisa Bogart, MLiS, Librarian

August 16 was the date on everyone’s calendar, tickler file, Outlook to do lists, etc.

Well it came! As did August 17, 18, 19 and 20. And, we are Back Together at HCCC.

After almost 1-1/2 years of working from home, working hybrid schedules, learning and perfecting (almost) online presentation and web conferencing tools, it has been so wonderful to be in campus buildings where there are people. It’s not just the security guard and some masked person only recognized in their digital version. It is people who are taller, shorter, thinner, heavier, etc. than their WebEx version and more than one person can speak and be heard at the same time!

Although I have been on a hybrid schedule since August 2020, I did not know what to expect with August 16 looming on the calendar. What I have experienced has been a week of celebration.

While we still have to wear masks indoors because this virus is sneaky, changeable and more lethal than ever, we have learned ways in which we CAN be together safely.

Amaalah Ogburn has had a huge hand in making this week into a very welcoming celebration of each and every employee at HCCC, and of the school itself. Thank you, Amaalah. I’ve enjoyed all the food I usually will not eat, talking face mask to face mask with colleagues, and being presented with fun, practical Hudson County Community College gifts. I know how much work goes into putting together multi-day, multi-venue events. And Amaalah, please know how much I appreciate your very hard work and helping to make our “all feet on the ground” week such a great way to ease back into our newest, live, in 3D normal. You are a star!

NEW HIRES/TITLES

Anita Belle, Grant Project Director (Grant-funded)
Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Vice President for Advancement and Communications (effective Sept. 20, 2021)
John S. Chisholm, Safety and Security Associate, Transportation
Molly Delaney, Student Success Coordinator, Operating Engineers (Grant-funded)
Keirsten Gordon, Coordinator, Continuing Education and Workforce Development
Omar Hamza, Student Services Assistant (effective Aug. 24, 2021)
Geraldine Kiefer-Necklen, Director, Practical Nursing
Matthew LaBrake, Executive Director, Center for Online Learning (effective Aug. 30, 2021)
Brian Ribas, PC Technician
Ashley Shaw, Student Success Coordinator, Prison and Reentry Students (Grant-funded)
Imane Zehaf, Financial Counselor (Grant-funded)

RETIRESMINS

Anthony Choo-Yick, Head Tutor, English, Humanities and Social Sciences (effective Sept. 15, 2021)
Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management (effective Aug. 1, 2021)
Lidia Fernandez, Counselor (effective Sept. 1, 2021)
Siroun Meguerditchian, Associate Professor (effective Sept. 1, 2021)
Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President (effective Jan. 17, 2022)
Katherine Vargo, Coordinator, Testing, Nursing and Health Sciences (effective Aug. 1, 2021)
Marcella Williams, Executive Secretary, Office of the President (effective Jan. 1, 2022)

MODIFICATION TO STAFFING TABLE

Kenny Fabara: Assistant Director, Writing Center and Retention Services to Director, Writing and Tutoring Center
Patrizia Barroero: College Lecturer, Transitional Programs to Associate Director, Writing and Tutoring Center
Kyle Woolley: Head Tutor, STEM and Business to Associate Director, Honors Program
Natalia Vaques-Bedkin: Head Tutor, North Hudson Campus to Associate Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Michelle Vitale: Director of Cultural Affairs to Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Cultural Affairs
Jacqueline Safont: Director, Accessibility Services to Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Accessibility Services
On Thursday, Aug. 12, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held a white coat ceremony for students successfully completing the College’s Associate of Science in Radiography degree program. The event was held at the College’s Culinary Conference Center.

The graduates are now eligible to sit for the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam. Radiologic Technologists are in high demand with a projected job growth rate of 13% over the next several years, and median income of $58,960 a year (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Jacob Bradley, President of HCCC’s Radiography Class of 2019, delivered a farewell address.

**HCCC HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR 2021 RADIOGRAPHY CLASS**

On Friday, Aug. 27, the Office of Human Resources hosted a summer celebration for participants of the “Steps for Wellness” program. The program was launched in the spring of 2020 to encourage members of the College to embrace walking as a form of exercise.

