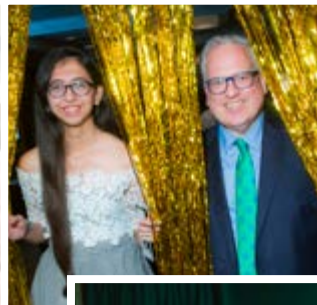


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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. CHRIS REBER TO RECEIVE PHI THETA KAPPA 'PARAGON PRESIDENT' AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Chris Reber will be recognized as a Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society "Paragon President." The award will be presented during "PTK Catalyst 2020," the Society's annual convention, which will be held April 2 - 4, 2020 in Texas.

The PTK "Paragon President" Award is given to new college presidents who have shown strong support of student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership and service among high-achieving students at their college. Dr. Reber was nominated for the award by members of the College's PTK chapter. He is one of just 28 community college presidents in the United States to be named for the honor, and was chosen from more than 500 new college presidents.

PTK Honor Society President and CEO Lynn Tincher-Ladner wrote to Dr. Reber: "We know the depth of each member's experience has a lot to do with the value placed on Phi Theta Kappa by college leaders. Your nomination and selection for this award is recognition that your PTK students have your support - thank you!"

THE HCCC PTK members wrote that Dr. Reber, who became HCCC President on July 1, 2018, immediately began highlighting exemplary HCCC students. They related that he congratulates recipients of the Leader of Promise, Pearson, and Cengage Unlimited Scholarships in person; invites

PTK members to share their successes at HCCC Board of Trustees meetings; attends PTK chapter events; spotlights the chapter's work and achievements at College-wide-events and in the College's podcasts; supports travel for chapter members; and assists with the chapter's community projects, such as the aquaponics greenhouse that produces mushrooms and scallions for the HCCC food pantry.

"This award has special significance to me because it comes from our students, who are at the heart of everything we do at Hudson County Community College. It is my honor and privilege to work with them and for them," Dr. Reber said.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievements of students at associate degree-granting colleges, and helping them grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, the Society has more than 3.5 million members, and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in U.S. colleges.

Beta Alpha Phi, the HCCC chapter of PTK, has earned the distinction of Five Star Chapter Status, Phi Theta Kappa's highest level of recognition. The PTK Chapter Plan offers five levels of engagement, with each level consisting of prescribed activities to build a strong, active chapter taking advantage of all PTK has to offer.

ON THE COVER: *Hudson County Community College President Dr. Chris Reber participating in a variety of College events during his tenure.*

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ZERO-INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Chris Reber announced that the College's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to maintain the current cost of tuition and fees for the 2021 fiscal year with no increases.

"Our students are experiencing significant economic pressure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All of us at HCCC are dedicated to doing everything we can to ensure their health and safety, and to assist them in realizing their academic goals," stated HCCC Board Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.

The tuition and fees freeze will be in effect for the College's 2020-21 academic year, which includes this year's Summer II and Fall semester sessions, as well as the 2021 Winter, Spring and Summer I sessions.

The basic rate for in-county residents will remain at \$149 per credit, the out-of-county rate at \$298 per credit, and the out-of-state and interna-

tional rate at \$440 per credit. The present \$25 per term registration fee, \$6.50 per credit student activity fee, \$25 per credit general service fee and \$18 per credit technology fee will also remain level.

Dr. Reber noted that in early March, the College established a Coronavirus Task Force that meets regularly and coordinates with statewide, regional and local health and educational agencies. The Task Force communicates with students, faculty and staff about issues associated with COVID-19; implements precautionary measures to avoid contagion and spread of the virus; expands the use of online learning and virtual meetings; and secures services, programs and resources to address students' needs beyond the classroom.

"We are grateful to our Trustees, faculty and staff for demonstrating their commitment to our students' persistence and success in these challenging times by holding the line on tuition and fees, and by working tirelessly on our students' and community's behalf," Dr. Reber said.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNUS, NAMED FOR PRESTIGIOUS GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP, PRODUCES 3-D PRINTED PPE FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS BATTLING COVID-19

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) alumnus Abderahim Salhi, who was recently named a 2020 recipient of the nationally prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, has created 3-D-printed face shields for local health care centers inundated with personal protective equipment shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are inspired by and extremely proud of Abderahim. He is an exceptional student who is dedicated to improving the lives of Hudson County residents," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

Mr. Salhi said he was compelled to provide solutions for health care workers who face a high risk of infection while treating hospitalized COVID-19 patients. "I wish I was a nurse on the frontlines helping our fellow citizens during this crisis. We all have to come together to fight this enemy," Mr. Salhi said, urging everyone to unite and stay home to flatten the curve of the pandemic.

