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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL 19TH ANNUAL 'HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA'



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Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Vice President for Development Joseph D. Sansone announced that the College's Foundation raised more than \$200,000 in its 19th Annual "Holiday Extravaganza." The largest and most festive of the Foundation's fundraisers was held on Thursday, December 1 in the College's Culinary

Conference Center. Proceeds from the event will be utilized for students' scholarships, faculty development programs, and the College's physical expansion.

This year's Distinguished Service Award – which recognizes individuals and organizations for their work on behalf

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MIDDLE STATES DECENNIAL SELF-STUDY

By Paula P. Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President, North Hudson Campus, and Student and Educational Services/HCCC Accreditation Liaison Officer

At the Fall 2016 Convocation, Hudson County Community College officially launched its Middle States decennial self-study process, part of the College's ongoing cycle of accreditation through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Librarian Ellen Renaud, and Criminal Justice Professor Cathie Perselay-Seidman were named co-chairs of the Steering Committee. Along with the Dean of Institutional Research & Planning, Dr. Jerry Trombella, the Co-Chairs attended the Self-Study Institute in Philadelphia, a two-day training program (by invitation only) for institutions at the start of their Self-Study.



Cathie Perselay-Seidman (left), Professor, Criminal Justice, and Ellen Renaud, Librarian, co-chairs of the Self-Study Steering Committee.

The remaining Steering Committee members, Co-Chairs for the Standards of Excellence, and committee members will comprise a broad cross-section of the campus community, including faculty, staff, and students. Ample opportunities for participation and feedback from all segments of the College community will be available throughout the process as well. A call for volunteers was put out in early January (Editor's Note: See related item on page 16), kicking off a two-year process that will culminate in the submission of HCCC's Self-Study report to the Commission in Fall 2018. The College will also host a visit from the Middle States Evaluation Team in Spring 2019. Progress on the Self-Study process will be communicated regularly to the College community, and will also be made available on the College's portal.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Save the Date – Spring Induction

The Spring Induction will take place on Sunday, May 7 at the Culinary Conference Center.

Recent Activities

On Nov. 19, Aminah Chaudhary, her daughters, Sakina and Zohra, Hugo Iglesias, Hawantu Kebbie, Gina Mangan, Jean Oyoue, National Society for Leadership and Success member Jailed Castro, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the 3rd Annual Turkey Trot and Food Drive in Hoboken. Food donations were given to the Hoboken Shelter.

Alumni News

Marco Ashamalla has been accepted to the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

Gloria Eslanislado, treasurer of the Beta Alpha Phi Alumni Association, participated in the ringing of the Nasdaq Stock Market opening bell on Wednesday, Dec. 28, as part of City Harvest, the world's first food rescue organization.

Recycle

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter is collecting books, printer cartridges and toners, and cell phones for recycling. If you would like to assist, please contact Prof. Ted Lai at tlai@hccc.edu.

America Needs You

America Needs You (ANY) is an American non-profit organization with headquarters in New York City. ANY pairs low-income college students, who are first in their family to go to college, with mentors. It provides professional development mentoring and job placement services to its clients.

The application for the 2017 Fellows Program is now open! For eligibility requirements and an application, please visit <https://www.americaneedsyou.org/fellow-application>. The application deadline is March 1, 2017.

STEM BUILDING UPDATE



The lobby of the STEM Building measures approximately 1,500 square feet. It features terrazzo floors, stone detail walls, and a coffered ceiling with light pockets.

Hudson County Community College's STEM Building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017. Its amenities will include six Computer Labs, as well as dedicated laboratories for Organic Chemistry; Science; Chemistry; Engineering; Microbiology; Electric (for computer technology and electronics engineering technology courses); Physics; Biology; and Histology. In addition, the labs will be equipped with emergency showers, secure clean rooms, and secure prep rooms.

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RSC Architects is conducting the architecture of the building. Please check College publications and the College website for further updates on this exciting project!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT HOSTS "THE 2016 ELECTION: A REFLECTION"



Students reflected on the 2016 presidential election during an open discussion.



Therapy Wall at 25 Journal Square.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, Hudson County Community College's Student Government Association sponsored "The 2016 Election: A Reflection" with Professors Dorothy Anderson and Antonio Acevedo facilitating a conversation with students. The conversation focused on topics such as how the students felt about the results of the election, the history and role of the Electoral College, and how students can get their opinions heard on the local and national level.

A "Therapy Wall" was created in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square, which is based in what is going on in the Union Square subway station, which is covered in Post-Its with different people expressing their feelings post-election.

IN MEMORIAM: PATRICIA "PAT" MURPHY

Hudson County Community College mourns the passing of Patricia (Pat) Murphy, Secretary, Nursing and Allied Health Division, on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016. Pat had been employed at the College since 1996. Pat was a champion for employees as a past President of the Support Staff Federation. She was a volunteer at the annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon. Pat's son, Robert Alvarez, is an adjunct instructor with the College.



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2017 WEBINARS

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.

- Thursday, January 26: Vision Boards: Creating the Life You Want (You've got the power to SHAPE YOUR FUTURE)
- Thursday, February 23: Improving Your Credit Score (You've got the power to SUM IT UP)
- Wednesday, March 22: Respecting Each Other at Work (You've got the power to WORK IT OUT)
- Wednesday, April 19: Strategies for Multi-Generational Caregiving (You've got the power to BRIDGE THE GAP)
- Thursday, May 18: Safe and Stress-Free Summer (You've got the power to KEEP YOUR COOL)
- Thursday, June 22: Turning Negatives into Positives (You've got the power to CHANGE YOUR TUNE)
- Wednesday, July 19: Preventing Burnout: A Balanced Life Check-Up (You've got the power to KEEP THE SPARK)
- Wednesday, August 23: Highs and Lows of Back to School (You've got the power to MAKE THE GRADE)
- Wednesday, September 20: What We Need to Know about Diabetes (You've got the power to KNOW YOUR NUMBERS)
- Wednesday, October 18: Eating through Celebration (You've got the power to TRIM THE FAT)
- Thursday, November 16: Holiday Budgeting (You've got the power to STAY ON TRACK)
- Thursday, December 21: Winter Wellness (You've got the power to WRAP IT UP)

MILESTONES

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

Five Years

Joseph Pascale

15 Years

Deseree McFarlane
Ferdinand Oroch
Coleen Piontkowskie
Angela Tuzzo

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

The Internal Revenue Service has published new standard mileage rates for business expenses. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2017, the standard mileage rate for the use of your personal vehicle for business travel will be 53.5 cents per mile for business miles driven in 2017, down slightly from 54 cents for 2016.

