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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR GRADUATES OF RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

On Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored graduates at the College's eighth annual White Coat Ceremony for the Radiography Program. The 20 members of the HCCC Radiography Class of 2026 include Brandon Abad, Carlos Alfonso, Tanya Allen, Analyne Aponte, Don Arnoux, Thalia Aviles, Asia Baclay, Melanie Calderon, Peter Calderon, Carlos Castillo, Cheyenne Forde, Yohalina Frias, Yasmine Hijazi, Josefina Leal, Jose Luna-Gonzalez, Nastasha Mercado, Maxim Nikolovski, Gabriela Pereira, Mackenzie Richardson, and Kathryn Rueda.

The White Coat Ceremony represents a time-honored rite of passage for students entering the healing professions. For radiography graduates, receiving their white coats symbolizes their commitment to caring, compassion, service, and professionalism in healthcare. Graduates also affirmed their dedication to the profession by reciting the Radiologic Sciences Oath of Commitment.

Cheryl Cashell, Director of Radiography, welcomed graduates, faculty, staff, and guests and offered congratulatory remarks. Instructors also

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ON THE COVER: *Hudson County Community College held a time-honored "White Coat" ceremony for the graduates (pictured here) of the College's Radiography Program.*

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES THE INSIGHT INTO ACADEMIA 'EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING' AWARD

For the second consecutive year, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has earned *Insight Into Academia* Magazine's "Excellence in Mental Health and Well-Being" Award. The national honor recognizes institutions that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to supporting the mental health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff through innovative programs and initiatives.

HCCC provides holistic, accessible, and equity-centered mental health and wellness services, including:

- The HCCC Mental Health Counseling and Wellness Center, which provides free, confidential in-person and virtual counseling, 24/7 crisis hotlines, and teletherapy through partnerships such as Uwill.

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Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is the recipient of the Insight Into Academia 2026 Excellence in Mental Health and Well-Being Award. This spring, the HCCC Mental Health Counseling & Wellness Office partnered with the Active Minds Club to bring "Send Silence Packing®" to the College. The program encourages breaking the silence surrounding mental health and suicide.



COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information,
please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/calendar>.

Hudson County Community College reserves the right to modify
the calendar as necessary.

HCCC UNVEILS HUDSON HORNETS AS NEW TEAM NAME AND MASCOT



Jonathan Sisk, Director of Athletics, announces HCCC team name and mascot – Hudson Hornets – at College Service Day on Aug. 25. The basketball season will begin in November.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Cheer on
HCCC
Basketball
History!**



Join us as Hudson County Community College tips off its inaugural men's and women's basketball season —and cheer on our new mascot!

HCCC vs. Essex County College

Tuesday, November 3

Women's game at 6 p.m.
Men's game at 8 p.m.

**High Tech High School
One High Tech Way,
Secaucus, NJ 07094**

Parking Available

Scan QR for more
information about
HCCC Athletics.



**Bring your HCCC spirit and
help us make history at our
first home basketball games!**

Go, HCCC!

NEWS FROM HUDSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE CRAIG GUY

Op-Ed: N.J. faces a choice: 10 acres of parking or 1,500 new homes

In one of America's most expensive housing markets, more than 10 acres of publicly owned land in the heart of Jersey City are currently devoted to surface parking lots.

At a time when housing costs are forcing working families out of the communities they helped build, we should be asking a simple question: Is that really the best use of scarce public land?

Hudson County Executive Craig Guy has put forward a bold alternative. The Hudson County Affordable Housing Initiative would transform underutilized county-owned land into more than 1,500 new homes across four sites in Jersey City, including hundreds of permanently affordable homes for working families.

Because the county already owns the land, these projects can move forward without the delays and costs that often accompany private development, where

assembling sites can take years before construction even begins.

Among these projects is something especially ambitious: a first-of-its-kind mixed-income housing development surrounding County Plaza, a county office complex now encircled by sprawling parking lots.

Instead of acres of asphalt that worsen flooding and intensify summer heat, the county proposes building a vibrant new neighborhood with homes, green space, shops, restaurants and a supermarket — a place where working families, seniors and longtime residents can afford to stay in the community they call home.

The county has committed to building the project with 100% union labor, ensuring the economic benefits of this investment are shared by workers as well as future residents.

The stakes could not be higher. Despite years of new construction, we're still making up for decades of under building.

The Regional Plan Association estimates Jersey City could face a housing shortage of as many as 36,500 homes by 2032. Housing production alone, however, is not enough if ordinary families are priced out of the communities where jobs, transit and opportunity exist.

That is what makes Hudson County's proposal so promising.

The County Plaza project would create more than 700 new homes, including more than 200 affordable homes. At least 30% of the homes would be permanently reserved for families across a range of incomes, including 20% of affordable homes for lower-income households — including



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RETIREMENTS

Gary Bensky, Chef, Culinary Arts
Miryam Hernandez, Accounts Receivable
Linda Miller, Associate Professor

RESIGNATIONS

Joyce Alvarez, Coordinator II
Junwen Liu, Academic Counselor
Aaron Patel, Support Analyst
Kevin Shah, Support Analyst

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Meghaben Chauhan
Tiffany Marzano
Richard Morris III
Betzabe Reyes
Stephanie Robinson
Vamshi Samudrala
Sony Thomas
Artur Ujazdowski
Bianka Zeneli

Five Years

John Chisholm
Imane Zehaf
Anita Belle
Mackenzie Johnson
Matthew LaBrake
Delfin Ganapin
Nicole Johnson
Jennifer Valcarcel

