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HCCC PRESIDENT CHRIS REBER: BUILDING UPON THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST 150 DAYS



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (center) at the ribbon cutting of High Tech High School in Secaucus on Friday, Nov. 2. Dr. Reber is pictured, with, from left, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy; and Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., HCCC Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President.

As a rule, the first 150 days set the tone and pace of a presidency and often indicate priorities that will be pursued. Recently, Dr. Chris Reber marked the 150th day of his term as president of Hudson County Community College (HCCC). In the five-plus months since taking office, he has been moving forward nonstop with optimism and enthusiasm.

Since July, Reber has conducted a “listening tour” that has involved more than 100 meetings with faculty, staff, students, and community leaders and yielded an understanding of those constituents’ perspectives, concerns, hopes, and ideas. He has been preparing for collective bargaining negotiations and working with faculty and staff to ensure the College’s successful reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Reber has focused on shared governance, with his faculty, staff, and students having a clear and prominent voice. He has made utilizing strategic, data-informed methods and best practices to increase student retention, degree completion, and enrollment top priorities. He and his team are dedicated to providing students with degree and certificate educational opportunities that will be transformational. Under his leadership, HCCC is also seeking partnerships and grant support that will create new revenue streams.

He relates that the diversity of HCCC students and the College’s position as an urban institution were the two things that drew him to the job as its president.

“There is something almost poetic about the fact that this institution thrives in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty,” he said. “When you engage with our students and realize their rich diversity and commitment to pursuing their higher-education dreams, it’s inspiring!”

Reber said he is most impressed with HCCC students and finds his meetings with them very gratifying. “Our students are unlike any others I have had the pleasure to meet. They are bright,

articulate, respectful, exceedingly grateful, immensely proud, and very ambitious,” he said. Of specific concern to him are the challenges so many HCCC students face in attending and completing college. “Many of our students speak English as a second language. Many work one or sometimes two jobs, care for families, and manage full-time studies,” he said. “After a while that balancing act can wear on students and many leave their studies – some for a year, some for a while longer, while some abandon their higher-education dream altogether.”

Fortunately, Reber said, HCCC has talented, professional, and caring faculty and staff who are committed to students and student success. “They are the reason our signature programs in Nursing, Culinary Arts, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and ESL (English as a Second Language), among others, are top rated nationally,” he stated. Reber also credits faculty for many points of pride at HCCC, including collaborations that result in students earning scholarships, being awarded internships with prestigious research groups, winning honors as members of the College’s five-star chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and going on to pursue bachelor’s, master’s, and even doctoral degrees at top four-year colleges and universities.

Located in one of the most densely populated and ethnically diverse areas of the United States, Hudson County Community College is the largest of four higher-education institutions in Hudson County, New Jersey. The College has an unduplicated head count of 15,000 credit and non-credit students, and operates from two urban campuses – the main campus in the Journal Square area of Jersey City and the North Hudson campus in Union City – as well as several satellite locations throughout Hudson County. Mirroring the County’s diversity, HCCC students were born in 119 different countries and speak 29 different languages. About 80% of HCCC students are eligible for and receive financial assistance.

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOLLOWS LEAD OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Chris Reber said, "Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise took bold and welcomed action in issuing an Executive Order granting a \$15 per hour minimum wage for all non-union County employees, and that the College has taken steps to follow the County Executive's lead."

Dr. Reber noted that in the Executive Order, Mr. DeGise stated it is the role of County government to provide assistance in a manner that is both responsible and humane, and to ensure that its workers are paid a fair wage.

HCCC has adopted a resolution to pay all non-union employees – including part-time staff – the \$15 per hour minimum pay.

"County Executive Tom DeGise has led on this issue for many years. Our Board Chair William Netchert, the Board of Trustees, and I share the County Executive's view, and we are taking action on this issue," Dr. Reber stated. "Since I arrived at HCCC, I have been struck by the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff. This resolution will benefit our employees and their families, and the increase will not impact the tuition paid by our students."

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MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE



Middle States Visiting Team Chair Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, Montgomery College (center) visits HCCC on Friday, Nov. 9. Pictured at the North Hudson Campus with Dr. Pollard are Angel Catala (left), an Accounting major, and Carlos Acuna, a Business major.

President Dr. Chris Reber and Executive Vice President & Provost Eric Friedman attended the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Annual Conference November 27- 30, 2018 in Washington, DC. Topics included a focus on continuous improvement at colleges, the need for team-based approaches to accreditation, and the development of cultures of evidence.

The Core Committee identified topics that should be integrated into the narrative of the Self-Study: revised recommendations, plans for fiscal sustainability, the story of our complex diversity, core tensions, the Guided Pathways Framework, building community, and more on partnerships. Self-Study Co-Chairs, Ellen Renaud and Cathie Seidman, have contacted the Self-Study Steering Committee to determine areas within their Standards in which they believe they can integrate the topics listed above.

The first draft of the Middle States Team Visit schedule and agenda has been created and will be reviewed by the Core Committee and President. It will then be forwarded to the Middle States Team Chair, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, for her to review and approve for the four-day visit.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Beta Alpha Phi inductees, officers, and members with College administrators at the Fall Induction on Sunday, Nov. 4.



Beta Alpha Phi Chapter hosted its annual Halloween Party on Oct. 31, collecting non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.



On Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter volunteered at the Fountain of Salvation Church, serving and delivering food during holiday

Halloween Party

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, Beta Alpha Phi held its annual Halloween Party. As in years past, the chapter requested a canned food item donation in lieu of an admission fee. The nonperishable items collected have been donated to local food pantries.

Fall Induction

On Sunday, Nov. 4, 115 students were inducted into Beta Alpha Phi, Hudson County Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society. Guest speakers included Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Christopher Wahl Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development; and past Phi Theta Kappa Middle States President; Caroline Sabsoul, New Jersey State President and member of Alpha Epsilon Phi Chapter (Bergen Community College); and Cindy Benjamin-Loncke, HCCC alumna, Assistant Vice President, Chubb Insurance Co.

Membership is open to full- and part-time students who have earned a minimum of 12 degree credits at Hudson County Community College and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2019

Below is the 2019 Holiday Calendar. Please consult the Employee Handbook regarding eligibility for holiday pay.

- Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King's Birthday – College Closed
- Friday, February 15: Presidents' Weekend. Classes in Session – Administrative offices closed
- Monday, February 18: Presidents' Weekend – College Closed
- Friday, April 19: Good Friday – College Closed
- Monday, May 27: Memorial Day – College Closed
- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day – College Closed
- Monday, September 2: Labor Day – College Closed
- Monday, October 14: Columbus Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Tuesday, November 5: Election Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Monday, November 11: Veterans' Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving – College Closed
- Tuesday, December 24: College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve
- Wednesday, December 25: College Closed – Given for Christmas
- December 26-31: College Closed for Winter Break
- Wednesday, January 1, 2020: College Closed – New Year's Day
- Thursday, January 2, 2020: College Open; Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday, Faculty - Holiday

ELECTRONIC TIMESHEETS NOW AVAILABLE

E-Timesheets are now available for all HCCC employees. To access your E-Timesheet, log onto the portal at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu> under "Department and Offices," then click "Payroll." The monthly E-Timesheets and instructions are on the "Payroll" portal page.

E-Timesheets signed and approved by supervisors should be sent to the Payroll office through timesheets@hccc.edu by the due date according to the payroll calendar.

With the new E-Timesheet, all employees will complete the same monthly form.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Zuany Chicas, Payroll Officer, at (201) 360-4066.

SURVEY: INFORMING THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

New Jersey's Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is developing a plan for the future of postsecondary education in the State. Part of developing this plan is the assessment of the current state of affairs regarding higher education. OSHE has developed a survey, which should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and wants to hear from all HCCC faculty, staff/administration, and students!

For your convenience, the link to the survey is: https://oshe.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6XQYtx6fBeznpAx

The deadline for the survey is Friday, December 7. If you have questions or would like to provide further comments, please contact oshe@oshe.nj.gov. If you have specific questions about the survey, please contact research@oshe.nj.gov.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 WEBINAR

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

Wednesday, December 19:
Turning the Table on Bad Habits

NEW HIRES/NEW TITLES

Archana Bhandari,
Executive Director of Online Learning
(as of Jan. 28, 2019)

Eduardo Calderon,
PC Technician

Jose Lowe,
Director of EOF

Jennie Pu,
Dean of Libraries

John Quigley,
Executive Director of Public Safety & Security

Kyle J. Woolley,
Head Tutor, Math, Science & Business

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

*Adjunct Faculty-Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Radiology
Admissions Recruiter
Advisor PT
Business Developer
Career Advisor PT
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer, English
College Lecturer, Nursing
College Librarian Archivist PT
Community Education Instructors PT
(multiple positions)
Coordinator Continuing Education and
Workforce Development
Counselor
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Director of Radiography
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor, English (2 positions)
Instructor, Medical Assisting
Instructional Technologist
Learning Management System Administrator
Librarian FT
Library Associate PT
PC Technician
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Vice President for Human Resources
Web Developer PT*

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:

**Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njhrec.org, the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the "Jobs @ HCCC" page at www.hccc.edu.

