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Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Newsletter

The Career and Transfer Pathways Department celebrated National Transfer Week in style. Each October, colleges across the country honor National Transfer Student Week, a time to recognize transfer students and promote clear, equitable pathways. Our department marked the week with three impactful events to support and empower students on their transfer journeys.



Transferpalooza:

National Transfer Week kicked off with Transferpalooza on October 21st in the North Hudson Campus Multipurpose Room. This music-festival style event blended fun with valuable transfer guidance. Representatives from Montclair State University, NJCU, NJIT, Rutgers Newark, and Saint Peter's University met with students to discuss programs and admissions. HCCC's Advisement, EOF, Honors, and Registrar teams also attended. With 133 students participating, the event set a new record for the Career and Transfer team at North Hudson. A photo booth and festival snacks added energy while highlighting transfer opportunities.

NJCU Connect Fair:

The celebration continued with the NJCU CONNECT Fair on October 23rd at the Journal Square Campus, where more than 100 students connected with representatives from NJCU. Students enjoyed music, assorted popcorn flavors, and cotton candy, while they learned about the HCCC | NJCU CONNECT program, along with how to make a smooth transfer from HCCC to NJCU!

Honors Transfer Fair:

The week concluded with the Honors Transfer Fair on October 30th, featuring representatives from MSU, NJCU, and NJIT. Each presented valuable information about their honors programs, while our team shared details from Rutgers Newark and Saint Peter's University. More than 50 students attended while enjoying a lively atmosphere with savory and sweet snacks as they explored honors transfer opportunities.

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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.



Meet the Team!

We would like to introduce you to the Career & Transfer Pathways Team! We're here to support your career development and transfer planning through one-on-one meetings, classroom presentations, and campus resources. Join us for job & transfer fairs, workshops, and events with employers and four-year college/university partners. Students can book one-on-one appointments on EAB Navigate 360 and faculty can request classroom presentations.



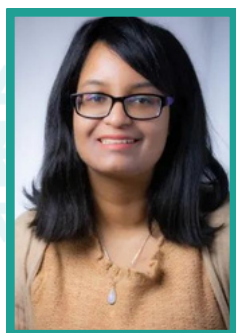
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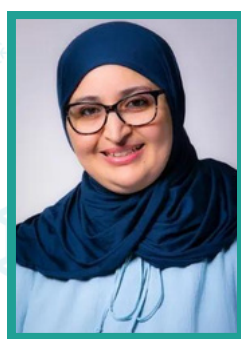
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CAREER & TRANSFER AMBASSADORS

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!