10 Years

Faisal Aljamal
Maria Lynette Lacson

20 Years

Alexa Riano

25 Years

Angela Hebert
Cathie Seidman

30 Years

Willie Malone

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

Xavier Siddons
Brianna Vargas
Thomas Patierno
Juanita Hobson
Veronica Jenkins-Diaz
Melisa Landauro Zuleta
Maylin Rodriguez
Navin Shievdal
Jenny Soriano
Vanessa Viera
Naomi Betancourt
Anthony Angelone
Larry Goodin
Tomas Garzon Sarango

Five Years

Marlene Andalia
Urimala Chawaria
Shiv Patel
Monteria Bass
Alison Blumenfeld
Matthew McClintock
Wesley Pena
Ayush Patel

10 Years

Farhan Khan
Ana Velasquez

15 Years

Emmanuel Ankrah
Mariam Elkholy
Angelita Tubungbanua

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME STAFF

Shawn Bragg, Associate Director, Athletics

Ayush Patel, Support Analyst, Information Technology Services

Rutvik Patel, Support Analyst, Information Technology Services

Alexandra Ruiz, Academic Counselor, Hudson Scholars

Carlos Serrano, Assistant Director, Nursing

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME STAFF

Arnoush Abedian, Financial Aid Assistant

Rosanna Acosta, Student Success Coach, Shipyard Workforce Development and Training (Grant Funded)

Eman Dasouky, Administrative Assistant, Facilities

Jose Echeverria Vega, Program Manager, Shipyard Workforce Development and Training (Grant Funded)

Candice Fernandez, Academic Counselor
Jasmine Pascua, Equipment Manager (Grant Funded)

Sweta Sanghavi, Purchasing Assistant, Finance

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

Geeti Hussaini, Instructor, Nursing

Julie Kizershot, Instructor, Academic Foundations English

Carol Medina, Instructor, English as Second Language

Michelle Turnbull, Instructor, Academic Foundations English

Samuel Warnke, Instructor, English as Second Language

SEPTEMBER WELLNESS TOPIC – FLU SEASON

Boost Your Best Defense: Protecting Our Health, One Shot at a Time

As we enter the fall season, now is a great time to focus on prevention and protecting your health. Staying up to date on recommended vaccines, including the annual flu shot and COVID-19 vaccines, can help prevent serious illness, reduce hospitalizations, and protect those around you. Flu vaccination alone helps prevent millions of illnesses each year. Take a moment this September to review your vaccination status and speak with your healthcare provider about the immunizations that are right for you and your family. A small step today can provide lasting protection tomorrow.

RESOURCES:

CDC Adult Immunization Schedule

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/immunization-schedules/adult-age.html>

Stay informed about recommended vaccines for adults by age and health condition. [\[cdc.gov\]](https://www.cdc.gov)

CDC Flu Vaccination Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccines/index.html>

Learn why annual flu vaccination is important and who should get vaccinated. [\[cdc.gov\]](https://www.cdc.gov)

CDC Benefits of Flu Vaccination

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu-vaccines-work/benefits/index.html>

Explore how flu vaccines help prevent illness, hospitalization, and serious complications.



BENEFITS FUN FACT

Tax-Free Medical Spending

If you are enrolled in our Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), you can utilize a dedicated Beniversal Prepaid Mastercard linked to your Flexible Spending Account, and swipe for medical, dental and dependent care costs using entirely pre-tax dollars.

DID YOU KNOW....

Our EAP includes free child and adult care resources:

If you are struggling to find a babysitter or navigate eldercare options, our EAP program provides comprehensive, specialized adult and childcare resource mapping to help you find providers near you.

<https://tinyurl.com/Back2school-toolkit>

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Virtual Session on Retirement Planning presented by Jarita from Social Security at 10 a.m. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a034c01fe27cb0a96451a03b0e9d84>

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Wellness Fair at the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2026:

Wellness Fair at North Hudson 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

October Is Open Enrollment!

This is your opportunity to make changes to your benefit plan(s). More details to come.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FACULTY

Temporary Full-Time Faculty:

School of Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

Robert Maurer, Instructor, Culinary Arts
Paula Pereira Hartmann, Instructor, Culinary Arts
Shirley Poliker, Instructor, Culinary Arts

School of Humanities & Social Sciences

Maria Daniel, Instructor, Criminal Justice

School of Nursing and Health Professions

Nicolas Barrios, Instructor, Exercise Science and Personal Fitness Training
Sajid Chaudhry, Instructor, Health Services and Sciences

School of STEM

Alaa Abdallah, Instructor, Biology

Adjunct Faculty:

School of Humanities & Social Sciences

Mizael Becerra
Amy Bernboim
Alexandra D'Andrea
Aya Daoud
Christine Donnelly
Hanan Ebrahim
Simone Estefanos

Catalina Florescu
Miranda Friedman
Emily Greenberg
Adriana Harts
Elizabeth Ibarra
Vanessa Jean Louis

Robert Kim
Sampson Mapp
Najia Mjahad
Zaid O'Nea

Stony Pak
Christopher Rengel
Laura Rizzo
Dilani Samarathunga
Sukeena Stephens
Katrina de Veyra Thomas
Joel Tillman
Sheila Wilson
Cleopatra Wingard
Brian Wolpert

School of Nursing and Health Professions

Kareema Boone
Xanilyn Red
Alex Talerica

School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Emmanuel Tadonkeng

EMPLOYEE PERKS

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development
<https://www.nisod.org>

Working Advantage
<https://hccc.savings.workingadvantage.com/home>

FACULTY INNOVATION ADVANCES AFFORDABLE EDUCATION THROUGH ZERO-COST TEXTBOOKS



Mohammad Imam



Sonja Rodiger-Radovic



Raffi Manjikian



Karen Hosick



Marissa Lontoc

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to celebrate the following faculty members for their innovative work in the field of Zero-Cost Textbook (ZCT) Course Development.

