

# HCCC HAPPENINGS



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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## HCCC CLASS OF 2011 STUDENTS EXEMPLARY IN PERSEVERING TO ATTAIN EDUCATION

**W**hen Hudson County Community College's Class of 2011 walked across the stage of Prudential Hall at their Commencement Ceremonies on Thursday, May 26, there were no doubt tears of joy and many smiles ... smiles that belie the incredible circumstances many of the graduates have overcome to attain their educational goals and arrive at this day.

Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert explained that many of this year's more than 1,000 graduates now live thousands of miles from their homelands, while still others overcame learning disabilities, language barriers and drug addiction. Some pursued a college degree after spending decades raising their children. With support and inspiration from their loved ones, they have overcome these challenges. Despite their different backgrounds, these students have one thing in common – they credit Hudson County Community College with helping them stay focused on achieving their goals.

"We are always proud of all of our graduates," said Dr. Gabert. "We are especially struck by the dedication and determination so many of our students have demonstrated in pursuing a college education. They are truly role models."



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▲ EXCITED GRADUATES cheer and wave to their loved ones during the processional of Hudson County Community College's 2011 Commencement on May 26. The Class of 2011 comprised over 1,000 students.

**Huda Ayyad**, a Liberal Arts major from North Bergen, is a recipient of a Hudson

County Government Scholarship. Ayyad was in the Col-  
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## BOOKSTORE HOURS

Bookstore-on-the-Square announces the following operating hours for Summer 2011 sessions:

### SUMMER II START

(JULY 3-9):

... Tuesday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (closed Sunday, Monday and Saturday)

### REGULAR SUMMER HOURS (THROUGH MID-AUGUST):


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## 'END-OF-SEMESTER SALUTE' HONORS RETIRING AND DEGREE-EARNING FACULTY, STAFF

Hudson County Community College observed its first Annual End-of-Semester Salute on Tuesday, May 10, at the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. The College saluted retiring employees (indicated below with a \*) for their many years of service, as well as recognizing employees who earned advanced degrees.

Pictured from left are HCCC Trustee James Fife; HCCC Trustee Karen Fahrenholz; Stanley Dabrowski\*, Instructor, Business; Vivian Wind Aronow\*, Associate Professor, ESL; Paul DuBrow\*, Instructor, ESL; Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson, Vice President for Academic Af-

fairs; HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert; and Doris Roncagliolo\*, Student Records Coordinator, Enrollment Services.

### EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED A DEGREE IN 2010

- ... **Jessica Brito**, Communications Assistant, Associate in Applied Science, Hudson County Community College
- ... **Zuany Chicas**, Secretary, Center for Distance Education, Bachelor of Science, New Jersey City University
- ... **Brian DiNuzzo**, Head Tutor, English, Master of

Fine Arts, Fairleigh Dickinson University

- ... **Liffny Fuentes**, Secretary, Humanities & Social Sciences, Associate in Arts, Hudson County Community College
- ... **Guerly Jean-Baptiste**, Assistant Director of Testing, Master of Social Work, Hunter University
- ... **Sathasivam (Kris) Krishnan**, Associate Dean of Research & Planning, Ed.D., Rowan University
- ... **Sylvia Mendoza**, Director of Financial Aid, Master of Business Administration, Capella University

## CHECK REQUEST DEADLINE FOR SUMMER HOURS

Due to the College's current summer schedule, the check request submission deadline will be on Tuesdays by 12:30 p.m. Requests received after this time will not

be processed until the following week.

This deadline will continue in effect until the second week of August 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Manny Lopez at (201) 360-4054, Greg Smith at (201) 360-4055 or Glenda Almeida at (201) 360-4045.



## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Instructor of History **Arika Easley** co-presented a workshop, "Successful Strategies to Teach History to Our 'Presentist' Students," with Dr. Margaret Stevens of Essex County College for the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' 2011 Best Practices conference on Friday, April 29.

Assistant Professor **Laurie Riccadonna** presented with LittleCollector.com at the Affordable Art Fair on May 8 in a session titled "Get Your Kids Excited About Contemporary Art." Riccadonna will also be exhibited in "Laurie Riccadonna: Whisper and Scurry of Small Lives" at the Hamilton Square Condominium, 232 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City. The exhibition will be on view in the lobby from June 3 to Sept. 2, 2011. The show is curated by Brendan Carroll. Please call (201) 434.1000 for more information.

The NJTESOL-NJBE (New Jersey Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages-New Jersey Bilingual Educators) conference on May 24 and 25 featured a higher-education interest strand; of the 15 sessions, four involved HCCC faculty and administrators. Presenters included: **Maria Schirta**, Instructor of ESL; **Eva Kozlenko**, Instructor of ESL; **Dr. Nancy Booth**, Associate Professor of ESL; **Syeda Jesmin**, Assistant Professor of ESL; and **Elena Nehrebecki**, Director of ESL/Bilingual.

**James Sorrentino**, Maintenance Manager, and **Joseph Torturelli**, Director of Facilities, have each completed "Best Practices in Facilities Management," a seminar offered by



▲ **JESSICA BRITO** (LEFT), Communications Assistant, accepts an Award of Excellence from **Gilberto Camacho**, Publisher of **CAMBIO** on May 5 for her efforts with the Hispanic community and the College.

Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center. The course offers best practices in managing safe, cost-effective, and employee-friendly facilities.

**Mohammad Shozub**, a 2011 HCCC graduate majoring in Science & Mathematics, has been accepted into the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates Summer Program at Queensborough Community College. Students accepted into the program have the opportunity to participate in current research projects in physics, bio-physics or astronomy and perform independent research supported by the NSF and are required to work on research projects, attend seminars and take quizzes.



▲ **INSTRUCTOR ARIKA Easley** (left) and **Dr. Margaret Stevens** of Essex County College who co-presented at the Best Practices conference at Raritan Valley Community College on April 29.

## JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

*Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:*

Part-Time Software Trainer

Accounting Instructor

Counselor (CASS)

Part-Time Enrollment Support Assistant

Web Services Coordinator

Financial Aid Assistant

Assistant Director of Student Financial Assistance

Adjunct Instructors, Fall 2011

Library Clerical Assistant - Patron Services (North Hudson Center)

Librarian (North Hudson Center)

Director of Conference Center

*To apply, please submit the following to [resumes@hccc.edu](mailto:resumes@hccc.edu) or mail to: Human Resources Department, Hudson County Community College, 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306:*

- « Letter of application
- « Resume
- « Salary requirements
- « Three references

*For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at [www.njherc.org](http://www.njherc.org), the HigherEdJobs.com website at [www.higheredjobs.com](http://www.higheredjobs.com), or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions as well as additional listings, please visit the "Employment Opportunities" page under "Human Resources" at [www.hccc.edu](http://www.hccc.edu).*

## NEW HIRES

Congratulations to the following on their new positions at Hudson County Community College!

**Gehan Abreu,**  
Counselor,  
Advisement & Counseling

**Danielle Warren,**  
Admission Recruiter

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

### PHI THETA KAPPA DAY

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges honored New Jersey's 36 best and brightest community college students and their families at its 17th annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration on Thursday, May 5, at the Trenton Marriott Hotel.