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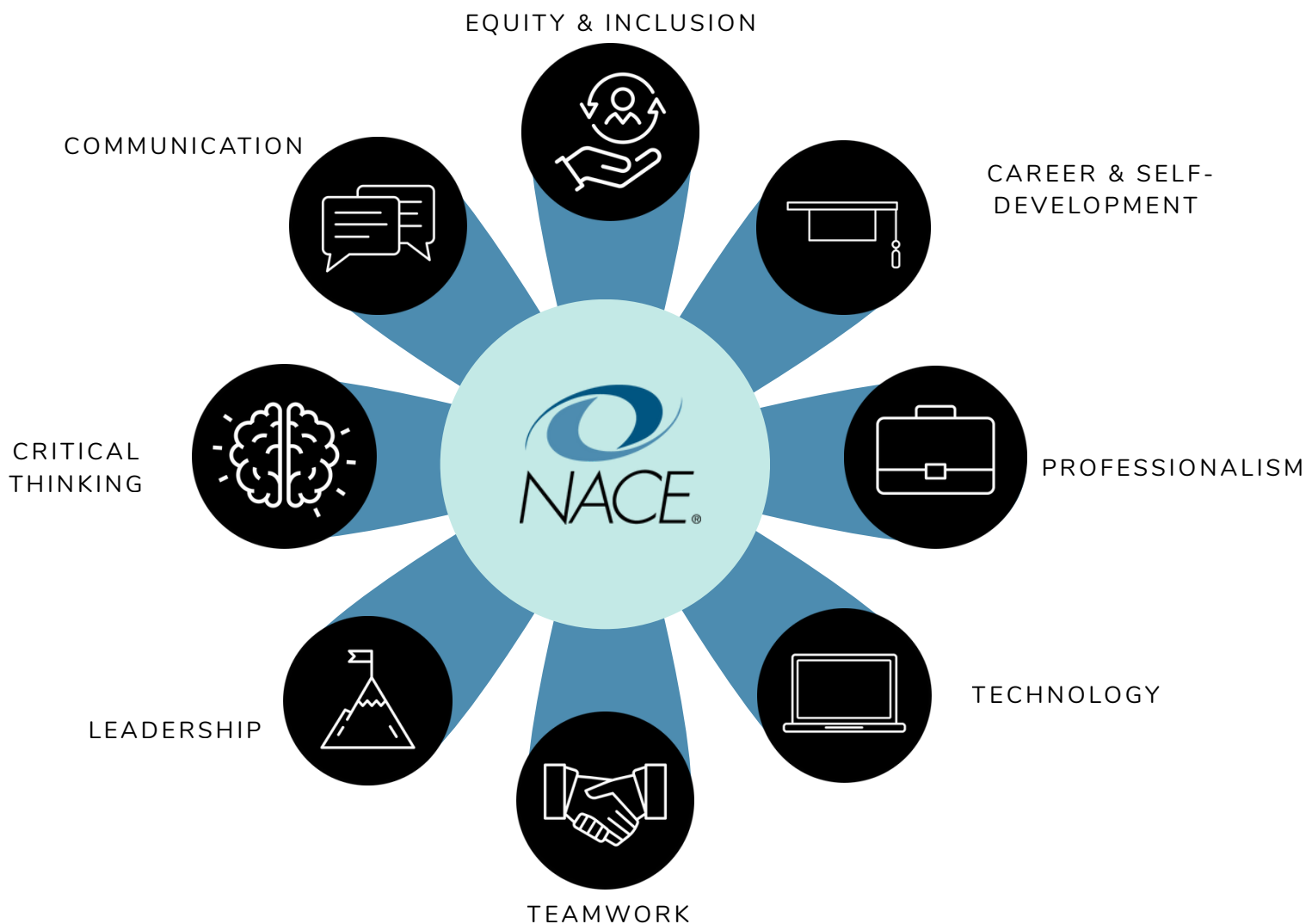
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NACE

As you prepare for your professional journey, developing strong ***career readiness skills*** can help you stand out in today's competitive job market.

This semester, the Career & Transfer Pathways Department led workshops on Handshake navigation and career exploration to help students take the next step in their professional development.



These efforts align with the eight core career readiness competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) — essential skills that help you successfully navigate the workplace and achieve long-term career success.

Handshake

BEST PRACTICES TO GROW YOUR CONNECTIONS

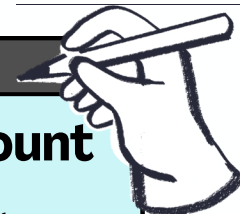
Follow, Explore, & Grow

- **Why Follow?** Build your network and unlock more career opportunities.
- **Who to Follow?** Alumni, classmates, employers & companies that match your career goals.



Make Messaging Count

- Prepare a brief pitch that highlights your education, skills, and experience.
- Ask thoughtful questions about the role and organization that go beyond what's online.



Chat & Connect

- **Virtual Info Chats:** Employers may offer 15-minute 1:1 sessions. Check their profiles to sign up.
- **Direct Outreach:** Employers can contact you directly if they're interested in your profile.



Join Employer Events

- Find in-person and virtual events on Handshake like info sessions, panels, career fairs, and workshops.
- Check out the Events tab or your homepage for recommendations just for you.



DOWNLOAD THE HANDSHAKE APP TODAY!

app.joinhandshake.com

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.



CAREER & TRANSFER CHAMPION

ABDERAHIM SALHI

MAJOR AT HCCC: COMPUTER SCIENCE

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2019



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM?

I chose Computer Science because I've always been fascinated by how technology can solve real-world problems. At HCCC, I found an environment that nurtured both curiosity and creativity. The program gave me a solid technical foundation while encouraging me to explore how computing can make an impact beyond the classroom.

WHAT POSSIBILITIES HAS A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE FROM HCCC PROVIDED YOU?

