



# PATHWAY PRESS

Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Newsletter



*This spring, the Career & Transfer Pathways office is offering a full lineup of career workshops and career & transfer events designed to help you explore your options and build career-ready skills to set you up for success in life after HCCC.*

## What is New This Semester?

### Career Core Workshops Series

We've expanded our Career Core Workshop Series with two new workshop topics focused on NACE career readiness competencies, the skills employers are actually looking for. Whether you are just starting or getting ready to graduate, these workshops are designed to meet you where you are, with more ways to attend than ever, including in-person and virtual options, daytime and evening sessions, and multiple dates, times, and locations, so you can choose what works best for your schedule.

### Campus Awareness Events

Join us throughout the semester for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Month in February and Community College Awareness Month in April, featuring interactive tabling, trivia, and campus wide engagement activities that highlight career pathways and celebrate the community college experience.

### Career and Transfer Fairs

Students can also attend two Career and Transfer Fairs this semester, one at the Journal Square Campus and one at the North Hudson Campus. These events give you the chance to:

- Meet employers and transfer colleges
- Explore major programs, industries, and career paths
- Ask questions and make real connections

### Want the Full Schedule?

For career workshops & events, scan the Handshake QR code.

For transfer-related events, scan the Involved QR code



Handshake



Involved

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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
50 YEARS of Excellence  
FIFTY AND FORWARD!

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Hudson County Community College provides its diverse communities with inclusive, high-quality educational programs and services that promote student success and upward social and economic mobility.

# WELCOME BACK

## NEW SEMESTER MESSAGE

**Happy New Year and welcome back to campus!** As a new semester begins at Hudson County Community College, this is a time for fresh starts, renewed focus, and reimagined goals. Whether you're continuing your academic journey or beginning a new chapter, each semester offers an opportunity to grow, explore, and move closer to your aspirations.

As you navigate the weeks ahead, we encourage you to stay curious, set intentional goals, and take advantage of the many resources available to support your success. Career & Transfer Pathways is here to help you explore majors and careers, prepare for transfer opportunities, connect with four-year institutions, and develop the skills needed for life beyond HCCC.

This semester is not just about coursework — it's about building momentum toward your future. We look forward to partnering with you every step of the way and supporting your journey throughout the semester and beyond.

Take action this semester: book an appointment, attend a career or transfer workshop, explore your transfer options, or connect with our team to start planning your next move today.



*From Career & Transfer Pathways*

# MEET THE TEAM!

We would like to introduce the Career and Transfer Pathways Team. We support students with career development and transfer planning through one on one meetings, classroom presentations, and campus resources. Join us for career and transfer fairs, workshops, and events with employers and four year college and university partners. Students can book appointments through EAB Navigate 360, and faculty and staff can access our presentations on our YouTube channel and website.



**Jennifer Valcarcel**  
Associate Dean



**Brianna Casagrande**  
Associate Director



**Victoria Vasquez**  
CTE Senior Assistant Director



**Luz Tellez**  
Career & Transfer Specialist



**Imane Zehaf**  
Career & Transfer Specialist



**Abby Yisrael**  
Career & Transfer Specialist



**Kim Hosmer**  
Career & Transfer Specialist

**CTE TEAM**  
The Career and Technical Education (CTE) team supports hands on, career focused programs that prepare students for the workforce or continued education in high demand fields.

**PATHWAYS TEAM**  
The Career and Transfer Pathways team leads college-wide career and transfer initiatives and provides individualized guidance, programming, and resources to help students explore career options and plan for successful transfer opportunities.



**Diana Sanchez**  
Career & Transfer Coach

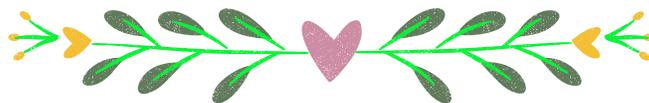


**Crystal Newton**  
Career & Transfer Coach

# CAREER & TRANSFER AMBASSADORS

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

We're excited to introduce our dedicated Career & Transfer Ambassadors, also known as our Federal Work-Study students! These student leaders play a vital role in supporting their peers through the career and transfer process. From helping students navigate our website, making appointments through EAB Navigate, and assisting with events, they ensure that fellow students have the tools they need to succeed. Keep an eye out for their engaging presentations on our upcoming YouTube channel and our current Instagram, as they continue to enhance the student experience with creative and informative content. This also includes some of our flyer & newsletter designs!