The 2011 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members include Hudson County Community College students Erika DiVivo of Jersey City and Karina Peralta of North Bergen.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized and encouraged scholarship among community college students for 93 years while promoting the academic integrity of the associate degree program. Students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent,

trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government.

### SPRING INDUCTION

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter's Spring Induction was held on Sunday, May 1 at the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. Courtney Rice, 2011-12 New Jersey State President, and Aubrey Rakoski, Assistant Director for Transfer Admissions at St. John's University, were guest speakers.

### FIVE STAR CHAPTER

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter received special commendation during the Middle States Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a "Five Star Chapter."



▲ IN TRENTON AT Phi Theta Kappa Day on May 5, from left: Dr. Lloyd Kahn, Beta Alpha Phi co-advisor; Erika DiVivo; Karina Peralta, and Beta Alpha Phi chapter president Cesar Orozco.

### FRIENDS OF LSP

Beta Alpha Phi members Erika DiVivo and Jacqueline Lopez contributed to the article "Gardener's Corner — Why Be a Gardening Volunteer?" in *The Green Oasis*, the official newsletter of Liberty State Park, Spring 2011 edition.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ... June 4: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, 10 a.m.
- ... June 9-10: Middle States

Regional Officers Academy, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

- ... June 10-12: Middle States Regional Honors Institute, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- ... June 17-18: Relay for Life, Dan Ahern Veterans Stadium, 6 p.m.— 6 a.m.
- ... June 18: Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup, Laurel Hill Park, Secaucus, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## WRITING CENTER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS WRITING CONTEST

By **Brian DiNuzzo,**  
Tutorial Services

On Friday, April 29, 2011, Hudson County Community College's Writing Center's 2011 Writing Contest winners were announced.

Roger Sales received the Grand Prize Award. The Honorable Mention Award went to David Tashjian.

For being the Grand Prize winner, Sales received a \$50 Hudson County Community College Bookstore Gift Card and a lined writing journal. Tashjian won four AMC Theatre Gold Experience Tickets.

Both winners took home a collection of books and a Pilot G2 Pro pen.

Roger Sales submitted two strong pieces, a long poem and an essay. However, his winning essay was "Becoming Hispanic." The piece details one's struggles with cultural identity and the friction and balance therein.

David Tashjian submitted an untitled personal narrative which recounts the events of September 11, 2001 from his perspective. Aside from recalling his actions that day, Tashjian reflects on his younger self.



▲ WRITING CONTEST winners Roger Sales (left) and David Tashjian display their certificates from Tutorial Services.

Both winners are posted on the Tutorial Services website at [www.hccc.edu/myhudson](http://www.hccc.edu/myhudson).



# CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTS 22 NEW MEMBERS

**By Melba Blanco,  
Chi Alpha Epsilon  
Moderator**

Founded at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 1989, Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) recognizes the academic achievements of McNair Scholars, Student Support Services, and Educational Opportunity Program students. In response to an increased need to acknowledge the continuing successes of students in the Academic Development Program, Dr. Elbert Saddler, a university psychologist and counseling coordinator for the ACT 101 Program, identified eligible students and alumni to form the basis of who are now the Founding members of XAE.

Now an officially endorsed honor society by the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), XAE has continued to diligently foster high academic standards in its students.

On May 7, 2009, the Educational Opportunity Fund Program, along with the Student Support Services Program, held the first annual XAE induction ceremony at HCCC. There were 28 members inducted, amongst them Vice President Dr. Paula Pando, Syokwaa Mulumba, Jose Lowe, Alida McKee, Anjali Thanawala, Nitzia Berrio, and Rosa Mantilla as honorary inductees. The second induction occurred May 5, 2010, where 25 new members were brought into the XAE fold, including Dean Michael Reimer, Melba Blanco, and Lorren Whitaker as honorary inductees.

On April 28, 2011, the third inducted class of Delta Nu Chapter recognized 22 new



*Photo by Delta Nu Chapter, Chi Alpha Epsilon*

▲ FROM CHI ALPHA Epsilon induction ceremony on April 28, pictured from left: Melba Blanco, EOF Counselor; Adriana Rodriguez, EOF student; Gehan Abreu, EOF Counselor; and Ruben Melendez, Director of the EOF program.

members, with Gehan Abreu as an honorary member.

The EOF program is just as committed to academic ex-

cellence, and through Chi Alpha Epsilon, will continue to acknowledge fully outstanding scholarship among its EOF students at HCCC.

# COPY CENTER LAUNCHES TRAINING FOR NETWORK PRINTING

**By Gilda Darias-Hershberger,  
Customer Service  
Coordinator**

On Wednesday, April 27, Jon Waleski (pictured, right), Senior Account Executive for Toshiba Business Solutions, held a network training session for all departments on the 14th floor at 26 Journal Square.

Employees learned how to scan, print and fax directly from their office desktops.

While the departments on the 14th floor, Human Resources and ITS are the first to have network connection, this is an ongoing project that will eventually reach all departments College-wide. This will improve productivity and reduce overall cost.

For questions, please contact Gilda Darias-Hershberger at (201) 360-4690.



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## NORTH HUDSON HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER UPDATE

By Dr. Paula P. Pando,  
Vice President  
for North Hudson Center  
& Student Affairs

On Wednesday, May 11, we welcomed a large group of representatives from local high schools, churches and the community to our North Hudson Higher Education Information Session. We began the session with President Gabert welcoming our guests. I then provided them with an overview of our present North Hudson Center site in West New York, and introduced them to our new “complete campus under one roof” in Union City.

After we all enjoyed a delicious lunch, our Director of Admissions, Nelson Vieira, explained Project L.E.A.P.



▲ DR. PAULA P. Pando, Vice President for North Hudson Center & Student Affairs, leads a presentation on the new North Hudson facility during a May 11 tour and luncheon for local community leaders.

(which allows students to take HCCC classes while still attending high school). Nelson also spoke about how HCCC

tuition is among the lowest — and thereby one of the most affordable — of all area colleges and universities, and how

HCCC credits are transferable to all state colleges and universities.

Yeurys Pujols, our Director of Enrollment & Student Services - NHC and a HCCC alumnus, and Julia Villamar, a present HCCC student, spoke about their experiences as Hudson County Community College students, and the opportunities that the College has placed before them.

There has been significant progress in the construction of the North Hudson Higher Education Center. We'd be very happy to have you participate in one of our hard-hat tours. **To arrange your tour of the site, please phone my office at (201) 360-4022.**

As always, your interest and support are greatly appreciated! Have a great summer.

## HCCC HONORS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Hudson County Community College students were recognized with scholarships and awards at the College's 2011 Student Achievement & Excellence Awards Ceremony on Monday evening, May 2. The festivities were held at the HCCC Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center.

Bestowed awards included Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarships; HCCC Professional Association Scholarships; and Community Service Awards. Beverly-Anne Broadnax was named “Student of the Year.” The College's Key Club was designated as Outstanding Club/Organization of the Year.

Students were also honored for excellence and achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences, Child Development Associate, Student Government Officers

and Student Advisory Board, Emerging Leaders, Established Leaders, ESL/Bilingual and Developmental Education, Psi Beta, Educational Opportunity Fund, Health, Science & Technology, Tutorial Services, Center for Business and Industry, and the Culinary Arts Institute. Additionally, those students named to the “Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges” were also recognized.

