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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT

William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees announced that on May 8, the Trustees appointed Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D. to serve as the next President of the College. Dr. Reber will be installed to that office effective July 1, 2018. He is succeeding Glen Gabert, Ph.D., who is retiring from HCCC after more than 25 years as President.

Mr. Netchert said Dr. Reber was chosen from several candidates in a national search that began in January and was conducted by the Association of Community College Trustees. The search committee was chaired by HCCC Trustee, the Honorable Judge Kevin Callahan. HCCC Trustee Vice Chair Bakari J. Lee, Esq. served as Vice Chair of the search committee. Staff members of the College, as well as Hudson County community stakeholders, served as committee members.

"The College was looking for an experienced leader with a record of excellence and innovation to continue building upon the framework that has been established during Dr. Gabert's tenure, and Dr. Reber is that individual," Mr. Netchert said.

In its search document, the College stated it was seeking "an educational leader with firsthand knowledge of emerging trends in higher education and technology, who is also diplo-



matic, compassionate, and capable of overseeing this multi-campus urban institution located in the highly competitive New York City metropolitan area."

Dr. Reber has devoted his 37-year career to higher education. He is currently President of Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) near Pittsburgh, PA, having assumed office there in July 2014. At CCBC, Dr. Reber focused on growth and meeting the needs of students and the community. He led new initiatives in support of a student-centered learning environment; strategic enrollment management; regional partnerships; career and educational pathways; di-

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS OF 2018 PROUDLY ACCEPT THEIR DIPLOMAS AT THE COLLEGE'S 41ST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES



In what is likely one of the most important evenings of their lives, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Class of 2018 was joined by family and friends, as well as elected officials, and HCCC Trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff for a graduation celebration. The College's 41st Commencement ceremonies took place at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on Thursday, May 17.

Following an invocation led by Mount Olive Baptist Church Pastor Reverend John McReynolds, HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. delivered welcoming remarks and introduced Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise and HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, both of whom spoke.

HCCC Instructor of Theater Arts Joseph Gallo then introduced the keynote speaker, award-winning Broadway and television actor, composer, and lyricist Christopher Jackson, who is best known for his role as George Washington in the Broadway hit musical, *Hamilton*.

Mr. Jackson began his address by telling the graduates: "It is statistically impossible to count the number of things that had to go right in order for you to walk across the stage this evening. Some of you are the first in your families to graduate from college. Some of you had to overcome some incredibly long odds to finish – language barriers, cultural barriers, economic obstacles, crazy Presidents, times when it seemed like no one else in the world could understand what you were going through. But it wasn't blind luck that brought you here. Your hard work, your discipline, application of your education and studies, your resilience got you here. You earned this."

Mr. Jackson expressed that as a society, we are in desperate need of miracles today as much of our discourse is guided by hate, fear, doubt, and cynicism. "But I see hope in

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Pictured from left at the Walk MS on April 28: Abderahim Salhi, Fatima Osman, Prof. Ted Lai, and Ana Scull.



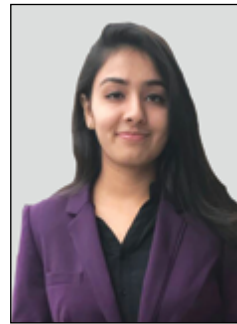
Victoria Migochi, Soumeya Nasri, Sarra Hayoune, her son Rayan, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on May 12.



Vivian Valencia, Fatima Osman, Bianelly Tellez, Juan Cacho, Michelle Vintimilla, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the 12th Annual Japan Day at Central Park on May 13.



Pictured from left at Liberty State Park on March 24: Victoria Migochi, Luz Tellez (Past Beta Alpha Phi Vice President of Service and HCC alumna), Bianelly Tellez, Sandra Aviles (Information Technology), Abderahim Salhi, Prof. Ted Lai, and Cledys Diaz Castillo.



Sarra Hayoune (on the left) and Virti Shah (on the right) have been accepted into the summer research program National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates at Queensborough Community College. The program is designed for community college students who wish to conduct research in Physics, Astronomy, or Biophysics, and is 10 weeks long.



Bianelly Tellez (left) and Cledys Diaz Castillo (right) were among New Jersey's 38 best and brightest community college students and their families honored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at its 24th annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration on Thursday, May 3. They are pictured with Beta Alpha Phi advisor Prof. Ted Lai (second from left) and Juan Cacho.

INTRODUCING ...



PATRICIA (TRISHA) CLAY - CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Trisha is a strategic Information Technology leader specializing in infrastructure and applications support management, project management, collaboration, and information security. Prior to joining the Hudson County Community College team, she was the Director of Information Technology for DeSales University, a private, four-year institution of higher education. There she managed all aspects of the Information Technology landscape, including networking, servers, computer hardware and software, information security, and enterprise level applications. She assures a high level of customer service in a complex environment. Ms. Clay has a Master's of Business Administration with Project Management concentration from DeSales University. She is a member of EDUCAUSE HEISC Awareness and Training Working Group. She is a frequent presenter at local and regional conferences.



JEFF ROBERSON, JR. - DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENT

Jeff has over 20 years' experience in purchasing and contract administration from the higher education, insurance, and healthcare industries. He comes to us from Acurity, a regional healthcare Group Purchasing Organization, as the Director of Support Services Contracting and has previously worked at Rutgers University as a Senior Buyer for University Housing and Facility Services.

He was instrumental in managing the day-to-day and hands-on construction materials and facilities services with a deep knowledge of third-party purchased services in the healthcare and higher education environments.

Jeff has a B.S. in Accounting and an MBA in Supply Chain Management, both from Rutgers University. He is also a military veteran from the United States Air Force and Air National Guard.

Jeff will be responsible for all Hudson County Community College's Purchasing Management.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA HONORS PROF. ALISON BACH FOR FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

At a meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 8, Alison Bach (center), Instructor, English, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges, for her five years of service as sponsor/advisor to Omicron Epsilon Chapter. Pictured from left with Prof. Bach are Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President.



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 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.

Wednesday, June 20: Taking Care of Your Skin

Wednesday, July 25: Identity Theft Protection and Self-Help

Wednesday, August 22: Bullying

Wednesday, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health

Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging

Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

RETIREMENT

Joseph Colicchio
(effective June 30, 2018)

NEW HIRES/NEW TITLES

Jose Acosta,
Custodial Worker

Jenny Bobea,
College Lecturer – Honors Program

Estephany Ferreira,
Accounts Receivable/Bursar Clerk

Gihan Nakhla,
College Lecturer – Health & Medical Services

Parthkumar Patel,
PC Technician

Jeff Roberson, Jr.,
Director of Contracts & Procurements

PROMOTION OF FULL-TIME FACULTY, ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

From Instructor to Assistant Professor:

Alison Bach, English

Denise Rossilli, Human Services

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Joseph Caniglia, English (Academic Foundations)

Ara Karakashian, Culinary Arts

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Alfa Rodriguez
Samaya Yashayeva

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accountant

Adjunct Positions (Fall/Summer 2018)

Admissions Recruiter

Assistant Registrar

College Lecturer, English

College Lecturer, Health Sciences (Revised)

College Lecturer, Nursing

College Librarian Archivist PT

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Counselor

Custodial Worker

Dean of Libraries

Director of Health Related Programs

Director of Purchasing

DSS Coordinator Advisor

Help Desk Manager

Instructor, Accounting

Instructor, English (two positions)

Instructor, Medical Assisting

Instructor, Romance Languages

Librarian FT

Library Associate PT

Payroll Office Assistant (PT)

PC Technician

Perkins Coordinator PT

Secretary, Academic Affairs

Senior PC Technician

Sign Language Interpreter (PT)

Student Financial Aid Assistant

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.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

HCCC HOSTS JOURNAL SQUARE OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 28



Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services, welcomes a roomful of prospective students to the Culinary Conference Center.