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Nicholas Chiaravalloti
10 Years
Darlery Franco
15 Years
Hital Patel

HCCC VISITS KEAN UNIVERSITY



Dr. Chris Reber, President of Hudson County Community College (left), and Dr. Dawood Farahi, President of Kean University (center), with members of both institutions' executive teams.



Dr. Dawood Farahi (left), President of Kean University, and Dr. Chris Reber, President of Hudson County Community College.

On Friday, Sept. 21, Hudson County Community College President Dr. Chris Reber and members of the HCCC administration visited Kean University. The purpose of the visit was to solidify transfer pathways in the areas of Criminal Justice, Education, and Business. Dr. Reber and Kean President Dr. Dawood Farahi also discussed the possibility of new pathways in the biomedical, psychology, and environmental science disciplines. In addition, the tour of the Kean campus sparked thinking about student-centered design that will inform future projects, such as the Student Center and the Enos Tower.

BE A STAR WHERE YOU ARE



Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development, presents during a "Be a Star Where You Are" luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

HCCC AND FDU SIGN AGREEMENT FOR DUAL ADMISSION TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM



On Wednesday, Oct. 31, Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (seated, right), and Dr. Gillian Small, FDU Provost, signed an articulation agreement for the Construction Management Program between Hudson County Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Pictured behind them from left are Vahid Alizadeh, Ph.D., P.E., Fairleigh Dickinson University; Dr. Alfredo Tan, Director of School of Computer Sciences and Engineering, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction, Hudson County Community College; Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Instructor, Hudson County Community College; Heather DeVries, Director of Curriculum, Hudson County Community College; Dr. Salim Bendaoud, Interim Associate Dean of STEM, Hudson County Community College; and Kennedy Sani, M.A., Coordinator of Student Outreach and Career Development, Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences and Engineering, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) have signed a dual-admission agreement that allows students to complete their Associate of Applied Science degree in Construction Management at HCCC and transition to the Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering Technology program at FDU.

"The construction industry has become highly technical. Population increases, aging buildings and deteriorating infrastructure are generating unprecedented employment growth for construction managers with the knowledge and skill sets our combined programs offer," said Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President. "This affiliation with FDU makes exceptional benefits – reduced tuition, mentoring and scholarships – available to students while they are working on their bachelor's degree."

Under the terms of the dual admission agreement, students who are enrolled in the HCCC Construction Management Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program may apply to the FDU Construction Engineering Technology Baccalaureate program. Once students have completed their A.A.S. degree at HCCC, they will be granted 52 credits in the FDU Baccalaureate program. Students in the HCCC-FDU dual admission program are eligible for a 40% reduction in the FDU tuition rate upon completing their Associate's degree. Merit scholarships and housing grants are also available to qualified students.

The HCCC Construction Management A.A.S. classes are held in the College's new state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Building. A lab dedicated to Construction Management is outfitted with cutting edge equipment generally found only in leading four-year colleges and universities. The

HCCC coursework educates students about new construction methods, protocols, materials, testing procedures, codes, contracts, specifications, technical report writing, and cost estimation and management principles. The HCCC program also supports students in entering externship programs for hands-on experience.

The FDU Construction Engineering Technology B.S. program is one of just 25 programs in the United States accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.). The FDU curriculum offers a 50/50 mix of theoretical and laboratory coursework and is most suitable for students who prefer hands-on applications and laboratory experiences. Program graduates work as contractors, field supervisors, project managers, job superintendents, estimators, safety specialists, schedulers, and examiners, with starting salaries of approximately \$50,000.

FDU Construction Engineering Technology students are afforded unique opportunities such as observing various construction sites. FDU students may also join the Mechanical Contractor Association of America student chapter, which provides opportunities for mentoring, internships, and job placement. Additionally, a summer employment program and \$3,000 scholarship are offered through the Construction Industry Advancement Program of New Jersey.

More information about the HCCC-FDU Construction Management Dual Admission program may be obtained by contacting HCCC's STEM Division at (201) 360-4265.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, 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 work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to George Dukov and Emanuel Panglinan for generous donations of works of art.

ARTIST NEWS

The Art Institute of Chicago has made its digital archive available to the public. What does this mean to us at Hudson County Community College? If, say, you like a work by artist **Sol LeWitt** that you saw at the Journal Square or North Hudson campus, you can go to the Art Institute website, type in Sol LeWitt, <https://www.artic.edu/collection?q=sol%20le Witt>, and find many other high-res images by the artist that you can study in detail.

This is part of the “creative commons” idea, that much like the public square in early America was called a “commons” for shared use by the community, the best and highest levels of our central creative and cultural life should also be available free to the public.

This, of course, begs the question that if all is available for free on the web, how do the artists not starve? We're still working on this problem.

Why visit a museum? It's good for your health. Canadian doctors recently began prescribing trips to an art gallery to help patients. The benefits are similar to those patients can get from physical activity — art gallery visits prompt the secretion of a similar level of feel-good hormones, and can help chronic pain, depression, stress, and anxiety. A partnership between the Francophone Association of Doctors in Canada (MFdC) and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) allows patients, along with their loved ones, to benefit from art with free visits. We should try this state-side.

We are sad to report the passing of artist **David Beck**, whose work *Dodo MMVII* is at the North Hudson Library. To get a sense of his marvelousness, check out this trailer to the documentary about him: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1a8AOWPxwU>.

If you like **Siona Benjamin's** work, *Directions on How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari*, installed on the fifth floor of the Culinary Conference Center, you might enjoy seeing her work in the exhibit, “Constructing Identity in America (1766–2017)” at the Montclair Museum through Jan. 20.

Dahlia Elsayed, whose works are exhibited in the Gabert Library on the fifth floor, in the STEM Building, and in the Student Lounge at North Hudson, recently wrote a beautiful memorial to Chant Avedissian, a friend who was also an artist. You can read it here at Hyperallergic: <https://bit.ly/2qJoIbH>



This mask of the Statue of Liberty, called *Phantom of the Opera*, was recently donated by George Dukov, the artist.

If you like the **Frank Gehry** chair on the first floor of the North Hudson Campus, and have wanted to sit in an actual Gehry chair, you might enjoy visiting the new restaurant at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which is the only Gehry-designed public restaurant on the East Coast.

If you have enjoyed the Lenape Native American artifacts on the third floor of the Gabert Library, you might be interested to know about “Kwel Hoy: Many Struggles, One Front” and exhibition of totem poles on view through Sept. 1, 2019 at The Watershed Center, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, New Jersey.

According to the curators: “The science is clear: to ensure a livable world, we must keep the vast majority of current oil, gas, and coal reserves in the ground. Yet the fossil fuel industry continues to develop infrastructure across farmlands, fresh waterways, crowded cities, and sacred sites. The byproducts of the fossil fuel ecosystem—from contaminated water to cancer clusters near petrochemical plants to climate-related wildfires, droughts, and floods—are already felt around the world. Over the last six years, the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation has transported a series of totem poles across North America to communities threatened or impacted by fossil fuel projects. As the pole travels, it draws a line between dispersed but connected concerns, building an unprecedented alliance of tribal and non-tribal communities as they stand together to advocate for a sustainable relationship between humanity and the natural world.” The Watershed Center is a science education and advocacy center outside of Princeton, New Jersey.

Maya Lin, whose work is on exhibit on the first floor of the Gabert Library, is having a show called “Maya Lin: The River is a Drawing” at the Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y., through Jan. 20. The exhibition addresses nature, climate change, and the environment specific to the local area. The artist, who is also an activist, says about her work, “All my works are incredibly subtle; they try to stay a little quiet and a little unemotional, because if I add that layer of ‘it's the end of the world’ I feel like I've almost lost you. ... It's about this intersection where I'm really embedding myself in scientific knowledge and I want people to know about it, but I'm also hyper aware that I do need to transcend and not just do something that lives in a science museum.”

Last month we reported that the city of Chicago was selling a work by **Kerry James Marshall** at auction. The city had paid Marshall \$10,000 for the work, and was poised to sell it for over \$10 million. Marshall had made the work for a Chicago public library branch, and criticized the decision: “It just seemed like a way of exploiting the work of artists in the city for short-term gain in a really short-sighted kind of way. It certainly would make one believe there's no reason to do anything because you have some kind of civic pride as a citizen.” In addition, many members of the Chicago community and the art world protested this action.