**STEPS FOR WELLNESS SUMMER CELEBRATION**

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**FALL 2021 12-WEEK QUICK TERM**

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Each class meets for 12 weeks. This a great option for students who cannot commit to a 15-week term or motivated learners who prefer a fast-paced format.

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Hudson County Community College

OUT of the BOX PODCAST

Tune in to our monthly podcast for a timely discussion about education, people, programs, events, issues, and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County.

Each session is hosted by HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber, and features special guests and HCCC students.

To listen, visit www.hccc.edu/outofthebox

We’re Ready When You’re Ready!

**REGISTER NOW!**

For a current schedule, go to https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Quickterm

For more information contact: admissions@hccc.edu

text (201) 509-4222 or call (201) 714-7200

APPLY TODAY at www.hccc.edu/apply with the promo code “HC3”
Welcome Back to Campus!

If you’re new to the College or haven’t been around for a few months, you might notice a lot of art on the walls. These beautiful art works are part of the Foundation Art Collection, and are displayed to support student and community education. The Collection includes about 1600 art works installed (or on the way to being installed) in public areas in ten campus buildings. All works are donated or purchased with funds donated for that purpose. The art works include painting, sculpture, photography, mixed-media work, limited-edition prints, drawings, historical artifacts, etc.

Thanks to the excellent work of the Foundation Art Collection team – including Erica Chapman, Ben Galaday, Darius Gilmore, and Andrea Siegel – with support from Linda Guastini, Alexa Riano, Mirta Sanchez, and Pegah Sorour, and under the supervision of Dr. Darryl Jones, we have installed more Foundation Art Collection art — over 150 works since March — than during any six-month period in the last 11 years. Recent installations include collaborations with Dr. David Clark and Vice President Lisa Dougherty on the Foundation Student Art Award Winners project in the new Student Center, and the contemporary art installed in the new Hudson Helps area on the third floor of 70 Sip Avenue. It also includes theater Professor Joseph Gallo’s recent donation of Playbills that the College acquires for the Hudson Helps area on the third floor of 70 Sip Avenue. It also includes theater Professor Joseph Gallo’s recent donation of Playbills that the College acquires for the Foundation Art Collection in the College’s history. We look forward to framing and installing those works to benefit our students and community. Thank you again for your support.

Artist News

Congratulations to Michelle Vitale (aka Woolpunk), whose work, “Walking Palm,” will be featured in the 9/11 exhibit, “Pause Reflect Remember.” Rockefeller Foundation, on 61 Claremont Avenue in New York City. The exhibit is curated by Jennifer Roberts and opens Sept. 9. For more information, visit: https://www.interchurch-center.org

Congratulations to Fernanda Perrone, Archivist and Head of the Exhibitions Program and Curator of the William Elliot Griffis Collection at the Special Collections and University Archives at Rutgers University, for her recent publication, “Cloistered Visionary: Sister Mary of the Compassion and the Art Apostolate in Union City, New Jersey” in the journal, U.S. Catholic Historian (Vol. 39, No. 3, Summer 2021). This is the first scholarly article published based on works in the Foundation Art Collection. The author extensively studied the works of Sister Mary of the Compassion, OP, on the seventh floor of our North Hudson Campus. A link to the article is available here: https://muse.jhu.edu/article/800034

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the art collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the art collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

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

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

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

All of this is made possible by the unseen and unheralded hard work of our maintenance crew under the supervision of Mark Murray, and our facilities crew, under the supervision of Julio Maldonado. Thanks to you and the Security Staff under the supervision of John Quigley for their assistance. Thanks to all those good people for their help.

Are you thinking you’d like to brighten your cubicle or private office area?

We have received a large donation of posters designated for HCCC offices. If you’d like to see images and choose posters for your area, please email ASiegel@hccc.edu for a link.