Victor Moruzzi, Adjunct Instructor, Culinary Arts, provides Open House attendees with a tour of the various kitchens at the Culinary Arts Institute.



Laurie Riccadonna (left), Professor of Fine Arts, describes the Studio Arts degree programs to Open House attendees.



Open House attendees have their questions about services provided by Hudson County Community College by team members in various departments and divisions.

REAL MONEY 101



The Office of Financial Student Assistance concluded its roster of financial literacy workshops on Wednesday, April 25. Peter Cronrath, Instructor of Business, discussed the risks and benefits of entrepreneurship, and how to get started. Cronrath (right) is introduced by Christine Petersen, Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance.

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

SUMMER IN THE CITY!



Courses available online and in-person. Get ahead on your current degree.

- Save hundreds of dollars as you lighten your course load
- More than 100 course offerings to choose from; taking classes online or in person at 2 easy-to-reach campuses
- Credits transfer to major four-year colleges and universities
- Earn up to 12 credits over the summer!
- Non-credit Continuing Education classes are also available.

SUMMER SESSIONS

ONLINE B begins Wednesday, June 27

SESSION II begins Monday, July 9

APPLY NOW! www.hccc.edu/summer

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS: 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ (right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS: 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ (adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR HCCC PRESIDENT DR. GLEN GABERT



Pictured from left: Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts, & Hospitality Management Division; Siroun Meguerditchian, Associate Professor, Culinary Arts Institute; and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of Hudson County Community College.



Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President (center) with Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President (left) and Marcella Williams, Executive Secretary.



Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President (far right) greets College faculty, administrators, and staff during a reception in his honor on Friday, May 11.

HCCC WELCOMES AWARD-WINNING ABC NEWS JOURNALIST MARTHA RADDATZ



Martha Raddatz, Global Affairs Correspondent and Co-Ancor of ABC's This Week, shares her personal and professional experiences during her lecture at Hudson County Community College on May 2.

ABC News acclaimed Global Affairs Correspondent and Co-Ancor of ABC's *This Week* Martha Raddatz shared firsthand accounts of her career during an appearance at an installment of the Hudson County Community College Lecture Series on Wednesday, May 2. The free event took place at the College's Culinary Conference Center.



ABC News journalist Martha Raddatz (right) with, from left, Dr. Sheila Dynan, Associate Dean of Student Success, and Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services.



Martha Raddatz (left) with Sylvia Mendoza (center), Executive Director of Financial Aid, and Christine Petersen, Associate Director of Financial Aid.

Ms. Raddatz's career includes providing coverage from the Pentagon, the State Department, and the White House, as well as Africa, Europe, Asia, the former Soviet Union, the Philippines, Haiti, Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Turkey, India, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT

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versity; advancement and grant development; and continuous improvement. CCBC is an Achieving the Dream Leader College and offers 75 degree, certificate and diploma programs, hundreds of Continuing Education and Workforce Development programs, seamless transfer to a wide variety of baccalaureate and graduate institutions, and a nationally distinctive high school academy dual enrollment program. The Aspen Institute named CCBC one of America's Top 150 community colleges in 2017.

Before arriving at CCBC, Dr. Reber served for 12 years as the Executive Dean of Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where he was the chief executive and academic officer. His career also includes 18 years at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he served on the senior management team as the Chief Development, University Relations, and Alumni Affairs Officer during a successful \$50 million capital campaign; and Chief Student Affairs Officer during a period of major college growth.

Dr. Reber holds a bachelor's degree in Latin from Dickinson College, a master's degree in college student personnel administration from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a post-graduate certificate from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to join the HCCC community and continue the transformational work underway to serve students and the region," said Dr. Reber. "HCCC offers life-changing educational opportunities for career development, upward social mobility and greatly improved quality of life for the region's people and institutions. I am thrilled to begin this next chapter of my career and work side by side with HCCC Trustees, faculty, staff, students, community leaders and other members and partners of this regionally and nationally distinctive institution."

"We want to thank the members of the search committee for assisting us in finding and selecting such a well-qualified candidate, and ensuring that the process was open, democratic, and fair," Mr. Netchert stated. He mentioned that the process involved screening resumes and CVs and conducting video interviews with the more than a dozen candidates selected from the several dozen who applied; then holding a series of community meetings with each of the three, final, outstanding candidates (where attendees were able to question the candidates and anonymously provide their opinions of the candidates); and finally, conducting formal interviews with the Trustees. Chairman Netchert said: "The diligence used in the selection of Dr. Reber shows that the greater good of the community and the College was clearly foremost in the search committee's work."

"We look forward to working with Dr. Reber in continuing to grow Hudson County Community College in a manner that focuses on the needs of our community and is based in excellence," Mr. Netchert said.

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.



Hughie Lee-Smith, *Nocturne (1996)*, Lithograph. Given in memory of Irene and Glen Gabert.

Dear Dr. Gabert,

For over seven years, this column has been anonymous, but this month I must come out of hiding to thank you personally for an outstanding job.

Eight years ago, you hired me to coordinate the Foundation Art Collection. At the time there were 25 artworks installed on the campus from the Collection. By the time we finish our installations for this year, there will be over 1,000 works on the walls, many by major American artists. I believe we now have the finest community college art collection in the nation. You had a huge – and extremely quiet – role in this successful project. Thank you.

Because much of your generosity happened behind the scenes, I want to illuminate some of the work that Joseph Sansone, myself, the College workers, and our great Federal Work Study student assistants accomplished during the last few years with your able, intelligent support.

First of all, when I got here, you walked me around campus, through every building and every floor, and you provided the vision for what this Collection could be. You said that seeing art in your young life had influenced your education a great deal in a positive way. You wanted the Hudson County Community College students, faculty, staff, and the community to experience that gift as well. You said we should make the College itself, the entire interior areas, into an “Educational Art Museum.” You wanted art in the public areas of every corridor of every building.

I did not know how we could accomplish this, since at the time we had enough art to put two – maybe three – works in each building. Also, by then I had become acquainted with our budget, which was fumes. Our budget for the entire year was less than what we spent on *one* picture frame at my last job.

Joe showed me a desk in a cubicle. There was a computer, a phone, and a partition on which I could pin my calendar and some personal photographs. Joe said, “You have got a job. Go get art.” You



Jurgen Graetz, *Untitled (1988)*, Photograph.

both introduced me to Ben Dineen, the Foundation Board Member who had been an art dealer; and Ben then introduced me to the art world here. The 700+ donations of fine art and historic artifacts which we have received started with that amazing introduction.