My time at HCCC opened doors I never imagined possible. Being part of Phi Theta Kappa was truly transformative, it helped me build confidence, develop leadership skills, and earn multiple scholarships that placed me on the national stage. I was proud to represent HCCC as one of the All-USA Academic Team members, recognized among the top 20 community college students in the country.

The Writing Center played a huge role in my growth as well. The staff there helped me refine my writing for scholarship and internship applications, which became key stepping stones in my academic journey.

HOW HAS YOUR TIME AT HCCC PREPARED YOU FOR A CAREER IN YOUR FIELD?

HCCC was more than just academics, it was a community that believed in me. Through the Computer Science Club and the America Needs You mentoring program for first-generation college students, I gained confidence, mentorship, and practical experience that shaped my path. These activities helped me prepare for competitive opportunities like the Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative, NJC4 Program, and research internships at Columbia University, Princeton University, and NASA.

WHAT HAVE YOU GONE ON TO DO IN YOUR CAREER OR EDUCATION AFTER HCCC?

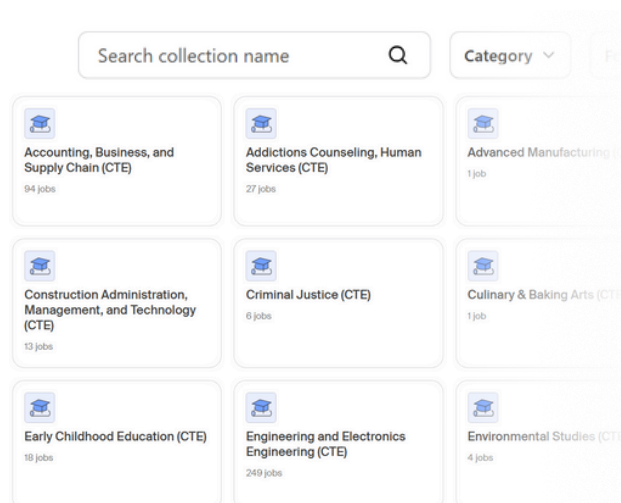
After graduating from HCCC, I transferred to Stevens Institute of Technology, where I continued to grow as both a researcher and innovator. Today, I'm proud to serve as a Computer Scientist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where I work on cutting-edge projects involving artificial intelligence and data science to support national missions.

Looking back, HCCC gave me so much more than an education, it gave me opportunity, confidence, and a sense of purpose.

Discover Handshake Collections!



Hudson County Community College collections



**Handshake Collections
make it easy for you to
discover and engage
with opportunities that
fit your interests!**

Jobs & internships, hand selected by Career & Transfer Specialists



Remington & Vernick Engineers



Engineering Internship

We are seeking motivated students interested in **Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Environmental Interns** to join our team for Summer 2026. Interns will work under the guidance of professional engineers and gain practical experience in civil engineering design, project management, and fieldwork.

Qualifications:

- Current student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or a related field
- Strong academic record and willingness to learn
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills
- Basic knowledge of AutoCAD or Civil 3D preferred, but not required
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation (for potential site visits)

The hourly rate for this position is between \$19 - \$22 per hour.



Scan to Apply!

When creating a new profile, use your HCCC email.



Hudson County Community College collections





Early Childhood Education



Early Childhood Teacher and Assistant Teacher positions available with infants, toddlers, & preschoolers:

- Create hands-on activities to meet the needs and interests of the children
- Maintain open communication with parents, sharing their child's daily milestones
- Ensure a safe and clean classroom by following essential procedures and guidelines

Qualifications:

Candidates must pass required state and company background checks, and meet state and company minimum education and experience requirements:

- 1 year of professional experience teaching in child care, daycare, or preschool settings is preferred
- Related college level coursework or CDA coursework is required. CDA, Associate, or bachelor's degree in early education or related field is preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) for children is required

The hourly rate for this position is between \$15.65– \$25.95 per hour.



Hersheypark Leadership Development Internship



Hersheypark amusement park spans 121 acres and welcomes guests to experience Hersheypark Happy all year long! Hersheypark Leadership Development Interns work as a Hersheypark Team Member, live alongside fellow interns, and develop your skills in weekly professional development sessions. As an intern, you will enjoy sweet perks, like FREE admission and parking to Hersheypark, discounts on food and shopping, and more, as soon as you receive your employee ID!

