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Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

Exciting News! Handshake Launches at HCCC



We're thrilled to announce the launch of Handshake, a powerful career platform designed to connect HCCC students with top employers, internships, and career opportunities! Sign up today to create your profile, discover job openings, and begin building your professional network. Access your account by visiting our HCCC Handshake login at https://hccc.joinhandshake.com/login

International Education Week Fashion Show: Celebrate Cultures Through Fashion!



Join us for a Fashion Show to celebrate International Education Week sponsored by Career & Transfer Pathways in collaboration with Veteran's Affairs and International Student Services.

Date: Monday, November 18th

Location: Journal Square Campus-

2nd floor MPR

Time: 5 pm-6:30 pm

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Star Employer: Year Up

The mission of Year Up is to close the opportunity divide by ensuring that young adults gain the skills, experiences, and support to reach their potential through careers and higher education. They aim to create a world where everyone has access to economic opportunity and creates pathways to a more equitable future, regardless of their background.

Key career-enhancing opportunities Year Up provides:

- Technical and Professional Skills Training: Year Up offers training in high-demand areas like information technology, financial operations, business operations, software development, and customer service, ensuring that participants are ready for the workforce.
- Corporate Internship Placements: The program partners with companies to provide participants with real-world internship experiences at top corporations, helping them apply what they've learned in a professional setting.
- Personalized Mentorship and Support: Each participant receives individualized mentorship and support from staff, mentors, and volunteers to guide them through their career and personal development journey.
- Soft Skills and Professionalism Development: Year Up emphasizes essential soft skills like communication, teamwork, and time management, as well as business etiquette, to prepare participants for corporate environments.
- Networking Opportunities and Career Coaching: Participants gain access to an
 extensive network of corporate partners, alumni, and professional contacts,
 along with personalized career coaching to assist in job placement after
 completing the program.

These components collectively provide Year Up participants with a solid foundation for career advancement and economic independence.

For more information on how to connect, scan to visit the Year Up website:



HCCC & New Jersey Institute of Technology Transfer Agreements





The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) is a public research university located in Newark, New Jersey. Established in 1881, NJIT has grown into a leading institution known for its excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in fields such as engineering, computer science, architecture, business, and the sciences. With a focus on innovation and hands-on learning, NJIT provides students with opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, collaborate with faculty experts, and gain practical experience through internships and co-op programs. The campus boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including advanced laboratories, research centers, and a high-tech makerspace. NJIT is dedicated to fostering a diverse and inclusive community, and it actively promotes entrepreneurship and industry partnerships to prepare students for successful careers in their chosen fields.

Transfer Representative Contact Information

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Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned academic advisor.

HCCC Major	Bachelor Program	Type of Agreement
Business Administration, AS	BS in Business, B.S. in Business Online Accelerated Entrepreneurship, or BS in Financial Technology (FinTech).	Articulation



FACT

NJIT's campus is home to an awesome rooftop garden! Located on the Campus Center's Green, this spot is a hidden gem where students can relax, enjoy the view, and even see the NYC skyline on a clear day. It's a great place to take a break between classes or catch a sunset with friends!

Career Support Timeline

The career support timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones students experience as they prepare for their future careers. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for students, offering a clear understanding of the steps they should take at each phase of their academic journey to build a strong foundation for their professional life. Whether you are just starting to explore career options or are ready to launch your career, this timeline will serve as a roadmap to ensure a successful and strategic transition into the workforce.