For Fall 2026, Academic Affairs is pleased to highlight the following faculty members for their contributions as Zero-Textbook Cost (ZCT) course developers. We thank these faculty members for their innovation and leadership in helping make education more affordable for our students:

- Associate Professor of Computer Science Mohammad Imam for the development of CSC-111: Computer Science I.
- Assistant Professor of English as a Second Language Sonja Rodiger-Radovic for the development of MLG-101: Basic German I
- Assistant Professor of Chemistry Raffi Manjikian for the development of CHP-225: Organic Chemistry I and CHP-230: Organic Chemistry II.

- Assistant Professor of Exercise Science Karen Hosick for the development of EXS-115: Sports Nutrition.
- Instructor of Table Service Marissa Lontoc for the development of CAI-223: Food, Beverage, and Labor Cost Control.

Academic Affairs would also like to extend gratitude to our committed librarians, Michael Smith, Sarah Teichman, Jing Yang, Douglas McKeon, Brooke Duffy, and Lisa Bogart for their support in the development of these courses and others.

ZCT courses are courses wherein a student does not have to purchase a textbook. These courses are part of the College's Affordable Textbook Initiative which aims to lower the price of educational materials for students. Through a collaboration between Academic Affairs and the Professional Association of Hudson County Community College, faculty develop courses as ZCT using a variety of methods including Open Educational Resources (OER), library resources, and other freely available

materials. These measures support the College's Student Success goals by lowering and eliminating economic barriers for students.

In addition to developing courses as ZCT, all faculty participants are asked to complete an Open Educational Resources Professional Development Course created by the Associate Director of OER, Michael Whelpley. The course is asynchronous and takes between 6-8 hours to complete.

As our faculty continue to innovate and develop ZCT courses, watch this space for future celebrations!

"Our faculty continue to lead with creativity and purpose through their engagement in our Affordable Textbook Initiative and the development of Zero-Cost Textbook Courses. I sincerely appreciate their commitment to making higher education more accessible, affordable, and impactful for every student we serve." –Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Darryl Jones



Make a profound impact on HCCC's students and help turn their dreams into reality.

Join the dozens of HCCC employees who currently support a HCCC program, school, or initiative close to their hearts.

Help propel HCCC students to new heights.

Support starts at home – you can make a difference today!

<https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html>



Please join Lisa Dougherty, Ed.D., Interim College President, for a

HCCC TOWN HALL

Learn about important updates and have your questions answered in real time.

**Wednesday, September 9
12 p.m.**

Lunch will be served.

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

Virtual at: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m6e8a8c892a6203cbafbd73181254570f>

Meeting number: 2348 062 2659 | **Password:** 8nyXQipWC79

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The Office of Institutional Engagement and Excellence is scheduling the following online and virtual trainings for September and October:

SEPTEMBER

Online

Institutional Engagement and Excellence Employee Training Certificate Program (start date Sept. 14) (end date Dec. 4)

Student Engagement and Empowerment Program (start date Sept. 21) (end date Oct. 30)

Virtual

Nondiscrimination Training for Employees - Sept. 18, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OCTOBER

Virtual

Nondiscrimination Training for Employees - Oct. 8, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In-person

Collaborative Leadership: Advancing External Engagement Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -

For more information, please contact Richard Walker at ext. 5398 or send an email to rwalker@hccc.edu.

NEWS FROM HUDSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE CRAIG GUY

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some of the county's lowest-income families — and 10% homes for middle-income residents.

This is not housing segregated by income or hidden away from opportunity. The county's vision is for a mixed-income neighborhood where affordable homes exist alongside market-rate homes and where all residents share access to the same amenities, parks and quality of life.

This approach is sometimes called "social housing" — publicly owned mixed-income housing designed to remain affordable over the long term. While the term may sound unfamiliar in the United States, the model itself has a long and proven track record.

One of the best examples can be found in Montgomery County, Maryland, which has developed and preserved mixed-income housing that serves residents across a range of incomes while generating revenue to support future housing investments.

For more than a century, cities such as Vienna, Singapore and Amsterdam have

demonstrated how publicly owned housing can create beautiful, economically integrated communities that remain affordable over the long term.

Hudson County now has the opportunity to build on these successful models and adapt them for New Jersey.

Hudson County's proposal recognizes a simple truth: Government can do more than regulate housing or subsidize private development. When public land is available, government can help build the kinds of communities people actually need — permanently affordable, economically diverse and designed for long-term public benefit.

That is why the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has invested more than half a million dollars to support the project's early planning phase, helping Hudson County move from vision to implementation.

Like any ambitious housing effort, this project will require additional public support, financing and political will to succeed. But bold ideas require bold backing.

Just as important Hudson County's

effort could offer a model for the rest of New Jersey. Across our state, local governments own parking lots, vacant parcels, aging office properties and other underutilized land near jobs and transit.

In the midst of a housing affordability crisis, we should be asking how these public assets can help meet public needs.

No single project will solve New Jersey's housing shortage. But leadership means pursuing solutions that match the scale of the challenge.