Please use this for completing travel expense reports when using your personal vehicle for college business-related travel during 2017. Note: This does not apply to your regular travel commute from home to work.

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Instructors - Spring 2017

Admissions Advisor (2 Positions)

Admissions Recruiter

Assistant Director, Recruiting

Assistant Vice President for Development

Career Development Advisor (Part-Time)

College Lecturer, Academic Foundations - English

College Lecturer, Health Sciences

College Lecturer, STEM

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Customer Service Assistant (Part-Time, 2 Positions)

Enrollment Support Assistant (Part-Time)

Executive Director (Center for Online Learning)

HR Office Assistant (Part-Time)

Instructor, Cooperating Basic Math For Transitional Program (Part-Time)

Instructor, Supply Chain Management (Part-Time)

Instructor of Computer Science

Job Developer (US DOL TAACCCT Grant Funded Position)

PC Technicians (2 positions)

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

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
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.njherc.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.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Hudson County Community College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, is a free, confidential service that is available to all employees, as well as their household and family members. E4Health provides assistance with a variety of topics, including:

- Anxiety, depression, relationships, substance use, and domestic violence
- Child care, eldercare, and pet care
- Financial and legal concerns
- Everyday household matters
- Health and wellness

E4Health's professional counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer immediate telephonic support as well as referrals to local

counselors and other resources. Simply call the toll-free, confidential helpline at (800) 227-2195 to access any of the above services. Your call will always be answered by a live, Master's-level counselor.

There is an array of services and the monthly webinars that will be available to you. You will be able to access January's webinar, Eating Right for Life, from E4's archives once you log in and create your profile.

You and your family members also have access to LifeScope's comprehensive website: www.HelloE4.com (Username: hccc; Password: guest). The website offers valuable information, assessment

tools, links, and resources in the areas of Family & Caregiving, Emotional Well-Being, Daily Living, and Health & Wellness.

Why wait? Call the E4Health helpline or visit the website today and take advantage of all of the resources it provides.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Vivyen Ray at vray@hccc.edu (201) 360-4073 or Iris Herrador at iherrador@hccc.edu or (201)360-4072.

INTRODUCING ...



MICHAEL CARCHIA, COUNSELOR

Michael graduated from Caldwell University with a B.A. in Psychology and immediately went into his graduate work at Montclair State University, pursuing a M.A. in Counseling with a Higher Education/Student Affairs concentration. While doing his graduate work, he interned both at Caldwell University and Bloomfield College in their Career Development offices, where he received hands-on experience with career

counseling and academic advising. In those internships, he frequently worked with student resumes, assisted students with choosing a major and aided in job searching techniques.

Michael is very excited to continue his work at Hudson County Community College as a Counselor, where he will be providing academic advisement, assistance with registration, and also teaching sections of College Student Success, where he will help new students orient themselves to college life.



TIEKA HARRIS, DIRECTOR, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM

Tieka has a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Education from Rutgers University – New Brunswick, and is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Education from there as well.

Prior to joining Hudson County Community College, she was the coordinator of undergraduate student services at the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers – New Brunswick. Tieka comes to HCCC with over 15 years of experience working with students, including as a high school English teacher, a college writing instructor, an out-of-school time program director at a non-profit in Baltimore, and an advisor for adult students at Centenary College, as well as EOF students at The College of New Jersey.

As Director, Tieka is responsible for developing short-term and long-term strategic planning initiatives for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, and overseeing overall EOF Program operations to ensure students receive academic and financial support to pursue their educational goals.

Stay Connect-ED with HCCC!

Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice messaging system in the event of a crisis or emergency. Connect-ED is HCCC's response to a federal law which requires disclosure of pertinent information about campus crime and security. The system will allow the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email, and/or text message.

Both HCCC students and employees have been automatically registered in the emergency-alert system and will receive alerts to their HCCC email accounts unless they opt out. Users are encouraged to access the College's website, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register additional contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers. HCCC will provide this emergency service free of charge to students and employees – there is no charge to sign up. However, mobile service providers may charge a fee for incoming messages depending on an individual's plan. Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be shared.

For information about Connect-ED, visit www.hccc.edu/emergency. Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!



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of the College and the people of Hudson County – was presented to:

- James A. Fife, Mayor of Harrison, NJ and HCCC Trustee Emeritus. Mr. Fife has a distinguished 28-year career in education, having served as a teacher, guidance counselor, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Principal of Harrison High School. He has served on the boards of Hudson County Schools of Technology, Harrison Board of Education, Harrison Housing Authority, Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees (where he is now Trustee Emeritus), Pioneer Boys Scholarship Committee, and Harrison Redevelopment Agency. In 2014, Mr. Fife became the seventh Mayor of Harrison and was elected to a four-year term.

- Joseph M. Napolitano, Sr. Mr. Napolitano is a lifelong resident of Jersey City, U.S. Army veteran, musician, and songwriter who taught at Snyder High School, Louie DelMonte and Master School of Music, and who was the owner/proprietor of Jacob's Deli. He has served on the boards of the Jersey City Recreation Foundation, Pershing Field Babe Ruth League, Jerramiah T. Healy Charitable Foundation, Rotary Club Jersey City-Daybreak, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County, Jersey City Heights Civic Association, and Secretary of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors. He was also a recipient of the 2015 Hudson County Community College Heritage Award.

The 2016 "Holiday Extravaganza" theme was "A Gala Dining Experience." Attendees toured the College's Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) program kitchens, where they savored a choice of more than 40 small plates that are representative of cuisine from around the world. The hors d'oeuvres, main dishes, side dishes,



and desserts were all prepared by the HCCC CAI chefs/instructors.

Mr. Sansone said that the Foundation posted another successful year for the annual "Lucky Odds" raffle. The "Lucky Odds" Grand Prize, Second Prize and Third Prize winners received 40%, 6%, and 4% respectively of the raffle ticket sales.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided nearly \$3 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 students.

In addition, the HCCC Foundation established the Foundation Art Collection eight years ago to coincide with the initiation of the College's Fine Arts studies program. Presently, the Collection includes more than 800 paintings, lithographs, photographs, sculptures, and other works-of-art that are displayed throughout all of the buildings on the College's Journal Square and North Hudson campuses. Artists in the Collection include: Donald Baechler, Leonard Baskin, Elizabeth Catlett, Christo, Willie Cole, Edward S. Curtis, Marcel Duchamp, Lisa Parker Hyatt, Rockwell Kent, Joseph Kosuth, Valeri Larko, Roy Lichtenstein, Reginald Marsh, Méret Oppenheim, Robert Rauschenberg, Man Ray, Mickalene Thomas, and William Wegman. The Foundation also hosts a series of lectures called "Arts Talk," which feature prominent artists, art authorities, and scholars, and is open to the general public.