• Self-Assessment: Take career assessments or interest inventories to identify potential career paths that align with your interests and strengths. Explore Career Options: Attend informational sessions to learn about various industries and career opportunities related to your major. Begin Networking: Join campus clubs or organizations connected to your field of interest and start building Early Stages (0-15 credits) your network through volunteering or participating in events. **Download Handshake App:** Download the Handshake app, create your profile, and begin exploring internships, part-time jobs, and other career opportunities. Part-Time Jobs/Volunteer Work: Use Handshake to search for part-time jobs and volunteer opportunities to gain early experience in different industries. **Resume Building:** Create or update your resume by attending workshops and using resources available through Handshake. Submit your resume for review and feedback. Career Advising: Schedule a meeting with a career advisor to discuss your career goals, pathways, and strategies for gaining relevant experience. Book appointments via Handshake. Mid-Stages (15-30 credits) Workshops/Job Fairs: Register for and attend career skills workshops (e.g., resume writing, interview techniques) and job fairs to expand your knowledge and connections. LinkedIn and Handshake Profiles: Create or refine your LinkedIn and Handshake profiles. Add any relevant experiences and start connecting with potential employers. Internships/Work-Based Learning: Apply for internships, co-op programs, or work-study positions via Handshake to gain practical, firsthand experience in your field. Mock Interviews: Participate in mock interview sessions and use Handshake's resources to practice your Preparing for Career interview skills. (30-45 credits) Researching Job Markets: Use Handshake to research different job markets, industries, and employers that align with your career goals. **Networking Events:** Attend Handshake-hosted employer info sessions, career fairs, and other networking opportunities to build valuable connections. Job Search Strategy: Develop a targeted job search strategy using Handshake. Set up job alerts for positions that match your skills and interests. Apply for Jobs/Internships: Use Handshake to apply for full-time jobs and internships. Take advantage of resume and cover letter review services. **Application and Final Stages Interview Preparation:** Prepare for interviews by scheduling mock interviews and using Handshake's (45-60 credits) interview practice tools. Seek advice on how to negotiate job offers. Job Offers/Salary Negotiation: Review job offers and use Handshake's resources to understand salary expectations in your field. Learn about salary and benefits negotiation techniques. • Post-Graduation Support: Continue using Handshake and accessing the Career and Transfer office for job

search support and career advice even after graduation.

Transfer Support Timeline

The transfer support timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones a student typically experiences when transitioning to a new educational institution. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for transfer students, providing them with a clear understanding of what to expect during their journey. Whether you are considering transferring or have already embarked on this path, this timeline will serve as a valuable roadmap to ensure a smooth and successful transition to your new educational destination.

• Research: Start researching potential transfer universities and their transfer requirements, including GPA, prerequisite courses, and application deadlines. Consider factors such as location, program offerings, and financial aid options. Academic Advising: Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss your transfer goals. They can **Early Stages** (0-15 credits) guide you on the appropriate courses to take and ensure you are on track to meet transfer requirements. • General Education Courses: Focus on completing your general education requirements, as these are typically transferable to most universities. Consult with your advisor to determine which courses fulfill these requirements. • Target Schools & Career Services: Narrow down your list of potential transfer universities based on your research and personal preferences. Visit their websites and attend transfer information sessions or college fairs to gather more information. Additionally, reach out to your community college's career services department for guidance on how your academic choices align with your long-term career goals. They can provide insights into which universities offer programs that best match your desired career path. Mid-Stages Major Exploration: If you have an idea of your intended major, start exploring the prerequisite courses (15-30 credits) required by your target universities. Ensure that you are taking the necessary courses at your community college. Maintain GPA: Aim to maintain a competitive GPA, as many universities have minimum GPA requirements for transfer students. Strive for a GPA above the minimum requirement to enhance your chances of acceptance. • Transfer Agreements: Check if your community college has any transfer agreements or articulation agreements with specific universities. These agreements outline the courses that will transfer and fulfill major requirements at the receiving institution. Visit Transfer Offices: Visit the Transfer Pathways office at the college and the universities you are interested in to seek guidance and ensure you are on track. They can provide information on transfer scholarships, **Preparing for Transfer** housing options, and other resources. Additionally, check in with your academic advisor during this stage to (30-45 credits) discuss your progress, ensure you're meeting the necessary academic requirements, and get their input on your transfer plans. Extracurricular Activities: Engage in extracurricular activities, such as clubs or volunteer work, to enhance your transfer application. These activities demonstrate your involvement and commitment outside of academics. Application Deadlines: Be aware of transfer application deadlines for your target universities. Start working on your application well in advance to ensure you have enough time to gather necessary documents, such as transcripts and recommendation letters. **Personal Statement:** Begin drafting your personal statement, highlighting your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and reasons for transferring. Seek feedback from advisors, professors, or mentors to **Application and Final Stages** strengthen your statement.

Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits)

- **Financial Aid:** Research and apply for financial aid and scholarships specific to transfer students. Contact the financial aid offices at both your community college and the transfer universities to explore your options.
- Check with Registrar Office regarding Graduation: As you approach the completion of your community college coursework, check with the Registrar's Office to ensure you are on track for graduation. They can provide guidance on any final requirements and procedures. To complete the graduation process, follow these steps: Visit HCCC.edu-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."

Career & Transfer Champion







MEDICAL SCIENCE -PRE-PROFESSIONAL, A.S.

NURSING, B.S.

Kadiatou Camara, Class of 2023



What motivated you to transfer to your current college/university?

When I graduated from Hudson County Community College, I chose to continue my education at a four-year institution because I always intended to achieve more than just an associate degree. My long-term goal was to obtain at least a bachelor's degree, and I knew transferring was essential to accomplish this. Additionally, I wanted to expand my knowledge, gain deeper expertise, and open doors to more career opportunities in my field. Continuing my education is a vital part of my personal and professional growth.

What resources or support systems were most helpful during your transfer process?

During my transfer process, HCCC's transfer pathway resources were incredibly valuable, providing guidance and support to ensure a smooth transition. The program allowed me to explore and select universities aligned with my goals, helping me transfer a significant number of credits. HCCC's partnerships with various universities were also a major advantage, as they facilitated credit transfer and allowed me to maximize the value of my coursework. This partnership eased my transfer process and saved me both time and money in completing my degree.

Can you describe any challenges you faced when transferring and how you overcame them?

Transferring credits to a public university was challenging at first, as not all institutions were willing to accept them. I reached out to the transfer pathway office for assistance, and they guided me in finding a university that valued my HCCC credits. With their support, I connected with a director who helped identify a school that was willing to accept nearly 90% of my credits, allowing me to stay on track. This experience taught me the importance of asking for help and advocating for my educational goals.

What motivated you to pursue your chosen career path?

I've always felt drawn to the healthcare field, as it aligns with my values and desire to make a difference. I believe this is a profession where I can excel and use my skills to support others. Helping people, especially those who are sick and in need, gives me a deep sense of purpose. I find fulfillment in knowing I can contribute to improving someone's quality of life, and I am excited to pursue a career that allows me to do just that.

How did transferring affect your career goals or opportunities?

Transferring to a four-year institution positively impacted my career goals, as it brought me closer to achieving my long-term ambition of earning a bachelor's degree. Being in a bachelor's nursing program has expanded my career prospects significantly, providing a solid foundation for future specialization or advanced studies. The transfer has not only helped me gain the qualifications I need but has also connected me with new resources and networking opportunities to support my career path.

How did the career services at HCCC and your new college/university help you in your job search?

Since I completed only my prerequisites at HCCC with the intent to transfer, I didn't actively use the Career Services at HCCC after graduating. My primary focus was on securing a place at a four-year institution where I could continue my studies in nursing. However, I recognize the value of Career Services and intend to leverage them more as I approach graduation and begin actively seeking employment in my field.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MAJORS & PROGRAMS

Overview

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) offers several Career and Technical Education (CTE) majors designed to provide students with practical skills for the workforce. These programs combine classroom instruction with hands-on training, internships, and externships, allowing students to gain real-world experience. Upon completing these programs, students can either enter the workforce immediately or continue their education at a four-year institution.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Addictions Counseling (CADC) Proficiency Certificate

Overview: The Proficiency Certificate in Human Services, Pre-Social Work Option in Addictions Counseling prepares students for employment in the field of Substance Abuse Counseling and related fields

Career Paths: Graduates of the Addictions Counseling (CADC) Proficiency Certificate program can pursue a range of careers in the addiction treatment and mental health fields, including Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC), Substance Abuse Counselor, Rehabilitation Counselor, and Outreach Worker/Community Advocate.

Criminal Justice

Overview: HCCC's Criminal Justice program covers law enforcement, the legal system, and public safety. Students gain an understanding of the justice system, criminology, and corrections. Students have the option of majoring in Criminal Justice in-person at the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City as well as the North Hudson Campus or fully online.

Career Paths: Graduates can explore a career as Police Officers, Probation Officers, and Paralegal.

Digital Art and Design Certificate

Overview: The Digital Art + Design Certificate program will students for professional work in various areas of Art and Design, including Digital Imaging and Photography, Graphic Design, Interactive Design and Web Development, 3D Digital Design including 3D scanning and 3D printing, Digital Video, and Animation.