**Moreen Bashout**

Biology (Science and Mathematics) A.S.



**Ana Mayorga**

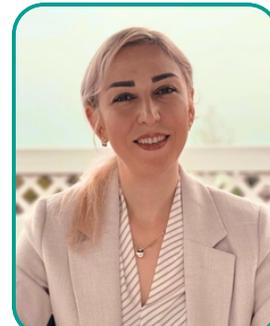
Business Administration A.S.



**Elham**

**Mohammadimajd**

English (Communication Studies Option) A.A.



**Ruth Suarez**

Early Childhood Education (Liberal Arts) A.A.



**Darius  
Petrucci-Rivera**

Theatre Arts (Liberal Arts) A.A.

# CAREER & TRANSFER PLAN



## What It Is & Why It Matters?



The Career and Transfer Plan is a comprehensive guide designed to support students throughout their academic journey at HCCC.

Whether your goal is to enter the workforce, transfer to a four-year institution, or both, this plan outlines the key steps to take at each stage of your credit progression. Organized by credit milestones, it helps ensure you stay on track, meet your goals, and graduate with a clear direction for your future.



In our September edition, we featured the full Career and Transfer Plan. This piece breaks down the key steps you should take based on your credit bucket to help you prepare for a strong and successful career or transfer after HCCC!



### The Career and Transfer Plan

1

#### Early Stage (0-14)

Explore your interests and strengths while learning about career options. Begin setting academic and transfer goals, create your Handshake profile, and research majors and careers.

2

#### Mid Stages (15-29)

Refine your goals, clarify your transfer or career path, build your resume, connect with Career and Transfer Pathways, and attend events that help you explore opportunities and plan your next steps.

3

#### Prep for Career & Transfer (30-44)

Take active steps toward your career and transfer plans by applying to internships, practicing interview skills, and engaging in networking opportunities. Continue researching your target schools and programs.

4

#### Final Stages (45-59)

Finalize your transfer and career steps by applying to jobs and schools, confirming your graduation requirements, and making informed decisions about your next move. Set yourself up to transition confidently into the path you've chosen.

# HCCC Career & Transfer Champion



## How did your time at HCCC help prepare you for your transfer and career journey?

As a former foster child and at-risk student, Hudson County Community College was truly life-changing for me. It was the place that gave me hope, structure, and a sense of belonging at a time when I needed it most. The support and encouragement I received through the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program, and from the dedicated counselors and directors who guided me, were nothing short of transformative. They saw potential in me that I had not yet seen in myself, and helped me realize that education could be my pathway forward. HCCC taught me that every student deserves a chance to thrive. It built the foundation for my confidence, leadership, and resilience, and it instilled in me the values I carry into my work every day: equity, compassion, and empowerment.

## *Bianca M. Thompson-Owen – Liberal Arts, Class of 2000*

### What program or major did you complete at HCCC, and where did you transfer after graduation?

I graduated from **Hudson County Community College** in 2000 with a Liberal Arts degree, where I also served as Student Government President and Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa. These experiences gave me early opportunities to lead, advocate, and serve others. I then transferred to Ramapo College of New Jersey on a full transfer scholarship, graduating with honors and continuing to build a legacy of service and advocacy work.

Today, I serve as the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, and Student Success at Rutgers University's School of Health Professions. I have dedicated my career to helping students succeed, especially those who, like me, once needed someone to believe in them. I have also been humbled with awards such as the Thomas H. Kean Outstanding Alumni Award, the Ramapo College Alumni Trailblazer Award, Employee of the Year, and AACRAO's Emerging Leader Award.

### What advice would you share with current HCCC students who are planning to transfer or are exploring their career options?

My advice is to trust your journey, no matter where it begins. Every challenge, every moment of doubt, and every success is shaping who you are meant to become. Use the incredible resources around you, especially the EOF counselors and directors, faculty, and advisors who believe in you even when you cannot yet see the finish line. Remember that Hudson is more than a college; it is a family. Take pride in your story, lead with purpose, and know that the lessons you learn here will carry you far beyond graduation.