Due to public outcry, the Mayor has pulled the work of art out of the auction. The artist said, “It's the right decision to make.” James Rondeau, director of the Art Institute of Chicago (one of America's greatest art museums), also applauded the Mayor's decision: “Market pressures are powerful, and I think that's what we've seen here, right?” Rondeau said. “A temporary ability for the potential to monetize a work of public art takes away focus, and now the mayor has returned us to the focus on the object the artist, the context, and the audience.”

Closer to home, you can see the Foundation Art Collection Kerry James Marshall work on the second floor of 2 Enos Place.

Agnes Martin, whose work is on exhibit in the North Hudson Library, is the subject of a new book, *Agnes Martin: Pioneer, Painter, Icon*. What's new about this work is it shows that after Martin became rich from her painting work, she gave millions away to local institutions which supported children's education. The artist wanted her giving to be anonymous, so it is only many years after her death that this book is coming out. Her donations improved facilities for the people of Taos, New Mexico (where she lived), supported local natural preserves, and provided help to vulnerable youth and victims of domestic and sexual violence. She even donated a new swimming pool to the com-

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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THE NEWEST HCCC ‘TEACHER AS ARTIST’ EXHIBITION FEATURES WORKS OF LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATOR

Visual arts educators who work as professional artists serve dual roles – guiding and encouraging creativity in the classroom and inspiring the public in galleries. These teaching artists use their talents, skills, and passion and become linkages to various modes of expression that make the world more enjoyable.

In the fall of 2017, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs launched the first of its series of exhibitions celebrating the works of Hudson County’s teaching artists. The “Teacher as Artist” program continues with the art of Jill Schifter, a teaching artist at The Learning Community Charter School in Jersey City, exhibited from Nov. 7, 2018 through Jan. 15, 2019. The exhibition was curated by Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Vitale and is being held in the College’s Gabert Library at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City and the North Hudson Library at 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City. There is no charge for admission.

Jill Schifter is a native of Brooklyn, NY and a longtime resident of North Bergen, NJ who earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University and her Master of Fine Arts from Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. Nurturing an eclectic taste in art, Ms. Schifter is influenced by Santiago Ramon y Cajal, Nancy Spero, Hannah Hoch, Frank Stella, Terry Winters, Ernst Haeckel, Louise Bourgeois,

and other artists. Her work explores questions of self-image, gender constructs, cultural trauma, and environmental destruction through a variety of media, including drawing and collage.

“Three years ago I lost my mother to ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), and have started a series of both large scale and small works, interpreting and drawing inspiration from science, including the study of neuroanatomy and biomimicry of nature,” Ms. Schifter added.

Over a span of more than three decades, Ms. Schifter’s art has appeared in exhibitions in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area and Philadelphia. Locations include Bronfman Center Gallery (NYC), Woolpunkstudios (Jersey City), Tyler School of Art (Philadelphia), Sperone Westwater Gallery (NYC), and East Islip Museum (NY), to name just a few. She is also the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship Award, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Grant, and Ford Foundation Grant.



Jill Schifter, featured “Teacher as Artist,” discusses her artwork with Learning Community Charter School students on Nov. 5. (Photo courtesy of Sidney Acosta)

The community is invited to meet Ms. Schifter at a special JC Fridays Artist Reception from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 in the Gabert Library. Light refreshments will be served; there is no charge for admission.

The HCCC Gabert Library is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The HCCC North Hudson Campus Library is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HCCC DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS INVITES THE PUBLIC TO TOUR NOVADO GALLERY, LEARN ABOUT VIEWING AND COLLECTING ART



Experienced art collectors and anyone interested in understanding the aesthetics of galleries and art can benefit from the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs (DOCA) Collectors Club, and its tour of the Novado Gallery in Jersey City.

The DOCA Collectors Club tour of the Novado Gallery at 110 Morgan Street took place on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The event was open to the entire community free of charge. Novado Gallery features rotating contemporary exhibitions. Featured artists for the current show, “Referential,” include Yang Cao, Lacey McKinney, David Samuel Stern, and Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern. The artists’ work includes two-dimensional woven photography portraits and an array of oil and acrylic paintings.

The HCCC DOCA Collectors Club is dedicated to keeping the visual arts thriving in Hudson County by educating individuals about how to visit galleries, view art, and interact with curators and artists. The Collectors Club helps experienced and novice art collectors to cultivate and broaden individual tastes in terms of purchasing art and beginning or growing collections.

Throughout the year, the DOCA Collectors Club meets at a variety of cultural venues and events, which began with the “Collect Hudson” exhibition last year. Since then, the Collectors Club has toured the HCCC Foundation Collection, Proto Gallery, and 107 Bowers Gallery & ArtSpace.

HAMZA SALEEM RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Pictured from left: William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair, Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees; Hamza Saleem, 2017-18 Alumni Representative; and Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President, at the Oct. 9 Board meeting.

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees recognized 2017 graduate Hamza Saleem for his year of service as Alumni Representative to the Board.

While at HCCC, Saleem served as president of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He also collaborated with fellow students and staff members to reactivate the LG-BTQIA Club. He graduated in May 2017 with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently a student at Rutgers University-Newark, majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Political Science.

Hudson County Community College is governed by its Board of Trustees, a group of 10 voting members selected from the community, as well as two non-voting members – the President and a student representative chosen from the graduating class each year. The Governor of New Jersey appoints two trustees, and the remaining voting members are appointed by the Hudson County Executive with the advice and consent of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Saleem's successor, Alexandra Kehagias, was installed as Alumni Representative on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

ALEXANDRA KEHAGIAS CHOSEN AS HCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE



Alexandra Kehagias (second from right) takes the oath of office as Alumni Representative to the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Pictured from left are Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; William J. Netchert, Esq., HCCC Board of Trustees Chair; and Sean Dias, Esq., Board Counsel.

The students of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) have selected Alexandra Kehagias to be their Alumni Representative on the College's Board of Trustees for the upcoming academic year. She was sworn in at the Board's meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

A member of the Class of 2018, the North Bergen resident graduated *magna cum laude* with a 3.7 grade point average. Ms. Kehagias was an English major and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Delta, and Psi Beta honor societies at HCCC. She served as president of the College's National Society of Leadership and Success for the 2017-2018 academic year and was on the Dean's List for four semesters.

Ms. Kehagias balanced work and college while giving back to the community. She was employed as a barista at a Hoboken Starbucks while pursuing her studies. Additionally, she tutored students learning English as a Second Language. Ms. Kehagias' volunteer work included in-class academic coaching to help HCCC students better understand materials presented by instructors. Through the HCCC Serves: Earth Keepers group, she helped clean up a veterans' cemetery.

Her awards include Honors Poster Presentations and National Engaged Leadership. Peers describe her as bright, energetic, intelligent, and kind. She will work with former student alumni representative Hamza Saleem to seamlessly transition into her new role.

Foundation Art Collection

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munity on the condition that there also be a small pool for little children to play in.

The Foundation Art Collection has two works by **Bruce Nauman** which we hope to install next year. In the meantime, you might be interested to visit the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) at 11 West 53rd Street in New York City, and at PS1 in Queens, where he is having a major retrospective called "Bruce Nauman: Disappearing Acts." The Museum is free Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., which is good because it's ridiculously expensive at any other time. The show got a rave review from *The New York Times*, even though the critic noted, "The gallery looks a little like the aftermath of an autopsy, with the discarded scraps waiting for cleanup."

Yoko Ono, whose work is in the Foundation Art Collection, has released a new album called *Warzone*. On the project, the 85-year-old artist sings: Are we gonna keep pretending things are alright? Are we gonna keep our mouths closed just in case? Are we gonna keep putting off until it's too late? Are we gonna be known as the century of fear?

When **Edward M. Gomez** asked her in a recent interview if she still has a sense of optimism, she said, "Of course, I do. ... But it's very hard." He asked her how or why, despite the crisis in which the world finds itself today, she remains optimistic. She leaned forward and said, "Because I'm alive."

If you like **Faith Ringgold's** work which is installed on the third and sixth floors of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy her show, "Faith Ringgold:

The 70s" at ACA Galleries, 529 West 20th Street in New York City through Dec. 22. The solo exhibition features Ringgold's soft sculpture, tankas, political posters, and abstractions. Much of this body of work has previously never been exhibited. (A tanka is a five-line Japanese poem of 31 syllables; the first and third line have five syllables and the others have seven. Try making one at home!)