An Algerian immigrant, Mr. Salhi is the first student in HCCC history to be named a Goldwater Scholar, and only the second New Jersey community college student ever to become a Goldwater Scholar. Mr. Salhi was one of 396 students chosen for the scholarship from nearly 5,000 applicants

nationwide. The majority of the 2020 Goldwater Scholars are from four-year colleges.

Mr. Salhi received his Associate in Science degree in Computer Science from HCCC in May of 2019 and is currently working on his second degree at HCCC, an Associate in Science degree in Mathematics. His plans include earning a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Mathematics and being part of a world-class academic research lab. He continues to engage in the College's campus life, appearing recently in a podcast promoting Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and HCCC's STEM Club. He is currently serving his one-year term as the Student Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees. Last Fall, he was accepted into the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Community College Aerospace Scholar program.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship is considered the premier award in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering. The federally endowed award was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater. Each year, the foundation identifies and supports full-time, matriculated college sophomores and juniors who show exceptional



Recent Goldwater Scholarship recipient Abderahim Salhi has created 3-D-printed face shields for local health care centers facing PPE shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

promise of becoming the nation's next generation of leaders in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering research. Recipients demonstrate a passion for research and exhibit the creative spark. Awardees receive up to \$7,500 per year.

HCCC HONORS CORONAVIRUS HEROES AND HELPERS



Caren DeGise (left) with June Barriere, Administrative Assistant, Student Services.

Caren DeGise, wife of Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, delivered a donation to the Hudson County Community College Food Pantry in April.

Michael McCarthy, a 1991 graduate of HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute and Chief Executive Officer/



Michael McCarthy, Class of 1991

General Manager of Addison Reserve Country Club in Palm Beach County, Fla., is collaborating with six local clubs to provide two weeks of dinners for the staff at Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, Fla., with each club delivering 200 meals on its assigned day. "These people are putting their lives on the line for us," says McCarthy. "We wanted to make sure that they get a good, hot meal."



TUESDAY

Here is your opportunity to invest in the future of our community, one in which your generosity will be doubled and make a phenomenal, life-changing impact at an unprecedented time of challenge.

Beginning on May 5, 2020 – National Giving Tuesday – Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will match your donation, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000.

Your tax-exempt donation to the HCCC Foundation Giving Tuesday Match Drive will help HCCC students complete their education and make transformational changes in their lives.

You may donate at www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor

For more information, contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at chiaravalloti@hccc.edu

CALLING HCCC FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI:

Are you on the front lines, performing needed community service during the COVID-19 pandemic? We want to hear about it! Please send an email and photos to communications@hccc.edu.

MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Christopher Conzen

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Keischa Taylor

10 Years
Aries Gomes

NEW HIRES

Amaalah Ogburn,
Coordinator, North Hudson Campus

Albert L. Williams,
Apprenticeship Program Coordinator
(Grant Funded)

PROMOTION OF FULL-TIME FACULTY (EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021)

Shannonine Caruana (ESL),
Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Nadia Hedhli (Biology),
Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

For information and resources
about HCCC's response to the
coronavirus pandemic,
please visit our website:

[http://www.hccc.edu/
Coronavirus-Resources/](http://www.hccc.edu/Coronavirus-Resources/)

REMINDER:
Summer hours
Begin
Monday, May 18

FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE COURTESY SERVICE AWARD

NOTIFICATION:

Through a gift from the Hudson County Community College Foundation, as many as two cash awards of \$500 can be made each year to recognize employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding service to Hudson County Community College students and employees.

THOSE ELIGIBLE:

- Full-time employee of HCCC
- Minimum of one year of service

NOMINATIONS:

Any member of staff may nominate an employee for the award. Nominations must be in writing and express why the employee exhibits stellar service and give specific examples. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year as acts of kindness are performed.

AWARD NOMINEES:

All nominees will receive an acknowledgement from the HCCC Foundation.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Winners will be determined by a committee appointed by the College President. Winners will be announced at our Annual STAR (Special Thanks and Recognition) Luncheon.

SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO:

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FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Complimentary Registrations for NISOD Online Convening

From May 27 to August 12

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is presenting a series of online convenings as a restructured plan for their 2020 annual conference. The series offers ways to network and engage in professional learning through the present circumstances of not being able to show up physically at conferences or workshops. Hudson County Community College has been awarded three complimentary registrations for the Online Convening as a consequence of HCCC's high level of engagement. This is great news to the college and the Office of Faculty and Staff Development wishes to thank all who participated in the NISOD Connect contest!