Benjamin Dineen, Chair of the HCCC Foundation Fine Arts Committee, presented several awards to meriting students who entered the Student Art Awards Contest.

“It's my pleasure to send hearty congratulations to all of the students who were recognized at this year's ceremonies,” said HCCC President Dr. Gabert said. “Everyone here at the College applauds the hard work and



▲ ANGELA TUZZO (center), Assistant Director of Student Activities, presents Community Service Awards to Cesar Orozco (left) and Davina Sharma at the College's Student Achievement & Excellence Awards Ceremony on May 2.

dedication that they have displayed in pursuing their studies and working for the good of our community.”



## Notibreves

### ESTUDIANTES DE LA CLASE 2011 DE HCCC, UN EJEMPLO DE PERSEVERANCIA EN OBTENER EDUCACIÓN

Cuando la Clase 2011 de Hudson County Community College caminó por el escenario del Prudential Hall en la Ceremonia de Graduación, el Jueves, 26 de Mayo, 2011, no habián dudas, solo lágrimas de alegría y muchas sonrisas ... sonrisas que reflejan las increíbles circunstancias que muchos de nuestros graduados han superado para obtener sus metas de educación y llegar a este día.

El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de Hudson County Community College, dijo que muchos de los más de 1,000 graduados de este año viven la miles de kilómetros de su tierra natal, mientras que otros han superado desventajas en aprendizaje, barreras de lenguaje, y adicción a drogas. Algunos, persiguieron su educación luego de pasar décadas criando a sus hijos. Con apoyo e inspiración de sus seres queridos, han superado estos desafíos. A pesar de sus diferentes culturas, estos estudiantes tienen una cosa en común – acreditada a Hudson County Community College con ayudarlos a mantenerse enfocados en cumplir sus metas.

“Siempre estamos orgullosos de nuestros graduados,” dijo el Dr. Gabert. “Estamos especialmente orgullosos de la dedicación y determinación que muchos de nuestros estudiantes han demostrado persiguiendo una educación universitaria. Son realmente ejemplos a seguir.”

**Connie Falconi**, Educación Temprana de la Niñez. Residente de Jersey City. Nativa de Ecuador. Asistió a HCCC primero como estudiante de Inglés como Segundo Idioma. Hoy en día es miembro de la sociedad de honor Phi Theta Kappa y Psi Beta. Falconi recibió la beca Presidential en New Jersey City University donde planea continuar con sus estudios. Sus planes futuros incluyen obtener un grado Master. “La educación es una joya preciosa que todos tienen el derecho de obtener,” dijo Falconi.

**Virginia Galindo**, Ciencias de la Salud. Residente de Jersey City. Vino de Cuba hace más de 40 años, sirvió en las fuerzas militares de 1977 a 1980, y batalló por recuperarse de una apoplejía que tuvo mientras estudiaba en HCCC. Ahora, casi totalmente recuperada, asistirá a new



Foto por Departamento de Comunicaciones

▲ EL PASADO 23 de Mayo, estudiantes a graduarse disfrutaron junto con amigos, familiares, personal y facultad de una deliciosa parrillada.

Jersey City University en otoño. Galindo dijo, “con tiempo las cosas se arreglan solas.”

**Americo Soria**, Artes de Estudio – Arte en Computador. Nació en Santa Cruz, Bolivia, inspirado por su padre, decidió iniciar una nueva carrera. “Mi padre siempre quizo que practicara el arte,

y yo, nunca poniéndole atención pase por una variedad de carreras que pensé que por pagar más me harían feliz. El nunca se dio por vencido.” Soria se ha hecho acreedor de varios reconocimientos como el premio al Liderazgo, Estudiante Líder del Mes, y recibió honores en los premios a la Excelencia Estudiantil.

### LA DRA. ABEGAIL DOUGLAS-JOHNSON RECIBIÓ EL PREMIO A LA HERENCIA 2011 DE HCCC

La Dra. Abegail Douglas-Johnson, que ha dedicado la mayor parte de su vida profesional a Hudson County Community College y sus estudiantes, recibió el Premio a la Herencia 2011. La Dra. Johnson fue presentada con este galardón en la Ceremonia de Graduación de la Universidad el pasado Jueves, 26 de Mayo, en el Prudential hall del New Jersey Performing Arts Center en Newark, N.J.

En el anuncio del reconocimiento, el Dr. Glen Gabert, presidente de HCCC resaltó: “La Dra. Johnson ha sido una socia instrumental en el desarrollo y crecimiento de la Universidad, y estamos profundamente agradecidos con ella por todo lo

que ha hecho por nuestros estudiantes, facultad, personal y la comunidad. La Dra. Johns recientemente anunció que se retirará de su posición como Vicepresidente de Asuntos Académicos en Junio.”

La Dra. Johnson obtuvo su diploma de maestra de St. Josephs College en Jamaica, e inició su carrera en una escuela primaria allí. Obtuvo su título de Bachiller en Educación de Mills College of Education (New York, N.Y.) y fue Maestra de cabecera del Centro de Educación Temprana, Especialista en Lectura, y Directora del instituto de Artes en la Escuela Emerson en la ciudad de New York. La Dra. Johnson sostiene un grado Master en Educación y Lectura y su

doctorado en Lectura de Yeshiva University (New York, N.Y.). Antes de venir a HCCC, la Dra. Johnson fue Maestra Adjunta en William Paterson University y New Jersey City University. También trabajó como consultora en las Juntas de Educación de Mount Vernon y New York.

Además de su trabajo en la Universidad, la Dra. Johnson sirve como miembro de la Junta de Administradores de Jersey City Medical Center, Comité Hudson Minority Concerns Advisory, New Jersey Community Colleges Academic Officers Association (donde ha sido Presidenta, Tesorera y Secretaria), y varios otros comités de consejería en educación y organizaciones profesionales.

Es además, Evaluadora de la Comisión de Educación Superior – Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

La Dra. Johnson está casada con el Rev. Dr. Alfred B. Johnson, quien recientemente se retiró, luego de 22 años de servicio, como pastor de la Iglesia Presbiteriana Clinton Avenue de Newark.

William J. Netchert, Presidente de la Junta de Administradores de HCCC dijo: “Estamos en deuda con la Dra. Johnson, por su dedicación y contribuciones a Hudson County Community College a los largo de estas dos décadas y media. Estamos felices de haber podido honrarla con este reconocimiento especial en este día especial.”

## JERSEY CITY RESIDENT KEVIN RAMIREZ NAMED VALEDICTORIAN OF HCCC'S CLASS OF 2011

When Kevin Ramirez decided to walk into the Enrollment Services Office at Hudson County Community College two-and-one-half years ago, little did he know that he would be standing on the stage of New Jersey Performing Arts Center as Valedictorian of the College's Class of 2011.

A native of Jersey City, Ramirez attended high school in his father's homeland, the Dominican Republic. After graduating high school, he decided to pursue a career playing baseball, and when it didn't work out as he wished, he returned to Jersey City. One day, while walking with a cousin in Journal Square, he glanced up at the HCCC billboard, turned to his cousin and asked, "Do you think it's too late for me to go to college?" Before his cousin could answer, Ramirez was making his way to the College's administration building at 70 Sip Avenue.