Bernar Venet, whose work *Astrophysics* is slated for framing and installation in 2019, was featured in a short video recently where he explained the use of mathematics in his art. He said that just like religion or trees used to be subjects "outside" of art and now are considered good subjects, now he is incorporating mathematics. He explains that "art is a discipline that feeds itself from other disciplines," but it's also worth watching this because of his fabulous French accent: <https://youtu.be/4cEC3S1UFW0>

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President, at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4009. For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection>.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



On Oct. 21, Continuing Ed hosted a calligraphy/brush lettering workshop with local artist and small business owner, Katie Perez, of Katie Pea Studio, a handmade paper goods shop specializing in illustration and hand-lettering. Students learned basic techniques for contemporary brush lettering and the steps to finding their own styles.



Continuing Ed ran four cycles of PSAT Test Prep classes for seventh and eighth grade students in the months of September and October. 64 students attended and learned PSAT test taking strategies for Language Arts, Writing, and Math and practiced using actual sample tests in class. For more information on PSAT or SAT Prep classes please email cguerra@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4224.

The Food Business Bootcamp with Hudson Kitchen returned on Nov. 3. Twenty seven students attended the all-day Bootcamp where they learned directly from industry experts who shared the tools and strategies needed to move food ideas from concept to reality. Students also gained skills to develop solid business plans and prepare to sell their culinary creations in retail environments.

Topics covered included: Food Trends, Business Plan Basics, Food Safety, Food Product Concept Development, Food Law, Marketing Your Food Business, Pricing Your Food Product for Profitability, Food Business Operations, and Funding Your Food Business. Attendees also had the opportunity to tour the CAI's commercial kitchen and each received a 75-plus-page Food Business Bootcamp Handbook and Reference Guide.

Course instructors and speakers included: Jay Savulich, who oversees both the Community Business Academy and Business Acceleration Services as Rising Tide Capital's Managing Director of Programs. Before starting at Rising Tide Capital, he had a 20-year career owning and operating successful restaurants in New York City. Chef Victor Moruzzi is an instructor and course developer for the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College. Prior to joining HCCC, he was involved in opening and managing several dining facilities and specialty food stores.

Regina L. Henry, MA, EdM is a leadership coach with a commitment to inspiring and equip-



On Nov. 1, 8, and 15, Continuing Education ran the creative writing course, *Writing to the Bone*, led by writer Hope Guirantes. In the hands-on class, students learned how to break through writer's block with fun, introductory writing prompts, and exercises. Hope Guirantes is a contributor to *Aaduna Online Journal Blog*, *Chaye Magazine*. She served as Poet in Residence and Curator for Sustainable Jersey City's *Green Drinks+Art* monthly venue. She is a recipient of the *Thinking in Full Color Writing Residency* at HCCC, and past book reviewer for *Romantic Times Magazine*.



Scenes from The Food Business Bootcamp with Hudson Kitchen on Nov. 3 at the Culinary Arts Institute.

ping every person she connects with to "unearth their unique genius." She specializes in creating individualized strategies for entrepreneurs to help empower them to discover and express their genius within the marketplace. After facing countless obstacles with starting her own food business, Djenaba Johnson-Jones decided to create Hudson Kitchen as a turnkey solution for food entrepreneurs. Before transitioning to the food industry, she spent her career developing, launching, and marketing products for well-known media brands. Dawn Pascale is founder and head baker of Om Sweet Home, a specialty bakery that focuses on plant-based and gluten-free pastries, desserts, and products. Over the past 6 years, she has grown her business from a one person operation working out of a shared kitchen in Hoboken, New Jersey to a team of three pastry chefs with a storefront and commercial baking facility in Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

Niko Nikoloau is the co-founder and CEO of Cham, a line of fresh, cold brewed teas that are minimally filtered and the perfect balance of wellness and taste without any compromises whatsoever. This 2017 *sofi*™ Award Winner for Best RTD Cold Beverage is all natural, project Non-GMO verified, Paleo certified, and pending USDA Organic certification.

The next Food Business Bootcamp will run in February 2019. For more information please email cfarrell@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4262.

HCCC

Holiday Market

Sunday, December 9
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

FREE!

Shop Local Gift Vendors,
Kids' Workshops,
Magic Show,
Face Painting,
Santa, and More!

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/HCCCHoliday18>

THE CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE



The 2nd annual After the Harvest Wine & Food event headlined the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City on Saturday, October 27. Member wineries of the Garden State Wine Growers Association and the Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development teamed up with HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute and Continuing Education for this popular fall event.



The event was an intimate experience, allowing engagement with winery representatives and chefs to discuss the wines and foods sampled. Educational wine tutorials were also held, featuring topics such as the Health Benefits of Drinking Wine, hosted by Dr. Audrey Gambino, owner and winemaker at Villa Milagro Vineyards, and 5 S's of wine tasting, by Tom Cosentino, Executive Director of the Garden State Wine Growers Association. Live musical entertainment was provided by singers/songwriters Justin Raro and Kyla Macalinao. Participating wineries included Amalthea Cellars (Atco), Cedar Rose Vineyards (Vineland), Tomasello Winery (Hammonton), Valenzano Winery (Shamong), and Villa Milagro Vineyards (Finesville). Two kitchens were opened to the public, led by Chef Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit and Chef Sami Khouzam, where the Culinary Arts Institute's team of student chefs prepared an array of sample dishes paired with NJ wines for attendees.



HCCC Student Government Celebrates LIGHTS IN CULINARY PLAZA PARK

HCCC faculty, staff, students, and members of the community are invited to attend this event, honoring the hard work of the Student Government this year and the students who worked to decorate the park for the season.

The event is also being held in memory of Michael Reimer, Dean of Student Services, and Professor of English Javedd Khan.

Music provided by the Ronald McNair Academic High School Glee Club.

Seasonal hot beverages and desserts will be served.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Culinary Plaza Park
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

RHTTN INDUSTRY SUMMIT



On Oct. 24, Paul Dillon (far right), Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts, & Hospitality Management, moderated a panel discussion, "Trends in RHT," the first activity of the Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Talent Network Industry Summit held at the Culinary Conference Center. The panelists were James Earley, Element by Westin Harrison-Newark; Kim Scully, QuickChek Corporation; Neal Patel, Imperio Groups; and Tara O'Heir, Bowery.

LATINAS SMALLBIZ EXPO



On Thursday, Nov. 8, HCCC's Culinary Conference Center hosted the 2018 Annual Latina SmallBiz Expo & Pitch Your Business Competition.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

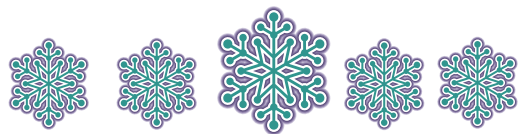


Team HCCC at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Jersey City's Lincoln Park.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK



On Sunday, Oct. 28, Team HCCC participated in the 2018 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention "Out of the Darkness" walk. Team HCCC raised over \$1,000.



Come join us for the HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES!

HCCC EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Friday, December 14, 2018

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center



Enjoy spending time before the holiday break with your fellow co-workers.



Hot cider, holiday pastries, and appetizers will be served.

HCCC TO HOST THE THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) invites the entire community to spend an enjoyable afternoon at the Third Annual Holiday Marketplace. The event will take place on Sunday, December 9, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the College's Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street – just two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center in Jersey City. There is no charge for admission.

Once again, the HCCC Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development is transforming the Culinary Conference Center into a winter wonderland. A number of activities are planned to keep children entertained while parents and caregivers shop, including a family ornament-making workshop (1-2 p.m.), magic show and balloon animals (2-3 p.m.), face painting (3-4 p.m.), and opportunities for "selfies" with Santa Claus (1-4 p.m.).

Local vendors will be present with a wide variety of gifts for children, women, and men. There will be offerings from Abztract Creations, Angel Hugs 4 All, Artistic Vision Studio, Be the Difference Clothing, British Swim School, The Cake Pound, Chef Ori Catering, Cherry Design Partners, Creative Box, Glitzy Girl Glam, J&J Baskets, Kubra Yilmaz Marble Art, Latifa Bounekta Art, Laylani Crafts, LulaRoe, Mary Kay Cosmetics, The Mexi Boys, O Lala Empanadas, Paparazzi Jewelry, Pink Vanity Jewelry, Rainbow Fizz, Spiritual Essence, and Sweet Little Sea. Among the items available for purchase are scented candles, gift baskets, fashion and fine jewelry, artwork, makeup and beauty products, t-shirts, winter accessories, pasties and cakes, kids toys, street vendor food, bath bombs, leggings, decorative pillows, holiday home items, and more!

While the event is free and open to the entire community, those who intend to attend are asked to register at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCHoliday18>.

E-REIMBURSEMENT

A new, streamlined process where HCCC employees will be e-reimbursed is set to launch the week of Dec. 3. Instead of having to deal with paper checks, reimbursements for HCCC approved business expenses will be automatically direct deposited to your bank account.

All approved documents need to be received by Accounts Payable (AP) before noon each Monday to allow for processing, submission and validation by the bank. The approved documents (e.g., check requests, travel expense reports) should be submitted electronically to the Accounts Payable Office through ereimbursement@hccc.edu.