The National Inclusive Excellence Academy is holding a 5-week online leadership development program that will take place from April 28th through May 7, 2020. Four members of the PAC-DEI committee at Hudson County Community College will participate in the Inclusive Excellence

Academy Program. The 5-week online program is committed creating a substantial changes to create a sustainable movement of change through boosting participants' strategic diversity leadership skills. HCCC attendees will have the opportunity to learn about strategic diversity leadership skills, principals of developing and implementing institutional diversity plans, responding to institutional diversity crisis, diversity recruitment, and retention strategies. The attendees will gain valuable knowledge that they can bring back to the campus and share with their colleagues and the institution. This program provides an excellent venue to showcase HCCC's efforts and progress toward a commitment to continuous improvement in institutional and student success work. This year's attendees include: Mirta Sanchez, Assistant to the Vice President of Planning and Development "National Best Practices for Supporting Basic, Human Needs"; Sharon Daughtry, Lecturer, Business, "Beyond Online Lectures: Techniques to Teach Digitally + Inclusively"; Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development "Leadership & Decision

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES AWARDS FOR PODCASTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The College's Communications Department was notified that the College is receiving a Silver Award in the Webcasts/Podcasts category for "Out of the Box," the monthly video podcast series hosted by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. The Gold Award in this category was presented to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. The HCCC 2019 podcasts included discussions with students, alumni, instructors and administrators on a variety of topics, including Community College Opportunity Grant; Advanced Manufacturing Degree and Apprenticeship Program; HCCC Fine Arts Program; Foundations Arts Collection; Honor Societies; Alumni; Radiography Program; Cultural Affairs Program; Early College Program; Peer Leaders; Nursing Program; and Hudson

Helps Program.

The other Silver Award in the Social Media Marketing category recognized the SnapChat recruitment advertising campaign for the College's Secaucus location last Fall.

The Collegiate Marketing Awards is an elite program created to honor talented marketing professionals for excellence in all forms of advertising, marketing and promotion specific to higher education products and services. Entries were judged by a panel of design and education professionals for creativity layout/design, production knowledge transfer, and overall quality. The College competed in the 10,001-20,000 students group.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TENURE FOR THREE FACULTY MEMBERS



Drew



Abdullah



Payne

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees has granted tenure status to three faculty members in recognition of their excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement, service to the College and community, and fulfillment of their professional responsibilities.

“We are proud to announce that Dr. Sirhan Abdullah, Lauren Drew, and Courtney Payne are being promoted for tenure at the rank of Assistant Professor in the 2020-2021 Academic Year,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “They represent the extraordinary talents and experience of the Hudson County Community College faculty.”

Dr. Sirhan Abdullah began working at HCCC as an Instructor and the Coordinator of Health Sciences in 2011. He holds a Doctor of Medicine

degree from Avalon University (formerly Xavier Medical College), and a Master of Science degree in Educational Technology from Ramapo College. Certified by the National Association of Healthcare Access Management, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Dr. Abdullah is also Health Care Safety certified, and is a National Safety Compliance Instructor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and HIPAA. Prior to coming to HCCC Dr. Abdullah taught at Bergen Community College and William Paterson University. He has been instrumental in developing many of the College’s online courses, and served on the HCCC Assessment, Development and Planning, and Online Advisory committees.

Lauren Drew has been teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at HCCC since 2014. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Applied Linguis-

tics from Teachers College at Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in German Language and Area Studies from American University. Professor Drew holds certificates in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Cambridge University, and German Translation from American University. She also taught ESL at Pace and Columbia Universities and other institutions in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, New York, and New Jersey. She is presently Chair of the HCCC All College Council, and served as Chair and Secretary of the College’s Technology Committee.

Courtney Payne has been teaching at HCCC since 2013, first as Food and Wine Coordinator for Continuing Education, and then as Baking and Pastry Instructor in the College’s award-winning Culinary Arts Institute. Having earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from The College of New Jersey, she went on to attain her Associate of Occupational Studies degree in Baking and Pastry Arts from The Culinary Arts Institute of America, and to found her own successful business, Confections by Courtney. Chef Payne is co-advisor of the HCCC Culinary Club, and pastry chef for the HCCC Foundation Subscription Dining Series. She has served as team leader for various pastry arts competitions specializing in chocolates and confections, artisan breads, and specialty cakes. She is presently a member of the HCCC Bachelor of Arts-Culinary Arts, and All College Council College Life committees.