"I walked inside and it looked like a great place. So, I asked the people in the College's admissions department if it was 'too late for me.' They said 'no' and here we are today," he states.

Kevin Ramirez says he knew little about Hudson County Community College prior to pursuing his studies, but from the College's billboards and ads he thought it might be the right place for him to begin his college education. His hunch was correct. A Criminal Justice major, he credits both of his parents — who are college educated —



Photo by Jersey Pictures

▲ KEVIN RAMIREZ delivers the valedictory address for Hudson County Community College's 2011 Commencement.

and his Hudson County Community College professors with his success.

"My parents, Emilio Ramirez and Ivette Vazquez, are the source of my inspiration," Ramirez says. "My HCCC teachers helped build my confidence as a student and as a person. That was important, because when you don't believe in yourself, you can't accomplish anything." He

relates that his instructors helped him to focus on priorities, and that during his first semester at the College, he determined he was going to get straight A's. Not only has Ramirez attained that goal, he did so while working 36 to 40 hours a week all throughout.

Ramirez has already started working on his bachelor's degree; he is now attending Rutgers University on a

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Phi Theta Kappa scholarship, and plans to pursue a master's degree and possibly a career in law.

"We are very proud of Kevin Ramirez and congratulate him on attaining this honor," Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert states. "Kevin's determination and dedication are exemplary, and we wish him every future success."



## VERY REVEREND FATHER DAVID A. BEBAWY LEADS INVOCATION AT HCCC'S 33RD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES ON MAY 26

Very Reverend Fr. David Bebawy, Protopriest and Executive Director of St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church in Jersey City, led the invocation at Hudson County Community College's 33rd Commencement Ceremonies on Thursday, May 26. The event was held in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, N.J. At more than 1,000 strong, the HCCC Class of 2011 is the largest in the College's history.

Born and raised in Egypt, Fr. David served as a Deacon there, and was ordained as a Reader (Aghnstos) in 1968 by then H.G. Bishop Shenouda (now H.H. Pope Shenouda III). In 1974, while still a student at Ain Shams University, he traveled to the United States, and settled here two years later. Shortly after his arrival in the U.S., he joined the congregation of St. Mary & St. Antonius's Church in Queens. He went on to study at Stevens Institute of Technology, graduating with a bachelor's degree in engineering, and worked for the New York Transit Authority, where he invented a device that detects short circuits in train tracks.

Prior to his appointment in Jersey City, Fr. David served at Archangel Michael & St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church in Staten Island. Through his work in Jersey

City for neighborhood revitalization, vocational training for adults, youth mentoring programs, a soup kitchen, and an annual Thanksgiving Day dinner, he has become an important and respected member of the Hudson County community.

Fr. David has served on the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Commission (Jersey City, 2002), was the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Commissioner (Jersey City, 2003), and is presently a Chaplain with the Hudson County Sheriff's Office.

A member of the Standing Conference of the Oriental Orthodox Churches in America, the United States Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation, the Pope Shenouda Coptic Theological Seminary, and the Board of Directors of the Coptic Community Services of Hudson County, Fr. David is also currently involved in the dialogue between the Oriental Orthodox Church and Roman Catholic Church, which aims to deal with pastoral issues and to communicate with and further unify the churches.

"The student body, faculty and staff of Hudson County Community College is one of the most diverse in the world, and it is always gratifying to see everyone working together as a community," HCCC President Dr. Glen

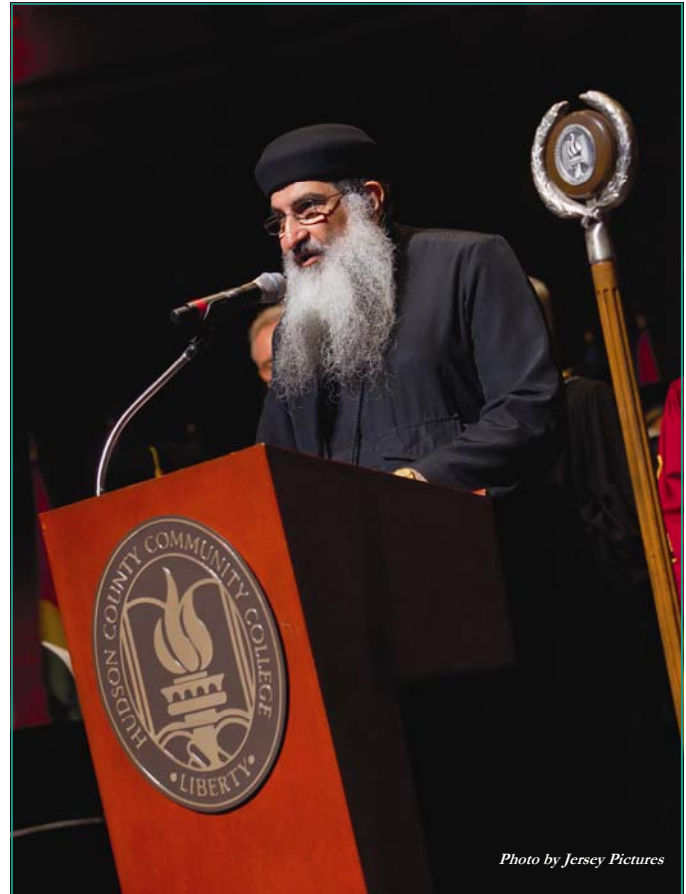


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▲ VERY REVEREND Fr. David Bebawy leads the invocation at Hudson County Community College's Commencement on May 26.

Gabert said. "Fr. David reflects the College community's commitment to improving life and opening doors for everyone who resides here. We are honored to have him lead our invocation."

Dr. Gabert noted that Dr. Antonio R. Flores, President of

the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), delivered the keynote address at the 2011 Commencement exercises. Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson, the College's retiring Vice President for Academic Affairs, was presented with the College's 2011 Heritage Award.

*Commencement photos may be viewed at [www.digiproofs.com](http://www.digiproofs.com) (password: 052611HCCC).*

*For student diploma photos, please visit [www.americancandids.com](http://www.americancandids.com) and enter the password HCCC. Graduates may click on the green box and will be prompted to enter their name and PIN.*





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## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE HONORS PROGRAM AT HCCC

The first Honors Assembly Program was held on Thursday, May 17 in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square. Instructors Javedd Khan and Arika Easley are the co-advisors of the newly revamped Honors Program, with the support of administrative staff members Hope Stephenson and Linda Guastini, all of whom were responsible for coordinating the event.

This was the first honors program that has been held since the Fall 2009 semester. The Honors Program is a special program under the Office of Academic Affairs. Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented some inspiring remarks to students, along with the incoming interim Vice President, Dr. Eric Friedman.

This program was held to recognize honors program students who successfully completed honors courses in the Spring 2011 semester which included eight honors sections including two literature courses



Photo by Shannon Gallagher

▲ HONORS PROGRAM staff and students gathered for an assembly on May 17. The program recognized students who successfully completed Honors courses this spring.