You encouraged us to build a collection that reflected the extraordinary diversity of our community. There are many metrics by which we can measure our success. Here are some: On average, works by women comprise less than 5% of American art collections. Here at the Foundation Art Collection, works by women comprise over 50% of the Collection. We have corridors of work devoted to art of the African Diaspora, contemporary Hispanic art, contemporary Japanese art, and work by many other people from many places. When we came upon an artwork that was perfect for our Collection and too dear for our budget, you stepped up personally (with your husband Greg Ratcliff, the soul of kindness and discernment). Using the donor match program where every dollar donated to the Foundation Art Collection is matched by both the Foundation Board and the Board of Trustees— you two made the contribution to the program that made that purchase possible. You were quiet about this; and I'm sorry, but I'm blowing your cover. Some of the works you personally contributed, or that we bought through the match program are depicted on this page. There is not room for all of them.

Every month, you checked in and made sure things were going well. You and Joe worked behind the scenes to keep the donations coming, and to make sure the art installation ran smoothly. When we were baffled by the placement of a huge or unusual artwork, your expert eye helped us find the perfect location. You carried the vision, mentored the project, and tirelessly supported our good work. Most importantly, you gave this Foundation Art Collection the intellectual freedom to do the right thing (without ANY editorial interference). For eight years.

I see the fruits of our labor when I speak with the students about the art on the walls, and when students come back after graduating to tell me they



Edmund Darch Lewis, *A Fertile Valley (1871)*, Oil on Canvas. Presented to the College by Glen Gabert, PhD, and Gregory Ratcliff and their family and friends to celebrate their August 4, 2014 wedding.



Mike Disfarmer, *The Gage Family (ca. 1940-45)*, Photograph.



Felipe Benitez, *Untitled (ca. 1999)*, Oil on Board.



William Wegman, *Is for Baker (2013)*, Limited Edition Photographic Print. Given by Dr. Glen Gabert in honor of Marcia Manke Friesen.

are enrolled in a four-year college and continuing their study of the arts, or working in the arts community at world-class arts institutions. You have made a difference.

I made this short film as a visual Valentine to thank you and Joe for all your good work. I want the community to understand the depth and breadth of your gift, so here is a link to the film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4N8f7NHLabs&feature=youtu.be>

With heartfelt and sincere thanks,
Andrea Siegel, Ph.D.,
Permanent Collection Coordinator
Hudson County Community College

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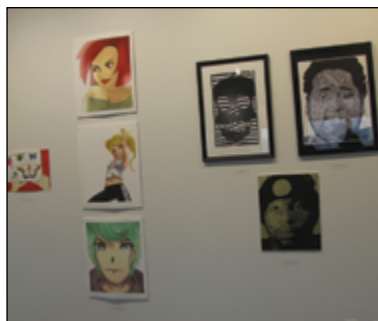


HCCC HOSTS 'EYE OF THE STORM' ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION



On Friday, May 4, Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs hosted a panel discussion with the artists who participated in the 2018 Wonder Women Project presented by *_gaia*. The discussion included current social issues and other topics brought forth by the works created for "Eye of the Storm." Panelists included Doris Caçoilo, Sharon De La Cruz, Eileen Ferrara, Tamara Gubernat, Deborah Sperry, and Linda Streicher.

HCCC DISPLAYS STUDENT ARTWORK IN 'ART REVIEW' EXHIBIT



From May 4 to May 17, the Department of Cultural Affairs hosted a semiannual exhibit of HCCC art students' artwork. On May 4, the department also hosted a panel discussion and reception.

HCCC Professor and Program of Fine Arts Coordinator Laurie Riccadonna and Associate Professor and Computer Art Coordinator Jeremiah Teipen curated the exhibit.

The exhibition was dedicated to Heather Acosta, who earned A.F.A in Studio Arts from the College in 2016.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SHOWCASE WORKS OF 18 ARTISTS FROM THE COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION ART COLLECTION

Eighteen artists whose works in portraiture, photography, graphic arts, and other media are included in the in an upcoming exhibition, *Highlights from the Foundation Art Collection*.

The College's Department of Cultural Affairs will host the exhibit from Wednesday, June 13 through Tuesday, July 31, at the College's Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull at the Gabert Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City (across the street from Journal Square PATH Transportation Center). The event is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

The artists featured in the exhibit are John Chamberlain, Darryl Curran, Edward S. Curtis, Robert Fichter, Suda House, Etti Jacobi, Mickey Mathis, Heidi McFall, Judy Mensch, Tracey Moffatt, Nancy Scheinman, Bonnie Schiffman, Jacqueline Spellens, Ann Sperry, Robert Von Sternberg, Melanie Walker, Todd Walker, and Nancy Webber. The exhibit will be curated by Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs.

The HCCC Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Since it was established in 1997, the Foundation has provided deserving

students with scholarships totaling more than \$2.65 million.

The HCCC Foundation Art Collection, valued at over \$1 million, represents America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history, from the Hudson River School period to the present. Included are more than 1,000 paintings, lithographs, photographs, sculptures, American craft pottery, and more by major artists such as Man Ray, Ben Shahn, Joan Snyder, and Marcel Duchamp. A growing collection of emerging and established New Jersey artists is included. Themes include diversity, urban life, science, technology, United States history and culture, and architecture. The Collection was established in 2006 to coincide with the initiation of the College's Fine Arts program. The Foundation Art Collection is displayed throughout the College's Journal Square and North Hudson Campus buildings.

The Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery summer hours are Monday through Thursday, from 12 to 4 p.m. The Gallery is closed Friday to Sunday and holidays. Information on upcoming events at the Gallery may be obtained by visiting www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs, emailing gallery@hccc.edu, or phoning (201) 360-5379.

SELECTIONS FROM CARRIE HADDAD GALLERY



Pictured from left at the "Selections from Carrie Haddad Gallery" artist reception on April 4: Carrie Haddad, a member of the community, David Dew Bruner, Kate Hamilton (in front of David), and Linden Scheff.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



The third cycle of CBI's Supply Chain Management program celebrated its graduation on Thursday, April 12, 2018.



Scenes from Continuing Education's Ice Cream Creations class on April 22 with Chef Luci Brasil.



The next Ice Cream Creations class will be held on June 3.
Call (201) 360- 4262 or email cfarrell@hccc.edu to register!



Scenes from Continuing Education's Screen Printing class with Guttenberg Arts on May 5.



The next screen printing class will be held on June 10.
Call (201) 360-4262 or email cfarrell@hccc.edu to register!

Center for Business and Industry

The third cycle of the Supply Chain Management program celebrated its graduation on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Twelve students participated in this third cycle: Geronimo Rganit, John Parker, Walter Roque, Anabel Damacela, Douglas Ferrell, Hugo Gonzalez, Joseph Tangalin, Liaqat Bhatti, Maria Pusateri, Albert Shin, Dalia Rosa, and Lamarquis Patten. Each student brought his or her diverse background in Supply Chain and logistics. One of the students, Albert Shin, was referred by Associate Dean Paul Dillon's Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division. Mr. Shin, a matriculated student, was able to use the articulation agreement and add 9 credit in Supply Chain Management to his Business degree. These are credits that he can later transfer when he goes to a four-year college to attain a Bachelor's degree.