Career Paths: Graduates can explore a career as Art Director, Animator, 3D Modeler, Compositor, Visual FX Artist, Video Editor, Illustrator, Game Designer, Character Designer, Graphic Designer, Web Developer, Interactive Designer, Photographer, and Photo Retoucher.

Early Childhood Education

Overview: This program prepares students to work with young children in educational settings, focusing on child development and teaching methods.

Career Paths: Graduates can work as Preschool teachers, Childcare Center Directors, or Teacher Assistants.

Human Services

Overview: This program focuses on developing the skills needed to support individuals and communities facing various challenges, such as mental health issues, addiction, poverty, and family dynamics.

Career Paths: Graduates of the Human Services program at HCCC can pursue a variety of career paths in the social services sector. Some of the potential roles include Case Manager, Social Services Assistant, Mental Health Aide, Child and Family Advocate, and Community Outreach Worker.

Studio Arts AFA, Studio Art, Computer Arts Option

Overview: The Studio Arts program will prepare you for continued study and professional work in various areas of studio art including fine arts, art history, and gallery management.

Career Paths: Graduates will pursue a career as Art Director, Animator, 3D Modeler, Compositor, Visual FX Artist, Video Editor, Illustrator, Game Design, Character Design, Graphic Designer, Web Developer, and Interactive Design.





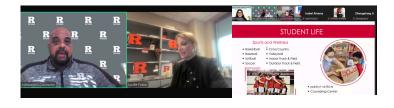
October Recap

Rutgers Business School, Criminal Justice School, and International Students Information Session

Rutgers University hosted virtual informational sessions programs for HCCC students interested in business, criminal justice, and resources for international students. Marcus Bourbon, Rutgers Newark representative, kicked off the series with an overview of program offerings. Dr. Christal Harry, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs & Enrollment Services at the School of Criminal Justice, shared career paths in criminal justice, while Lucille Foster, Assistant Dean of Rutgers Business School, detailed academic opportunities and support for business students. Yaruby Petit-Frere, Director of the Office for International Student and Scholar Services, led a session for international students, covering visa guidance, campus resources, and transition support. These sessions equipped students with essential information to make informed transfer decisions and plan their next academic steps.



Beverly Lipsey, Assistant Director of Admission at Smith College, introduced HCCC students to the academic opportunities and supportive community at Smith. She highlighted the college's commitment to empowering students and shared insights on the admissions process, financial aid, and unique campus resources. This session provided valuable guidance for students considering transferring to Smith College.



Hudson County Community College North Hudson and Journal Square Open House

Our Career and Transfer Pathways team and NJCU CONNECT transfer Coach attended the Fall 2024 HCCC open house at the North Hudson and Journal Square Campus.





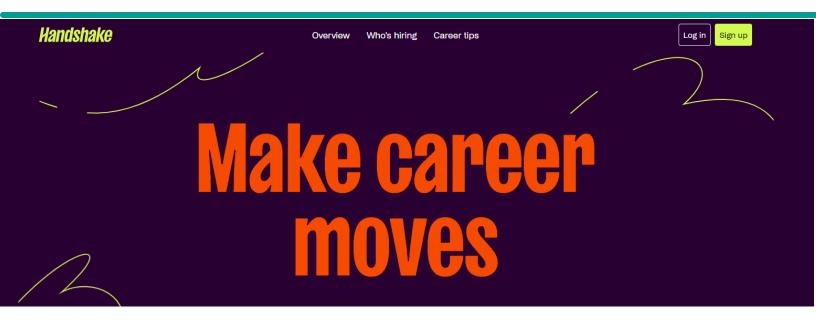


National Transfer Week

From October 22nd to October 28th, the Career and Transfer Pathways office hosted an exciting lineup of events for National Transfer Week, drawing over 272 attendees from the HCCC community! We kicked off with the "Sweet Success: Ice Cream Social," where students, faculty, and staff connected with campus partners over sweet treats. The "Ace Your Interview" workshop provided students with hands-on practice to enhance their interview skills. Midweek, "Play & Connect: Transfer Game Day" offered a fun, interactive way for students to explore transfer resources. We wrapped up with the "Unlocking Potential: ESL & International Transfer Panel," a dynamic discussion that highlighted experiences and pathways for ESL and international students. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this week a memorable success!