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age on the day of applying for this position.
- This internship is open to undergraduate college students and upcoming graduates of all majors, including: Hospitality, Business, Engineering, Marketing, Finance, Public Relations/Communications, Information Technology, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Criminal Justice, and more.

This is a paid internship. Department pay rates range from \$12-15 per hour.



Tour Recap



RUTGERS HEALTH
School of Health Professions

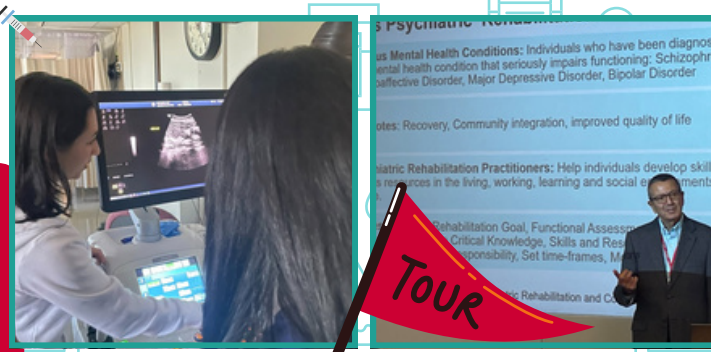
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Rutgers Newark, State University – School of Health Professions Campus Tour

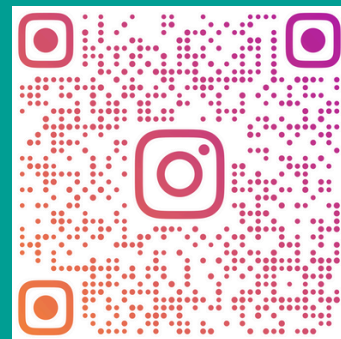
On October 9th, 2025, eleven students took part in a private tour of Rutgers Newark's School of Health Professions, organized by the **Career and Transfer Pathways Department**. The event provided valuable insights into admissions, scholarships, and various academic programs.

Academic programs

- Health Information Management
- Health Sciences
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Cardiac Sonography
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography



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NATIONAL TRANSFER WEEK RECAP



OCTOBER 21ST - 30TH 2025

Career-Coded: 3 Part Workshop Series Recap

HACK YOUR CAREER

Overview:

This 3-part workshop series prepared students to translate their coding projects, classwork technical skills, and hands-on experience into a resume that gets noticed.

On October 30th, 10 students attended the first workshop led by Miguel Cruz, an HCCC Computer Science alumnus and a current NJIT student. Miguel engaged in a discussion on AI and invited students to share their perspectives on how AI might impact the future of their own career paths. He also highlighted essential programming languages and explored career paths. Miguel emphasized to his audience the importance of soft skills, networking, and becoming experts in their passions.

CODE & CONQUER

The second workshop was held on Nov. 6th. Students were introduced to Github, a platform where they can showcase their projects and coding solutions, and search for jobs or internships. The students were guided by Christian Liebl, the Administrative Support Specialist for the office of Academic Support Services. Students created their own GitHub accounts, shared their profiles and were able to connect with each other.