Please note: This is not Foundation Art Collection art, but there are many lovely and interesting images to choose from.
JEREMIAH TEIPEN: InterExitFace
Opens September 9
Dineen Hull Gallery

Situated between the physical and the virtual, between natural and artificial, and between traditional and new media, Jeremiah Teipen’s work simultaneously synthesizes and transcends these dichotomies, proving them somewhat false. In the exhibition, InterExitFace, Teipen’s work explores mediated realities where the virtual sphere meets physical space, and the intermingling and overlap of the two. Exploring our current condition of split sensoria as we exist in physical and virtual space concurrently, Teipen studies the result of this state, our forever altered perception.

Installation view of Spatiotemporal Intervention at Asia Culture Center in Gwangju, South Korea, 2019. Photo credit: Sarah Kim

TEACHER AS ARTIST: Eileen Ferara
Opens September 9
JSQ & North Hudson Campus Libraries

Eileen Ferara is a multidisciplinary artist, curator, and educator whose work explores our relationship to the environment. She is curating “Too Much, Overconsumption and Our Relationship to Stuff” at NJCU Visual Arts Gallery this September. Ferara’s work has been exhibited in numerous exhibits and she was a 2019 artist-in-residence with the Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation at Mana Contemporary in Jersey City. Her work is in the collection of the William Paterson University Galleries, The King St. Stephens Museum, and Memorial Sloan Kettering among others.

As a teaching artist, Ferara hopes to encourage a sense of discovery and play in her students, through an exploration of different materials and subjects.

Laurie Riccadonna’s Eternal Bloom will continue through December. A graduate from Yale University School of Art, Riccadonna is the recipient of the 2020 Association of Community College Trustees Northeast Region Faculty Award. The exhibition consists of paintings and works on paper selected from several of Riccadonna’s series: Garden series, Hanging Garden series, Puzzle series, Tile series, and Plastic Pollution series. Riccadonna’s Plastic Pollution series is a response to the litter contaminating our streets and sidewalks, “a visual comment on the consequences of society’s rampant consumerism and its addiction to plastic.” For this series, Riccadonna drew from still lifes while augmenting the works from her imagination.

Join Studio Arts Coordinator Laurie Riccadonna for a deep dive into the amazing brain of artist and Studio Coordinator Professor Teipen.

September 24
6:30 p.m.
RSVP to mvitale@hccc.edu for Zoom information.

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For more information, email: gallery@hccc.edu or visit www.hccc.edu/community/art/doca-culture.html
On August 12, 2021, Hudson County Community College’s Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) celebrated its scholars’ achievement for the Dean’s List of Spring 2021. Following HCCC’s Covid-19 guidelines, EOF celebrated their scholars on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library. Scholars were joined by their families to commemorate the scholars’ achievements. EOF Director, Mr. Jose Lowe, alongside; EOF Assistant Director Mr. Knight Ambubuyog and EOF Counselor Ms. Tejal Parekh, MSW, presented heartfelt speeches in honor of the scholars’ arduous work and acknowledged the importance of their families’ support. Quoting Mr. Knight, “EOF not only stands for Educational Opportunity Fund, but also for an Extension of Family,” a sentiment shared by the EOF scholars and families. Scholars were invited to share their testimonials of achievement and perseverance through the pandemic, including Spring 2021. Scholars shared how the EOF program played a role in their journey and the immense support provided by the EOF team. The EOF program at HCCC continuously celebrates their EOF scholars’ success even through the pandemic.
PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Honors in Action Grant
The Beta Alpha Phi chapter has been selected, based on its strong application, to receive an Honors in Action grant in the amount of $1,000 to enhance its 2021 Honors in Action project. Phi Theta Kappa and the Mellon Foundation teamed up to fund the 2021 HIA grants. The purpose of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Grant Program is to support student engagement in Honors in Action. Honors in Action (HIA) combines academic research, problem solving, and action-oriented service to address real-world challenges in our communities. Students gain job-related experience while creating lasting impacts in their communities as they engage in HIA.