### What does being a Career & Transfer Champion mean to you?

Being a Career and Transfer Champion is a true full circle moment for me. HCCC changed my life, and the EOF counselors who guided me inspired my dedication to helping students succeed. To me, being a Champion means showing how opportunity and mentorship can transform a life. It also means giving back to the place that gave me my start and reminding every student that no matter where you begin, greatness is possible when others believe in you and when you believe in yourself.

### What degree did you pursue at your transfer school, and what are you doing now?

At Ramapo College, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Law and Society with a minor in Psychology. I later completed a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology at New Jersey City University, and I am now pursuing a Doctor of Education in Higher Education at Rowan University.





# CAREER CORE WORKSHOP SERIES

## Handshake Edition

Date: Thursday, February 5th  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
Location: JSQ, L317



## Handshake Edition

Date: Monday, February 9th  
Time: 5 pm-6 pm  
Location: Webex



## Career Exploration Edition

Date: Thursday, February 19th  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
Location: JSQ, L418



## Career Exploration Edition

Date: Friday, February 20th  
Time: 5 pm-6 pm  
Location: Webex



## Career & Transfer Fair Prep

Date: Monday, February 23rd  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
**Both locations:**  
JSQ, L414 & NHC 404



## Career & Transfer Fair Prep

Date: Thursday, February 26th  
Time: 5 pm-6 pm  
Location: Webex



## Resume/Cover Letter Edition

Date: Monday April 6th  
Time: 12 pm-1 pm  
Location: Webex



## Resume/Cover Letter Edition

Date: Monday April 6th  
Time: 6 pm-7 pm  
Location: Webex



## Networking Edition

Date: Thursday, March 5th  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
Location: JSQ-L414



## Networking Edition

Date: Monday, March 9th  
Time: 5 pm-6 pm  
Location: Webex



## Interview Prep Edition

Date: Monday, April 13th  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
Location: NHC 404



## Interview Prep Edition

Date: Friday, April 17th  
Time: 2 pm-3 pm  
Location: Webex



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## Have Questions?

Download the Handshake app from your device. Use your HCCC login credentials.

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Room 302



# CAREER AND TRANSFER FAIR

Get ready to take the next step in your academic and career journey! The Career & Transfer Pathways Office invites you to mark your calendars for our upcoming Career & Transfer Fairs—your opportunity to connect with employers and four-year university representatives.

At these events, you'll have the chance to:

- Network with industry professionals and recruiters
- Explore internship and job opportunities
- Meet university representatives and learn about transfer options
- Gain valuable career and transfer tips



## RSVP



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### NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

Date: Tuesday, March 24th  
 Location NHC - MPR Room  
 Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

### JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

Date: Wednesday, April 8th  
 Location: TBA  
 Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm



**BAYADA**



Saint Peter's UNIVERSITY



**FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY**

**NTRANSIT**  
The Way To Go.



**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BANK OF AMERICA**



**RUTGERS NEWARK**

**Hackensack Meridian Health**

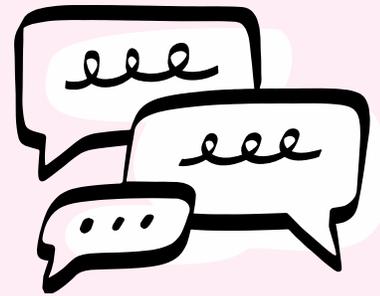
# CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

## CTE AWARENESS MONTH Career & Transfer Pathways Tabling Series

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Month, a national initiative that highlights the value of career-focused education and workforce-aligned pathways. Career and Transfer Specialists are celebrating CTE Awareness Month by tabling across each academic school to connect directly with students, raise awareness of career and transfer pathways, and promote career-readiness resources. This year, our CTE Awareness Month efforts also place special focus on addressing the CTE gender gap across careers and industries. Through intentional conversations, resources, and trivia-based learning, we aim to raise awareness of gender representation in various fields, challenge stereotypes, and encourage students to explore career pathways based on interest and skill—regardless of gender.

Stop by one of our tables to:

- Learn about career pathways aligned with your program and major
- Explore internships, jobs, and work-based learning opportunities
- Learn about transfer pathways to four-year institutions
- Connect one-on-one with a CTE Career & Transfer Specialist
- Answer trivia questions, spin the wheel, and win prizes!



### STEM

Gender Gap,  
Is Real!