Hudson County is showing what serious public leadership on housing can look like. It deserves the support of local leaders, state policymakers and anyone who believes New Jersey families deserve a fair shot at remaining in the communities they love.

Samra Haider is President and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Adam Gordon is the Executive Director at the Fair Share Housing Center.

Zoe Baldwin is the Vice President of State Programs at the Regional Plan Association.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 2,200+ works is installed in the public areas of campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern and contemporary collections.

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



Joan Snyder, Peach Glitter (2009), Painting (Acrylic, Rosebuds, and Glitter, on Linen), 18" x 18". You can see this work on the sixth floor of Gabert Library.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to artist Joan Snyder for the donation of the gorgeous new catalog from her recent exhibit at Thaddaus Ropac in Paris. Thank you to Eugenia Bone, Kevin Bone, Mo Bone, Chambliss Giobbi, Paul Guilfoyle, and Laine Valentino for your generous donation of works by the late Ed Giobbi. Thank you to Chambliss Giobbi and Snow Guilfoyle for your hard work making sure all the logistics went smoothly for that donation.

ARTIST NEWS

If you enjoy the [Joan Snyder](#) pictures all over campus—on the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center, 119 Newkirk Street, on the first floor of the Nursing Program, 870 Bergen Ave., or on the fifth and sixth floors of the Gabert

Library, 71 Sip Avenue – you might enjoy this wonderful new interview with the artist on ArtForum (Joan Snyder on Alexej von Jawlensky, Laurie Anderson, and more | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imd5V2YxlhQ>) ... If you feel a little stuck in your arts practice, this might be just what you need to get moving again. Here's another longer interview related to her newest exhibit: Joan Snyder in conversation with Rachel Cusk | <https://vimeo.com/1201855245?fl=pl&fe=vlo>. Both of these were published in relationship to her most recent show, "Earthsongs," at Thaddaeus Ropac gallery in Paris, France. (<https://ropac.net/online-exhibitions/245-joan-snyder-earthsongs/>)

[Ed Giobbi's](#) work was featured in a memorial exhibit at Chroma Fine Art Gallery in Katonah, New York, on what would have been his 100th birthday. At a previous show, when he was 93, Ed reminisced about his childhood. When Ed chose to be an artist, his father was pleased he would not have to work in a factory. According to Ed, his father said "If you go to school, I'll back you up as much as I can. You study what you want to study. But you have to either work or go to school. If you bum around the house, I'll throw you out." He chose to go to school and studied art. Both of Ed's parents supported his decision, "no questions asked." Ed said that made him very lucky, "I had friends whose wealthy parents insisted they had to take a job where they made a lot of money. And they'd end up doing something they hated to do, but they had money. Big deal! If you're miserable, what good is money?"



Joyce Kozloff, Voyages 13: Sardinia (2004), Cast Paper, Watercolor, and Acrylic, 8" x 5" x 4". You can see this work on the fifth floor of the Gabert Library.

If you like the [Fairfield Porter](#) work in the reception area of the School of Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, you might be interested to know about a recent exhibition, "Fairfield Porter: What Everyone Knows," which was at the Art Students League of New York on 57th Street. The first major presentation of Porter in New York in over two decades, the exhibition featured more than 35 art works. Critics mentioned how Porter's strength as an artist was in his depictions of landscapes and the natural world. We especially like the work in Culinary because it looks like a moment in a beautiful springtime.

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Our art collection requires ongoing conservation, archival storage and framing, expert art handling, and professional stewardship to ensure the works remain accessible and preserved for future generations. To support this work, the HCCC Foundation is building an endowment for the Foundation Art Collection and seeking philanthropic support to help preserve, interpret, and share these works with students and the community for years to come.

Please consider supporting the Foundation Art Collection financially by making a gift at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html> or emailing foundation@hccc.edu for more information on how you can help.

Office of
**Institutional Engagement
and Excellence**
presents



This fall, the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery honors the 25th anniversary of 9/11 with a special screening of 9/11: Reclaiming Ground Zero, presented by special permission. The Gallery also celebrates the artistic achievements of HCCC faculty artists Eric Jiaju Lee and Fari Mazzotta with two solo exhibitions. The exhibitions and documentary screenings open to the public Sept. 11.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the Office of Cultural Affairs invites the greater Hudson County community to view a special screening of the documentary *9/11: Reclaiming Ground Zero*. The documentary is being shown at HCCC by special permission, and HCCC joins other prestigious venues, such as Capitol Hill and the Rockefeller Foundation, in presenting this deeply moving memorial screening. The film documents the story of a city that

responded to an attack on democracy by practicing democracy. Several screenings will run throughout the day in the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

This fall, the Gallery celebrates the artistic achievements of Hudson County Community College faculty Eric Jiaju Lee and Fari Mazzotta. Lee has held one of the earliest adjunct positions in the Studio Arts Department, while Mazzotta assists

many students throughout the year with the creation of digital technology. The two solo exhibitions will highlight the lifelong careers of Lee, a technically skilled painter, and Mazzotta, a mixed-media artist. In our Gallery's educational section, Mariana Flor, an alumna of our Studio Arts program, masterfully sculpts puppets that symbolize her migration to America. The fall exhibits open to the public beginning September 11.