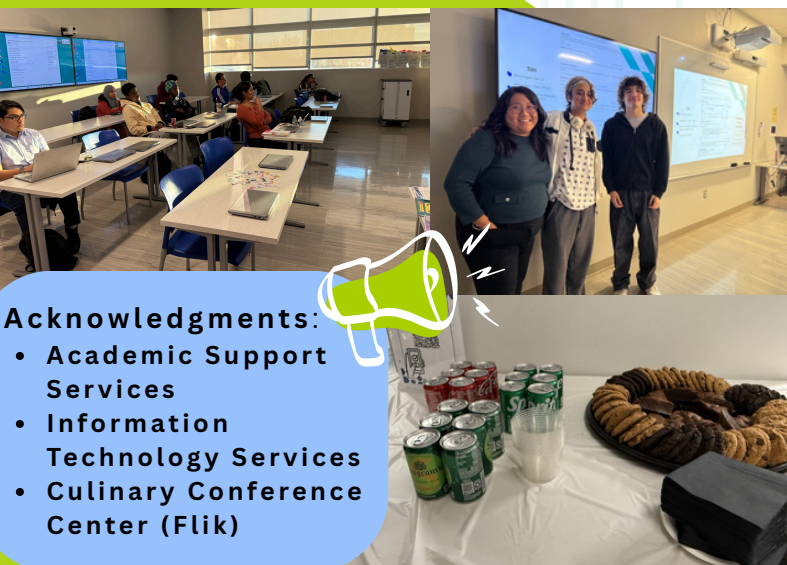


ALGORITHM TO RESUME

The Career-Coded series concluded on Nov. 13th with a hands-on workshop focused on building a strong resume. Luz Tellez, a Career and Transfer Specialist, showed students how to add the skills and projects developed throughout their student timeline to their resumes. At the end of the series, 15 laptop pouches were raffled, and snacks were provided for each session to create a welcoming and networking-friendly atmosphere.

Acknowledgments:

- Academic Support Services
- Information Technology Services
- Culinary Conference Center (Flik)





ALLIED HEALTH FAIR RECAP

STUDENTS DISCOVERED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND TRANSFER OPTIONS

On November 12, around 50 participants gathered at the Allied Health Fair, held in the 6th Floor Atrium of the JSQ Library Building, to explore various career and transfer options.



EXPLORING CAREER PATHS AT THE ALLIED HEALTH FAIR!

Students attended presentations from Hackensack Meridian Health, Bayada Home Health Care, and Alliance Community Healthcare.

After the presentations, they spoke with representatives and received expert advice on applications, hiring best practices, and guidance for building successful careers in public health.



PATHWAYS TO ADVANCED MEDICAL STUDIES

The Allied Health Fair was an excellent opportunity for students planning to transfer to four-year universities and pursue advanced studies in medical fields. Representatives from Rutgers University Newark's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program and Rowan University shared valuable information about transfer opportunities through their presentations.



Onsite Visits

Date	Time	Campus	Location
12/01/2025	10AM-12PM	Rowan University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/01/2025	12PM-2PM	Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/02/2025	10AM-12PM	Montclair State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/02/2025	2PM-4PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/03/2025	2PM-4PM	Stockton University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/04/2025	10AM-12PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/08/2025	10AM-1PM	Drew University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.

**VISIT OUR TRANSFER SUPPORT WEBSITE
FOR THE WINTER 2025 ONSITE VISITS!**



Instant Decision Days (IDD)

Date	Time	Campus	Location
12/04/2025	2PM - 5PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/09/2025	10AM - 1PM	New Jersey City University - NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.
12/11/2025	10AM - 1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	Virtual
12/16/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	Virtual

ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.

**VISIT OUR TRANSFER SUPPORT WEBSITE TO
RSVP FOR ANY WINTER 2025 INSTANT
DECISION DAY.**



Career and Transfer Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
12/4/2025	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Career Core Workshop: Networking Edition	North Hudson Campus - N407

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WORKSHOPS, & INFO SESSIONS**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

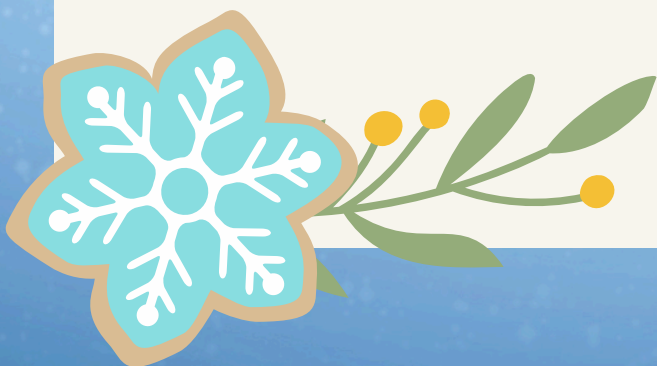


END-OF-SEMESTER MESSAGE

As we wrap up the semester at HCCC, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for trusting Career & Transfer Pathways to be part of your journey. This holiday season, may your days be filled with warmth, joy, and delightful moments that rekindle your spirit. We're thrilled to continue guiding you toward exciting opportunities, new campuses, and fresh chapters in the bright new year. Happy holidays!



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