The HCCC Foundation's Board of Directors also organizes and holds an annual Golf Outing, "Night at the Races," and the HCCC Employees' Scholarship Luncheon. There are other events held throughout the year to build scholarship funds for students specifically from Hudson County's northern and western municipalities.

HCCC FOUNDATION HOSTS CASINO BUS TRIP



Pictured top left Philip Johnston and Jose Torres after a big day of shopping.



Top Right Event Chair James Doran thanking the bus driver.

Lower right Joe and Vi Abello heading home with their winnings.



On Sunday, Dec. 4, the Hudson County Community College Foundation hosted a bus trip to the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, Pa. The trip raised more than \$3,000.

IN THE CLUB



On Friday, Dec. 2, members of the Psychology Club and of Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology, ventured across the river to the Albert Ellis Institute. Accompanied by their advisor, Prof. Salvador Cuelar, the group witnessed a demonstration and participated in a live therapy session with a resident therapist trained in Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy. According to students, it was a unique opportunity to see a "no-holds-barred" unscripted therapy session.

The Criminal Justice Club completed a week-long Christmas Canned Food Drive from December 9 until December 15. The club members donated the food to Saint Joseph's Church in Jersey City.

The Human Services Club participated in a clothing drive for the Christmas holiday season.

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.



Lewis Lanza Rudolph, *She Shadow*, 1998. Oil on Board. Thank you to Bruce and Denise Ecenroad for the generous donation of this work.



Lewis Lanza Rudolph, *Untitled (Geometric Lines)*, 1980s. Oil on Board. Thank you to Bruce and Denise Ecenroad for the generous donation of this work.



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Artist News

If you like **Fairfield Porter's** work, you can see his lithograph, *Apple Blossoms II* in the reception area of 218 E Building, the Culinary Conference Center. In a *Hyperallergic* article about a recent exhibit, *Fairfield Porter: Things as They Are*, at Tibor de Nagy Gallery in New York City, the author quotes artist Porter saying, "Love is paying attention."

The HCCC Foundation Art Collection's work by **Robert Rauschenberg**, *Statue of Liberty*, is slated for installation in the new STEM Building later this year. In the meantime, one of Rauschenberg's most famous works, *Monogram* (1955-59), is travelling from its permanent home in Stockholm, Sweden, to

the Tate Museum in London for an exhibit. For those of you unfamiliar with the work, it is made up of a real stuffed Angora goat, whose face is hand painted. The goat has a tire around its middle, and it is standing on a painting. The curators had concerns about the goat's condition. How do you care for a sculpture that includes a taxidermy goat? When the artist first acquired the goat, he spent hours using dog shampoo to clean its coat. More recently, *Monogram* underwent tests including digital radiography and x-ray fluorescence to determine its state of health. *Monogram* was found to be sturdy enough to make the trip. Why all the fuss? In a recent *Art Newspaper* article, Achim Borchardt-Hume, the director of exhibitions at London's Tate, says, "It's hard to resist the charm

of the goat." If you're interested in seeing this work, the show will travel to the Museum of Modern Art, New York, 21 May-17 September 2017.

Bill Scott, whose print *Canary* is installed on the lower level of 119 Newkirk Street (Building I), had a recent show, "Bill Scott: A Beautiful Afternoon" at the Cerulean Gallery in Philadelphia. In an interview, when asked about the imagery in his work, Scott said, "I am not so removed from the world that I think it is pleasant out there. I think it is close to awful. We are walking towards extinction. So, why wouldn't I paint the Garden of Eden or something pleasurable? What am I going to gain, spiritually or emotionally, from painting something miserable?"

HCCC FALL THEATRE FESTIVAL: DECEMBER 16, 2016



Theatre Arts Coordinator Joseph Gallo extends greetings to the event's attendees.



Marybel Clifford performs a scene from "Papo Chibirico" by Migdalia Cruz.



Nehemiah McKenzie (left) and George Pauljohn perform "The Motherf***er with the Hat" by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

BROADWAY COMES TO HCCC



On December 2 Jeff Barry discussed combat acting to a group of students, and how to add validity to a combat scene.



Broadway performer Catherine Walker introduces Eliseo Roman to a crowd of students, and sheds light onto the history of their friendship. Career on Nov 8.



Eliseo Roman talking to students about Broadway, as well as his history in the industry and his current role in On Your Feet.

FIRST FRIDAY SAMPLINGS



Students create Christmas ornaments in the crafts room.



Faculty, students, and members of the community socialize and sample various holiday foods and drinks.

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWS

On Friday, Dec. 9, Prof. Antonio Acevedo chaperoned a group of seven Hudson County Community College students via the Honors Student Council to Columbia University, where an admissions officer at the School of General Studies presented a workshop on what Columbia offers to prospective students. He also offered tips for HCCC students in their application processes to four-year schools. Then, one of the GS students gave the group a one-hour tour of the Columbia campus.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, Prof. Dorothy Anderson and Prof. Acevedo facilitated a post-election discussion called "What Now?" for the HCCC Student Government Association. (Editor's Note: Please see related item on page 2)

On Friday, Jan. 6, Prof. Acevedo will be presenting on a panel at the largest national conference for the history profession, the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. The panel will center on teaching history at the two-year college level.

DIVISION OF NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Holiday Marketplace: NTP Dean Ana Chapman-McCausland with Hudson County Freeholder, Anthony Romano, at the HCCC Holiday Marketplace on Dec. 10.



Friday Samplings: Scenes from the NTP and Cultural Affairs Holiday Crafts event at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery on Dec. 2.



Chef Courtney Payne (right) and members of the Culinary Club serving hot cocoa and apple cider at the HCCC Holiday Marketplace.



Musician Alex Tea, from Jersey City-based band Kiwi, performing at the HCCC Holiday Marketplace.



Scenes from the HCCC Holiday Marketplace on Dec. 10, 2016 at the Culinary Conference Center.

Division-wide Events

Hudson County Community College's first annual Holiday Marketplace took place on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Culinary Conference Center. The two-floor Winter Wonderland shopping and entertainment event showcased 80 vendors, live music, a cultural corner featuring displays on various holidays and customs, a special young entrepreneur section, Selfies with Santa, a scavenger hunt, and more festivities. The Student Government Association was on hand to collect clothes and toys for the needy, and the Culinary Club served attendees homemade hot cocoa and apple cider. Musician Alex Tea, of the Jersey City-based band Kiwi, performed in the main hall. Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, played Santa for the day. Over 600 shoppers were in attendance.