During this cycle, the students had an opportunity to work with Roy Tapia, a Supply Chain

Management recruiter. Roy works for SearchHire, a company he founded 15 years ago. Unlike other recruiter, Roy works to help companies find good workers. He had heard about the program at Hudson County Community College and reach out with the hope to volunteer. "I work on the phone all day, I never get to meet candidates face to face and I wanted the opportunity to help out and come face to face with those I am assisting which I find very rewarding," explained Roy. He helps students with their resumes by providing expert feedback to get them ready for the workforce. Roy has found very good jams here at Hudson. "I have found a lot of good candidates here and I have sent some resumes to my clients."

Another great addition to the program, and what has made the program successful, is having an instructor like Stuart Rosenberg. He has years of experience in Supply Chain. He has also had experience as a trainer. Recently, Mr. Rosenberg

wrote a book titled, *The Global Supply Chain and Risk Management*. When asked what prompted him to write a book on the subject, Stuart stated, "The chosen topic represents my attempt to respond to the growing demand for better understanding of supply chain management from managers, academics, and students alike. Most of my courses on supply chain management were targeted at the undergraduate and mid-level management levels, from which I have learned and enjoyed as much as my students do. The most important lesson I learned is that supply chain management is a dynamic and evolving subject. It is not a subject that just needs to be taught, but the one needs to be constantly developed. To certain extent, this book will hopefully contribute to such a development."

The next cycle for the Supply Chain Management Program begins in May. For information about the training program, contact 201-360-4247 or email cbi@hccc.edu



HCCC Radiology students attend Continuing Education's Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers Training on April 13, 2018.

Continuing Education

Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers (BLS) uses a scenario-based approach to develop the critical thinking and problem solving skills that drive better outcomes for adult, child, and infant patients. The training is one day only and five hours long. Sessions will run on multiple dates from June to July and cost \$115 per person. To register for CE's BLS training, please call (201) 360-4239 or visit the Continuing Education office at 161 Newkirk Street, Fifth Floor, Room E504.

Current HCCC students will receive a 10% discount!

BREAD BAKERS GUILD OF AMERICA PRESENTS 'THE SCIENCE BEHIND SOURDOUGH' AT HCCC'S CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE



On April 27 and 28, the Bread Bakers Guild of America hosted a two-day course, "The Science Behind Sourdough," at Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute. Chef Karen Bornarth and microbiologist Debra Wink facilitated the course.,,

On April 27th and 28th food came to life in Hudson County's premier culinary institution. Artisan bread bakers as well as home bakers from across the nation came together to learn from Chef Karen Bornarth and microbiologist Debra Wink about sourdough. The Bread Bakers Guild chose to use the HCCC Culinary Arts Institute to host "The Science Behind Sourdough" class. Our culinary and baking students shared their talent by preparing lunch for all the participants. They also volunteered to assist the chefs during the class.

The Bread Bakers Guild of America is a community of those passionate about bread, whether they are professionals in the industry, farmers, students, home bakers, and the like. The guild promotes and supports artisan baking, providing a community forum and sources for its members to learn more as the world of bread baking continues to advance. These bakers turned students came to better understand what happens during the process of fermentation in sourdough making, and the different effects controlled fermentation has on their breads.

Along with getting to make a variety of sourdoughs with Chef Karen, Mrs. Debra Wink gave in depth lectures behind the chemistry of fermentation and the processes that occur when yeasts and microorganisms get a hold of that dough. Mrs. Wink also provided an acid testing so that students could understand the right balance they are looking for to get that classic sour taste in their breads. Chef Karen has an extensive career in bread. After graduating from the Culinary Institute of America, she went on to work as a production baker at Amy's Bread, a teacher at the French Culinary Institute, a worker in product development and quality control at Le Pain Quotidien, and currently works as the Training Director at Hot Bread Kitchen. You could easily see her ease and skill with bread as she moved around in our kitchen. Mrs. Debra Wink studied microbiology and works as a medical technologist. Intrigued by bread starters and applying her science background and knowledge, she fell in love with bread and has moved from joining the Bread Bakers Guild to having her literature appear in Bread lines and Fideles au bon pain, as well as teaching classes for the guild. It's safe to say that the students were rolling with the experts.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



HCCC's Business & Accounting Club attended a tour of the New Jersey City University School of Business in downtown Jersey City.

Members and advisors of the Business & Accounting Club visited the New Jersey City University School of Business on Wednesday, April 25. The students learned about the various Business programs and had the opportunity to ask questions to the department heads and representatives. The Dean of Business also took time to address the group. Professors **Sharon Daughtry**, **Lester McRae** and **Elana Winslow** accompanied the group.

A short story written by Adjunct Instructor **Keith Perkins** will be published in the Summer 2018 issue of The Amsterdam Quarterly (<http://www.amsterdamquarterly.org>).

SAVE THE DATE Fall 2018 Start-Up Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

College Service Day

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Culinary Conference Center,

161 Newkirk St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

All College Faculty

Orientation & Meeting

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

Culinary Conference Center,

161 Newkirk St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Convocation

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Culinary Conference Center,

161 Newkirk St.

CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE HOSTS EXIT DINNER FOR CLASS OF 2018



On Tuesday, May 1, Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute hosted an Exit Dinner for its graduating Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students. Paul Dillon, Associate Dean for the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Division, as well as many of the CAI faculty shared words of encouragement with the students.



Celebrating Glen Gabert, Ph.D.

Glen Gabert and the Growth of Hudson County Community College

For more than 25 years, Hudson County Community College and Glen Gabert have been synonymous. He is the College's longest-serving President, and the architect of changes that expanded opportunities for Hudson County residents and businesses.

Glen Gabert, Ph.D. was installed as President of Hudson County Community College in September 1992. He was the fifth president or acting president to serve the College in three years.

At that time, the College was a deeply distressed institution which had experienced interventions by the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education and Middle States. Every area of operation was in need of reform. There were just 3,076 students enrolled. The Board of Trustees had been asked to resign. There were discussions about dividing HCCC between two nearby colleges, or closing it altogether. There was little confidence for HCCC within the institution and the community.

Armed with a vision of what the College could be, knowledge of what the community needed, and an appropriation of \$250,000 from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and County of Hudson, Dr. Gabert and the Trustees formulated a strategic plan. They worked with faculty, staff, elected officials, and the community to transform the College.

Transforming HCCC Academically and Physically

In 1992, HCCC was largely focused on developmental education programs with limited career and transfer programs. Today, the College has more than 60 degree and certificate programs. HCCC programs are nationally and regionally recognized for excellence with numerous awards and commendations. Additionally, the HCCC Culinary Arts program is now ranked number eight in the U.S. and the HCCC Practical Nursing program is the number two program in New Jersey.

Under Dr. Gabert's direction, HCCC is now student- and community-centered, and focused on fostering understanding and attaining success. The HCCC Johnson Center for Academic and Support Services has been recognized for its excellent, innovative programs. HCCC graduates are accepted at and attend New Jersey colleges and universities, as well as prestigious universities and technical schools throughout the country.