Hudson County Community College 9/11 Memorial



KEYNOTE SPEAKER Robert DiGenova

Deputy Chief of Police, Stevens Institute of Technology
Police Department

DiGenova is an Emergency Management and
Threat Assessment Expert, Curriculum Developer for Active
Shooter Training, and Campus Safety Training Programs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Gabert Library Atrium

71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor, Jersey City, NJ

*Food and refreshments will be served
after the event.*

This commemoration is open to all HCCC students, staff, faculty, and community members. All members of the public who wish to pay their respects are encouraged to visit the college memorial, located in the courtyard, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Please register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/261885836629071>



Foundation Art Collection

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Joyce Kozloff's work can be seen on the fifth and sixth floors of the Gabert Library. Recently, she announced in "Art Journal Open Feminist Interview Project: Joyce Kozloff interviewed by Helena Reckitt and Maura Reilly" (<https://artjournal.collegeart.org/?p=19775&ref=hyperallergic.com>) - *Art Journal Open*, that she was a founding member of the famous Guerrilla Girls, female artists who, starting in 1985, wore gorilla masks, and anonymously criticized the sexism of the art world. (The interview covers her long and productive artistic life.) She decided to go public about being a Guerrilla Girl because she wanted to tell her own story in her own way. People who are curious about spelling may be wondering, "why were they wearing gorilla masks when they were called Guerrilla Girls?" A new member misunderstood the title and brought a gorilla mask to an early meeting. If you've been by the Foundation Art Collection office (614B Gabert Library) you may have seen a Guerrilla Girls postcard which discusses "the disparity between the number of women artists shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

versus the number of displayed artworks depicting nude women."

Why have the Guerrilla Girls been anonymous until now? According to Kozloff, "Remaining anonymous was an important Guerrilla Girls decision. People thought this was to avoid art world reprisals. For me, that was never the reason. I argued for anonymity because I didn't want attention to be on us as individuals, I wanted it to remain on the issues." According to a review of the interview in *Hyperallergic*, "Four decades on, Kozloff thinks that there has been enormous progress in the representation of women in the arts sphere. But, she said, 'I'm very much more concerned about the current threats to women's progress in the larger political realm,' citing the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the far-right push to keep women at home, and the beauty industry's invasive emphasis on youthful appearances. But we can't tell the next generation what to do, they will find their own ways." (<https://www.guerrillagirls.com>)

Get your Golden Ticket!

Hudson County Community College Foundation's "50th Anniversary Raffle!"



Tickets \$100 each
Cash Prize One Winner Only
(Maximum prize of \$50,000)

Only 1,000 tickets available - 50/50

Winning ticket will be drawn at the 2026 Gala on Thursday, December 3. Winner need not be present to win.

All proceeds will support Hudson County Community College Foundation Scholarships/Endowments



To purchase a raffle ticket, scan the QR code.

For information, please contact:

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Jersey City, NJ 07306
foundation@hccc.edu
(201) 360 4778



OUR STORIES UNTOLD IS BACK

The Office of Institutional Engagement and Excellence, along with the President's Advisory Council on Institutional Engagement and Excellence (PACE), are very proud to bring back the *Our Stories Untold* virtual series. The first speaker to participate was Fidelis Foda Kahouo, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. It was an uplifting talk that included an overview of Professor Kahouo's journey and life story. "I asked Fidelis to share with our community his story because it is very inspirational and can motivate our students to achieve anything that they put their mind to," Assistant Professor Raffi Manjikian remarked. "I was very excited that he agreed to do this, and it was an amazing event that had over 65 attendees, ranging from students, colleagues, and various community members coming together in a safe space to hear Fidelis share something so special and personal."



If you would like to be considered as an *Our Stories Untold* speaker, please reach out to Richard Walker, Associate Director of Institutional Engagement and Excellence and/or Raffi Manjikian, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Associate Director of North Hudson Diana Galvez, who serve as Co-Chairs of PACE.



5TH ANNUAL

Aspiring Student Leadership Conference and Science Fair

at North Hudson Campus

with a Focus on First-Generation Student Leaders

Monday, November 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4800 Kennedy Blvd., Multi-Purpose Room
Union City, NJ

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Keynote speaker, workshops, and other events to take place.



For more information, contact:

Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, jcaniglia@hccc.edu, or Angela Tuzzo, Associate Director of Student Life and Leadership, atuzzo@hccc.edu

RSVP by Monday, November 9.



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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Fausto Insuasti, Jessica Dang with her husband and daughter, Yamileth Flores, Juliana Sorto, Desiree Page, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the Friends of Liberty State Park Annual Picnic on July 26. The chapter has volunteered at this event since 2012.

Off to a running start: Fausto Insuasti became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on June 5. He has since volunteered at the Bayonne Nature Club cleanup at Rutkowski Park on June 20 and at the New York Road Runners Open Run at Lincoln Park on July 12.



The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Application Is Now Open!

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application is now open and will once again be available through Common App.

For more information about the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship and application resources, please visit <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship>. Please email scholarships@jkcf.org with any questions about the program or application.

Bergen Square Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Friends of Liberty State Park has a tent at this street fair. Members have assisted at this event.

Fun Fact: Bergen Square was established in 1660 as the first permanent European settlement in New Jersey at Bergen Avenue and Academy Street.

Bike MS, Sunday, Oct. 18, Pier 76, 35th Street and 12th Avenue. Volunteer opportunities are available in bicycle parking, volunteer check-in, breakfast stations, customer service, and rest stop stations. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y6b22n6e>

St. Jude Walk, Sunday, Sept. 20, Rockefeller Park, 175 Battery Place, New York, NY. This annual community event supports Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and raises funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4t5bpf4v>

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

Are you experiencing stress, depression, or anxiety?