UPDATE ON HCCC’S COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS: ACHIEVING THE DREAM

On March 5-6, 2020, Dr. Mary Fifield, HCCC’s Leadership Coach, and Dr. Rene Garcia, HCCC’s Data Coach, made their third and final site visit to HCCC for this academic year. As this academic year draws to a close, which has been HCCC’s first as an Achieving the Dream member college, the Dream Team is hard at work reviewing the quantitative and qualitative data they have gathered throughout the past year. These data sources include student success metrics (engagement, momentum, persistence, retention and completion), an inventory of HCCC’s current student success initiatives, the Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool (ICAT) and Capacity Café results, and various demographic information about HCCC’s students. These data will inform HCCC’s Student Success Action Plan.

The Student Success Action Plan is HCCC’s opportunity to tell its student success story to date and articulate its vision for student success moving forward. The Student Success Action Plan will consist of two or three institution-wide Student Success goals. Each goal will be supported by multiple strategies that will help move the needle on key student success metrics like retention and completion. During their March 2020 visit, Drs. Fifield and Garcia characterized the two or three

overarching goals as “what’s” as they express what the college wants to accomplish and the strategies supporting these goals as “how’s” as they express how we will accomplish those goals. Considering that the Achieving the Dream framework emphasizes data-informed practice, the goals and strategies will contain measurable metrics and assessment check-points. The Student Success Action Plan will be implemented over starting in Academic Year 2020-2021.

**The ICAT/Capacity Café
Open Forum is now a
narrated presentation!**

Look for it in your HCCC email!

**SAVE THE DATE
for Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia’s
Year 2 Visits!**

October 13 & 14, 2020

March 11 & 12, 2021

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 13, 2020

Forest Hill Field Club

Bloomfield, New Jersey

Continental Breakfast, Cocktails, Luncheon and Awards. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to the growth and development of the College and students. Space is limited, so make your reservations soon!

For more information, contact:
Mirta Sanchez
201) 360-4004 | msanchez@hccc.edu

ENROLLMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS 765 STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL 2019 DEAN'S LIST

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that 765 students were placed on the Dean's List based on their outstanding academic performance during the Fall 2019 semester.

Being named to the Dean's List is an honor reserved for full-time students who completed 12 or more college-level credits and achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher, and part-time students who completed 12 or more college-level credits with a GPA of 3.5 or higher within a calendar year. Students with grades of "F" are ineligible.

Students named to the HCCC Dean's List are pursuing degrees in all of the College's academic divisions: Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management; Humanities; Nursing and Health Sciences; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and Social Sciences.

The Hudson County Community College Division of Academic Development & Support Services offers a myriad of resources to assist students in attaining academic success and focuses on the individual needs of each student. These resources include the College's award-winning, free tutoring services; the Writing Center; and a variety of workshops offered throughout the year.

For a complete list of students on the deans list go to: <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCdeanslist>

HCCC Remote College Placement:



You Have Options!

When enrolling at HCCC, students can choose from three options to determine their college placement:

- 1. College Placement Exemptions**
You may be eligible for college-level coursework by submitting qualifying High School transcripts, SAT, ACT, TOEFL, and AP scores.
- 2. Online College Placement Test**
You can take the College Placement Test through Examity's online proctoring services.
- 3. Directed Self-Placement**
You will review course descriptions/expectations followed by a brief questionnaire. At the end of questionnaire, you will select preferred course placement.

For more details and instructions go to www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement

We are still here for you!

HCCC Is Freezing Tuition

for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

The college is committed to helping students achieve their goals while exercising care and concern for their well-being.

Tuition and Fees for 2020-2021 academic year will remain at the same levels currently in place for 2019-2020.

**We Are Still
Here for You!**

LIBRARY VIRTUAL OFFERINGS



Librarians are available daily via chat, email, and live via video conferencing.

Reach out to us with assistance with moving to remote instruction.

Visit <https://library.hccc.edu/remote> or email librarian@hccc.edu.

DO IT THIS SUMMER!

Get ahead on your
current degree.



SUMMER I begins Tuesday, May 26

SUMMER II begins Monday, July 13

ONLINE A begins Tuesday, May 26

ONLINE B begins Wednesday, July 8

- Save hundreds of dollars as you lighten your course load.
- Credits transfer to four-year colleges and universities.
- Eligible students can attend with Pell Grant funds.

- Earn up to 12 credits over the summer!

View Course Schedule at
www.hccc.edu/schedule

APPLY NOW!

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Remote Registration
open to all students

Go to:

<http://hccc.edu/remoteservices>
to Access HCCC Remote Resources.

For more information contact:
admissions@hccc.edu
text or call 732-509-4222

FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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PACDEI members at the December 2019 meeting to discuss data from the survey results and three open forums.

Making Skills During the COVID-19 DEI Crisis”; Tejal Parekh, Counselor, EOF “Strategies to Foster Belonging & Combat Microaggressions”.