Middle States Region Top 35 Lists
The Middle States Region is composed of chapters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC. This year, the Region will recognize the members and chapters on the Top 35 Lists at the 2022 convention. The final lists will be compiled at the end of the year. As of late July, Racco Maristela was Number 3, Angel Beebe was Number 17, and Jeffrey LeVine was Number 24 among the members in the Region; Beta Alpoha Phi chapter was Number 5.

Upcoming Events/Projects
On Saturday, Nov. 6, Phi Theta Kappa will volunteer at Waggin’ and Walking, a fundraiser benefiting the American Cancer Society by the Hudson County Latino Foundation. The event includes a 1.5 mile walk along the Jersey City Waterfront. Participants may walk with or without dogs.

Iham Haider (biology major) volunteering with the Friends of Liberty State Park on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Dina Thompson, a chemistry major, became a Phi Theta Kappa member on July 19 and by the following Saturday (July 24) was volunteering in the gardening program at Liberty State Park.

OWN YOUR future

SEEKING A PAID INTERNSHIP THIS FALL?
Apply to Year Up, a paid one-year internship program that enables motivated young adults to move from minimum wage to a meaningful career in Business or Information Technology (IT). We go “LIVE” (via zoom) Tuesdays at 5:00pm for information sessions. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to learn more!

To apply to Year Up you must...
• be between the ages of 17-26
• have a HS diploma or GED
• enroll at HCCC and major in Business Administration, Business Liberal Arts, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Hospitality Management or Management
• have valid work authorization (DACA students are accepted)
• be motivated to launch a professional career in Business or IT

We’re accepting applications on a rolling basis, and spots can fill up quickly!

Join us for a special HCCC | Year Up Info Session

The Office of Admissions & College Enrollment
Year Up NY|NJ at Hudson County Community College
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Office: (646) 341-6900
Cell/Text: (201) 589-1415

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
11:00- Noon
S. Teichman
No More Checklists: Effectively Evaluating Information Online
https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Checklist
Zoom Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664
Passcode: 176931

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
11:00 – Noon
K. Galli
The Doctoral Journey:
Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination Part 1
https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Doctoral-1
Access code: 132 856 6548
Password: wNMGfPsC773

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
11:00- Noon
K. Galli
The Doctoral Journey:
Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination Part 2
https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Doctoral-2
Access code: 132 856 6548
Password: wNMGfPsC773

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Paula Roberson, Ed.D., Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation
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Continuing Education resumed its popular Summer Youth & Teens Baking Academy in August, offering three weeks of both virtual and on-campus classes. Students learned how to make their own cakes, icings, and fillings from scratch from home and in the Culinary Arts Institute's professional bakeshops. Chef Marissa Lontoc and Chef Sean Wilson taught students basic baking techniques, how to select ingredients, and the proper use of culinary tools and equipment. Students enjoyed creating delicious sweets like banana walnut cake, dark chocolate cupcakes, and much more.

As we conclude August 2021 it has been a busy and exciting 2021! The Gateway to Innovation initiative, funded by the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, coupled with the New Jersey Endures grant, funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, has enrolled over 120 students in Pharmacy Technician, Fast Track Patient Care Technician, Certified Nurse Assistant, and Hemodialysis Technician certification classes. In two to five months [depending on class type and schedule], students complete coursework and take an exam to earn their credentials. We are enthusiastic as we begin the journey with students to the next phase of the initiative, which includes recession proof, career focused employment in the healthcare sector. For information on upcoming healthcare classes please email healthcaretraining@hccc.edu

Au Pair Weekend Workshops Relaunch On-Campus this Fall

Continuing Education’s (CE) popular Au Pair program is set to relaunch classes in-person this fall, at HCCC’s Journal Square campus. Throughout the pandemic CE has run several virtual courses every weekend, with over 20 different subjects, including American Studies, English, Entrepreneurship, Social Media, Photography, and more. The program will continue to run virtually as new on-campus programs are integrated into the mix. New programs include Digital Marketing, Graphic Design, and photography travel classes to Walt Disney World, Florida and Oahu, Hawaii.