In 1992, the College owned one facility. College-owned, state-of-the-art, comfortable, safe buildings close to public transportation were a key feature of the reformation plan. Dr. Gabert and the Board of Trustees worked with administrators from various New Jersey departments and local elected officials. They obtained support and capital appropriations from the State of New Jersey and the County of Hudson, as well as grants funding – more than \$300 million in all.

Today, HCCC operates two fully accredited campuses – Journal Square (Jersey City) and North Hudson (Union City) with more than a dozen HCCC-owned buildings. (A new eight-story tower with student center and gym on the Journal Square campus will open in 2020.)



25 Years of Service to HCCC!

Growing with and for the Community

The philosophy Dr. Gabert brought to the College dictated that having a presence within the community goes beyond buildings, and must include establishing relationships with students and residents via educational and cultural events that are free of cost to those attending.

Each year HCCC hosts a lecture series featuring nationally renowned speakers. Other programming includes reading and literacy events for families, holiday parties for area children, and job fairs. The College has opened its facilities to the public and made the Library and its resources (books, materials, and computers) available, and the Culinary Conference Center provides spaces for seminars, trainings, and special events for companies, organizations, and individuals at lower-than market rates.

In 2015, the College held the first annual, month-long "LGBTQIA Pride Fest," which now includes a fundraiser for the HCCC Georgia Brooks Memorial Fund and a daylong LGBTQIA conference. Proceeds for scholarships are matched by the Foundation.

The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs, which was established in September 2015, celebrates the community and its diversity throughout the year with a variety of free, culturally enriching offerings. These include art exhibits, artists' lectures, book clubs, plus performing arts presentations. Trips to performing arts and Broadway shows, ballgames, and ecological events, are also offered to the community at deep discounts.

The HCCC Foundation

In the 1992 strategic plan, Dr. Gabert recommended that the College have a working Foundation that would seek funds, equipment, and other assistance from alumni and area businesses. In December 1997, the inaugural meeting of the HCCC Foundation was held, and in 1999 the first Foundation scholarships were awarded to 24 HCCC students. In the time since, HCCC students have been the recipients of nearly \$3 million in scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation provides free student-success programs, stipends for faculty development, seed money for new and innovative programs, and capital to assist the College's physical expansion.

The HCCC Foundation Art Collection was instituted in 2006 to coincide with the start of the College's Fine Arts studies program. Each dollar contributed is matched by the HCCC Foundation and the College itself. The Collection now includes over 1,000 works of art by noted New Jersey and U.S. artists which are displayed in the public spaces of every HCCC building. Throughout the year, the College hosts a series of "Foundation Art Talks," featuring artists and art experts. These sessions are open to the public free of charge.

In a presentation Dr. Gabert made to the College community in September 2015, the closing slide read: "Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off your goals." Having a plan, enlisting the right people to work as a team, and finding resources – human and financial – to make plans realities is how Glen Gabert transformed Hudson County Community College from a troubled entity into an institution of first choice.



NSLS INDUCTION



On Friday, May 5, Hudson County Community College inducted a new cohort of students into the National Society of Leadership and Success. The inducted students completed several membership requirements during the semester.

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS GRADUATION BBQ



On Monday, May 7, North Hudson Campus graduating students were congratulated with a buffet of tasty barbecue food, drinks, and desserts.

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS GRADUATION BBQ



A few clouds (and a few sprinkles) did not stop HCCC's Class of 2018 from converging at the Culinary Plaza Park on Thursday, May 10. The graduates enjoyed delicious food and many fun activities.

GRADUATION FORMAL



Graduates danced under the stars on Tuesday, May 15 at the Liberty House in Jersey City.

CLUB & LEADERSHIP AWARDS



On Monday, April 23, the Office of Student Activities recognized the College's student clubs and organizations in a special awards ceremony.



To see more images from these events, visit our Flickr page at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hudsonccc>.



Congratulations Class of 2018!

HCCC CLASS OF 2018 PROUDLY ACCEPT THEIR DIPLOMAS AT THE COLLEGE'S 41ST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

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your faces right now. I can't help but to be optimistic," Mr. Jackson told the Class of 2018.

Mr. Jackson, who also attended community college, explained that a community college is a special place, saying that it is an institution that dedicates itself to fostering an inclusive environment and a communal experience. "It's the how-to for our society. A place where dreams are born and ambitions are cultivated," he stated.

The entertainer related that he learned how to recognize and surround himself with people who would help foster his special dream. He spoke about his acting career and the successes he would

never have dreamed of attaining, such as performing at the White House for President Barack Obama.

Mr. Jackson then shared with the graduates: "There are going to be difficulties in your life. There will be setbacks and outright failures, and that's okay. It will hurt, and that's okay. Some will doubt you and you will be told to turn around, to pick something easier, more attainable. But do not, for one second, live with lack of ambition or vision."

Mr. Jackson ended by saying "The pursuit of your dreams doesn't end here. This is just the beginning. The world is depending on you."



Commencement photos may be viewed at www.digiproofs.com (password: 051718HCCC). The galleries will be available until November 1, 2018.

ALUMNI SUCCESS PANELISTS SHARE THEIR HCCC STORIES



Adjunct Instructor, English, Deborah Kanter, left and Director of Career Development, Aparna Saini, right pose with the HCCC Alumni panelists.



Alumna Lori Sal-long speaks to student Abderahim Salhi after the Job Fair.



Alumnus Samuel Folloedo shares his story as part of the Alumni Panel.

This spring, Hudson County Community College held its second annual Alumni Success Panel, emceed by Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development. The panelists included: Samuel Folloedo, Class of 2017, Computer Science student, Christian Mejia Major, Class of 2016, Community Partnership and Volunteer/Intern Coordinator at Palisades Family Success Center, Lori Sal-long Major, Class of 2014, student at Columbia University, Lisa Sambula, Class of 2013, 7th Grade ELA Teacher, and Elliott Sanchez, Class of 2015, Chef. The panel-

ists reflected on their time as students, including taking advantage of the many resources HCCC has to offer, such as career development, tutoring services, and clubs and organizations. Throughout the dialogue, the panelists agreed that networking and staying involved has proven to be helpful in their careers.

This event is dedicated to the memory of Professor Johanna van Gendt, who worked tirelessly to bring the HCCC Alumni Association to life in her tenure at HCCC.

HCCC Alumni: Get involved!

Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?
Are you willing to contribute time?
Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?
Are you looking for career support?
If so join, socialize and network!

SOME BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Discounts on movies, shows, Culinary Conference Center, and specific discounts on available spaces in Community Education classes.

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



CAREER CORNER

Summer Career Tips from the Director of Career Development

Congratulations to all the Spring 2018 Graduates!