Updates from PACDEI

The President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI) is excited to report that their April meeting was held virtually with 29 of 37 members in attendance. Members of PACDEI are: Tony Acevedo, Eric Adamson, Archana Bhandari, Dr. David Clark, Salvador Cuel-

lar, Sharon Daughtry, Claudia Delgado, Rev. Bolivar Flore, Dr. Eric Friedman, Pamela Gardner, Veronica Gerosimo, Floyd Jeter, Roger Jones, Bakari Lee, Dr. Clive Li, Jose Lowe, Victoria Marino, Patrick Mbong, Sylvia Mendoza, Rev. Thania Nunez, Amaalah Ogburn, Angela Pack, Tejal Parekh, Jennie Pu, Yeurys Pujols, Christopher Reber, Alexa Riano, Warren Rigby, Michelle Richardson, Jeff Roberson, Dr. Paula Roberson, Mirta Sanchez, Hardik Sanghavi, Christine Tirado, Michelle Vitale, Lilisa Williams, Dr. Burl Yearwood. During the meeting members were divided into subcommittees related to one of three PACDEI goals.

The established goals are as follows: Goal #1 - Supporting an inclusive culture of care at HCCC: creating DEI infrastructure and developing training, programs, and initiatives across the college. Goal #2 - Weaving diversity, equity, and inclusion

guidelines and practices into: recruitment and hiring practices, screening committee policies, promotions considerations, and succession planning. Goal #3 - Create clear and transparent processes for safety, security, and incident reporting that are free of intimidation and respectful of confidentiality. Subcommittees will be meeting to discuss their plans for how they will be approach each goal to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across the college and create meaningful changes and continue to ensure all students and employees succeed! The PACDEI Co-Chairs, Yeurys Pujols and Lilisa Williams would like to thank the entire college community for their efforts during this interesting time. We wish that everyone stays well, and safe. If you have any comments, questions, or ideas feel free to submit them to our email at PACDEI@hccc.edu.



The North Hudson Campus is launching a daily dialogue/support group for all staff and faculty.

This daily dialogue is expected to act as a safe space for peer support during these trying times.

The meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

JOIN THE MEETING:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting number: 790 436 218
Password: 7P4WmBPtdv4

Beta Alpha Phi invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Phi Theta Kappa Spring 2020 Induction

May 3, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://bit.ly/2ycBFSE>

Meeting ID: 923 3305 3946 | Password: OHYEAH

HCCC VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Please join HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber for a **VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING** on **THURSDAY, May 14 at 12 p.m.**

JOIN THE SESSION AT:

Conference Call Phone: 1-888-363-4734 Access Code: 9751220#

Learn about important updates and have your questions answered in real time.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media such as prints, drawings, 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.

ARTIST NEWS

The arts organizations of the world are offering their heartfelt thanks to the medical professionals for their amazing and inspiring work during this pandemic. You can find many posted art works thanking those in the medical professions by using the hashtag #MuseumsThankHealthHeroes. Here's a link to an article about this project. <https://hyperallergic.com/551954/museumsthankhealthheroes/>

Those of you who have, over the years, enjoyed the fine portraits of African Americans on permanent exhibit in the Foundation Art Collection at HCCC, might enjoy taking a virtual visit to a fantastic show in Europe, called "Black in Rembrandt's Time." We could do without the weird music and the strange superimposed graphics, but these portraits from the 1600s are just wonderful: <https://www.facebook.com/MuseumHetRembrandthuis/videos/1804054113059161/UzpfSTczNzk0NzkzMjoxMDE1NzQ0ODIyNjk3NzkzMw/>

Our College's logo includes the Statue of Liberty, and Hudson County owns the property upon which Lady Liberty stands. Recently, art dealers found the work's original structural blueprints. Few people realize that the copper shell which forms the exterior is only about as thick as two pennies. Beneath that thin layer, a vast structural edifice keeps the Statue upright and safe in the howling winds that buffet New York Harbor. The sculptor, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, hired engineer Gustave Eiffel (who famously designed the Eiffel Tower in Paris) to design those underlying supports, and apparently there were some disagreements along the way. For more information, check out this link: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/original-drawings-statue-liberty-discovered-180974618/?mc_cid=39c0184a7f&mc_eid=c1337f3b6d