As part of the U.S. Department of State’s Au Pair Cultural Exchange Program regulations, au pairs are required to complete at least 72 hours of continuing education courses at an accredited post-secondary institution during their program year. This educational requirement provides a fantastic way for au pairs to pursue educational interests, meet new people, and experience an important aspect of American culture.

HCCC’s Continuing Education has partnered with “Classroom Au Pair” to offer a series of weekend classes specifically designed for the busy lifestyle and schedule of au pairs. Each weekend program accounts for 36 hours. HCCC’s experienced instructors provide au pairs with transformative learning experience that are interesting, engaging and fun. Courses include both in-class and homework assignments. Au pairs will receive a certificate of complete at the end of their programs.

All classes are also open to the general public. For more information, please email Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4262.

Continuing Education’s Summer Youth & Teens Programs

Culinary classes for family, kids, and adults will be offered through Continuing Education this fall! Visit www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation for schedule updates or email ce@hccc.edu for more information.

Continuing Education’s Podcasting Essentials for Beginners

In the last year Continuing Education Department offered a new Podcasting Essentials course where students learned how to make their dream of creating a podcast a reality. Kimberly Sumpter, an accomplished podcaster, worked with students on their concepts, audience, and choosing the right equipment to achieve the best quality. Students left the course prepared to create their podcast, with some already publishing their work for the world to listen to.

“The class inspired me to start Faith Healing, where I bring on guests with different religious upbringings to discuss what they were taught, what they believe now, and how their faith shapes their perspective on the world. The class helped me think deeper about the show’s direction and what would set it apart from other podcasts about religion.” Faith Healing by Rachel Godfrey, Available on Apple’s podcast store https://apple.co/3yupnyn

“I had to create a podcast to accomplish a requirement in my PGP (Personal Growth Project) for my doctorate. I was lucky to take Podcasting Essentials with Kimberly Sumpter. I had no idea how to do a podcast, and this class showed me exactly how to do it. It taught me how to do it and how to create it so that it gets accepted by Apple and Spotify. She also let me know that I should gear it towards what I know and suggested choosing my students as my audience.”

Technology Tap By Juan Rodriguez, Available on Apple’s podcast store https://apple.co/3mJNDdq

Register for the Fall 2021 course beginning on 9/14/21 - 10/15/21 at: https://bit.ly/2YbBdkn or contact Alexis Muniz amuniz@hccc.edu for more information.
ON-CAMPUS DINING

On-campus dining options are fully open for the 2021-2022 school year with some exciting new additions! This year, we are happy to announce the grand opening of Libby’s Home Kitchen, located inside the Student Center at 81 Sip Ave. Libby’s is a full-service café serving freshly made breakfast and lunch items that are made to order. There is a wide array of menu items ranging from baked goods, sandwiches, fresh salads, stir fry and much more. A Starbucks coffee bar has been added to Libby’s as well! You will be able to purchase all of the coffee drinks you love without having to leave campus. Download the MyQuickcharge App, code HCCC267 to use at Libby’s or Bits and Bytes. The app can be used to order ahead of time or pay in store.

Bits and Bytes Bistro, located in the STEM Building at 263 Academy Street is your go to for breakfast and lunch. You will be able to find your college favorites along with some new grab and go items such as yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit cups and salads made daily.

Another addition to HCCC is the new Gabert Liberty Café located on the first floor in the Library at 71 Sip Ave. The Liberty Café is now a full self-serve venue and offers a variety of grab and go items including healthy snacks, drinks, sandwiches, salads and more. The Liberty Café is open the same hours as the Library so you’ll always have access to snacks and food on-campus. The Liberty Café offers contactless mobile and touchless payment options. The self-serve format is easy for those that need something in a hurry. **Please note that MyQuickcharge is not accepted at this location.

Looking to host a meeting or need an event catered? The Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, has rooms that can accommodate 10 up to 200 guests. With the larger rooms at the Conference Center, we can accommodate social distancing needs along with our upgraded technology capabilities in the Banquet Room, Scott Ring Room and the Johnston Room. Catering is available for events held at the Conference Center or anywhere on campus. Email Karen MacLaughlin, kmaclaughlin@hccc.edu for all room bookings and catering inquiries.