NTP hosted an "Hour of Code" Lunch & Learn on Dec. 16 with analysts from Accenture Security. Meridangela Gutierrez Zhong and Arielle Zwang

presented the history and future of computer science and led participants in enjoyable, educational coding activities. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code," to show that anyone can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with one-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts.

On Dec. 2, the Division of Non-Traditional Programs and Department of Cultural Affairs partnered together to host a holiday crafting event at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery. Adults and children throughout Hudson County were invited to create ornaments, origami crafts, and holiday décor that they took home with them. The event was part of the Gallery's sampling program and coincided with the HCCC Art Fall Preview exhibition.



Scenes from the HCCC Holiday Marketplace on Dec. 10, 2016 at the Culinary Conference Center.

DIVISION OF NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Pictured from left: Tammy Hunter; Ana Chapman-McCausland, Dean of Non-Traditional Programs; Lisa Duddy; Dr. Shelia Dynan, Director of Health Related Programs; Catherine Sirangelo-Elbadawy, Associate Dean, Nursing & Health Sciences; Catherina Mirasol; Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction/Science; and Sean Kerwick at the ribbon cutting for the new Health Skills Lab on Dec. 16.



The finished Health Skills Lab located at the Cundari Center.

Center for Business & Industry

On Dec. 16, HCCC officially opened a new Health Skills Lab in the College's Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Avenue. The new lab is the result of a TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training) grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and is a collaboration between the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences, Center for Business and Industry, and Community Education. The grant provides community colleges and other institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training

under the TAA for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.

An existing classroom in the Cundari Building, which also houses the HCCC Nursing Program, was renovated to expand the ability to offer training, improve access to career pathways, and introduce new technology to the expanded student population.

The grant also funded the development of two new programs: Electrocardiography (EKG) Technician and Phlebotomy Technician, increasing the number of health care programs that are delivered entirely

in-house. Certified Nursing and Licensed Practical Nursing programs are also offered under this grant.

The work addressed plumbing, electrical, storage, and emergency requirements not found in a traditional classroom. Sinks, cabinetry, and code-compliant electrical services were installed, and appropriate furnishings and equipment were put into place.

For more information on the occupation educational offerings at HCCC as part of the TAA for Workers program, please email Catherina Mirasol at cmirasol@hccc.edu.

GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Students from four schools (Hudson County Community College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New Jersey City University, and Saint Peter's University) convened for the second time as part of the Goldman Sachs College Collaborative at downtown Jersey City Goldman Sachs location, 30 Hudson St.

The group heard from Anthony Camarata Jr. Managing Director of Corporate Services and Real Estate, who spoke about Goldman Sachs, and Dino Fusco, Global Head of Corporate Services and Real Estate, who engaged the group with his personal journey to Goldman Sachs.

Students then met with their personal Goldman Sachs Mentors, and discussed the case study assigned to their group.

HCCC student Selena Bonilla said regarding the experience: "I went in thinking they were all above me and unreachable, because when I thought of Goldman Sachs, I used to get a sense of rigidity and an atmosphere not open to allowing

new things and ideas except what was routine. That changed when the speakers spoke about their backgrounds and how they came to be employees at Goldman Sachs, who favor diversity in the workplace, their ambition with a bit of luck shown through the stories they told. And I realized they were just like you and me, everyday extraordinary people with potential that others could easily see."

Also in attendance were Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Support Services, Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts, and Marc Mittleman (Instructor, Business) representing the spearheading team and selection committee for the HCCC Pod.

For further information please contact Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development, at asaini@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4184, Journal Square, 70 Sip Avenue (Building A) – Third Floor.



Hudson County Community College-Goldman Sachs Pod members with Goldman Sachs Mentor Robby Mangroo, Vice President, Compliance, and Aparna Saini, HCCC representative in Goldman Sachs headquarters, Jersey City, 30 Hudson St.



Hudson County Community College students discuss their case study with GS Mentor Robby Mangroo, Vice President, Compliance.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) COMMITTEE

The mission of the Hudson County Community College Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to protect the welfare of human subject participants by compliance with the federal regulations governing the protection of human subjects, and facilitating the research efforts of HCCC faculty, students, and staff.

The IRB shall have at least five members, with varying backgrounds to promote complete an adequate review of research activities commonly conducted by the institution. All members are appointed by the President. The Dean of the Office of Institutional Research & Planning chairs the IRB committee. The IRB shall be sufficiently qualified through the experience and expertise of its members, and the diversity of the members, including consideration of race, gender, and cultural backgrounds and sensitivity to such issues as community attitudes, to promote respect for its advice and counsel in safeguarding the rights and welfare of human subjects. The IRB Committee for Academic Year 2016-2017 has five active members.

The IRB Committee membership is as follows:

- Nancy Booth, Ph.D., Professor, ESL
- Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Division of Academic Development and Student Support
- Jerry Lamb, Ph.D., Instructor, Criminal Justice
- Jeannette Lim, Research Coordinator, Office of Institutional Research & Planning
- Jerry Trombella, Ph.D., Dean, Office of Institutional Research & Planning

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS TAKES TOUR OF MILL CREEK MARSH TRAILHEAD



Hugh Carola explains how the Mill Creek Marsh Trail was preserved in the face of a proposed real estate development.

On Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, Professor James Solomon's Introduction to Environmental Science class took a field trip to the Mill Creek Marsh Trail in Secaucus. Once the site of a proposed development, the trail meanders through the ecologically complex Meadowlands ecosystem. Guided by Hugh Carola of the Hacken-

sack Riverkeepers, the students learned about the importance of wetlands ecosystems, including the significant reduction of flood waters during Hurricane Sandy. Students spotted a peregrine falcon on the trail as well as learning about the recovery of native plants in the protected area.



Student Joseph Segriff uses binoculars to spot a peregrine falcon.

FALL 2016 LEARNING COMMUNITY DAY



Presentation at Learning Community Day, pictured from left: LC students Carlos Fernandez, Geraldine Araque, Maria Aguilar, Kersey Castro, and Gabriella Sanchez.