(Children's Literature and Introduction to Literature), two psychology courses (Life Span Development and Developmental Psychology) as well as General Biology, Cultures and Values, and English Composition II.

Easley and Khan will continue to encourage students who have at least a 3.0 overall GPA (3.25 GPA in recent course-

work) to enroll in honors courses in order for the program to further develop. Students can also be nominated by faculty members to register for these courses who demonstrate academic promise who approximately meet the GPA requirements.

Honors program courses have a minimal enrollment figure of 20 students in comparison to most courses which have 30-35 students. Additionally, by taking honors courses, students have higher acceptance rates when transferring to four-year colleges and higher potential to earn scholarship opportunities.

## ESL/BILINGUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION DIVISION CELEBRATION FOR GRADUATES

On Friday, May 13, The ESL/Bilingual and Developmental Education Division hosted its first annual Celebration of Graduates. The celebration was conceived in order to recognize graduating students who began their academic careers at HCCC in either ESL or basic reading and writing classes. This spring, over 500 (more than half) HCCC graduates have taken classes in one of these two signature programs.

The event was organized by Dr. Nancy Booth, who received much help from Sean Egan, Joe Caniglia, Irma Sanchez, and Sharon D'Agastino. Students were able to reconnect with some of the first faces they saw at HCCC: ESL and AF faculty. Faculty and administrators, including Dr. Abigail

Douglas-Johnson, greeted students, who reflected on how the ESL and Academic Foundations programs provided a strong base for academic success at HCCC.

Each graduating student received a commemorative certificate signed by Christopher Wahl, Associate Dean. In addition, door prizes were awarded, including gift cards for iTunes.

ESL/Bilingual and Developmental Education division's mission is to prepare students for the reading, writing, and discussion demands of college coursework.

► CHRISTOPHER WAHL (right), Associate Dean, ESL, Bilingual and Developmental Education, congratulates Piedad Munoz during the Division's first celebration for previous students graduating from the College.



Photo by Sebastián Francis

## HUDSON COUNTY CLERK VISITS WELCOME CENTER

On Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24, the Hudson County Clerk's Office visited the Hudson County Community College Welcome Center (inside the Journal Square PATH station) to issue and process United States passport and New Jersey "Vote by Mail" applications. Students – and the general public — had an opportunity to stop by, complete applications, ask questions and meet Clerk's Office staff members.

For more information, including current passport fees and requirements, please visit the County Clerk's website at [www.hudsoncountyclerk.org](http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org).

► CHRISTINA FUENTES of Weehawken (left) confers with Hudson County Clerk Barbara Netchert (right).



Photo by HCCC Communications Department

## HCCC TO HOLD A SERIES OF 'FINANCIAL AID FAIRS' THROUGH JUNE AND JULY

Hudson County Community College will conduct a series of "Financial Aid Fairs" to assist prospective and present students apply for financial aid. The events are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19 and July 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Second Floor of the College's administration build-

ing at 70 Sip Avenue — just a few steps from the Journal Square PATH Station in Jersey City. Bilingual counselors will be in attendance to assist individuals whose native language is not English.

Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert said that in today's tough economic climate, many people want to make sure that

they are educated for 21st century careers and jobs. As a result, more and more people are turning to community colleges such as Hudson County Community College to obtain the education that will either permit them to transfer to a four-year college or university and earn bachelor's degrees, or update and retool their knowledge and skills so they can find

work in another sector. However, having the financial means to pursue these educational goals often proves to be a hardship or seemingly impossible, and as a result many people abandon their ideas of obtaining a college education.

"Our Financial Aid department is staffed with experts

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## EMPLOYEE AWARD APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Nominations are currently being accepted for Hudson County Community College's employee recognition program.

Through the HCCC Foundation's generosity, each year up to two cash awards of \$500 will be made to recognize employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding service to

HCCC students and employees. Nominees for the HCCC Foundation Employee Courtesy Service Award must be full-time employees with at least one year of service.

Any member of staff can nominate an employee for the award. Nominations must be in writing and express why the employee exhibits stellar ser-

vice and give specific examples. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year as acts of kindness are performed. Nomination forms must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2012.

Winners will be determined by a committee appointed by the College President, which will include a member of the Foundation.

Winners will be announced during the Spring 2012 semester.

Nomination forms are available at the College's internal portal at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu>.

For additional information, please contact Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006.



## CHUCK CLOSE'S *PHIL* ADDED TO ART COLLECTION

Charles Thomas "Chuck" Close (1940-) is famous for his oversized photorealist portraits, which are made of tiny grids of carefully painted squares. He has been a leading contemporary artist since the early 1970s.

Chuck Close suffers from prosopagnosia, the inability to recognize faces. This disability initially drew him to portrait painting as a tool to help him better see how people look. Close works very slowly. A print can take him up to two years to finish. His paintings go somewhat faster. He says, "I build a painting by putting little marks together — some look like hot dogs, some like doughnuts."

The picture at right, "Phil," is a portrait of the composer Philip Glass, who is a friend of the artist. Close has made both prints and paintings of this image.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection recently acquired this work as part of the acquisition of the "Rubber Stamp Portfolio," a group of 13 prints made for the Museum of Modern Art in 1976.

Other major figures in contemporary art whose work is in the Portfolio include Carl Andre, Richard Artschwager, Daniel Buren, Barry LeVa, Sol LeWitt, Agnes Martin, Robert Mangold, Sylvia Plimack Mangold, Don Nice, Myron Stout,

Tom Wesselmann, and Joe Zucker. Other editions of the Portfolio in the College collection are also in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

Close has a B.A. from the University of Washington at Seattle, and an M.F.A. from Yale University. His work can be found in over 60 major public collections worldwide including: The Art Institute of Chicago; the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris; and the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.; among others.



*PHIL* (1976)

Chuck Close  
Rubber Stamp Print,  
Numbered 930/1000  
8" x 8" sheet

Publisher: Parosol Press, Ltd.  
New York

## ARTIST NEWS

### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

On May 2, 2011, Hudson County Community College hosted the judging of the 2011 13th Congressional District Annual Art Competition on the fifth floor of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. High school students (grades 9 to 12), from all over the 13th Congressional District submitted beautiful artwork for the contest. The prize winners will receive their awards later this year in Washington, D.C.

### COLLECTION ARTIST NEWS

Artist **Siona Benjamin**, whose work *Directions on How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari* is installed in the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center on the fifth floor hallway, was recently awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 2010–11 for an art project titled *Faces: Weaving Indian Jewish Narra-*

*tives*. Exhibition of her work *Esther Megillah* will run through June 30 at Hebrew Union College in New York. In addition, Benjamin's work will be on display in an exhibit called "Finding Home: The Art of Siona Benjamin" at the Laurie M. Tisch Gallery in Manhattan through July 29.

The Montclair Museum is having an exhibition of the work of **Will Barnet** in honor of his 100th birthday. The exhibition, "Will Barnet, a Centennial," will be on view until July 17. The HCCC Permanent Collection includes Barnet's work, *The Doorway*, which is installed at the end of the fifth floor hallway in the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. Additional information regarding the artist and the exhibit are available at the Museum's website, [www.montclairartmuseum.org/barnet\\_centennial](http://www.montclairartmuseum.org/barnet_centennial).