Difficulty adjusting to the College Environment?

Dealing with mental health and wellness?



Please complete the General Concern Form

Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-Care> or scan the QR code. The form is NOT monitored 24/7.

A member of the CARE team will respond to your request during regular business hours. If you need immediate help call or text 988 or visit <https://988lifeline.org>

Hudson County Community College Foundation

29th Annual Gala

Save the Date

Thursday, December 3, 2026
6 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Details to follow!

HCCC HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR GRADUATES OF RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

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presented awards recognizing graduates' outstanding achievement and excellence.

Students who complete HCCC's 63-credit Associate in Science in Radiography program earn their degree and a certificate in radiography that qualifies them to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national examination. During six semesters of clinical practicum, students

work alongside radiography professionals and gain hands-on experience in real healthcare settings.

"We are incredibly proud of our Radiography graduates and the dedication they have demonstrated throughout their education and clinical training," said Dr. Lisa Dougherty, Interim President of HCCC. "We wish them every success as they begin their careers in healthcare."

FROM CLASSROOM TO DISCOVERY: PROFESSOR RAFFI MANJIKIAN'S JOURNEY WITH CHEMISTRY CURES



During the summer of 2026, Assistant Professor Raffi Manjikian took part in four chemistry conferences focused on Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs)—a growing national approach that gives community college students meaningful opportunities to engage in authentic research.

This summer, Assistant Professor Raffi Manjikian attended, participated, and presented at four chemistry conferences related to Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs). A popular national trend in laboratory-based courses at community colleges, CUREs provide a singular research experience on a topic intended to increase scientific literacy and critical thinking. These experiences supplement the typical lab curriculum by incorporating a research project related to the lab techniques.

First, Manjikian attended a national CUREs conference at Johnston County Community College (JCCC) in Kansas City, Kansas between May 15 and 17. The curriculum at JCCC incorporates different research projects throughout their lab courses. The institution has embraced this approach that offers separate CUREs lab sections in addition to traditional lab sections. The conference showcased the different projects in JCCC's biology, chemistry and physics courses. One very memorable CURE involved students in an Organic Chemistry lab course using freeze-dried food to study natural product extraction, secondary metabolite stability, and organic functional group analysis.

Next, Manjikian presented at the NISOD conference in Austin, Texas from May 23 to May 25 about a CURE activity he completed with our American Chemical Society (ACS) chapter and in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University. Professor

Manjikian and the ACS chapter were involved in the BioDIGS soil project, a nationwide initiative involving students, researchers and educators across more than 40 research and teaching institutions. Participants led sample collection, computational analysis and results interpretation to understand the relationships between the soil microbiome, environment and health. Students received pre-assembled soil collection kits and sent their samples to Johns Hopkins where analysis and DNA-sequencing was leveraged to unlock microbial genomes. Scientists and students looked for genetic relationships and patterns between the soil, the environment, and human health. The ACS students and Professor Manjikian were named authors in the subsequent Nature Genetics publication, a particularly exciting milestone for the students.

The following week, Manjikian attended the Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium in Takoma Park, Maryland on May 29 and May 30. At this conference, he engaged in conversations with other chemistry community college professors about their numerous teaching techniques. In addition to CUREs, attendees learned about various Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) activities, flipped classroom, and interdisciplinary approaches to chemistry, among others. Manjikian was intrigued by how other faculty at two-year institutions across the nation are increasing interest and proficiency among diverse students enrolled in chemistry courses. Also, there

was a makerspace activity that Manjikian participated in that he hopes our ACS chapter can use as a club activity for our students and community members.

Finally, between June 10 and 12, Manjikian attended the SUNY Adirondack Chemistry Conference in Lake George, New York. Throughout the past year, Manjikian served as a Community of Practice (COP) leader for CUREs, so at this conference, he presented on how he and other faculty members across the Northeast region worked to incorporate the CURE lab technique in their courses. Similar to his project, many educators based their CUREs on water analysis and air analysis. It was encouraging that in all CUREs projects, professors shared that their students enjoyed participating and left with a great sense of accomplishment.

CUREs are rapidly expanding and hold remarkable potential to elevate student achievement, enrich institutional excellence, and spark profound academic inspiration. Because they thrive on diverse implementation models, every participant enjoys a personalized journey that builds deep confidence and fuels a lifelong passion for scientific inquiry and national impact. It is Manjikian's hope to continue to bring the CUREs laboratory approach to Hudson County Community College.

HCCC RECEIVES THE INSIGHT INTO ACADEMIA 'EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING' AWARD

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- TalkCampus, which connects students with global, peer-to-peer support in a safe, anonymous environment.
- Mental Health First Aid and Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) training. Together, these programs have trained hundreds of faculty, staff and students to recognize warning signs, respond to mental health concerns, and connect individuals with appropriate support.
- Social work interns who expand wellness and mindfulness services.
- Hudson Helps Resource Center, which provides wraparound support including food pantries, housing assistance, a Career Closet, transportation, emergency funding, and Chromebooks.
- Employee resource groups, flexible work schedules, and professional development opportunities that

support faculty and staff well-being.

"We are steadfast in ensuring innovative, collaborative, and culturally responsive practices are available to everyone at the College," said HCCC Interim President Dr. Lisa Dougherty. "We are grateful to the staff who develop and provide sustainable, coordinated care models."

Insight Into Academia owner and publisher Lenore Pearlstein said the magazine is proud to recognize institutions that prioritize mental health and well-being as the need for these resources continues to grow.