The Poster Presentation titled "Black Swan" was selected the Best Poster by the attendees at the Fall 2016 Learning Community Day, during the Poster Session that showcased LC Students' best work from their LC classes. The winners were from the ESL Learning Community, which links ESL Reading IV and the college level course, Introduction to Psychology. The students completed this poster as a part of the research project focusing on "Finding Psychology in Movies," for their Psychology class. The winners of the Best Poster received tickets to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. The LC students were excited that they won the Best Poster award, and they felt thrilled when they visited Radio City Music Hall.



Learning Community student winners enjoying their prize at the Radio City Music Hall.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SPEAKER SERIES: FOUNDER AND CEO, LILI KONG



Lili Kong, Founder and CEO of Talent and Career Management, speaks to HCCC students and faculty.

Lili Kong, former HSBC Bank Chief Risk and Administrative Officer for Global Commercial Banking Finance, spoke with students and faculty on Dec. 8, 2016. With well over a decade of experience in the financial sector, Mrs. Kong spoke candidly about her personal journey from choosing areas of study, obtaining positions of increasing responsibility, and her newest endeavors that include multiple commitments to community outreach.

Currently, as the Founder and CEO of Talent and Career Management, a consulting firm that is devoted to career preparation and management



Lili Kong (foreground, in dark suit) with members of the audience following her Dec. 8 presentation.

for women and minorities, Mrs. Kong has been providing outreach to college students about their job search, personal development, and network building.

Ms. Kong emphasized the importance of following one's passion creatively, having an understanding of current market trends, staying curious and passionate about one's field, building a brand, and maintaining a strong network.

Student Alexander Cid asked, "What are some things that students should do while they are still in school to help them be more successful?" Ms.

Kong reiterated the importance of networking and getting involved in community outreach and professional development opportunities. "Just show up!"-- A sentiment well understood by those in lucky to be in attendance.

To learn about future events featuring community speakers, networking opportunities, job seeking, and much more, please visit the Career Development Center at 70 Sip Ave, Third Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306. We can also be reached at (201) 360-4184 and career@live.hccc.edu.

DIVERSITY: HCCC'S PREMIER LITERARY EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL WRITING

by Joseph Patrick Pascale

Imagine you've been invited to a literary celebration at a premier event space in the most diverse city in America. A curated selection of writers from around the world have been invited to read their recently published works in person. What you're imagining is the reality of the *Diversity* publication celebration.

This most recent event on Nov. 9, 2016, gathered students, faculty, and staff in the Culinary Conference Center to share and enjoy the written word. It was an atmosphere of encouragement and excitement as the magazine was distributed and students began to read their works.

Everyone was given a copy of the beautiful new issue, and flipping through the magazine, it is exciting to see that the Level 0 and 1 students—those who have just arrived in the country and started the journey to learn English—are given first billing at the start of the publication. Their writing is captivating. It is amazing to see where a universal sense of the poetic has been carried over into their fledgling writings in English. For instance, consider this moment that describes a "ship cruise from Bayonne to Alaska for one week" by Achraf Ishiek, a Level 0 student:

We saw the white bears. We took photos of the white bears. It was very nice sightseeing because everything was in white color.



Students, faculty, staff, and administrators gathered on Nov. 9 for the publication premiere of the 27th edition of *Diversity*, a literary magazine compiling written work by HCCC's ESL students.

Poets work for years to create such evocative, simple prose. And the essay ends with a thoughtful and relevant reflection on human adaptability by way of the Inuit people Ishiek met, who "live in a cave built from snow and ice."

We learned how people adjust themselves to live in a very bad weather and how they communicate with the mother earth.

Ishiek's writing is exemplary of the wisdom and experience that drips through the words of these students. A piece on a deceptively simple

topic like a favorite color by Nairobi Guzman, a Level 1 student, includes these lines:

The color blue makes me happy. It reminds me of the blue sky when there are no clouds, and no pollution. This color is special to me because it represents my brother's grave, who died nine years ago. I was one of the people who decided that it should be painted blue.

The entire piece is contemplative, and leads the reader to consider the impact a color can have:

CULINARY BLUE RIBBON RECEPTION



Pictured from left: Sharon Moise, Secretary, Business, Culinary Arts, & Hospitality Management Division; Ara Karakashian, Assistant Professor, Culinary Arts; and Sami Khouzham, Professor, Culinary Arts. The Reception was the closing event for the Blue Ribbon Committee and its report has been finalized.



Pictured from left: Jeanne Cretella, owner/partner of Landmark Hospitality; Sandra Bleckman, Director of the New Jersey Talent Network for Retail, Hospitality and Tourism.; and Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management Division.

NEW JERSEY RESTAURANT & HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS GOLD PLATE AWARD TO HCCC ASSOCIATE DEAN PAUL DILLON

On Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, the New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association (NJRSA) presented the Gold Plate Award to Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division at Hudson County Community College, at its 36th Annual Gala. The award was given for Dillon's longtime excellence in the career and his service over the years to the NJRSA.

Dean Paul Dillon has more than 40 years of experience in the food service industry. Prior to being named Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management in 2012, he was the Executive Director of HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute, where he taught for 23 years before transitioning into an administrative role in 2008.

For his work on "Let's Cook," Dillon received three Emmy Award nominations in the best host category on The Comcast Network, on which he also

served as executive producer from 1995 to 2007. He won an Emmy Award in 2005 and a total of eight Telly Awards.

Dillon's vast experience encompasses serving as executive or consulting chef on state, national and international levels, and for public and corporate clients. Dillon earned a bachelor's degree in Applied Science Hospitality Management from Florida International University.

Paul C. Dillon, Associate Dean of Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management at Hudson County Community College, accepts the Gold Plate Award presented by the New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association on Nov. 28, 2016. (Photo courtesy of Jay Seth Photography)



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WEEK



From Dec. 5 to Dec. 12, 2016, Hudson County Community College's student clubs and organizations hosted a week of "Giving Back to the Community" open to all faculty, staff, and students in exchange for a winter item, toy, or canned food.

Here, the clubs and Student Government Association collected clothing and other items for winter. Special thanks is extended to the College Bookstore for donating scarves and other items.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Fall 2016 3D Design students tour Glassworks in Newark with their instructor, Jason Minami.



Vivyen Ray, Chief Human Resources Officer



Elana Winslow at the Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon, where she ran a 10K.

Hudson County Community College students taking Three-Dimensional Design in Fall 2016 visited Glassworks in Newark with their instructor, **Jason Minami**. Minami, who runs Glassworks, gave the students a tour and performed a glass blowing demonstration. Students were then able to work with glass.