February 4  
JSQ Campus,  
STEM lobby  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### CTE INDUSTRY

Gender Gap,  
Is Real!



February 9  
NH Campus,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Business, Culinary Arts, & Hospitality

Gender Gap,  
Is Real!



February 11  
JSQ Campus,  
Student Center  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

Gender Gap,  
Is Real!



February 18  
JSQ Campus, F Bld  
Student Lounge  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

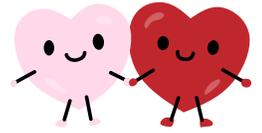
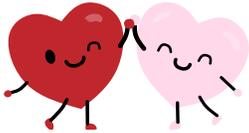
### HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES

Gender Gap,  
Is Real!



February 24  
JSQ Campus,  
Student Center  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

# HCCC Loves CONNECTing: A Perfect Match with SPU



## HCCC | SPU CONNECT

A seamless transfer pathway from HCCC to St. Peter's University.



## Why CONNECT?

- Transfer smoothly from an associate's to a bachelor's degree
- All HCCC credits transfer
- Dedicated Transfer Success Coach
- No additional SPU application or fees
- Eligible students may pay low or no tuition through NJ College Promise



## CONNECT+

Select pathways allow students to accelerate into a graduate degree at SPU



## Who Can Apply?

- Current HCCC students in eligible pathways
- 2.0 GPA or higher
- 0–30 HCCC credits
- Enrolled in 9+ credits per semester

## Questions?

Contact Alexandra F. Ruiz  
HCCC–SPU CONNECT Transfer Success Coach

✉ [connect@saintpeters.edu](mailto:connect@saintpeters.edu)  
☎ (201) 761-7114



## Onsite Visits

Date	Time	Campus	Location
02/10/2026	10AM-1PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
02/12/2026	2PM-5PM	Montclair State University	NHC, 1st Fl Lobby
02/17/2026	10AM-1PM	Drew University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
02/17/2026	2PM-5PM	Ramapo College of NJ	NHC, 1st Fl Lobby
02/19/2026	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
02/19/2026	2PM-5PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
02/24/2026	2PM-5PM	Montclair State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.

**VISIT OUR TRANSFER SUPPORT WEBSITE FOR THE SPRING 2026 ONSITE VISITS!**



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## Instant Decision Days (IDD)

Date	Time	Campus	Location
02/09/2026	9:30AM-3:30PM	Rutgers University-Newark	Virtual
02/26/2026	10AM-12PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
03/09/2026	9:30AM-3:30PM	Rutgers University-Newark	Virtual
03/26/2026	10AM-12PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.

**ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.**

**VISIT OUR TRANSFER SUPPORT WEBSITE TO RSVP FOR ANY SPRING 2026 INSTANT DECISION DAY.**



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## Career and Transfer Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
04/02/2026	12PM-1PM	NYU SPS Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies Information Session	Virtual

**VISIT OUR CAREER & TRANSFER INVOLVED PAGE TO RSVP FOR EVENTS, TOURS, WORKSHOPS, & INFO SESSIONS**



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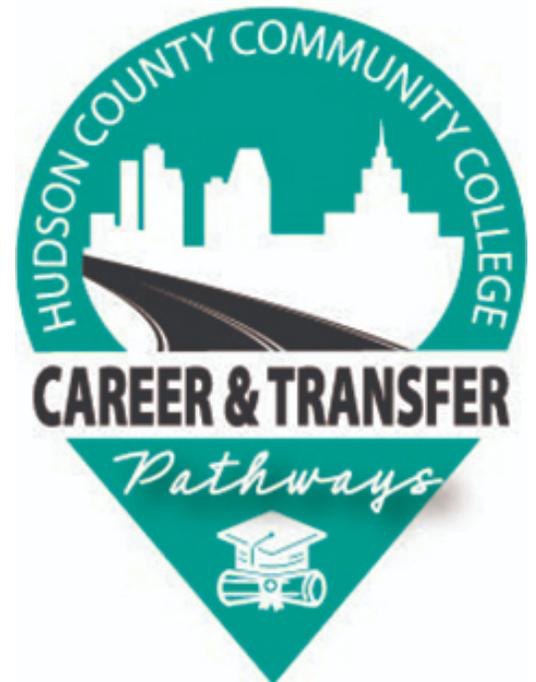
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