▲ MICHAEL WAUGH'S *The CIA Commission (part 1 and part n)*.

A mobile sculpture by **Tom Holmes** was recently donated to the Hudson County Community College Permanent Art Collection by Benjamin Dineen and Dennis Hull. Holmes' work will be on exhibition at the Skylight Gallery NYC, located at 538 West 29th Street, through June 24.

The Public Art Fund is sponsoring an exhibit of the first outdoor career survey of **Sol LeWitt's** sculptures through Dec. 2, 2011. The exhibition includes 27 works from LeWitt's modular, serial,



▲ FRANK PALAIA'S artwork, *Circo Italiano*.

geometric and irregular structure series, installed in City Hall Park in New York City. The HCCC Permanent Collection of Art includes two works by LeWitt. One, *Isometric Figure with Bars of Color*, is installed on the fifth floor

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# JUNE 2011 TESTING SCHEDULE

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. In certain cases, such as if a student testing has not completed high school or its equivalent (GED), the Placement Test can also be used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

*It is extremely important that you take the College Placement Test seriously. Depending on your score, you may have to register for and pay to take additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit count toward graduation.*

## BEFORE TAKING THE CPT:

- « Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave).
- « To review for the College (College Board's "Accuplacer"), please visit: [www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/](http://www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/)
- « For CPT exemption criteria such as SAT scores and applied transfer credit for English and/or Mathematics visit: [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing)

## ON THE DAY OF THE CPT STUDENTS MUST:

- ... Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- ... Bring photo ID (Driver's License / Passport / Green Card / Student ID).
- ... Have your College Wide ID number.
- ... Bring a copy of transcripts (only if student is a transfer or foreign student).

To obtain more information on the status of your placement test and course registration eligibility, please visit [www.hccc.edu/testingstatus](http://www.hccc.edu/testingstatus)

## ABOUT THE CLEP:

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 34 examinations. For more information on CLEP, please visit: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html)

## BEFORE TAKING THE CLEP EXAM:

- « Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192 or contact [twooten@hccc.edu](mailto:twooten@hccc.edu), as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.
- « All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- « HCCC students must have a permit to take the CLEP (form available at the Testing Center).
- « All students must pay a \$20 HCCC service fee (non-refundable) per examination at the Bursar's Office, located at 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, or the North Hudson Center Main Office, located at 6515 Polk St., West New York. This fee must be paid prior to setting an appointment for the exam. Testers must show receipt on the day of CLEP exam.
- « Note: CLEP exams will resume in February 2011. Please contact the Testing Center in January for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

## ON THE DAY OF THE CLEP EXAM:

- « Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- « Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver's License,

Passport, Green Card, Student ID, Military ID).

- « Bring \$20 receipt from Bursar's Office.
- « Bring \$77 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted).

## DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

If you require special testing accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157. All students with approved testing accommodations must take the College Placement Test at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ.

The testing schedule for June follows:

- ... **Wednesday, June 1** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Monday, June 6** — CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Tuesday, June 7** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Wednesday, June 8** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Thursday, June 9** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Monday, June 13** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Tuesday, June 14** — CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Wednesday, June 15** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Thursday, June 16** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York
- ... **Monday, June 20** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Tuesday, June 21** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Wednesday, June 22** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Thursday, June 23** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York
- ... **Monday, June 27** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Tuesday, June 28** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Wednesday, June 29** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- ... **Thursday, June 30** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York

*For further information, please contact HCCC's Testing Center, located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ 07306 at (201) 360-4193 for College Placement Test appointments.*

*To obtain additional information and policies of the Testing Center, please visit [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing).*



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## Thursday, June 2 –

### Thursday, July 7

*Office Management* – Learn the solid administrative and communications skills that can transform you from a good administrative assistant to a super office manager! Become familiar with the how-to's of juggling administrative duties such as correspondence and record keeping with project management, scheduling, personnel issues, training and a whole spectrum of other tasks that are required in today's demanding workplaces. Additionally, you'll learn about the top writing and communications skills needed as various forms of messaging expand. Tuition: \$250. Meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Friday, June 3

*Creating the Perfect Marriages of Food & Wine* - Don't let the prospect of selecting the right wines to go with the right foods intimidate you! In our class — which features the pairing of a wine with a simple dish — you'll learn the basics of food-and-wine pairings and how flavors are enhanced and come to life by developing the perfect relationships. Tuition: \$70. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, call (201) 360-4246.

### Saturday, June 4

*The Principles of Life and Health Insurance* – Trying to decide what type of insurance policies and options you and your family need can make one's head spin. You'll be in good hands with our presenter, a licensed Life and Health Insurance agent who is certified by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Banking, and who will guide you through learning about the different types of life and health policies, riders and policy provisions so you can make informed decisions. Tuition: \$59. Meets 10

a.m. to 1 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

*Tapas for Real — Olé!*: Tapas is an art form, and this class will provide the participant with the knowledge and skill to develop a menu for tasting that is only limited by imagination. Learn the history and approach to tapas for a weekly dinner or gathering. Preparation of Tortilla Espagnole will be included in this class. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, call (201) 360-4246.

### Sunday, June 5

*Sushi and Sashimi* – The origins of these delectable Japanese art forms can be traced back hundreds of years. Now, you can learn the basics of preparing sushi and sashimi in our 21st century kitchens! You'll be introduced to the proper classifications and methods used for the preparation, including ingredient selection, sanitation and serving techniques. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, call (201) 360-4246.

### Tuesday, June 7 –

#### Thursday, June 23

*Computers for Beginners* – Specially designed for those who possess little or no experience with computers but want to begin developing skills. Our foundation course will acquaint you with key terms, file management, and system software and hardware. We'll introduce you to common workplace applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and teach you about the Internet, e-mail (including attaching files), computer viruses and spyware and PC security software. You'll build skills and confidence through hands-on exercises, and learn about features to consider when purchasing a computer. Tuition: \$129 plus \$15 lab fee. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9

p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Tuesday, June 7 –

#### Thursday, June 30

*Spanish II* – If you've already taken Spanish I, we'll help you take it up a notch so you can converse with confidence! Building bilingual proficiency will open endless possibilities with friends, coworkers and clients. Plus, it will broaden your job, promotion and career opportunities. Medicine, Education, International Trade, Communications and Tourism are just a few of the fields in which bilingual skills are in demand. This second level course will improve your conversational ability, plus increase your Spanish vocabulary, reading, and writing proficiency. Prerequisite: Spanish I or the equivalent. Tuition: \$205 (textbook included (Same as Spanish I, *Spanish Is Fun*, Third Edition, AMSCO School Publications, Inc., ISBN 1-56765-464-9). Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Tuesday, June 7 –

#### Tuesday, July 12

*Powerful People Skills: Successfully Working with Colleagues and Staff* – Whether you're a receptionist, department manager or aspiring VP, your success depends upon developing and implementing outstanding interpersonal communications skills. Give yourself the professional edge by learning the ways and means of building effective interpersonal relationships in the office and out in the field, as well as strategies for handling obstructive personal and professional behavior (yours included!) while maintaining a professional attitude and atmosphere. Tuition: \$250. Meets Tuesdays, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Tuesday, June 7

Financial Aid Fair, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor. Students must bring their 2010 federal income tax return and W-2s and (if dependent) their parent(s)' 2010 federal income tax returns and W-2s. RSVP by emailing financial\_aid@hccc.edu or calling (201) 360-4210 (include name and the date you plan to attend).