Vivyen Ray, Chief Human Resources Officer, has completed several certifications: "SHRM Senior Certified Professional" with the Society for Human Resource Management; "Title IX and Civil Rights Investigator" with D. Stafford and Associates; and "Workplace Mediator" with the Media-

tion Training Institute, Eckerd College.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, **Elana Winslow** (Instructor, Business) ran a 10K in the Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon on the Las Vegas Strip. She ran with Team Lifeline to benefit Chai Lifeline, whose programs offer emotional, social, psychological, and financial assistance to families living with pediatric illness or loss. Winslow raised over \$6,500 for the event. To learn more about the organization, or to make a donation, please visit <https://www.teamlifeline.org/Vegas/elanawinslow>.



SPRING 2017 START-UP EVENTS

Professional Development Days

The Future of Community Colleges

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

College Service Day

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Keynote Speaker:
Daniel J. Phelan, Ph.D., President/
CEO of Jackson College
A number of workshops organized around
the theme, "The Future of Community Colleges"
Presentation of the Johnston Communications
Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

All-College Faculty Orientation

4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Enjoy workshops, divisional meetings and dinner.
Orientation for all full- and part-time faculty,
deans, directors, coordinators, counselors,
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FROM HCCC NURSING STUDENT TO HCCC NURSING FACULTY: 2003 GRADUATE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NURSING

By John Marlin, Ph.D.,
Dean of Instruction/Science

Students look forward to coming to one nursing instructor's classes because they've learned to "never know what to expect." Sharon Mirante graduated from Hudson County Community College and the Christ Hospital School of Nursing in 2003, and now is back with the HCCC Nursing Program and School of Nursing as a faculty member. And when she joined the faculty, she felt like she came back home.

Mirante sees her work as a nurse educator as a calling, and with the projected shortage in both nurses and nurse educators due to retirements and other trends, she believes she can make a difference in a vital profession. She sees her work at HCCC as "giving back," a value she thinks every nurse should hold.

Mirante's first thought as a faculty member is, "What can I do to help the student be successful?" What she loves most about the classroom are what she calls "aha" moments, where students show that they now understand a complex concept, and therefore her teaching involves innovative, student-centered activities.

Rather than lectures, she holds what she calls "brain sessions," and instead of teaching "critical thinking," she focuses on "clinical reasoning." She uses a variety of patient simulations and case

studies to help lead the students, through a Socratic dialogue, to discover key nursing concepts.

Students in her classes will study and discuss case information about hypothetical patients and then make nursing decisions, which leads to instructor and computer-generated feedback. Students then explore other choices they might have made and discuss the possible outcomes.

The point, Mirante said, is that "students learn from mistakes on someone who is not a 'real person.'"

Mirante draws from her experience and education as a nurse and in other fields. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and her Master of Science in Nursing, with a specialty in nursing education, from Phoenix University. She worked as a Community Health Nurse in settings involving home care, coordinating the work of specialists in various therapies, geriatrics, or pediatrics as the case required.

She also worked as a nurse educator and in corporate education while living in Florida. The faculty and staff function as a "close family," Mirante said as she described her delight at returning to HCCC. Faculty work closely together supporting and guiding each other, and are totally committed to helping students succeed. Mirante particularly values the mentoring relationships she develops both with students and her col-



Sharon Mirante (top right) works with nursing students in a labor and delivery simulator.

leagues. "It takes a special person to be a nurse," she said, and she strives to coax those special qualities out of each student.

Mirante credits her parents, who emigrated from Puerto Rico in the 1970s, with teaching her the key values of nursing, to include "community, love, paying it forward, and giving back." She emphasizes these with her students by encouraging them to remain persistent and to realize that nursing is the "only career where you can see the difference you make in someone's life" by bringing them comfort and wellness.

And this is what Mirante prizes about nursing: "It's not just a business: it's a calling. It has to stay true to its traditions."

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HCCC Announces New Class Term

SPRING 2017 - 12-WEEK QUICK TERM COURSE OFFERINGS

Each class meets for 12 weeks. This a great option for students who cannot commit to a 15-week term or a motivated learner who prefers a fast-paced format.

**Classes begin on February 10, 2017
Add-Drop ends on February 17, 2017**

Course Title	Course ID	Course Title	Course ID
BIO-111	Anatomy and Physiology I	HUM-101	Cultures and Values
CSC-100	Introduction to Computers & Computing	HIS-210	History of Western Civilization I
CSS-100	College Student Success	MAT-071	Basic Mathematics
ECO-201	Principles of Macroeconomics	MAT-073/MAT-070	Basic Algebra/ Basic Algebra Workshop
ENG-072/RDG-072	Basic Writing II/Basic Reading II	MAT-100	College Algebra
ENG-073/RDG 073	Basic Writing III/ Basic Reading II	PSY-101	Introduction to Psychology
ENG-101	College Composition I	SOC-101	Principles of Sociology
ENG-102	College Composition II		
ENG-112	Speech		
ESL-020 / ESL 030	Introduction to ESL Writing / Introduction to Grammar for Writing		
ESL-022/ESL-032	ESL Writing II/ ESL Grammar for Writing II		
ESL-042/ESL-062	ESL Reading II/ ESL Academic Discussion II		



EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF FACULTY & STAFF DEVELOPMENT



The 3rd Annual Adjunct Appreciation Night was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, where over 40 Adjunct Faculty Members and others staff members came together to share stories about the semester with other faculty, deans and Hudson County Community College leadership.



The presenter pictured above was conducting a workshop entitled "The Power of Positive Thinking". A group of HCCC Faculty & Staff learned how to effectively use positive affirmations to harness the power of positive thinking every day.



On Friday, December 9, a group of Faculty & Staff, Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Constance Caladrino, Aniesa Atiyyeh, Jenny Henriquez, and Lilisa Williams, attended the Teaching and Learning Conference at Middlesex County College hosted by the Center for Student Success. Pete Watkins from Temple University was the workshop leader.

HCCC's Faculty and Staff attended the training on "Emotional Intelligence" which was conducted by Charles Priola of e4Health. The hour-long training touched on how to manage one's emotions at work and home. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and get feedback about real-life situations.



HCCC VISITS DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



On Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, Tim Brown, Prof. Faisal Aljamal (Computer Science) and Azhar Mahmood, Ph.D. visited William Dickinson High School in Jersey City in reference to the NJ STARS program. It was an opportunity for the Hudson County Community College team to introduce the College and its programs to the graduating high school students.

SAVE THE DATE: BEST PRACTICES 2017 CONFERENCE

Friday, April 21, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Union County College,
Cranford, NJ

Plan now to attend the seventeenth annual Best Practices Conference. Over 50 proposals have been submitted by colleagues within the sector. The Best Practices steering committee is currently evaluating all of the submissions to provide the most comprehensive and educational program possible.