If you miss seeing the beautiful work by **Nancy Cohen** installed in the mezzanine floor dean's office in the Joseph Cundari Center, here's a tour of the artist's Jersey City studio, her first virtual tour. She talks about a series she's working on, called *The Work of Time*, which is large-scale wall drawings in and of handmade paper. The artist says, "At the core of all my work is the intense contradiction between fragility and strength, both in our personal lives and in our broader environment. I move between thinking about the vulnerable tenacity of the individual and a broader focus on our waterways and the delicate balance they maintain to survive. Clearly our personal survival and that of the environment go hand in hand. And that couldn't be more obvious now." Thanks to the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, which is facilitating these "Cabin Fever" artist's studio tours. <https://www.artcenternj.org/2020/04/07/cabin-fever-artist-talk-nancy-cohen/>



At a time when many of us are cooped up, it's good to use art as a window into a more beautiful world. Here's a painting called Shade (2018) by Foundation Student Art Award winner Susanah Outar. The work measures 24" high by 18" wide, and has been selected for installation in our new Student Union building later this year. Every museum (including ours) has an online entrance where you can go and see beautiful pictures. If you'd like to look at art at new places, try the Prado in Spain <https://www.museodelprado.es/en/the-collection> or the Metropolitan Museum in New York <https://www.metmuseum.org/> or the Louvre in Paris <https://www.louvre.fr/> In the European museums, look at the top for a translation to English.

There is a kind of painting, pioneered in the 1960s, called photo-realism. Among the artists famous for this kind of art are **Audrey Flack** (whose work is installed at the Culinary Conference Center) and **Chuck Close** (whose work is installed at the North Hudson Library). In some works by these artists, figures and landscapes look so real, that they appear photographic. Oddly enough, mastery of a "photographic" realism actually dates back to the 1400s, long before the invention of photography. One of the greatest painters in this style, Jan Van Eyck, from the 1400s, was due to have a major exhibition in Belgium, which had to close due to COVID-19. However, the museum has graciously provided this video tour of the show: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IZxr6eGJqk&feature=emb_logo

Valeri Larko's work is installed on the fourth floor of the STEM Building in Jersey City. She was also recently featured in *The Magazine Antiques*. There she talked about the inspiration of Jersey City. After she moved in with a boyfriend in Jersey City Heights, she says, "I got bored of having him

model and of painting self-portraits, and thought, 'What am I going to do now?'" A park near the couple's apartment where Larko would walk the dog had a commanding view of the area. "You might not know this, but Jersey City is surrounded by industrial parks," Larko says. She shifted her focus from flesh to factories, started painting her characteristic urban landscapes. If you'd like to read more about her work, go to: <https://www.themagazineantiques.com/article/paintings-valeri-larko/>

Kerry James Marshall, whose work is installed on the second floor of 2 Enos Place, and **Mickalene Thomas**, whose work is featured on the first floor of the Gabert Library, both have art in the new exhibit, "Young, Gifted, and Black" at the Lehman College Gallery in the Bronx. About their work, the catalog essay says, "Famed painters such as Kerry James Marshall and **Mickalene Thomas** have challenged and changed the artistic zeitgeist, sparking new conversations about the role of both race and the artist in society." If you'd like to make a virtual visit to the exhibit, use this link: <http://www.lehmangallery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Young-Gifted-and-Black-Brochure.pdf>

The catalog essay stretches back in time to encompass the primary American distortion of blackness during the slavery period of our history, "The way the color black came to represent the many-hued African diaspora begins with slave owners and traffickers distancing themselves from the property and product of their trade. The owners and traffickers being white, black served as an expedient antonym for the symbolic distortion of enslaved individuals into something less than human. It's a history no adjective seems to meaningfully illuminate. Maddening, infuriating, atrocious, and staggering all fail to describe the four hundred years of terror and denigration that indelibly linked people of African origin to the color black and its attendant symbolisms that have included, but are by no means limited to, stupidity, laziness, the devil, and an absence of visible light." The essay also discusses the work in relationship to the iconic book, *Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois, and the writings of James Baldwin, Malcolm X and Toni Morrison. Oddly enough, they do not mention the source of the show's title.

"To be Young, Gifted and Black" is a famous 1960s play about the life of writer Lorraine Hansberry. The biographical play, based on her writings, was produced by her husband, after her death from cancer at age 34. Just before her death, she spoke to six teenage winners of a national creative writing contest. She said, "You are young, gifted, and black. In the year 1964, I, for one, can think of no more dynamic combination that a person might be." Here is a brief video about the origin of

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HCCC's Department of Cultural Affairs will continually provide art information and activities for all ages to enjoy whether you are working remotely, learning from home or just want to connect socially with people in our community. Our focus now is the same as it's always been — ensuring you are experiencing a variety of arts-related educational programs that help unite our greater community. We will continue to provide social interactive experiences by establishing a grander arts online presence during this time while our department and the Dineen Hull Gallery remain closed to the public.