The submission to AP should consist of one PDF file with the approved forms followed by the necessary supporting documents, such as receipts. If more than one approval is required, the approved forms along with the supporting documents should be sent to ereimbursement@hccc.edu after the final approval is obtained.

Forms such as expense reports and check requests continue to be available on the Finance portal.

If approved, reimbursements are e-submitted timely to AP, the direct deposit to your bank account will take place by each Friday. Any late submissions will be processed the following week. The bank account being used is the same one for payroll direct deposit.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Greg Smith, Accounts Payable Officer, at ext. 4055.

HCCC PRESIDENT CHRIS REBER

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Chris Reber came to HCCC after a successful four-year presidency at Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) near Pittsburgh, PA. Prior to CCBC, Dr. Reber was the Executive Dean of Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where he was the Chief Executive and Academic Officer for 12 years. His career also includes 18 years at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he served on the senior management team as the Chief Development, University Relations, and Alumni Affairs Officer during a successful \$50 million capital campaign; and Chief Student Affairs Officer during a period of major college growth.

A 2018 study published by *Community College Review* listed college readiness and developmental education, keeping abreast of technologies, and retention and completion as some of the challenges almost all community colleges are facing. Dr. Reber agrees that these are challenges HCCC also faces.

Chris Reber describes himself as a “servant leader.” He defines his role as one of overseeing, empowering and supporting, and his governance style one of inclusion and transparency. Since becoming president, he has formed committees and advisory groups comprised of faculty and staff that are open to students. His President’s Executive Council, for example, includes members of his cabinet, as well as faculty and representatives from student affairs, academic affairs, institutional research, enrollment, communications, public safety, and others. In addition, Dr. Reber holds monthly Town Hall Meetings, which all HCCC employees and students are encouraged to attend and engage in discussion and planning that will result in achieving the collective goals and aspirations of the HCCC community.

From the onset, Reber has been focused on improving student success. “We benefit from state-of-the-art buildings, infrastructure, and dedicated faculty and staff. We are proud of our award-winning student support services, the HCCC Foundation, Cultural Affairs and growing Continuing Education and Workforce Development programming. Now we need to move to the next level of excellence and ensure our students’ success by helping all of them move forward to graduation and degree completion,” he stated.

As previously noted, Chris Reber has been moving forward nonstop since July and has already directed attention to the following:

- o College in High School/LEAP/Dual Enrollment – HCCC is developing more programming for high school students who can save thousands of dollars and graduate with an associate degree when they finish high school;

“...Now we need to move to the next level of excellence and ensure our students’ success by helping all of them move forward to graduation and degree completion.”

- o Nontraditional student enrollment – the Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development is creating a myriad of new programs and partnerships;
 - o Offsite programs – students can complete the required courses for Criminal Justice and Business at Bayonne High School, and required math and English courses can be taken at Union City and Kearny High Schools, and Harrison’s Washington Middle School; the College will soon offer classes at the new High Tech High School in Secaucus;
 - o New programs – The College began offering A.S. degree studies in Exercise Science, A.S. in Medical Sciences Pre-Professional, A.S. Criminal Justice – Homeland Security Option, and a certificate program in Medical Billing and Coding. Additionally, new dual-admission programs that lead to bachelor’s degrees are now in position with Montclair State University (Culinary), Fairleigh Dickinson University (Construction Management), and New Jersey City University (Nursing), with more to follow;
 - o Student retention/completion/transfer – new partnerships have been forged that provide students opportunities for attaining hands-on experience in their chosen fields. These include a new earn-while-you-learn partnership with Eastern Millwork in Advanced Manufacturing; and,
 - o The New Jersey Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) – HCCC was one of 13 community colleges selected for this pilot, tuition-free program that applies to Spring 2019 enrollment. The College has been building awareness and soliciting applications from current and new students.
- Reber recently drafted his presidential goals for the upcoming academic year. “Everyone here believes in the importance of raising the bar and helping students succeed,” he said. “However, it is important that our goals are guided and informed by data, and are challenging but achievable.” Among the 32 areas outlined in his 2018-19 Presidential Goals are:
- o Overseeing a College-wide process for determining the efficacy of joining Achieving the Dream, a nationally acclaimed organization committed to the use of data and best practices to ensure continuous improvement in all areas of student success.
 - o Developing and implementing initiatives to promote continuous improvement in student engagement.
- o Improving the Learning Support Services throughout the College.
 - o Growing and continuously improving HCCC’s online learning program.
 - o Planning a proposed Academic Tower that will house state-of-the-art active learning classrooms and spaces, offices for student support services, a gymnasium and wellness center, the Center for Business and Industry, a University Center for four-year university partnership programs, a Veterans Center, and other academic and student life activities.
 - o Leading and supporting continuous improvement in the recruitment and retention of an increasingly diverse population of students, faculty, and staff.
 - o Supporting the emerging HCCC Guided Pathways Project that includes growth of the College’s LEAP and other college-in-high-school programs; and the creation, growth and success of seamless K-20 educational and career pathways through expanded partnerships with organizations throughout the educational spectrum and community at large.
 - o Leading and supporting the goals and outcomes of the Community College Opportunity Grant and advocating continued investment of state and other external funding to ensure HCCC is accessible to all who wish to pursue a college education.
 - o Supporting the HCCC Foundation in seeking higher levels of donor engagement and investment.
- Reber credits the partnership forged by his predecessor, Dr. Glen Gabert; Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise; the County’s Board of Chosen Freeholders; and the College’s Board of Trustees, for providing the College with a strong and enduring foundation that benefits the entire community. Gabert served as the College’s President for 25 years and during his tenure the College constructed twelve state-of-the-art buildings, significantly increased enrollment and created programs that serve the community well.
- “Clearly we have much for which to be thankful, much to celebrate and much more to do,” he stated at a meeting with the entire HCCC community at the start of the Fall 2018 semester. Most assuredly, for the sake of HCCC students, Chris Reber plans to maintain his nonstop pace throughout his presidency.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Members of the HCCC team who participated in a charity softball game against the Bayonne Police Department at Gorman Field on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Richard Walker (Criminal Justice, Humanities and Social Sciences Division) received a community service award (Law Enforcement Torch Run, New Jersey Special Olympics) from the North Bergen Police Department on Oct. 23. The award was presented at the North Hudson Campus during the "Coffee with a Cop" event. The North Bergen Police Department raises money for the New Jersey Special Olympics on an annual basis, and several criminal students, along with HCCC staff and faculty, participated in a Spring 2018 charity basketball game against the North Bergen Police.

Richard Walker and police officer Kevin Ottino organized a charity softball event where HCCC students, staff, and faculty played against officers from the Bayonne Police Department on October 25. The event was a charity game to raise funds for the Buddy Baseball in Bayonne.

The Ethics and Justice class participated in a tour of the Hudson County One-Stop Career Center on Nov. 27 with Richard Walker in Union City. The students gained knowledge regarding the processes that take place with probationers and parolees seeking job training, interviewing skills, hous-



Richard Walker (second from left) receives a community service award (Law Enforcement Torch Run, New Jersey Special Olympics) from the North Bergen Police Department on Oct. 23. He is pictured with, from left, Lt. Thomas Ferrari, Lt. Cynthia Montero, and Officer Vanessa Espinoza.

ing referrals, career counseling, and other services provided to offenders.

Lieutenant Keith Miano from the New Jersey Transit Police Department will speak with Richard Walker's Police Role in the Community students on Thursday, Dec. 6. The students will gain knowledge about NJ Transit Police hiring practices, the department policy on use of force, and other law enforcement related topics.

THE NECKLACE: TWO TRIPS TO NEW YORK CITY



HCCC sponsored two trips to the Educational Theater of New York's performance of *The Necklace* for ESL students in November.

By Pat Barroero

"She had no clothes, no jewels, nothing, and these were the only things she loved; she felt that she was made for them. She had longed so eagerly to charm, to be desired, to be wildly attractive and sought after." This is how Guy de Maupassant describes Madame Loisel, the main character in his short story "The Necklace," and the ESL students who went to see the show were mesmerized by how the narration progressed, all because of a little necklace she borrowed from her neighbor.

The Educational Theater of New York adapts short stories and other literary works so that they become an interactive and fun way to expose ESL students to learning English and even literature. The show was beautifully and masterfully executed and directed, and we were able to organize two outings to see the play, on Nov. 6 and 7. The students were happy, entertained, and engaged! They practiced new vocabulary and spoke up and asked questions during the show. They also learned about visual arts by commenting on paintings in the art show at the Latea Theater where the play took place. "I want to go back next week!" one student said on our way back to the College.