It has been a pleasure serving you and the HCCC community for the last two years as the Director of Career Development. I have seen countless students achieve the next step in their career path with hard work and persistence. As I move on to the next step in my career, here are a few pieces of advice that have always helped me. I hope they will help you in your career as well:

- Don't be afraid to take risks, even if it means giving up the relative comfort of your present position. You won't know what you are capable of unless you stretch beyond your comfort zone.
- Stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Lend a hand to a colleague, and ask them to pay it forward one day.
- Just because you aren't in class, doesn't mean you are done learning. Be kind to others who are trying to better themselves and be inspired to continue to learn.
- Celebrate the differences in others and in yourself, and challenge yourself to find something good in everyone. Teams are stronger and progress is faster when diversity is embraced.
- Take advantage of the free resources available to you! Summer tends to fly by, so this is a great time to stop by the Career Development Center:
- Find up-to-date job postings on College Central Network (<https://www.collegecentral.com/hccc/>)
- Stay connected and benefit from Alumni perks by joining the HCCC Alumni Association (www.hccc.edu/alumniservices)

Take advantage of the Career Development online tools like BIG Interview on the HCCC portal.

Stay in touch with the Career Center about your future accomplishments.

Best of luck to everyone!

Sincerely,
Career Development
Hudson County Community College



Contact us to learn more:
career@hccc.edu | 201-360-4184

2017-2018 GOLDMAN SACHS LOCAL COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE: FINAL PRESENTATIONS



HCCC GSCC Team members



HCCC GLCC team members look on as Eddie Bryan delivers opening remarks

Over the last year, nine students from Hudson County Community College, along with students from Borough of Manhattan Community College, Saint Peter's University, and New Jersey City University were chosen to be part of Goldman Sachs College Collaborative. Students participated in interactive group sessions and heard from diverse professionals regarding career exploration, networking, and professionalism.

Through working with their Goldman Sachs Coaches, Chevon Hunter, Vice-President, Maribel Ledezma-Williams, Vice-President, and Anikita Darda, Associate, HCCC Representative & Coordinator, Aparna Saini, and Faculty Mentor, Peter Cronrath on business case studies, the HCCC GLCC students built skills in interpersonal communication, team building, and public speaking while helping solve the business needs of a global corporation. "As a faculty mentor, I have seen the students transform into business professionals with the new knowledge and skills to take on any challenges. Over the past seven months, they have all come together to produce outstanding case study presentations while collaborating ideas and gaining new perspectives of what it means to work in the corporate environment. The Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative is a great opportunity for Hudson students to gain experiential experiences otherwise not achieved in the classroom setting. I look forward to hearing the future success stories of the 2018 group and working with next year's group on new exciting cases", Peter Cronrath, Business Faculty.

The semester concluded with final presentations by the school groups about their solutions to the unique case challenges. The students successfully presented and fielded questions about Newell Brands in front of a mock board of directors from Goldman Sachs as well as over 150 guests. The Goldman Sachs College Collaborative students reflected on the experience as a whole:

Aminah Chaudhary, Class of 2018 **Valedictorian, Digital Arts**

Overall, this was an amazing program, opportunity, and experience. Being an art student and having no experience in the corporate world whatsoever, this program has given me the opportunity to look at the world from a different perspective. And it wouldn't be fair if I didn't mention all the great and experienced people I met, including all the coaches, mentors, and guest speakers. Last but not least, the great team of nine people-- we started as a bunch of normal students but this program has turned us into a family.

Camille de los Reyes, Class of 2018 **Business Administration**

After changing my major three different times, the Goldman Sachs LCC program made me realize that I'm finally on the right career path. The program helped me understand my strengths and how to utilize them both in and outside of the corporate world. Thanks to the help of the coaches, mentors, and an amazing team, I've developed from being shy to being a much more confident student!

Edward Bryan, Class of 2018 **Business Administration**

This program exceeded my expectations! Where I anticipated a crash course in business language and corporate culture, I received real experience in meeting deadlines, working effectively on a team, and conducting and presenting research. The GSLCC didn't just give me knowledge, it forced me to apply the skills that I already had, and allowed me to do so while working with an incredibly motivated group of fellow students.

Edward Doherty, Class of 2018 **Baking and Pastry**

The GSLCC was a great experience in that it prepared me for and educated me about the workings of the business world.

Kelly Kabeho, Class of 2019 **Business Administration**

The skills that I gained from this program are skills that I will hold onto for a lifetime because they taught me resiliency, teamwork, persistence and the true meaning of patience. After this experi-

ence, I'm more confident in taking on future opportunities no matter how difficult they seem. Furthermore, along the way I bonded with my team whom I call family now. This program was amazing and I'm glad I had the opportunity to be part of it.

Paula Kulmala, Class of 2019 **Business Administration**

I truly enjoyed working closely together in a team with other high achieving students, knowing that everyone puts their best work in and supports each other. Learning so many new things together made the experience really worth it.

Rahul Thakkar, Class of 2018, Accounting

From public speaking to understanding the corporate world, the GSLCC enhanced my skills and knowledge in many ways. My passion for business grew tremendously throughout the learning process.

Sarra Hayoune, Class of 2019 **Computer Science**

The GSLCC was an excellent opportunity that awarded me with experience, lessons, and a stronger skillset. From the exposure to corporate world realities to working with the incredibly diverse team, I walked away from this program having undergone a large and unexpected paradigm shift.

Victor Hugo Olivera, Class of 2018 **Culinary Arts**

As a culinary arts major, I did not know what to expect from this program. Halfway through it I still wasn't sure. Yet, at the end of the program, it all fell into place. I can honestly say that I understand the business world more now than I ever did. Even more surprisingly, I actually enjoyed it so much that I have decided to pursue a business degree after graduating HCCC. On top of all this, I also met eight other great students that have become wonderful friends.

Best of luck to all the GSLCC Graduates!

Sincerely,

Career Development

Hudson County Community College

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS

WORK CONTINUES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ARTICULATIONS



Pictured from left: John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction; Phil Cafasso, Interim Associate Dean of the Social Sciences and Humanities Division; Eric Friedman, Ph.D. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Richard Walker, Lecturer, Criminal Justice.

Richard Walker (Lecturer, Criminal Justice) and Phil Cafasso (Interim Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities) met with Eric Friedman, Ph.D. (Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs) and John Marlin, Ph.D. (Dean of Instruction) to finalize the steps in articulation agreement revisions with city and county criminal justice agencies.

Mr. Walker amended the agreements to reflect an increased number of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits to Jersey City Police officers, Hudson County Sheriff officers, and Hudson County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officers. Officers from JCPD and the Sheriff's Department will have the opportunity to earn 15 credits

of criminal justice courses if they enroll in Hudson County Community College's criminal justice degree program within five years of graduating from the police academy. Correctional officers will earn 9 credits if they enroll within five years of completing the corrections academy. The Prior Learning Assessment credits are aligned with the course modules taught at the police academy and corrections academy in New Jersey.

Senior administration from the three respective agencies will be invited to the Journal Square Campus for a formal signing of the documents at a later date. The agreements will go into effective immediately after HCCC has obtained all required signatures.

PRIDE CONFERENCE



Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director, Advisement and Counseling, introduces the group to the third annual PRIDE Conference and previews the events of the day.



Keynote speaker Jazmin Peralta, Assistant Director for Equity & Inclusion at the Pratt Institute, at HCCC's PRIDE Conference on Friday, April 20.