The NJCCC looks forward to seeing you on April 21. Full program information and registration details will be available in mid- to late March.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELF-STUDY

The accreditation of Hudson County Community College by the Middle States Association is scheduled for formal reaffirmation by the end of 2019. There are several steps that need to occur over the next two years. The most important is the Self-Study, and it requires the participation of the entire College community to ensure an objective and complete discussion and report. We are asking for your help.

A Steering Committee is being established. It will be co-chaired by Ellen Renaud (Librarian) and Cathie Seidman (Professor, Criminal Justice). The Steering Committee will have the responsibility of choosing a self-study model, overseeing the research and reporting by working groups, and overseeing the preparation of the Self-Study Report that is formally submitted to the Middle States Association.

There will also be committees set up around the seven Middle States prescribed Standards:

- Standard 1 - Mission and Goals
- Standard 2 - Ethics and Integrity
- Standard 3 - Design and Delivery of Student Learning Experience
- Standard 4 - Support of the Student Experience
- Standard 5 - Educational Effectiveness Assessment
- Standard 6 - Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
- Standard 7 - Governance, Leadership and Administration

Like the Steering Committee, these Standards Committees will also have co-chairs, one of whom will also serve on the Steering Committee. Working groups will assist in the gathering of information related to the specific standards and the preparation of draft reports that will go to the Steering Committee.

Mechanisms will be set up to keep you informed on an ongoing basis of accreditation-related activities. There will also be a process for you to provide input along the way.

As you can see, the Self-Study is vital and provides a way for you to become meaningfully involved in the future of the College. *Please consider joining us in this important undertaking. You can volunteer by contacting one of us at the email addresses listed below. If you have an interest in working on a specific standard, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please respond by Friday, Jan. 27.*

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DIVERSITY

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"In conclusion, the color blue makes me happy because it makes me remember many things that are valuable and have a meaning to my life."

Many people don't realize the storied history of *Diversity*. If you were at Hudson County Community College in the spring of 2002, you might have glimpsed a copy of the very first issue of *Diversity*, a slimmer affair of ESL student writing. The titles of the writing are what you might expect of assignments for an ESL class, save perhaps that first issue's grand finale: "TV, an Assault on the Mind and Body," and the multimedia artwork and splendid production were yet a glimmer in the magazine's eye.

Fall 2016 marked the publication of the 27th issue of *Diversity*. Whether you held the glossy magazine in your hands or accessed it online, you'd immediately be greeted by imaginative mixed-media artwork created by an ESL student. Freddy Sanchez's work at first seems to be an ocean painting, but the thickness of the paint becomes such that the ship in the foreground—1492 scrawled across the sails—has actually leapt into the third dimension. Every page of the magazine is dripping with color, and the writing is brought to life by accompanying photographs, quotations, and images. The international nature of the magazine is also emphasized by the number of maps—Central America, Dominican Republic, Yemen, Philippines, and the United States charting the Great Migration of 1916-1930. The multimedia experience of words and images draws the reader into these different countries and cultures.

Yadira Dalia, a Level 2 student, had the room laughing as if they were watching a television sitcom when she shared the story of her husband and his incompetent coworker in the form of a compare and contrast essay. "My husband Martin is working in the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Central Park in Manhattan." Martin, she explained, works in the Engineering Department, and he "has won awards for employee of the year three times consecutively." But he's the straight man in this comedy of errors. We're soon introduced to, Martin's coworker, who "is living in an apartment next to us. He is a painter in the hotel." Making brilliant use of a coordinating conjunction to show contrast and pivot to the punchline, Dalia gives us this elaboration of the coworker's job performance: "His work is very delicate, but he doesn't care if the wall remains blemished." In fact, Martin's coworker "must do three or four rooms daily at least, but he just does one. So my husband must finish [his coworker's] work as well as his own." Never before did I realize how the structure of a compare and contrast essay could be used to juxtapose too supposedly similar but quite different topics to hilarious effect. For instance, "Martin is always the first worker to arrive to the hotel. [He and his coworker] should leave together, but it isn't like that. My husband

likes to get there early, but [his coworker] doesn't care if he gets there after check-in time." Indubitably, "My husband Martin works more than [his coworker]. However, their boss doesn't notice it." True to the nature of the absurd and tragicomic, Dalia informs us of the justice that is served: her husband and his coworker "make the same salary."

Many of the pieces in *Diversity* deal with the social and political issues faced by our world, which these writers have experienced firsthand. Nawal Raffla, a Level 3 student, argues that "Technology Weakens Communication." In an essay about "The Sexting Phenomenon," Level 4 student Amminadad Gonzalez writes, "Distributing explicit photos can cause severe legal consequences." Narges Gerges, Level 4 student, writes, "Fathers' absences are a devastating issue in the society." Meet Sheth, an ESL student who was in the Summer Enrichment Program to take the exit exam, tackled proposed reforms to the issue of the high cost of education in the United States. Sheth wrote, "Briefly, if colleges offer partial debt relief program, they might have a big financial problem in the near future." Arturo Pinedo, a Level 5 student, read his essay, "Migration in the United States." He wrote, "Often people move and must leave behind family, lovers, and friends to pursue their dreams." He wrote of people migrating for jobs, educational opportunities, and even basic freedoms:

People move from rural areas to cities because they want to have the freedom to be themselves. For example, homosexual people might get discriminated against, or harassed in small towns and, consequently, they leave rural areas for cities where they will feel more accepted. Transgender people also have the same problems as homosexual people.

Pinedo's essay even includes a quotation from the Director General for the International Organization of Migration. It is clear from reading the essays of these higher level ESL students that they have already tackled difficult topics and started writing the types of academic essays that are required of college students.

As I left the event and walked through Journal Square in the November drizzle, I couldn't help but reflect that *Diversity* fit into a larger culture of writing at Hudson County Community College. At all levels and in all majors, students are encouraged and supported in their writing, and this goes not only in the classroom, but also in the many literary activities and events that are frequent throughout our campuses.

HCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS EXECUTIVE BOARD



Photos above: Members of the HCCC Alumni Association convened on Dec. 6 to elect officers and set future meeting dates.

Photo at left: Pictured from left: John Catana, Student Government Association liaison to the Alumni Association, with the HCCC Alumni Association officers: Brittani Bunney (President); Royal Ross (Treasurer); Beverly-Anne Broanax (Secretary); and LaTrenda Ross (Vice President).