HCCC will be featured in the September 2026 issue of *Insight Into Academia* magazine. For more information about the 2026 award, visit *Insight Into Academia's* website, insightintoacademia.com.

Please join the All College Council (ACC) for our general meetings

New members are welcome!

FALL 2026 DATES AND LOCATIONS:

All meetings are held from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**September 23 - North Hudson Campus
October 28 - Journal Square Campus
December 2 - Journal Square Campus**

Join us at:

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m77ff7d1839c4090d5acba18254c509d2>

Meeting number: 2344 435 8064

Password: wZESMmbV684

Journal Square Campus - Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room

North Hudson Campus - 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Multipurpose Room, Second Floor

Inquiries? Email ACC@hccc.edu

Join us at a

FALL 2026 OPEN HOUSE



NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ

Thursday, October 15 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

Saturday, October 24 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ACADEMIC SCHOOL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(Engage with English/ESL, STEM, Nursing & Health Professions, and Business, Culinary, and Hospitality)



Explore our campus



Complete an Admissions application



Speak with students, faculty, and staff



Meet with Financial Aid and find out if you are eligible for free tuition

Register by scanning the QR codes or visit www.hccc.edu/openhouse

For the best experience it is best to arrive when the event begins!

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REGISTER NOW for Fall 2026 classes!

HCCC Offers Classes in Multiple Modalities—On-Campus, Online, Remote, Hybrid (On-Campus/ Online), Hybrid (Remote/ Online), and Immersive Telepresence Video (ITV)

Students must register at least one day prior to the first class meeting.

SESSIONS BEGIN:

Fall 2026 - Quick Term
Friday, September 18, 2026

Fall 2026 - Online B
Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Fall 2026 - 7WK2
Wednesday, October 28, 2026

APPLY NOW for classes at www.hccc.edu/apply!
View course schedules at www.hccc.edu/schedule!

For important dates and information, view our Enrollment Guide at www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide.

For more information, contact: admissions@hccc.edu text (732) 509-4222 | call (201) 714-7200

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



The Center for Adult Transition (CAT) Staff and ACCESS 2026 Graduates.

Celebrating the Success of Our ACCESS Program Completers

The Hudson County Community College ACCESS Program proudly celebrates the achievements of our 2026 program completers as they take the next steps in their educational, career, and personal journeys.

The Center for Adult Transition's (CAT) ACCESS Program provides neurodivergent young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to develop skills in career readiness, independent living, self-advocacy, digital literacy, financial literacy, and college readiness. These opportunities are guided by a person-centered approach to transition planning. During the 2025-2026 program year, CAT served 22 students and achieved a remarkable 91% program completion rate.

Each completer developed and worked toward individualized goals through a Person-Centered Career Exploration Plan designed to align with their strengths, interests, and aspirations. Their accomplishments reflect dedication, resilience, and a commitment to building meaningful futures.

Program Success Highlights

Among the 20 students who completed the program:

- 10 students enrolled in matriculated degree programs at Hudson County Community College.

- 10 students transitioned into employment, Project SEARCH, continuing education courses, or in-demand occupational skills training programs, including healthcare pathways.
- Students completed 240 hours of instruction focused on career readiness, life skills, digital literacy, financial literacy, career exploration, driver's education, and academic development.
- Participants engaged in 60 hours of Career Exploration Lab simulations each semester, exploring pathways in culinary arts, computer technology, digital arts, and liberal arts.

The program's long-term impact continues to grow. Since its inception in 2022, the Center for Adult Transition has supported students in earning 492 aggregate college credits, achieved a 53% postsecondary enrollment rate, and maintained an 84% postsecondary retention rate. Additionally, three students graduated from Hudson County Community College in May 2026 after transitioning from the ACCESS Program into academic certificate and degree pathways.

Each completer has made meaningful progress toward greater independence and self-determination. Through their Person-Centered Career Exploration Plans, students have developed the skills, confidence, and direction needed to pursue their individual goals.

The ACCESS Program team is incredibly proud of our completers and grateful to the families, HCCC and external partners, faculty, and CAT and CEWD staff who support their success. We look forward to seeing all they accomplish as they continue their journeys.

Congratulations to the ACCESS Program Completers of 2026! Your hard work, determination, and growth inspire us all, and we celebrate the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Remember, success is not defined by a single destination, but by the courage to continue moving forward toward your goals.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (IN-PERSON)

Thursday, September 10, 2026

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Price: \$81

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nicet-level-i-high-way-construction-inspection-certificate-prep-course-registration-1993461613348?aff=oddtcreator>

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LIVE ONLINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FALL 2026 (ONLINE)

Mondays and Thursdays

September 21, 2026, through Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Price: \$1280

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-online-project-management-certificate-program-fall-2026-registration-1993484263094?aff=oddtcreator>

PODCASTING ESSENTIALS FOR BEGINNERS (ONLINE)

Tuesdays & Thursdays (10 Sessions)

September 29, 2026, through October 29, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Price: \$220

Instructor: Kimberly Sumpter

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/podcasting-essentials-for-beginners-registration-1996654153321?aff=oddtcreator>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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ALUMNI CORNER

Rocia Kanza

A.A., Liberal Arts, HCCC Class of 2014

IG: @emotionallyartistique

What brought you to HCCC? What made HCCC the right choice for you?

I enrolled at HCCC after graduating from St. Mary's High School in downtown Jersey City in 2011. I chose to attend because it was the most cost-effective educational program that would allow me to study what I wanted to study in the future.