THEATRE ARTS SPRING FESTIVAL



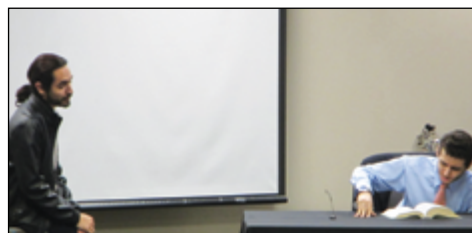
Octavia Davila, Nehemiah McKenzie, Yantezz Seabrook, Imani White, Ashley Bourne, and Alan Laborde act out a scene created by the ensemble, and inspired from the movie Get Out!.



Yantezz Seabrook (left) and Nehemiah McKenzie (right) act out a scene from Stephen Fife's Mr. Lucky's as Alison and Tom.



Octavia Davila performed "Burn" written by Lin-Manuel Miranda from the Broadway play Hamilton.



A dramatic scene from Speed-the-Plow by David Mamet was performed by Raymond Miranda as Gould and Rafael Cartagena as Fox.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM

EOF Meet & Greet



**2 Enos Place, Journal Square
EOF Suite, Lower Level
Tuesday, June 12 and
Thursday, June 14.**

No RSVP required. Walk in!
Our office is open until 5:30 p.m.!

EOF HIGHLIGHTS

The HCCC EOF Program had a very eventful April!



Alumni Career Night

To start the month, EOF students participated in an EOF Alumni Career Night wherein they were matched with alumni in their major and career areas to discuss highlights and challenges associated with possible career paths.



EOF Statewide Graduate Achievement Awards

On April 6th, the State of New Jersey recognized 15 (8 in attendance) students at the EOF Statewide Graduate Achievement Awards held at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ.



Chi Alpha Epsilon Induction

This month, HCCC EOF inducted 11 of 14 eligible students into Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE), and inducted Dr. David Clark and Prof. Dorothy Anderson as honorary members.



Environmental Awareness Lecture

HCCC EOF sponsored an Environmental Awareness Lecture in collaboration with Dr. Nadia Hedhli (Program Coordinator of Environmental Studies), and the Office of Student Activities on April 18th. The lecture was given by HCCC EOF alumnus Reginald St. Juste and his colleagues Ian Bielecki and Dharmesh Patel from Techlaw, Inc. of New Jersey.



EOF Celebration of Graduates

The HCCC EOF Program celebrated its graduating students at the EOF Celebration of Graduates at the Culinary Conference Center, on April 20th. For the second year, we honored our Friends of EOF, who are HCCC staff, faculty, or related persons and organizations, whose efforts support the program and advance its mission in service of the students. This year's Friends are Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President; Prof. Joe Collicchio; and Lana Rouse, Ellucian Systems Specialist.



EOF Celebration of Graduates



Realtor Licensing Workshop

As part of the EOF Statewide Alumni Association of NJ (EOFSAA), Mr. Jose Lowe and Mr. Knight Ambubuyog worked with HCCC EOF alumnus Brenly Tolentino to offer a realtor licensing workshop to the HCCC community on April 21st at the Culinary Conference Center.



Celebration on the Boulevard

The HCCC EOF Program collaborated with NJ-CU's Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) and Saint Peter's EOF Program to host the first-ever Celebration on The Boulevard for the three programs located on John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. The event was held at the Jesuit Court Lawn at Saint Peter's University, on April 26th, and offered EOF students from each campus' program the opportunity to network. It also allowed HCCC students a more intimate look at Saint Peter's University as a transfer option. All three programs are looking forward to next year's Celebration, which promises to be bigger and better!

FIFTH ANNUAL STAR (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION) LUNCHEON RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEE MILESTONES, HCCC FOUNDATION COURTESY AWARD WINNERS, AND RETIREES

On Wednesday, April 25, Hudson County Community College held a special awards luncheon to acknowledge employees who have many years of service, and have demonstrated outstanding service to students and fellow employees.

5 YEARS

Sheila Marie Aitouakrim
Alison Bach
Anthony Choo-Yick
Claudia Delgado
Patrick Del Piano
Emanuele Infurna
Shameka Jennings
Elham Kamali
Craig McLaughlin
Jennifer Rodriguez
Denise Rossilli
Maritess Wiggins

10 YEARS

Felicia Allen
June Barriere
Karine Davis
Luis De Los Santos
Danitza Espinales
Yvon Groeneveldt
Jose Lowe
Victoria Orellana
Daryl Osemwota

15 YEARS

Nancy Booth
Jessica Brito
Sylvia Mendoza
Sharon Moise
Michael Mory
Edgardo Rios
Christopher Wahl

20 YEARS

Dorothy Anderson
Sabrina Bullock
Lidia Fernandez
Nelida Mojica
Yvette Ramos

25 YEARS

Jani Decena-White
Issam El-A chkar
Salvador Figueras
Glen Gabert
Linda Guastini
Mohammad Imam
Ellen Renaud

30 YEARS

Marcella Williams



Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (center), President of Hudson County Community College, is honored as a retiring employee at the April 25 STAR Luncheon. He is pictured with, from left, Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President; Vivyen Ray, Chief Human Resources Officer; Gregory Ratcliff; Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Paula P. Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services; and Veronica Zeichner, Chief Financial Officer.

RETIREES

Joseph Colicchio
Glen Gabert
Joseph Sansone
Mercy Martinez
Carmen de Jesus

FOUNDATION COURTESY AWARD WINNERS

Nancy Booth
Jacqueline Delemos
Sylvia Mendoza

EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON ANNOUNCES RESULTS, RAFFLE WINNERS

The Employee Scholarship Luncheon Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped make this a successful event for the students. If you have not donated yet and wish to do so, please contact Mirta Sanchez (msanchez@hccc.edu or ext. 4004). We would like to congratulate Patrick Del Piano, who won the TV raffle and all the winners of raffle items. We are pleased to announce that the money raised from the raffles will be used for a scholarship in memory of Johanna Van Gendt. Thank you all again for making a difference in students' lives with your contributions.



WINNERS LIST:

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|---|---|--|
| 2 Tickets for New York Red Bulls
John DeLooper | Date Night AMC Movie
Tickets & Square One
Catherina Marisol | Subscription Dining
Rebecca Davis
Shaniqua Matos |
| Brunch for two at the Chart
House
Alexa Riano | Whealth \$50 Gift Card
Jennifer Oakley | Fall Broadway Show Tickets
Alexa Riano |
| | Foundation Gala
Paula Jnoville | TV Raffle
Patrick Del Piano |

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SPRING SPEAKER SERIES



Luis Hernandez (in background) facilitates a workshop on Males in Early Childhood Education as part of the Career & Technical Education Spring Speaker Series on April 27.

MAKER'S DAY



Participants in Maker's Day on April 21. The objective of Maker's Day was to inspire learning, critical thinking, collaboration, design, and artistic development through hands-on and interactive

On April 21, Prof. Clive Li, Ph.D. (left) and Prof. Dawn Crowell (right) from Hudson County Community College volunteered in the 2018 Maker's Day event at the Hudson County Boys and Girls Club in Jersey City. They took the opportunity to educate and inspire the community through hands-on learning and dialogue.

HCCC SUMMER ONE STOP REGISTER & ROCK ON!