PLEASE FOLLOW US on Facebook, Instagram, and soon on LinkedIn and Twitter as we expand Live from Dineen Hull Gallery.

JOIN US for a Daily Art Dose each day to be inspired by following all of our social media accounts. For monthly updates, sign up for our MailChimp newsletter. For general information, contact: Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.edu.



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DAILY ART DOSE: HCCC PHOTO CONTEST

Do you love Journal Square in Jersey City? Have you shopped or went to school around Bergen Square? New to the community or have lived here all your life?

Dineen Hull Gallery is looking for community photos to include in our upcoming exhibit, A Tale of Two Squares: Journal and Bergen Squares. Pictures can be old or new. Black and White or in color. Must be in JPEG format, 300 DPI resolution or higher for exhibition purposes. Low-resolution photos will only be featured online. Best of the best will be featured on the sixth floor of Hudson County Community College's Gabert Library or included in Dineen Hull Gallery for exhibition. Send to the attention of mvitale@hccc.edu. Top photo awards include finalist gift certificates for currently enrolled Hudson County Community College students. Open to all, any age. Free to enter. Deadline: June 1, 2020.



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As part of our mission to stay open to the public, we have moved our May and June gallery exhibits online for people to enjoy.

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Four Film Fridays

Anime! Four Film Fridays is an open discussion of four popular Anime series, starting at 2 p.m. The presentations will discuss the historical context of the series, cliffhangers within the plot, and Anime's global impact. Each Film Friday discussion will be held on Google Hangouts with a maximum capacity of ten people. A Gmail account is needed for participation. Please email sroofe@hccc.edu to request a spot with date(s). If room is available, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the discussion.

Free and open to the public. Space limited.

Neon Genesis Evangelion

May 1, 2 p.m.

My Hero Academia

May 8, 2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Scene from CE's February class, Social Media and Branding, with Brand Strategist and Consumer Behaviorist, Sudio Sudarsan. Learn more about Sudio's upcoming Online Brand Workshops beginning April 30: www.tinyurl.com/hccclearnfromhome

In March Chef Sami Khouzam, of HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute, led CE's three-part culinary series, Basic Cooking Principles. In this hands-on course, students were introduced to the fundamentals of cooking, including the preparation and presentation of food.



Scenes from CE's online courses: Exploring Digital Photography with professional Jersey City photographer, William Ortega, and Podcasting Master Class with Jersey City podcaster and small business coach, Kimberly Sumpter, of Sistah's Connect Podcast. Students are signing up from all around the United States, including California, Texas, Ohio, South Carolina, and Hawaii!

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Foundation Art Collection

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the phrase: <https://www.pbs.org/video/lorraine-hansberry-being-young-gifted-and-black-jwvzfc/>

The Getty Research Institute, affiliated with the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, has recently released an audio recording of a 1990 interview with **Yoko Ono**, with commentary by contemporary artists Sanford Biggers and Catherine Lord. A work by Yoko Ono is in the Foundation Art Collection. If you're curious about Ono's early career as an avant-garde artist, or her relationship with John Lennon of the band the Beatles, you might find this podcast insightful. Especially interesting is their discussion of Ono's and Lennon's decision to use the media attention on their wedding as an opportunity to spotlight the idea of world peace. <https://www.getty.edu/recordingartists/season-1/ono/>

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the art collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the art collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiariavalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at nchiariavalloti@hccc.edu, or (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools? Go to www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections

CALENDAR

Friday, May 1

Four Film Fridays Series: Discussion of Neon Genesis Evangelion, 2 p.m. Discussion will be held on WebEx with a maximum capacity of 50 people. Please email sroofe@hccc.edu to reserve.

Sunday, May 3

Virtual Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, 2 p.m. (See page 7 for more information)

Monday, May 4

Information Session for Veterans, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. WebEx Login Information: <https://tinyurl.com/veteranshccc> Meeting number: 798 829 578; Password: Dvg7gJsFc38

Thursday, May 7

"General Trivia" Trivia Night presented by Student Life & Leadership, 6 p.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Friday, May 8

Four Film Fridays Series: Discussion of My Hero Academia, 2 p.m. Discussion will be held on WebEx with a maximum capacity of 50 people. Please email sroofe@hccc.edu to reserve.

Tuesday, May 12 – Monday, May 18

Last classes and/or final exams

Tuesday, May 12

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.; dial 1-866-390-1828 and enter access code 1768607 #.