I would like to thank Associate Dean Elizabeth Nesius, Jed Palmer, Veronica Gerosimo, and Angela Tuzzo, for all their help organizing this trip, and all faculty who helped advertising and participating in the event, especially Denise Phillips, Dr. Shannonine Caruana, and Eva Kozlenko.

TRICK OR TRANSFER



Students met and talked with multiple representatives from partner universities about furthering their education.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS AN NLN PRE-ADMISSION EXAM PREP COURSE

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has a special opportunity for those who wish to take the National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Exam.

The College's Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division will hold a Pre-NLN Exam Preparation non-credit course that runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, February 23 – March 30. The class will be held in the College's J Building at 2 Enos Place in Jersey City, NJ. Space is limited. The cost is \$229 per person.

NLN Pre-Admission Exam evaluates the academic ability of nursing majors to identify the most qualified candidates among those seeking

admittance into nursing schools nationwide. This course assists students in preparing for the exam by mastering the subject matter covered in the math and science portions. Students will also learn test-taking strategies that will help them achieve a high composite score.

Those who wish to attend may register by calling (201) 360-4647. Payment by credit card, money order, cash, or check payments is due at time of registration.

More information may be obtained by calling HCCC Continuing Education at (201) 360-4647 or emailing cangel@hccc.edu

TOWN HALL

SPECIAL GUEST:

Dr. Karen A. Stout,
President and CEO,
Achieving the Dream, Inc.



Dr. Karen A. Stout is President and CEO of Achieving the Dream, the nation's largest movement to improve success for all students, especially low-income students and students of color. Dr. Stout leads, through ATD, a network of institutions who are building their capacity to enable more students to complete their education with a credential that has value. ATD's institutional learning experience focuses on areas including data and technology, holistic student supports, equity, OER, leadership, and teaching and learning. She has been recognized nationally for her achievements at ATD and at Montgomery County Community College, where she served as president for 15 years, and was named American Association for Women in Community College's Woman of the Year and Washington Monthly's 16 most innovative higher education leaders. She serves on several national boards including College Promise National Advisory Board and is a faculty contributor and mentor for the Aspen Institute Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence.

Tuesday, December 4

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center,
161 Newkirk St., Banquet Room
Jersey City, NJ

HCCC faculty, staff, and students
are welcome.

Lunch will be served.

Transportation is available leaving North Hudson Campus at 11:00 a.m. to Journal Square Campus and departing from the Journal Square Campus to NHC at 1:30 p.m.

HCCC FOLLOWS LEAD OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

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HCCC Board Chair Netchert said, "The County Executive has long advocated a living wage. The HCCC resolution is the right thing to do as it demonstrates our commitment to those who serve our students and our community and shows that by working together we can all benefit."

The HCCC Board of Trustees approved implementing the wage increase resolution at its November 20th meeting. The increase, which will be retroactive to November 1, 2018, will impact

199 non-union, part-time HCCC employees at an additional cost to the College of \$476,000 a year.

"I am pleased to see that the Community College has made this choice," said County Executive Tom DeGise. "President Reber and Chairman Netchert and the Board have shown that you can maintain high standards, operate within a budget, and treat your employees fairly. It is also an implicit lesson for their students about the values we stand for as a county."

PENGUIN ON CAMPUS



Nicole Ginsburg, Penguin Supervisor at Jenkinson's Aquarium, lead a lecture about wildlife and displayed Dassen the penguin to a large group of HCCC students.

SKATEBOARDING LECTURE



Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health Related Programs/Nursing and Allied Health, explains the process of taking an idea along the path to reality.

ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWS

College Life Committee

The College Life Committee plans to move forward with collaborating with the Arts Department on planning a "Sip and Paint" event for faculty and staff before the holidays and exploring an idea to incorporate Zumba and Yoga lessons throughout the academic year.

The committee is continuously working with the Director of Faculty & Staff Development, Lilisa Williams, on incorporating a New Faculty Mentoring Program for new hires and proposes that adjunct faculty be integrated into the STAR Luncheon.

The Health Program Sub-Committee members are working with the Human Resources Department and Nursing & Health Sciences Division on planning the Spring 2019 Health 360 Fair.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee's recommendation for the plagiarism checker upgrade has been accepted, and Unicheck Essentials will be upgrad-

ed to Unicheck Enterprise for Spring 2019. The upgraded version will make setting up a plagiarism check through Canvas simpler, and it will also enable instructors to give in-line comments on assignments.

Development and Planning Committee

Development and Planning will hold a Spring 2019 One Stop Day with Enrollment Services to promote scholarship applications. The committee is also planning a fundraiser with the Cultural Affairs Department in honor of Johanna Van Gendt.

Space and Facilities Committee

The committee is developing recycling initiatives on campus.

Academic Affairs Committee

The committee is reviewing and making recommendations regarding the grade appeal process.

EOF NEWS



Pictured from left: Jose Lowe, Director, EOF; Viergeline Privat, EOF Assistant; Rosie Pérez, EOF Secretary; Knight Ambubuyog, EOF Counselor; and Guadalupe Urizar, Nadia Dob, and Vishwa Jain.

HCCC EOF Commemorates the Program's 50th Anniversary

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) program hosted a dinner marking the 50th Anniversary of the national founding of the EOF. The event was held on Friday evening, Nov. 2 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center.

At the event, Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC, and Jose Lowe, HCCC Director of EOF, welcomed EOF alumni and their families and friends, as well as HCCC faculty and staff. Knight Ambubuyog, HCCC EOF Program Counselor, shared his experience of graduating from the program and how it has been transformational in his life and career. Brett Pulliam, President of the Equal Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey, spoke about the ways EOF benefits communities, and presented the College with a New Jersey Senate Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the national founding of EOF.

The EOF affords students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds opportunities to pursue college degrees. While the EOF was created by statute in 1968, it became an integral part of Hudson County Community College after the College was founded in the 1970s.

Today, as then, the program focuses on highly motivated students who demonstrate the potential to do college work, but were academically under-prepared in high school, and/or have a history of financial disadvantage. Over the years, EOF has provided academic, financial, and social support to thousands of students.

"Hudson County Community College has always been an institution that assisted those who are disadvantaged to attain a higher education," Dr. Reber said. "We are proud of our EOF program and its long history of life-changing opportunities and outcomes."

Additional information about the Hudson County Community College EOF Program may be obtained by contacting the HCCC Center for Academic & Student Success at (201) 360-4180, or emailing eof@hccc.edu.

National First-Generation College Celebration Day

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) program held a celebration in honor of the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965, a federal law that created programs to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and al-



Dr. Chris Reber, President of Hudson County Community College, delivers remarks and congratulated Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) students, alumni and staff on the 50th Anniversary of the program's national founding.



Brett Pulliam, President of the Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) Professional Society of New Jersey, presents Hudson County Community College with a New Jersey Senate Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the national founding of EOF.

lowed many low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities to attend college. Often, these students were the first in their families to do so. The event, celebrated nationally as First-Generation College Celebration Day, brought students, faculty, and staff to celebrate students and their accomplishments with the program.

HCCC MISSION INTEGRATION: ALIGNING YOUR PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION GOALS

This workshop will answer and discuss the following questions: Are you new to the College and want to learn about our Mission, Vision, and Values Statements? Would you like to learn about the connections between our Mission, Strategic Plan, and our accreditors' expectations and requirements?

Please join Dr. Eric Friedman on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave. (Building L), Room 427
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Presenter: Dr. Eric Friedman

Register online at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment> or send email to llwilliams@hccc.edu

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE presents
FALL THEATRE FESTIVAL
An Evening of Scenes, Monologues, and Song

Friday, December 14, 6 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center,
161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, 2nd Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306

FREE ADMISSION!!
For more information:
Contact Joseph Gallo, Theater Arts Coordinator at jgallo@hccc.edu

**HUDSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Members of the Student Affairs Division proudly display their artworks, created during a painting session at a Professional Development Day on Oct. 26.

The Student Affairs Division held its Fall Professional Development Day on Friday, October 26. The team started the day with a painting session. For some, this was relaxing and for others, very intense. Everyone had a great time and took their masterpieces back to their homes or offices. In the afternoon, the team received training on the following topics: Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG), Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), Caseload Advisement Model, Campus Food Pantry, and Student Activities "Involved" software. Finally, there were breakout sessions on the topics of enrollment events, streamlining the registration process, and the new vision for the Career Services department. It was a great day of team building and knowledge sharing!

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE



The Division of Academic Development & Support Services and Student Services Division answer attendees' inquiries at the North Hudson Campus Open House on Nov. 17.



Students obtain information from the Educational Opportunity Fund and Financial Aid departments at the Nov. 17 Open House.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, Hudson County Community College held a semiannual Open House at its North Hudson Campus in Union City. This event marked the largest Open House attendance at the NHC since its opening in 2011.