HCCC provided the flexibility to work during the day and take classes at night. I also enjoyed the proximity to home; I only lived a few blocks away from some of the buildings where I had classes.

It was also great to have access to so many activities. For example, Student Life had leadership training that I still use today. There were opportunities to create leadership boards for whatever programs we had in mind. I wanted to study international relations after HCCC and I created a model United Nations club so that we could attend the Model UN conference. The first year it was hard to get people to join and we didn't get to go. I wanted to quit but Angela Tuzzo convinced me not to give up. We tried again the following year and we were able to attend Harvard's national Model UN conference in 2014, the first time HCCC attended the conference!

How did you become interested in international relations and diplomacy?

When I first moved to the US from France, I wanted a career path that didn't just limit me to the U.S. We had a college fair at my high school and someone from Seton Hall told me more about their programs in international relations and diplomacy. My school had the Model UN club and a teacher saw I could be argumentative and enjoyed debating so he said this would be perfect for me. I went, I won an award, and I wanted to continue. They didn't have it at HCCC, but Angela encouraged me to create it. At HCCC, I took classes that enabled me to transfer to a four-year college to study international relations.

What were your next steps after HCCC?

I got into American universities but cost was a limiting factor. As a French citizen, it was advantageous to study in France. I was also losing my fluency in French and



I wanted to get it back. I wanted to do international relations, so it made sense to return to Europe so I could gain an international perspective rather than just an American-centric view.

How did you begin working at the European Defense Agency?

I studied in the Netherlands and did an internship at a think tank called the Hague Center for Strategic Studies. It was focused on Dutch and international security strategy, as well as peacebuilding. They worked with different institutions, including the European Defense Agency.

When I was writing my master's thesis, I was trying to run away from my work and applying to new things. I met someone on the train, and they told me you should apply for the EU, and I was thinking, I would never qualify. But the following year, I ended up getting an interview and I went and had a traineeship at the European Defense Agency working with communications and executive officers.

Tell us about working as a policy officer for North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

It was mainly policy work, including influence, negotiation, and drafting. It was very interesting because you have a chance to experience world politics and diplomacy firsthand. A lot of the work was finding the right terminology to bring people to agreement and to work out disagreements.

Tell us about your business: EA

I am currently building a business which is called Emotionally Artistique, working on trying to bridge intuitive art with project design. Today I find that we don't really tap into ourselves to be able to drive some of the decisions and initiatives that we make. Some people find themselves blocked, some people find themselves not being able to accomplish what they imagine. It's not that they're lacking drive, it's that they're lacking the steps to do it, and something blocks them. I'm teaching people to connect with themselves in order to create whatever project they want to pursue in life. I've done three incubators in Brussels over the past year and a half. I just finished the Boost

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JOBS at HCCC:



HCCC is seeking candidates for full-time, part-time, and adjunct positions, including an EKG and Phlebotomy Instructor (School of CEWD), and in the Athletics Office, an Events Assistant and two Volleyball Coaches. Please find details here:

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hccc?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending>

Alumni Benefits:



With an Alumni Card, you can take advantage of exclusive benefits and stay connected to the HCCC community! Details here: <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/index.html>

Alumni Giving:



You can sponsor events, students, or classes, or make an annual contribution at a level that works for you. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Giving is easy — visit <https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html#ways-to-give> to make your impact today!



The Alumni Association has launched its new Instagram page!

Follow us at
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program, a Belgian creative incubator called Fais-Le-Toi-Même (FLTM) who help different entrepreneurs to build their projects from a creative perspective taking these elements into account.

Any final words of thanks?

When I was here, the motto was, *A World of Possibilities*. I took it literally! Now the motto is Hudson is Home, and now that I am back here, Hudson really does feel like home. They said you can come back whenever you want and it's true; it feels 100% like home, even years later. It's a pleasure for the College to follow up on students

and what they're doing.

I came back and it was great to see Angela Tuzzo and to tell her that it was to get all the opportunities I had through student life, the model UN, and the LEGO Leadership have all been very useful in my education and career.

Sometimes back then, there was a stigma about attending community college, but for me, it's been a game changer. It allowed me to learn how to be close to my community, which I've taken everywhere.

50 FACES OF ALUMNI

As part of the 50th Anniversary of Hudson County Community College, we introduce and celebrate our *50 Faces of Alumni: Fifty and Forward*. This campaign focuses on the importance of Alumni to the College, the workforce, and community by highlighting 50 Alumni in various fields, levels of achievement, and from different backgrounds who have studied at the College. "50 Faces" can be seen online at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/50-faces/index.html>

50 Faces of Alumni



"Hudson County Community College offered a sense of security as I adjusted to life in Jersey City, one of my greatest challenges."

Lissa Santiago

HCCC Trustee
Class of 1991
A.A.S. Childhood Early Education



The 2026-2027 Calendar is now up at <https://www.hccc.edu/community/alumni-services/events/index.html> You can register for events below. Several events are free, and others have a fee for the event. Email alumni@hccc.edu for more information.

Alumni Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor, Atrium, Jersey City
Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/6a8txd9k>

Second Annual HCCC Alumni Homecoming

Saturday, October 10, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Off Campus
\$45.00 Purchase Ticket
<https://tinyurl.com/4pjdj7uh>

HCCC Alumni Business Market

Thursday, November 12, 2026
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, 2nd Floor, Jersey City
Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/37vvppjb>
Reach out to us at alumni@hccc.edu to be a vendor.

Alumni Association Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2026
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor, Atrium, Jersey City
Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/mw-rwmbps0>