Thursday, May 14,

Virtual Town Hall with President Reber, 12 p.m. Conference Call Phone: 1-888-363-4734; Access Code: 9751220#

"Harry Potter" Trivia Night presented by Student Life & Leadership, 6 p.m. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, May 18

Summer hours begin (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 19

Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: A Primer on Opioid Addiction, Overdose Management, and Medication-Assisted Treatment, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. <https://rutgers.webex.com/meet/ag1005>

Thursday, May 21

Last day to submit final grades to the Registrar's Office

Late registration begins for Summer I and Online Session A

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day – College Closed

Tuesday, May 26

Classes begin for Summer Session I and Online Session A

Last day to add classes for Summer Online Session A

Thursday, May 28

Deadline for Pass/Fail grade option requests for Spring 2020

STUDENT CENTER UPDATE



Construction is continuing on Hudson County Community College's Student Center at 81 Sip Ave. Furniture has been delivered and placed, and security cameras have been installed. It must be seen to be appreciated. We cannot wait for our students to experience this facility!

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Cesar Orozco

Class of 2011

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts
- Psychology

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

There are many factors that led me to decide to attend Hudson County Community College. The first factor is the most important at that time was when I began my first courses in 2009 at the West New York Campus. The next factors were the cost of tuition and the campus location. Due to the circumstances, in my life at the time including acculturation to the United States which was not only understanding a new country but also a language and not informed about educational opportunities. Therefore, I found myself having to pay out of pocket for tuition. As a college student I was not aware or informed of college scholarships although I could apply. I now do my best to always encourage the community to apply for scholarships.

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

One of my favorite and motivating memories of Hudson County Community College was when Professor Khan provided me with the honor to speak to his class. As an English as a Second Language Scholar speaking to a class full of students, I reminded them to dream big and attain their goals by pursuing their education. Subsequently, another favorite memory of mine at HCCC was while I was the Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa from 2010 to 2011. I enjoyed motivating scholars to join the honor society and encouraged the student body to give back to the community as we continue to do. An example of this is Professor Lai who continues to clean Liberty State Park with scholars.

How did you become interested in psychology?

My major at the time was psychology. I became interested in this major because my passion is to help others and I noticed the necessity of people in the mental health field due to lack of bilingual psychologists, mental health counselors, etc.

There are a lot of people in the Hispanic community who are in need of mental health services/support including those that are documented and/or undocumented. Most Latinos are unable to afford medical insurance and/or the services are expensive.

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

Hudson County Community College was the platform for whom I am now. The experience acquired at the College through the classes, Professors and honor societies has led me to work currently in the community of at the Town of West New York. My education at HCCC provided me with the discipline to continue on to pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

What is a typical work day for you?

I am currently working for the Town of West New York. The beginning of my day starts as the first thing in the morning I give thanks for another day as a practice of my gratitude, making my bed is the second task and then I commute driving to work. I always have a good attitude with a big smile to try to bring a positive vibe to work to avoid toxic people. I prepare my work for the day and prioritize the most important things

to do. I work quietly; I am learning how to improve the services in my Department of Tax Collecting. I am no longer involved in the Mental Health Field, but still helping people in different ways. I hope in the nearest future to open my own practice. My experience with patients was very gratifying, but at the same time overwhelming in different fields of work within mental health.



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

My biggest inspirations are my professors, supervisors and my parents because they give me the opportunity to learn and be capable to identify my strengths and weaknesses. This allows me to grow on as a professional level and as a human being.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

My advice is very simple: "Dream Big," even if you think that is not possible. Nothing in life is impossible, set your goals and be persistent, the path is not easy. You are going to have good days and bad days, you are going to do a lot of sacrifices, but at the end you are going to be very proud of yourself. I am already very proud of you, because you are graduating. You are placing your first step in this path of your life please persevere and do not lose hope. Do not limit yourself and never ever be mediocre. I encourage you to apply to every single Ivy league school and I am sure you will be accepted as there are many opportunities waiting for you. Remember this, I came to the United States without English being my first language, without family, but I came with a backpack full of goals and dreams.

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

Congratulations new students you just made the best decision of your life. Education is the most important tool in our lives. HCCC is an incredible school, they have amazing professors, faculty and staff. Based on my experience as a scholar my advice is to ask questions, do not hesitate to ask even the most insignificant questions as this can lead you to a great opportunity. Try to learn as much as you can, do not only be a passing scholar aiming to obtain great grades. Be sure to be involved on campus too as this is a door that can open many opportunities. Set your goals high and never ever give up. Enjoy the College experience as a student and make the best choices.

Our future is in your hands so try to be the best professionals, during this crisis with the COVID-19 is giving you the opportunity to identify essentials career and jobs, now you have the chance to experience virtual learning and also a broad vision of who is working to make a good career choice.