Prospective students and their families received a tour of the facility and were able to ask questions of various departments and divisions. Those who applied on the spot had their application fee waived.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at: www.hccc.edu/testschedule.

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEWS



The Office of Student Financial Assistance celebrated National Financial Aid Day (Wednesday, Oct. 17) by launching FAFSA Completion Workshops. The workshops assist students and parents in completing the FAFSA online and will be held through February on both campuses.

FAFSA Completion Days

On Oct. 17, the Office of Student Financial Assistance celebrated National Financial Aid Day, a special day to celebrate and recognize the contribution of all financial aid professionals across the United States for helping students make their college-going dreams a reality. Doing something special we began with a series of FAFSA Completion Workshops hosted in our own computer lab. The event was a hands-on workshop to help students and parents complete the FAFSA online with free and expert assistance. Invitations sent to all Hudson County high school guidance counselors and HCCC students to give them a jump-start on planning how to fund their education for the next year and provide information on the new free tuition grant (CCOG). FAFSA Completion Wednesdays with Free Food, Free FAFSA, and Free Tuition theme will continue through February. Dates to remember are Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13 at the Journal Square Campus and Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 9, 23, and Feb. 6 at the North Hudson Campus. Look for more information on the MyHudson portal.

Real Money 101 Continues ...

The Office of Student Financial Assistance hosted two financial literacy events in October. The first was at the Journal Square Campus in the Gabert

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Hudson County Community College FREE TUITION Information Session



In partnership with the Mayor's Office, HCCC will hold an information session on the new Community College Opportunity Grant, which is a pilot program that gives eligible students the opportunity to attend HCCC tuition free.

This session is an opportunity to determine if you are eligible, learn about the enrollment process, get your questions answered, and more!

Admissions and Financial Aid representatives will be available on-site.

WEDNESDAY,
December 12, 2018
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Formal presentation to begin at 10 a.m. with informal Q&A session to follow. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information, please contact:
HCCC Community College Opportunity Grant Team
Phone: (201) 360-HCCC (4222)
Text: (201) 744-2767
Email: freetuition@hccc.edu



THE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT FUNDED NON-TRADITIONAL SPEAKER SERIES IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) STUDENTS

During the month of November the Grants Office held a series of events focused on traditional and non-traditional careers for students majoring in the CTE fields. The series was made possible by the Carl D. Perkins grant which seeks to promote Career and Technical Education (CTE for short) education and careers. Events held included both presentations by acknowledged experts in their fields and college alumni covering all aspects of CTE education offered at the College. This award is distributed at the state level to schools and colleges. Perkins funding to New Jersey's community colleges is based on the number of need-based, financial aid students who are matriculated in a NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) Perkins-eligible program, or who have completed an occupational/skill proficiency course in one of the College's approved programs. The Grants Office intends to devise and promote further events as part of its efforts to maximize the impact of the funds received.



Award winning White House chef Roland Mesnier speaks to a crowded room of culinary students and answers questions.



Artist Julie Heffernan discusses her life and work with Studio Arts students in a Nov. 8 discussion.



On Monday, Nov. 19, Hudson County Community College welcomed Chef Walter Staib (seated), an author, Emmy Award winning TV host, James Beard-nominated chef and culinary historian. Chef Staib is pictured with Culinary Arts Institute faculty.



Dr. Sirhan Abdullah discusses some of the barriers men face in a career (Medical Assisting) dominated by women on Nov. 27.

FINDING LABOR'S FUTURE IN ITS PAST



Philip Y. Nicholson, Ph.D. (center), State University of New York Distinguished Professor and Nassau Community College Professor Emeritus, and author of *Finding Labor's Future in Its Past: Historical Reflection on the Destiny of Productive Work in a Time of Uncertainty and Doubt*, presented a lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Pictured from his left is Daisy Baiza, Administrative Assistant, Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics Division; Jose Lowe, Director, Educational Opportunity Fund; Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative Assistant, Institutional Research & Planning; Dorothy Anderson, Instructor and Coordinator, History; Michael Ferlise, Instructor, Sociology/Social Sciences; and Patrick DelPiano, Fire Safety/Security Coordinator, Safety and Security.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, guest speaker Dr. Philip Y. Nicholson explored episodes from national labor history that shed light on current quandaries and setbacks experienced by most sectors of the U.S. work force in his lecture, "Finding Labor's Future in Its Past: Historical Reflections on the Destiny of Productive Work in a Time of Uncertainty and Doubt."

His discussion sought a better understanding of the place of labor in our current and future world through an examination of technology, political engagement, unionization, class and racial consciousness, education, and the formation of cultural identity.

Philip Y. Nicholson, Ph.D. is a State University of New York Distinguished Professor and Nassau Community College Professor Emeritus.

The conference was sponsored by the HCCC Professional Association, Hudson County Community College Support Staff Local 6026, and the Academic Administrative Association.

HUMAN SERVICES HOSTS LOCAL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Human Services program hosted six children from Jersey City's Public School No. 11 (Martin Luther King, Jr. School) with their teachers and one parent. The children are students from kindergarten through second grade with autism.

The Human Services students worked with the children on arts and crafts, decorating cupcakes, singing, and book reading. FLIK provided cupcakes for the children to decorate and supplies. The children read stories in the Clare Room and toured the kitchens at the Culinary Arts Institute to see the students learning.

The Culinary Arts Institute, the Office of Student Activities, and the Enrollment Services Department collaborated to provide items for the children to take home.

The program hopes to have the children visit again in the spring and for this event to occur every semester.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEWS

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Library on Oct. 3 with guest speaker Jennifer Short from HESAA presenting about Credit and Debt Management, including how to manage your debt and use credit cards wisely. The second on Oct. 31, in celebration of Halloween, in the Library, covered a new topic – Scholarships - learn sites to visit for various scholarships, how to simplify the application process and outline your essay. Guest speakers were Christine Petersen of the Financial Aid Department and Kathryn Buckley of the English Department. Over 40 guests attended both sessions. Treats provided to kick off the Halloween festivities. Our series continued on Nov. 14 with Entrepreneurship with Peter Cronrath, Business Department faculty, presenting.

NJASFAA Fall Forum

The New Jersey Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA) hosted a Fall Forum at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ

for the third year providing a full day of training. NJASFAA President Christine Petersen of HCCC's Financial Aid Department gave the opening welcome, NJASFAA Update, and introduction of our guest speaker from the U.S. Department of Education Ann Marie Weismann, who spoke on Federal Policy Update and Negotiated Rulemaking. Sylvia Mendoza, Executive Director of Financial Aid, attended. Following lunch Trainer Catherine Boscher-Murphy of Montclair State University Coordinated a session titled "Stay Calm and Compliance on-A Campus-Wide Effort! Panelists included Stephanie Fitzsimmons, Director of Financial Aid at Brookdale Community College; James Conlon, Executive Director of One-Stop Services, Rider University; Jonas Javier, EARMA President, Bursar, Monmouth University; Lisa Scott, Registrar, Rutgers University; and Steven Lambert, Assistant Director of University Admissions, New Jersey City University. Seventy members attended this very informative event.

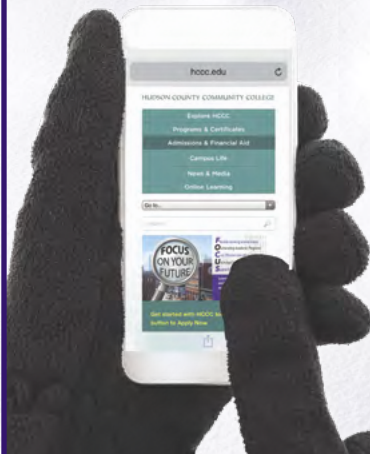
PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Nancy Saliba**, MA, RN, BC, CNE, College Lecturer, Nursing, on her 2018 Nurse Recognition Award. The award was presented by the New Jersey League for Nursing (NLN) at its Recognition Awards Gala on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Pines Manor in Edison.

College Lecturer Nancy Saliba (right) receives the 2018 Nurse Recognition Award from John Lanier, MS, RN, NE-BC, President of New Jersey League for Nursing, 2018-2020. (Photo courtesy of New Jersey League for Nursing)



HCCC WINTER ONE STOP: We "Glove" Registration



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Registration is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Testing is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free HCCC Touchscreen Gloves
for anyone who registers in-person
(while supplies last)

\$25 Application Fee Waived On-site

North Hudson Campus:
4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ
(adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)

Journal Square Campus:
70 Sip Ave., Jersey City, NJ
(right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

Apply, Test, and Register – All in One Day!



Ask about the new **Community College Opportunity Grant**, which allows eligible students to attend HCCC tuition-free!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are extremely proud to announce that our sponsor, Johnston Communications, is sponsoring the 2018-2019 Johnston Communications Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Academic Affairs division office through Linda Guastini at lguastini@hccc.edu.