### Wednesday, June 8

*Become a Job Interview Star* – In this ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you'll learn the basic tools you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You'll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Thursday, June 9

*The Hackensack River Experience Seminar and Cruise* – The mighty Hackensack River, which flows for 45 miles, has played a key role in the development of the United States. Join us as Captain Bill Sheehan, founder and Executive Director of Hackensack Riverkeeper, presents a fascinating slide show and acquaints us with the historical, social and environmental significance of the Hackensack River and the Meadowlands. Then, hop on board the Captain's pontoon for a 2.5-hour tour of the post-industrial Hudson County waterfront — and its remarkable and once-again abundant wildlife — from Secaucus to the mouth of the Hackensack in

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Jersey City. Riverkeeper is the independent advocate organization dedicated to preserving the natural, living resources of the Hackensack River, and Captain Sheehan — a licensed U.S. Coast Guard master of inland waterways — has devoted his life to the Hackensack's rehabilitation and conservation. This is a very special opportunity we know you'll enjoy. Tuition: \$69. Seminar is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; boat trip is Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Friday, June 10

*Pasta and Noodle Cookery* - Make and taste a variety of pasta and noodles! In addition to from-scratch preparation of noodle pastes, strong emphasis will be placed on cooking, and the sequence of assembling dishes. You'll gain an understanding of the different types of noodle pastes as well as complementary sauces and products. Tuition: \$60. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Saturday, June 11

*Become a Job Interview Star* - In this ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you'll learn the basic tools you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You'll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: \$59. Meets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Sunday, June 12

*Fish and Seafood Cookery* - Examine the delicate nature of fish and seafood cookery through a thorough review of the variety of fish and seafood as well as appropriate cooking techniques. You will learn how to evaluate the quality and freshness of products selected, and prepare a variety of menu items. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, June 14

Last day to withdraw from Summer Session I

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Fourth Floor, Mary T. Norton Room

Financial Aid Fair, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor. Students must bring their 2010 federal income tax return and W-2s and (if dependent) their parent(s)' 2010 federal income tax returns and W-2s. RSVP by emailing [financial\\_aid@hccc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@hccc.edu) or calling (201) 360-4210 (include name and the date you plan to attend).

Open House/Information Session for Humanities & Social Sciences, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To reserve a place, please con-

tact [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu) or visit <http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse>.

## Wednesday, June 15 - Wednesday, July 20

*Basic Excel 2007* - Learn the basics of Excel, starting with spreadsheet terminology and Excel 2007's Window components. We'll teach you how to create, save, and edit worksheets/workbooks, insert and resize rows and columns, use labels, format data and text, know the difference between absolute and relative formulas, and so much more! Hands-on exercises help reinforce the lessons and lectures and develop your Excel skills. Textbook included. Prerequisite: Experience using computers. Tuition: \$155 plus \$15 lab fee (textbook included). Meets Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Wednesday, June 15

*Resumé Writing Workshop* - Don't let a mediocre resumé jeopardize your success! Rev up your resumé and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resumé—make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resumé writing and proven strategies to target your resumé to a specific position. Plus, we'll help prepare you for successful interviews. Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Friday, June 17

Zarkana by Cirque du Soleil at Radio City Music Hall; show time 8 p.m. Offered by the Office of Student Activities.

*Creating the Perfect Marriages of Food & Wine* - Don't let the prospect of selecting the right wines to go with the right foods

intimidate you! In our class — which features the pairing of a wine with a simple dish — you'll learn the basics of food-and-wine pairings and how flavors are enhanced and come to life by developing the perfect relationships. Tuition: \$70. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Saturday, June 18

Day Trip to Hershey Park (departing from 25 Journal Square at 8 a.m.) Offered by the Office of Student Activities.

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*Kitchen Survival Skills for Singles* - Say goodbye to cereal for dinner. Tell the takeout people they won't be seeing you every day. Learn how easy and enjoyable it is to prepare simply delicious and nutritious meals all by yourself, for yourself, that will change the way you think about cooking and eating. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, June 21

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at

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\$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

Financial Aid Fair, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor. Students must bring their 2010 federal income tax return and W-2s and (if dependent) their parent(s)' 2010 federal income tax returns and W-2s. RSVP by emailing [financial\\_aid@hccc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@hccc.edu) or calling (201) 360-4210 (include name and the date you plan to attend).

### Wednesday, June 22

*Become a Job Interview Star* – In this ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you'll learn the

basic tools you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You'll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Saturday, June 25

*Become a Job Interview Star* – In this ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you'll learn the basic tools you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You'll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: \$59. Meets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

*Fundamentals of Ice Cream, Sorbet & Gelato* - 'Tis almost the season when you want to enjoy frozen desserts every day! Our class will acquaint you with the similarities and differences of ice cream, sorbet and gelato, as well as how to prepare unbelievably delicious frozen desserts using the latest technologies and the seasonally available ingredients. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

### Tuesday, June 28

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

Financial Aid Fair, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second

Floor. Students must bring their 2010 federal income tax return and W-2s and (if dependent) their parent(s)' 2010 federal income tax returns and W-2s. RSVP by emailing [financial\\_aid@hccc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@hccc.edu) or calling (201) 360-4210 (include name and the date you plan to attend).

### Wednesday, June 29 &

### Thursday, June 30

Final exams for Summer Session I

### Wednesday, June 29

*Resumé Writing Workshop* - Don't let a mediocre resumé jeopardize your success! Rev up your resumé and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resumé—make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resumé writing and proven strategies to target your resumé to a specific position. Plus, we'll help prepare you for successful interviews. Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## HCCC TO HOLD A SERIES OF 'FINANCIAL AID FAIRS' THROUGH JUNE AND JULY

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who will help prospective and present students learn what funding is available to help them pay for their college education," Dr. Gabert stated. "The proof of our Financial Aid staff's skill in this area is

in the fact that more than 78% of Hudson County Community College students receive financial aid."

Dr. Gabert said those attending the "Financial Aid Fairs" will also be informed as to what documentation is re-

quired when applying for aid, as well as what happens once applications are submitted.

Anyone interested in attending any of the "Financial Aid Fairs" is asked to confirm their attendance — as well as name and date of attendance —

by emailing [financial\\_aid@hccc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@hccc.edu) or by phoning (201) 360-4210. Those attending the events are asked to bring their own 2010 Federal Income Tax Returns and W-2s, and — where applicable — their parents' 2010 Federal Income Tax Returns and W-2s.

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lege's Project L.E.A.P. program, and graduated with 31 college credits from Miftaahul Uloom, a small private school located in Union City. Ayyad finished work on her Associate's degree in just one year, and credits the L.E.A.P. program for making this possible.

"I was the first student from my high school to graduate with so many credits," Ayyad said. "Before graduating high school, I applied to Rutgers, Montclair State, New Jersey City University, and William Paterson University of New Jersey, and I was accepted at all of these schools. But I decided that my best choice would be to continue my education at Hudson County Community College."