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

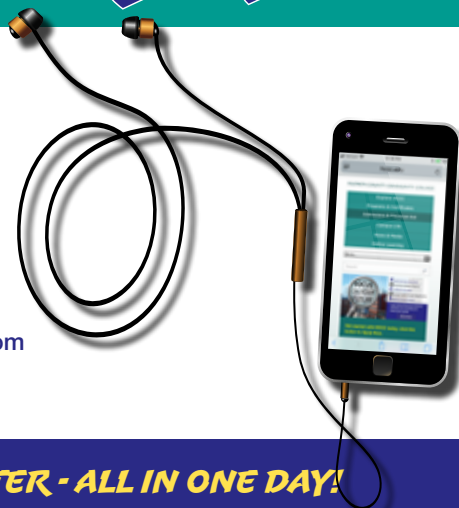
Any student who registers in-person will receive a **FREE** pair of HCCC Earbuds (while supplies last)

RSVP:

www.hcccsummeronestop.eventbrite.com

\$25 Application Fee Will Be Waived.

Testing is available up to 3 p.m.



APPLY, TEST, AND REGISTER - ALL IN ONE DAY!

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
(right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS:
4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ
(adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 4

Mister Softee, 12:30 p.m., outside 70 Sip Ave. (Building A) while supplies last

Tuesday, June 5

Teach Students to Think Like a Nurse: Transformational Strategies that Will Prepare Students for Practice, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave.

Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7

EOF Meet & Greet, 2 Enos Place, Lower Level, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of School Estimate, 2:30 p.m., Freeholders Chambers, Hudson County Administration Building Annex, 567 Pavonia Avenue

Saturday, June 9

Alumni Association Bus Trip to Atlantic City. Bus departs Journal Square Campus at 8:30 a.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alumni-association-atlantic-city-trip-tickets-45720635652>

Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Conference, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Theme: "Leveraging Technology to Enhance Student Learning." Lunch will be served; please RSVP to ross@hccc.edu.

Monday, June 11 - Thursday, June 26

Basic English, Math, and Algebra Boot Camps, Session 4

Tuesday, June 12

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

Wednesday, June 13

Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, June 14

Ben and Jerry's, 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge (while supplies last)

Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room N413, Union City. To RSVP, please email Luis R. Sosa Santiago at lsosasantiago@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4244.

Retirement Celebration for HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert, 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue. To purchase tickets and/or an advertisement in the event journal, please contact Mirta Sanchez at (201) 360-4004 or msanchez@hccc.edu.

Friday, June 22

Bus Trip to the Bronx Zoo. Bus departs Journal Square Campus at 10 a.m. Tickets for HCCC students, \$10; for HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guests, \$15. Tickets go on sale June 1 at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, June 27

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ALUMNI CORNER

Amaka Amakwe

Class of 2010

Associate in Science & Mathematics – Biology

What factors led you to decide to attend HCCC?

I had just moved from Texas to New Jersey. I had never been to school in the U.S. I knew that there would be some basic courses that I would have to take in college, and HCCC made it possible to do this at a reasonable cost. I also wanted to be somewhere that had a lot of diversity, and HCCC provided me that.

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

I liked the small classes. I also remember being part of College Student Success. I started out needing tutoring in math and after my first or second semester, I was the one tutoring people. I also made a lot of good friends at HCCC and I still keep in touch with a couple of them. In fact, I am the godmother to the daughter of one of them. I remember some weekends, we would just go walk around in NYC. Those were fun times that I cherish to this day.

How did you become interested in your career?

When I was about 7 years old, I chipped my two front teeth one day when I was running. It didn't bleed but was overly sensitive. I didn't see a dentist then but was told to rinse my mouth with salt water and it was going to get better since seeing a dentist was very expensive. It did get better, but at that moment I decided that I wanted to become a dentist. I never actually saw a dentist until I moved to the U.S. from Nigeria. I think I was about 19 by then.

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career?

It was a good starting point for me. I grew up in Nigeria and our educational system was more like the British educational system. HCCC was a good way for me to get my feet wet in the U.S. educational system. I took my basic classes at HCCC. I had no difficulty at all transferring my credits.

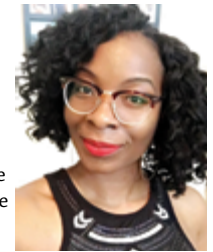
What is your typical day like?

I guess I have to try to summarize how I got to where I am today. Here you go. I got my Associate degree in math and biology from HCCC, transferred my credits to Rutgers-Newark and got a Bachelor's in Biology and minor in Chemistry. I started dental school at the University of Connecticut in 2012 and graduated in 2016 with my D.M.D. During dental school, I realized that I really liked the surgical aspects of dentistry and head and neck as a whole. That's when I decided that I wanted to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon (OMFS). I took the CBSE exam in my second year of dental school and applied in my third year. I matched at University of Alabama OMFS program, Class of 2022. It's a six-year program, during which time you also get an M.D. degree. Here is a breakdown of our training:

- First year: OMFS intern year (i.e., really hard year)
- Second year: third year of medical school
- Third year – fourth year of medical school (you take all your board exams, then you graduate medical school, i.e., get your M.D.)
- Fourth year – General surgery intern year (an

other hard year)

- Fifth year – OMFS service
- Sixth year – OMFS service chief (graduate and get your OMFS certificate)



Now back to my typical day. I am in my third year of medical school. I just finished my OB/GYN rotation. A typical day on the obstetrics service is round at 4:30 a.m. I deliver a couple of babies and just run the floor. As a med student, my day typically ends at 5 p.m. It's a little different when I'm on call.

What is the most memorable project you have worked on?

The mission trip I did in dental school to Galapagos. We were there for 10 days and provided dental care to over 400 residents at Isabella Island. The people there were extremely friendly and so grateful. We worked long hours, but it never felt so because time flies by when you are doing something you enjoy doing. I think that was also where I did my first root canal treatment. The patient was very nice and tolerated the treatment very well. I, on the other hand couldn't stop thinking about how an endodontist does this all day, every day. I guess that's why I chose to do surgery. No shade to any endodontist out there. They are awesome folks!

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

I am an immigrant black woman who is trying to join a field that is predominated by men. I have to find inspirations somewhere to keep me going every day. My family inspires me a great deal, even when I make "crazy" decisions like going to school for six more years after dental school to become a surgeon. I think I still have to explain the entire OMFS educational process to my dad every time I see him. People like the late Nelson Mandela, Barack and Michelle Obama inspire me. We need more people of color and women in the STEM fields. I just watched Black Panther and was so happy when I saw the female character who was an engineer. You have no idea how happy that made me. Movies like that inspire me. Most of all, my inspiration comes from the people around me – whether good or bad. Folks that ask me every day if I am an illegal immigrant or how I am possibly a doctor inspire the heck out of me. It just gives me the drive to study more, help more and achieve more than anyone would ever expect of me. Seeing the smile on the face of a little old woman or a young black girl when I walk into her room in a white coat and she sees that I am her doctor is a huge inspiration for me. We can't forget our past, but we can change our future.

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

Just do it! We hold the keys to our future and we create the pathway on what we want in life. It may seem long and redundant now, but you will be where you want to be if you keep working at it. Seek help early. HCCC has a lot of tutoring services. Utilize them. Don't be afraid to reach for the stars. It doesn't end in an associate degree. That's just the starting point.

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