What is Handshake?



Here's why Handshake is valuable for community college students:

- 1. Access to Employers: Handshake brings in a wide range of employers who are specifically looking for new talent. This gives community college students direct access to job and internship listings that align with their skills and fields of study.
- 2. Career Development Resources: It offers tools for building résumés, applying to jobs, and preparing for interviews. These resources can be invaluable for students who may be entering the workforce for the first time or returning after a career break.
- 3. **Networking Opportunities:** Handshake offers virtual and in-person career fairs and events, where students can meet employers and industry professionals. This networking can open doors to opportunities and mentorships.
- 4. Personalized Job Recommendations: Handshake provides students with job recommendations tailored to their fields of study and interests, making it easier to find roles that suit their unique skill sets and career goals.
- 5. Leveling the Playing Field: Community college students might not always have the same access to recruiting events as students at four-year universities. Handshake makes it easier for these students to connect with employers and compete for jobs on an equal footing.

Overall, Handshake is a powerful tool to help community college students transition from education to employment by giving them access to the same opportunities and professional networks available to students at larger institutions.

Hudson County
Community College is
excited to partner with
Handshake, a modern
career development
platform where students
and alumni can explore
job and internship
opportunities, connect
with employers, and
access valuable career
resources.



			Onsite Visit: Partners		
Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Tues.	Nov.	5	Drew University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Nov.	5	Western Governors University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Nov.	7	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	7	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Nov.	5	Kean University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 1PM
Tues.	Nov.	12	New Jersey City University- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Nov.	12	Rowan University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Nov.	12	University of Phoenix	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Nov.	13	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Nov.	13	University of Phoenix	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Nov.	14	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	14	Rutgers University New Brunswick School of Management and Labor Relations	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	14	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Nov.	14	LIM	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Nov.	19	Rowan University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Nov.	19	LIM	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Nov.	20	Saint Peter's University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	21	Rutgers University-Newark	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	21	Caldwell Universtiy	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Nov.	21	Centenary University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Dec.	3	Rider University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Dec.	3	Montclair State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Dec.	4	Fairleigh Dickinson University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Dec.	4	Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Dec.	5	Rutgers University New Brunswick School of Management and Labor Relations	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Dec.	5	Western Governors University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Dec.	5	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Dec.	10	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Dec.	10	New Jersey City University- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Dec.	11	Thomas Edison State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Dec.	12	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM

	Instant Decision Days				
Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Mon.	Nov.	4	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. No appointment/ Walk-in	2PM-5PM
Fri.	Nov.	8	New Jersey City University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. RSVP	10AM-2PM
Mon.	Nov.	11	Saint Peter's University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. RSVP	10AM-2PM
Mon.	Nov.	11	Kean University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. RSVP	2PM-5PM
Fri.	Nov.	15	NJIT	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. RSVP	10AM-2PM
Fri.	Nov.	15	Ramapo College of NJ	Remote RSVP	2PM-5PM
Mon.	Nov.	18	Rutgers University-Newark	Remote RSVP	10AM-2PM
Fri.	Nov.	22	New Jersey City University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl. RSVP	10AM-2PM
Fri.	Nov.	22	Montclair State University	Remote RSVP	2PM-5PM

ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.

Visit our Transfer Support website for to RSVP for any "Instant Decision Days."



Office Career & Transfer Events					
Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Fri.	Nov.	1	Rutgers Veteran Students Information Session	Virtual RSVP-	11AM-12PM
Mon.	Nov.	4	Rutgers Criminal Justice Information Session	Virtual RSVP-	3PM-4PM
Thurs	Nov.	7	Rutgers Business School Information Session	Virtual RSVP-	3PM-4PM
Wed	Nov.	13	Navigate & Accelerate	JSQ, MPR 2nd floor G Building	12PM-1:30PM
Fri	Nov.	15	Princeton University Tour	Will be Emailed	12PM-6PM
Mon.	Nov.	18	International Fashion Show	JSQ, MPR 2nd floor G Building	5PM- 6:30PM
Wed.	Nov.	20	Navigate & Accelerate	NHC. MPR 2nd floor	2PM-3:30PM

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