We would like to congratulate Kurt Sippel on his new role as Culinary Conference Center General Manager. So many of you have grown to love Kurt’s food for the past seven years. The delicious food will still be the same, but now many of you will be seeing Kurt around campus. His office is located in Room E207 and can be reached at x5301 or ksippel@hccc.edu. Please also congratulate Karen for her promotion to Assistant General Manager, with the same contact information as before. Cheers to a healthy and successful 2021-2022 year!

FALL HOURS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pantries are open to all members of the College community—students, faculty, and staff.

All must present a College ID with valid current semester sticker.

We now offer fresh and frozen food options for those in need.

The pantries are located at:

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
2 Enos Place, Lower Level,
Room J002
(201) 360-4109

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS:
4900 Kennedy Blvd,
Room N513A
(201) 360-4709

For more information: foodpantry@hccc.edu | 201-360-4602

ON-CAMPUS DINING

HCCC Happenings

• CHILD AND ELDER CARE SERVICES: Identifying and utilizing available services and providers

• TRANSPORTATION: Access to public transportation

• HEALTHCARE SERVICES: Insurance, vaccines, prevention, screening, and treatment

• EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE: Temporary employment, financial literacy, and public assistance

• FINANCIAL COUNSELING

• TAX SERVICES

• MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING: On-campus and community-based services

• LEGAL AID: Free consultations

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In the spring of 2021, Hudson County Community College launched an "HCCC Big Give-Back Contest," inviting students to state what HCCC means to them, and what at HCCC has influenced them most.

Below is a list of the list of student winners:

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Honorable Mentions ($50 Gift Certificate)

- Rafael Del Valle Jr.
- Symone Lopez
- Farilide Porquin
- Michael Diaz
- Melinda McLendon
- Cristel De Castro
- Stephanie Erazo
- Johanny Garcia
- Crystal Troncoso
- Claudia Coppiano

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (center) presents "Big HCCC Give-Back Contest" prizes to, from left, Seventh Prize winner Melanie Sagun; Sixth Prize winner Octavia Conrad; Grand Prize winner Rina Renea Derricotte; and Second Prize winner Keiry Hernández.

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Pictured from left: STEM Club advisor Dr. Clive Li, Roniel Fernandez and Anass Ennasraoui.

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Mental Health Resource for Our Students: TalkCampus

What is TalkCampus, and how can it help?

- Online global mental health support network
- Peer-to-peer support
- Access to instant, any time 24/7

TalkCampus is a team of volunteers who are trained in active listening and providing support online. They have safeguards in place to monitor in real-time crisis and will launch interventions as needed. If they detect that a student is in crisis, they will launch platform interventions and escalate support in real-time. TalkCampus will have direct communication with H.C.C.C. Mental Health Counseling & Wellness.

As an added benefit, HCCC students can volunteer & get training on how to be a peer support buddy.

Access TalkCampus 24/7: [https://www.talklife.co/hudson-county-community-college](https://www.talklife.co/hudson-county-community-college)

If you have any questions, please contact Doreen M. Pontius, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. at 201.360.4229 or email mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu

The Dining Series will occur over a course of eight Fridays: October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 5, November 12, and November 19.

Service will take place at the Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City.

Your $995 membership fee affords you and up to three guests: appetizer, entrée, and dessert courses, as well as non-alcoholic beverages for eight weeks! 100% of your gift will go to the HCCC Foundation scholarships.

Seating will be limited to 4 diners per table.

Please contact Mirta Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004.
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) shined a light on the financial plight facing college students by welcoming Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab as keynote speaker for the Fall 2021 College Service Day. The event was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the College’s Culinary Conference Center, 119 Newkirk Street in Jersey City, NJ.

Sara Goldrick-Rab, Ph.D. is considered the leading national researcher on the problems of food insecurity, homelessness, and debt facing America’s college students. She is a Professor of Sociology and Medicine at Temple University, and Founder of the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice in Philadelphia. Dr. Goldrick-Rab is also Chief Strategy Officer for Emergency Aid at Edquity, a student financial success and emergency aid company, and the founder of Believe in Students, a nonprofit distributing emergency aid. Her research on college students’ basic needs sparked the national #RealCollege movement.