This year's theme for the awards will be:

- 1. Creative Approaches to Teaching**
- 2. Experiential Learning**

Please identify where the nominated faculty member has demonstrated excellence in one of the themed areas and provide a 250-500 word summary that supports your nomination.

Note: You may nominate yourself. Nominees must have completed two full years of full-time teaching at the college.

Each award carries a \$2,000 recognition and the ceremony will coincide with College Service Day in January 2019. There will be one award in each category.

Nominations must be received and acknowledged by December 10, 2018.

An external judge will select the award recipients.

HCCC Alumni: Get involved!



For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 1

December: Remember to Study (English/Writing Skills), 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

Shopping Trip to the Mills at Jersey Gardens Outlets, Elizabeth. Bus departs from 71 Sip at 11 a.m. Student Ticket: \$10; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Sunday, December 2

HCCC Foundation West Hudson/North Arlington Casino Bus Trip to Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem. Bus will depart from Kearny Bank (614 Kearny Avenue, Kearny) at 9:30 a.m. Tickets \$55 per person.

Monday, December 3

College Visit: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Information session for Practical Nursing (LPN) Program, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue

Information session for Registered Nurse (RN) Program, 5 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue

Tuesday, December 4

Town Hall with President Reber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., First Floor

College Visit: Montclair State University, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, show time 8 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$55. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, December 5

Winter One Stop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (testing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Boulevard and 70 Sip Avenue

Bagels with the President, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day: Kean University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Managing Conflicts in the Classroom workshop, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 427

Honors Student Paper Presentation, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Follett Lounge

Yarn Art Yoga Academy knitting workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

College Visit: Stockton University, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus

HCCC Foundation Holiday Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, December 6

Professor Lisa Bellan-Boyer: Snowflakes 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue

Make Your Own Bath Balls, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Pizza with the President, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Student Lounge

Reception for dedication of artwork in memory of Pat Murphy, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave., Second Floor

Honors Poster/Project Showcase, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Scott Ring Room

College Visit: Rowan University, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Lobby

Yarn Art Yoga Academy knitting workshop, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, December 7

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Professional Development for Administrative Assistants workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Room 102

JC Fridays Artist Reception featuring Jill Schifter, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Fall Student Art Exhibition Reception & Alumni Gathering, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Psychology Club Trip to Albert Ellis Institute, 5:45 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/albert-ellis-institute-friday-night-live-tickets-52411539325>.

Induction ceremony for National Society of Leadership & Success, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room 304. To RSVP, please visit <https://nptnj-maincampusinfo.eventbrite.com>.

Saturday, December 8

December: Remember to Study (Math Skills), 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

Kids@Makerspace (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue

Monday, December 10

Leading and Managing Teams for Successful Outcomes workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Room 102

Signing of articulation agreement with New Jersey City University (BSN at HCCC), 3 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Fourth Floor

Fall Graduate Celebration, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Reserve at <https://hcccgrad2018.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, December 11

Last classes and/or final exams for Tuesday classes

Excel Advanced workshop, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 517

Stuff-A-Plush, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue

Laughter Yoga, 2:30 p.m. to 3:25 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Laughter Yoga, 5:15 p.m. to 6:10 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 427

Wednesday, December 12

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Community College Opportunity Grant Information Session, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City

HCCC Mission Integration: Aligning Your Program, Department and Division Goals workshop, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 427

Yarn Art Yoga Academy knitting workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Flipping the Classroom workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 416

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

Thursday, December 13

Adult Coloring, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Makerspace, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, December 14

Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. The Department of Cultural Affairs invites students, faculty, and community members to come enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee, Manhattan views on the roof terrace, and to tour the Student Art Exhibition.

Fall Student Art Exhibition: Student Presentation, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

HCCC Employee Holiday Reception, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center

Saturday, December 15 –

Wednesday, December 19

Last classes and/or final exams for all other classes (including LEAP and Off-Campus locations)

Saturday, December 15

Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 7 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$45. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Sunday, December 16

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, 5 p.m., Radio City Music Hall. Student Ticket: \$35; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$70. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, December 17

Yoga with Archivist Alexandra Plante, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, December 18

HCCC Student Government celebrates the Lights in Culinary Conference Plaza Park, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19

Administrative offices close at 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 21

College Closed – Given for Christmas

Monday, December 24 – Monday, December 31

College Closed for Winter Break

Wednesday, December 26

Last day to submit final grades

ALUMNI CORNER

Samuel P. Folledo

Class of 2017

Associate in Science, Computer Science



What factors led you to decide to attend Hudson County Community College?

In my senior year in high school, because of my illegal status, I was not sure if I was going to college at all. I recall receiving tons of letters and emails varying from sending my applications for free, acceptance to a couple of universities, to full scholarships, all of which I knew I could not really accept because of my status. One day, my school required every senior who had not decided and failed to submit the college they will be going to after graduation, to consider HCCC and to take a Placement Exam. I felt like skipping my classes so I took the exam. Since my Math score in SATs exceeded 600 points, I only had to take the English and Reading, which I very quickly finished and passed advanced. The proctors were surprised and told me that if I enroll, I could immediately register for Calculus 1 and English 101 in my first semester. So I inquired and ask how much the tuition is and if they are willing to accept a student with my status in HCCC, and to my surprise, full time tuitions are inexpensive and the Registrar's office were understanding enough to allow me to be a student. I was so excited that I immediately called my mom and we both agreed to do our best to save up as much as we can so I can start on the Spring semester of 2015. The rest was history.

What is your favorite memory of the College, in or out of the classroom?

Out of all the amazing memories I had in HCCC, my favorite memory had to be the two semesters I led the inactive Computer Science Club to the best club in college in my last two semesters in HCCC. As their President, my goal was to have my members get exposures to every branch of Computer Science, from IT repairs/troubleshooting, Robotics, Cyber Security, Database Management, to programming in Swift. We hosted a couple of events in HCCC and even went to an overnight Hackathon League event in Rutgers New Brunswick and NJIT as a club.

How did you become interested in Computer Science?

The first time I was asked which major or career I was interested in was in my freshman year of high school, and I said I wanted to be a Mathematician. As I was going through my high school years, I took different Arts and Computer Arts classes and I immediately realized projects I have created were beautiful and I enjoyed every single moment of it. As I was sitting down with a counselor, I asked myself, how can I combine both math which challenges my brain and arts which I enjoy creating? The answer is Computer Science!

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career/ life now?

I had to take a Computer Science Course on my first semester to see if this is something I really want to do. The moment I created a command and the computer printed it, I knew this is what I want to do. HCCC helped me prepare by not telling what not to do or what to do, but through looking very deeply in a small hole of a window they showed me what I can do. Through my first Computer Science course, I started seeing visions and hearing whispers on what I can potentially do. From then

on, the once non-studying, immature, and unmotivated me, became a hardworking leader, willing to take on any challenges in his path and exceeding expectations. Now, I remain studying and researching anything I can learn about Apple and other smart technologies in hope to soon create my own device.

What is a typical work day for you?

My typical work day revolves around improving my programming skills by taking online courses, improving my app's designs, and advertising and working on my small start-up business repairing, troubleshooting, and upgrading phones, laptops, computers, watches, or any broken device I can get my hands on.

What has been the most memorable project/ case you have worked on?

One of the most memorable project that the Computer Science Club and I worked on is an App we submitted in a Hackathon League Event in Rutgers New Brunswick. We created an Augmented Reality Pong Game using a very new, less than a year old Swift API called ARKit. The app uses the outside world as its environment. First the camera detects a flat surface and on as the user taps on the screen it will add the arena to the screen and the two paddles (player's paddle and opponent's paddle). On another screen tap, a ball will be launched, and the game begins where the user would have to personally shuffle their feet left and right in order to return the ball. Unfortunately, since we only had 24 hours to complete such a huge task we set for ourselves, we failed to finish it. However, we did more than enough to impress a couple of the judges and received a small gift from them. At the end of the day, we all went home more inspired to learn as this event showed us our weakness and areas we need to improve on.

Who are your biggest inspirations that have impacted your work in some way?

My biggest inspirations are God and my mom who believed and supported me financially. Now I want nothing but to buy her a house if not an island in the Philippines. My friends who I consider as family, and staffs and professors who guided me throughout my college years also played a role in keeping the fire alive inside me.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

My number one advice to recent HCCC graduates is to stay hungry. Desires define who you are but your hunger places where you need to be.

What advice do you have for those students who are just starting their college careers?

My advice for new college students is to be extra daring from the very beginning and stick to it. Everyone around you, including professors and classmates, dissects you on the first 8 seconds they see you. It is up to you if you want to stay quiet, be average, or have a jaw-dropping presence.

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