Members of the Hudson County Community College Alumni Association met on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, during which the body voted to elect the following Board Members:

- President: Brittani Bunney
- Vice President: LaTrenda Ross
- Treasurer: Royal Ross
- Secretary: Beverly Broanax

The main goals of the HCCC Alumni Association are to offer programs and services to propel and enhance alumni skills, foster opportunities to network, and keep the Association connected with the College community.

As members, alumni receive access to and discounts on a variety of services such as:

1. Career Development
2. Use of Computer Labs
3. Use of Library
4. Discounted Tickets to Broadway shows, movie theaters and sporting events

“Alumni” include those who have met any of the following criteria:

1. Earned 30 credits or more
2. Graduated
3. Completed a certificate

The next meetings will be held on:

- Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017
- Thursday, March 2, 2017
- Thursday, April 6, 2017

Each meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Culinary Conference Center.

To join, and learn more, visit www.hccc.edu/alumniservices or contact us at alumni@hccc.edu.

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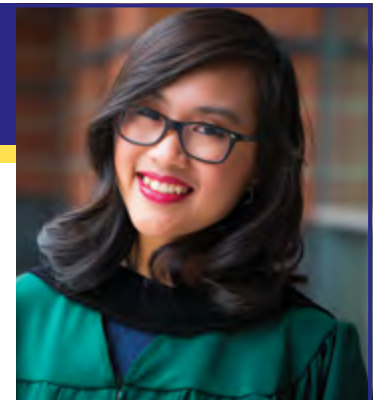
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SPRING ONLINE B (7 weeks) – starts March 27, 2017
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You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.
- For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1)

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

January 2017 Terms: Spring 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 College Closed	3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	4 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	5 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	6 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	7 Journal Sq. 8:30 AM
9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	10 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 5:00 PM	11 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	12 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	13 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	
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30 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	31 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City			

College Placement Test

- *Approximately 2-3 hours
1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
 2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
 3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
 4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes
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- *Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours
1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 3 – Wednesday, January 18
Winter Intersession

Tuesday, January 3
Day after New Year's Day - College Open

Tuesday, January 10 – Friday, January 13
Math/Algebra Express

Tuesday, January 10
"Tools, Tips, and Strategies: Leadership Styles"
Presented by Lilisa Williams, Director of the Office of Faculty and Staff Development, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 71 Sip Ave., Room 427

Wednesday, January 11
New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Holiday – College closed

Tuesday, January 17
College Service Day, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Late Registration begins

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Avenue

Wednesday, January 18
New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

All College Faculty Orientation and Meeting, 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Friday, January 20 – Thursday, February 2
Add/Drop Period

Friday, January 20
Spring 2017 classes begin for 15-week session (in-person and online); Online Session A (7 weeks)

Spring 2017 classes begin for Culinary Cycle I (Day) and Culinary Cycle IV (Evening)

Hot Coffee/Cocoa and Donuts, 9 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. What better way to kick off the semester than a nice warm cup of coffee or cocoa and a donut?

Saturday, January 21 – Friday, March 17
"Textuate" exhibit featuring Meg Klim, Library, Journal Square and North Hudson Campus

Monday, January 23 – Tuesday, February 21
Exhibit – Hip-Hop Utopia: Culture & Community, Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Monday, January 23
School Supply Giveaway, 10 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Room B104, and North Hudson Campus, Room 204. Do you need binders, notebooks, and pens? We've got it! Stop by the Office of Student Activities to pick them up, while supplies last.

Tuesday, January 24
Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Candy Art, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Satisfy both your sweet tooth and your creative side at the same time!

Wednesday, January 25
Bagel Wednesday, 11:45 a.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Bagel Wednesday is back in Journal Square! Start off your morning with coffee, bagel, and all of the fixings! Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

All College Council General Meeting, 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room

Thursday, January 26
Welcome Back Carnivale, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. It's a celebration! Join us as we kick off the semester with food, music, masks, and a performance!

Sign Shop, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Come make your very own personalized sign to hang at your desk, on your door, in your room, or use for your club.

"Real Money 101" workshop sponsored by Office of Student Financial Assistance (topic: Identity Theft and Privacy Rights"), 12 p.m. Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, January 27
Friday Free Draw in the Gallery, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Register in person at Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

Monday, January 30
Sign Shop, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Come make your very own personalized sign to hang at your desk, on your door, in your room, or use for your club.

Tuesday, January 31
HCCC classes begin for High School courses (Off-Campus sites and LEAP)

Welcome Back Carnivale, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. It's a celebration! Join us as we kick off the semester with food, music, masks, and a performance!

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Hip-Hop Utopia Opening Reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

HONORS EVENTS



Jani Decena-White (far left), Honors Program Coordinator, facilitates a session of "Honors: Getting In and Staying In" for prospective honors students on Dec. 15.



Jessica Ozuna, a student in the Fall 2016 Honors section of Developmental Psychology, delivers a presentation on "The Effect of Attachment Styles in Adolescents" during the Honors Student Paper Presentation on Dec. 8.



Richard Guerrero prepared a poster on "How Can We Raise Our Vibration Frequencies?" as part of the Honors College Composition II course taught by Prof. Karen Galli. Guerrero was one of more than 100 students who participated in the Honors Program's Poster/Project Showcase on Dec. 8.

ALUMNI CORNER

Caitlin Mota Class of 2013 Associate in Liberal Arts, English



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

I ultimately ended up going to HCCC for financial reasons. I originally only planned to stay at Hudson for a semester, but soon realized HCCC was the best option for me.

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

One of my favorite memories was working with *The Orator*.

How did you become interested in English?

I thought I wanted to be a high school English teacher, but I found very little interest in constantly analyzing literature. During my last year I took a journalism class to explore what my other options were and ended up really enjoying it.

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

I worked with *The Orator* during my last year as a student at HCCC. It was the first time I wrote for a newspaper and helped me build on interest of working in news.

What is a typical work day for you?

I don't really have a "typical work day" since news can't usually be predicted. There are times where

I leave my house early to cover a homicide or afternoons I start later to cover meetings. Each day is different which makes the job unique and interesting.

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

I've spent a lot of time covering Kennedy Boulevard and jitney bus safety lately, which while tedious has been interesting. I also went into Hoboken on the day of the train crash to write about how the community chipped in to help first responders investigating the crash. Over the summer I spent an entire day covering a homicide at a church hall in Jersey City.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

I would say make connections with your classmates and professors. HCCC is very diverse and a great place to meet other people interested in the same careers as you.

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

Get involved in some kind of activity, do as many internships as possible, and find what you are passionate about.

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