A Carnegie Fellow, Dr. Goldrick-Rab has been ranked in the “Top Ten of Education Scholars” by Education Week, and was named one of the “Top 50 People Shaping American Politics” by POLITICO in 2016. Her book, *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*, was featured on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, and awarded the $100,000 Grawmeyer Prize, which she donated to student emergency aid.

“We are honored to have Dr. Goldrick-Rab join us as we begin our 2021-2022 School Year,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “Her work has been an inspiration in developing our own culture of care at the College, and we have partnered with the Hope Center to research our students’ needs, and to implement best practices that serve our most vulnerable students.”

In 2019, HCCC prioritized creating and maintaining a culture of care, and with seed money from the HCCC Foundation, instituted “Hudson Helps,” a compendium of wraparound services, programs, and resources that focus on basic needs beyond the classroom, and ultimately result in greater student success.

The #RealCollege 2021 electronic survey of nearly 200,000 students attending colleges and universities in 42 states (130 two-year colleges, and 72 four-year colleges and universities) showed nearly three in five students experienced basic needs insecurity; food insecurity affected 39% at two-year institutions and 29% at four-year institutions; housing insecurity affected 48%, and homelessness 14% of respondents.

“Western challenges confronting college students beyond the classroom are incredibly detrimental to students, families, and our society on a long-term basis. Dr. Goldrick-Rab’s research and advocacy has provided an important voice in helping to resolve them,” Dr. Reber stated.

President Reber’s State of the College address, delivered at the Fall 2021 College Service Day, may be viewed online here: https://www.hccc.edu/abouthccc/resources/documents/2021-state-of-the-college-address.pdf

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ALL COLLEGE ADJUNCT FACULTY ORIENTATION – THURSDAY, AUG. 26

Photos from Left to Right:
- Dr. Darryl Jones, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provides updates.
- Dr. Paula Roberson, Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, brings greetings.
- Lilisa Williams (left), Director of Faculty & Staff Development, with Elana Winslow, Assistant Professor/Coordinator, Business.

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SAVE the DATE

2021 Convocation

Wednesday, September 29
CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 1 –
Wednesday, September 15
Add/Drop Period for 15-Week On-Ground & Culinary Evening Terms

Wednesday, September 1
Classes begin for On-Ground, Online Regular/ Hybrid, & Culinary Evening Sessions

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

Free School Supplies Giveaway, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby (while supplies last)

Single Stop and 1-1 Financial Counseling Information Session, 12:30 p.m. Join at https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m4a6686181844dfca7f7d863b4b8c90; Access code: 132 856 6548; Password: wNMGfFpsC77

Friday, September 3
Student Life Marketplace, 3:30 p.m. (while supplies last), Student Center, Second Floor, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, September 4 – Monday, September 6
Labor Day Weekend – College closed

Tuesday, September 7 and
Wednesday, September 8
Fist Bump with a Librarian, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert and North Hudson Libraries.

Wednesday, September 8
Last day to add ONR/Hybrid classes

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Grab and Go: Lucky Bamboo, 2 p.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

Breakfast Bar, 10:30 a.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby


Thursday, September 9
Exhibition openings: Jeremiah Teipen: InterExitFace, Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Exhibition resumes: Laurie Riccadonna: Eternal Bloom, Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave.

Teacher As Artist: Eileen Ferara opens at Gabert Library and North Hudson Campus Library

Truckin Thursday!, 12:30 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Outside campus and outside of the Student Center

Twitch Book Talk Online, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. To view, just go to our Twitch channel: https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary

Monthly Download Online, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/96044017895?pwd=bUd6eNlNTMeHiQ2ZLch6MNWV13o5Zz09; Meeting ID: 960 4401 7895; Passcode: 469285

Friday, September 10

Introduction to Lateral Reading Online, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/9225879664?pwd=UGRuUm5SdE1FTm9nkXbUM2d1eXZrUT09; Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664; Passcode: 176931.