Ayyad was involved in the Muslim Student Association, and worked part-time in the Tutoring Center and as a Student Ambassador. She plans to continue her education at Kean University.

"I thank HCCC for these great opportunities I have been given. HCCC is truly a world of possibilities," Ayyad said.

**Mattie Johnson** is helping to give back to the community by working full-time as a residential counselor for Hudson Milestones, a group home for the mentally and developmentally challenged.

Johnson, a Jersey City resident and a Sociology major at HCCC, is a recovering drug addict. She overcame an addiction to crack in 1994, and has since become an integral part of her church, a role model in her job, and most importantly, a loving wife and mother to her four children. Johnson has been accepted to New Jersey City University where she plans to continue her studies.

**Connie Falconi**, a Secaucus resident, is also a role model for her children, who also attend Hudson County Community College. Falconi's son, David, is majoring in Engineering Science and her daughter, Jessica, is majoring in Art Design.

"I decided to go back to school because I wanted to be a good role model to them (my children) and motivate them to study in college," she said.

A native of Ecuador, Falconi came to the United States in 1997. It had been years since Falconi stepped into a classroom as a student, but she found the path less chosen is often the most rewarding.

"I also went back to school because I realized that education is an important part of life, one that leads us to a better future. It develops our creativity, expands our horizons and helps us to evolve in all aspects of our being," Falconi said.

Falconi first registered in ESL classes at HCCC, then classes in her major, Early Childhood Education. She has participated in a variety of seminars, lectures, and workshops while attending HCCC. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta honor societies, as well as the Biology and Psychology Clubs. Falconi is the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to New Jersey City University, where she plans on attaining a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Psychology. Her future plans also include earning her master's degree.

"I will continue working hard as a student, as a mother and as a member of the community with the same enthusiasm and dedication," she said. "I would like to encourage all

students, particularly mothers, to persevere in the journey of their dreams because it is never too late to start an education and there are no limits to continue it, as long as there is willingness to do it. I would like to express my gratitude to Hudson County Community College for providing support to the community and giving the opportunity of further education. Education is a precious jewel that everyone has the right to obtain."

Like Falconi, **Virginia Galindo**, a Jersey City resident, is far from her native home. Galindo came to the United States from Cuba more than 40 years ago, served in the Army from 1977 to 1980, and battled to recuperate from a stroke she suffered while pursuing her education at HCCC. Now almost fully recovered, she will attend New Jersey City University in the fall. Galindo, a Health Science major, believes "everything will work itself out eventually," a mindset that has helped her achieve the grades that landed her on the Dean's List in Fall 2010.

**Tamer Marshood**, an Engineering Science major originally from Jerusalem, Israel, moved to the United States with his family when he was only 2 years old. He is the son of Dr. Nabil Marshood, a Sociology professor at HCCC.

Marshood always had an interest in entertainment and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career as a musician. He was hired as a talent agent for Media Artists Group and later worked independently running a music production company. Marshood decided to change careers and began attending classes at HCCC. He is now the president of the Science and Engineering Club, co-chairperson of the Student

Advisory Board, serves on the HCCC Judicial Board, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was elected to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2011," and earned a spot on the Dean's List. He is employed on campus managing the HCCC Mathematics Laboratory and worked last semester as a chemistry laboratory assistant.

Marshood was also awarded an internship at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York where he will participate in a 10-week research internship with the Environmental Protection Division.

In addition to his academic career, Marshood volunteers as a Young Men's District Leader at Soka Gakkai International. He also tutored children at A.K.A. Education in Union City and volunteered at a food bank.

**Americo Soria** was also born overseas, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Looking to his father for inspiration, he decided to take a new career path, one in Studio Arts-Computer Arts.

"My father retired as a high school math teacher in Bolivia," Soria said. "He has always enjoyed art, and practiced drawing, painting, and theater in his younger years but he gave them up in order to follow a career that would help him support his family. Watching me go through many different fields of study and career changes, my father always encouraged me to practice art. Though I never listened, and pursued the career that I thought would make more money, thinking it would lead to my happiness, he never gave up on me."

Soria is currently raising his own son, and when he's not

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taking care of his family, he is president of the Film Club (Digital Network of Arts), and vice president of the Art Club and the Bilingual Coalition. He also served on the Public Relations committee of the Student Advisory Board, is a member of the Student Judicial Board, the Key Club, Culture-Plus Club and the Science and Engineering Club.

"I have experienced many hardships in my life, but there is no one to hold accountable but myself," Soria said. "An advantage to my age is my experience, the ability to take responsibility for my own actions, and the way that I have dealt with different situations. I have always remained positive and hopeful that I would find my calling, and I can now state that I am truly content."

Soria received three nominations from HCCC Art Department staffers for three different pieces of art submitted to the DNA-TV Art Awards. He has been on the College Dean's

List several times, is a recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award, the Student Leader of the Month Award, and received several honors at the Annual Student Achievement and Excellence Awards.

**Dalia Noeman**, a North Bergen resident, is a HCCC Student Ambassador who actually completed her studies as a Mathematics major in January with a 3.9 GPA. Noeman is the vice president of the Muslim Student Association and received several honors while attending HCCC, including membership in Psi Beta, Chi Alpha Epsilon, and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She was also a 2008 NJ STARS Scholarship Recipient.

"While I was at Hudson County Community College, I loved being there for all my classmates. I always encouraged them to get up on a Saturday morning and group study," she said. "The best decision I ever made in life was going to HCCC, because now I feel the difference."

In addition to her studies and work as an Avon representative, Noeman served as a math and science tutor for North Bergen High School Tutoring Services, was a member of the Key Club and French Club, as well as a volunteer at Palisades Medical Center and the Islamic Relief effort.

The Hudson County Community College Class of 2011 — the largest class in the College's history — graduated on Thursday evening, May 26, 2011 in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, N.J. Dr. Antonio R. Flores, President of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), delivered the keynote address that evening. Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson, the College's retiring Vice President for Academic Affairs, was presented with the College's 2011 Heritage Award. Very Reverend Father David A. Bebawy, Protopriest and Executive Director of St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church in Jersey City, led the invocation.

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hallway of the Culinary Arts Institute at 161 Newkirk Street, and the other, *Lines in Four Directions*, was just acquired.

**Frank Palaia**, whose work *Circo Italiano* is installed in the second floor hallway of 119 Newkirk Street, has two new books out this year: *Franc Palaia SX-70 Polaroids 1981 – 2011* and *NightLife, The Shadow Paintings of Richard*

*Hambleton*. Information about both publications is available at the artist's website, [www.francpalaia.com](http://www.francpalaia.com).

The art of **Michael Waugh**, whose lithograph *The CIA Commission (part 1 and part n)*, 2008 was recently acquired by the HCCC Art Collection, will be featured in the show "Idée Fixe: Drawings of an Obsessive Nature" at the Winkleman Gallery, 621 West 27th Street in New York City

through June 11. The drawings in "Idée Fixe" either build toward or seem to disintegrate away from complex systems and through what is obviously a time-consuming, perhaps even obsessive process. Running the gamut from highly photo realistic representation to abstractions that suggest imagined landscapes or fields, these works are created from intense, often repetitive gestures.