No More Checklists: Effectively Evaluating Information Online, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/9225879664?pwd=UGRuUm5SdE1FTm9nkXbUM2d1eXZrUT09; Zoom Meeting ID: 922 5879 8664; Passcode: 176931.

Student Programming Board Information Session, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Virtual at https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7251298

Monday, September 13
Grab and Go: Stuff-a-Plush, 10 a.m., while supplies last, Student Center, Student Lounge

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Tuesday, September 14
Classes begin for Early College sessions (“HP”)

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Pizza with the President, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Virtual, Event Link on Involved (https://involved.hccc.edu/)

Snacktivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Student Center, Student Lounge

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/99415175578?pwd=TmJ1UG1JT1ZtTUlWTHdTempHQ0h2UT09; Meeting ID: 949 1517 5578; Passcode: 491786

Trivia Night: General Trivia, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Virtual, Event Link on Involved (https://involved.hccc.edu/)

Story Time Online, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/99449804002?pwd=ckRvVHVxXWNDZQYm1nWGk5yRW8xQT09; Meeting ID: 994 4980 4002; Passcode: 842251

Friday, September 17
The Doctoral Journey: Teaching Asian American History as a Reparative Tool Against Bias and Discrimination (Part 1), 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m17z3748b739f76c1d301551695e57e2f; Access code: 132 856 6548; Password: wNMGfFpsC77

Student Leadership Opportunity: Student Programming Board Information Session, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Virtual at https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7260500

Open Mic, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at https://zoom.us/j/94915175578?pwd=TmJ1UG1JT1ZtTUlWTHdTempHQ0h2UT09; Meeting ID: 949 1517 5578; Passcode: 491786

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

A member of the CARE Team will respond to you shortly.
Brian Ribas
Class of 2020
A.S. Computer Science (Cybersecurity Option)

What factors led you to decide to attend Hudson County Community College?
I transferred from Montclair State University to HCCC after my first semester. I figured HCCC would be a better option due to the location and how affordable my education would turn out to be on the long run. My commute to school and tuition costs were cut down by half compared to before.

What is your favorite memory of the College, in or out of the classroom?
I am grateful for the friends I was able to make during my time at HCCC. I was actively involved in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society that helped me meet other like-minded students while also giving back to the community through volunteering opportunities. Getting involved in extracurricular activities was a significant part of my academic success by keeping me engaged on campus.

How did you become interested in your major?
I always had Computer Science/IT within top 3 of my career choices. I believe that the field of technology has many opportunities for growth – especially because it has applications in every industry. The learning process never stops because new technologies are emerging every year. Personally, I find myself engaged when I am learning something new.

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career/ life now?
I interacted with faculty and students that share different cultural backgrounds than I do – so I would say that this allowed me to learn how to navigate a socially diverse environment; a critical skill in the 21st century. In my experience, the ability to build meaningful relationships is important to individual and collective success, especially in the workplace. Organizations are made of groups of people, not the other way around. People make organizations successful by effectively collaborating towards a specific purpose. If you want to succeed, then learn to effectively collaborate.

How is a typical work day for you?
My days vary from day to day. On average, I help users with hardware and software issues over the phone, or in-person.

What has been the most memorable project/case you have worked on?
During my last NASA internship, I helped the education team develop a proposal to grant community college students a hands-on project experience that would allow them to support an ongoing NASA science mission. This is important for STEM students to build their confidence in applying the knowledge they gain in the classroom.

Who are your biggest inspirations that have impacted your work in some way?
I am a proud first-generation American and college graduate. I love the U.S and the opportunities it can provide to hard working people.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?
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What has been the process to provide a better future for their children. I don’t see a stronger demonstration of love than this action of courage and sacrifice. My mom and dad. They have managed to immigrate to the U.S from their homeland despite all the adversities the process takes to provide a better future for their children. I am a proud first-generation American and college graduate. I love the U.S and the opportunities it can provide to hard working people.

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