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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S DR. CLIVE LI HONORED WITH AACC 2023 DALE P. PARNELL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY RECOGNITION

As the saying goes, people learn best by example, and Dr. Clive Li, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Assistant Professor of Engineering Science, most certainly is the model of an inspiring educator.

On April 4, 2023, Dr. Li was conferred with the American Association of Community Colleges’ (AACC) 2023 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Recognition medal. The honor – that recognizes faculty who demonstrate passion for and support of students, in and out of the classroom – was presented to Dr. Li by AACC President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Walter Bumphus, and AACC Board Chair, Dr. Joe Schaffer at the closing ceremonies of the AACC Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

“The entire Hudson County Community College family joins me in congratulating our valued colleague, Clive Li,” said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. “Dr. Li is a great asset to Hudson County Community College, our students, and the people we serve. He is respected by his colleagues, esteemed by his peers in academia and the research industry, and an exemplary

educator who inspires his students and creates transformational, life-changing opportunities for them.”

Clive Li is a nationally renowned research scientist who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Doctoral degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Stony Brook University. Prior to teaching at HCCC, he was a research scientist at Amco Polymers, and he holds patents on Biodegradable Diaper, Eggshell Bio-composite Materials, and a Wearable Aromatic Device. Dr. Li helped create the HCCC Associate in Applied Science degree program in Advanced Manufacturing – one that is rarely found at two-year colleges – and Dr. Li is an advisor to the Holz Technik Academy apprenticeship program. To help ensure diversity in STEM, he participates in the College’s annual “Girls in Technology” symposium.

Dr. Li states that nurturing students’ interests in science is the focal point of all he does. “I take pride in creating innovative ways to help students succeed academically, personally, and professionally. I mentor students to reach their

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ON THE COVER: Hudson County Community College Instructor of Engineering Science Dr. Clive Li (center) is a recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges’ (AACC) 2023 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award. Pictured with Dr. Li is AACC Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Joseph Schaffer (left), and AACC President and CEO, Dr. Walter G. Bumphus.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND LIM COLLEGE HOLD SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NEW TRANSFER PATHWAY TO BBA CANNABIS STUDIES PROGRAM



On Tuesday, March 28, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and LIM College held a signing ceremony at the Culinary Conference Center heralding their new transfer pathway agreement. The transfer program will provide HCCC students who earn their Associate in Science in Business Administration – Cannabis Studies degree the opportunity to transfer seamlessly to LIM College’s Bachelor of Business Administration – Business of Cannabis degree program.

Seated from left: LIM College Acting Provost and Business Department Chair Michael Londrigan and HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. Standing from left: LIM College Vice President of Enrollment Services Kristina Ortiz and HCCC Dean of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management, Dr. Ara Karakashian.

SIX HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED SEMIFINALISTS FOR 2023 JACK KENT COOKE UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP



Birva Pinto



Raida Al Hattab



Michael Salinas



Montaha Osman



Sally Elwir



Ella Mukasa

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is proud to announce that six outstanding HCCC students were selected as semifinalists by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for the prestigious and highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

The HCCC semifinalists are Raida Al Hattab, Computer Science major from Secaucus; Sally Elwir, Criminal Justice major from Bloomfield; Ella Mukasa, Business Administration major from Jersey City; Montaha Osman, Engineering Science major from Garfield; Birva Pinto, Engineering Science major from Jersey City; and Michael Salinas, Computer Science major from Jersey City. This represents a record number of Cooke semifinalists in a single year in the college's history, and one of the largest cohorts of semifinalists in the nation.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is awarded to community college students across the nation who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, service, and a determination to complete their bachelor's degrees at prestigious four-year institutions. The HCCC students are among 459 semifinalists chosen from over 1,700 applicants who at-attend 215 community colleges across 38 states.

"The entire HCCC community joins me in congratulating Raida, Sally, Ella, Montaha, Birva, and Michael on achieving semifinalist status for this esteemed scholarship," stated HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. "This is a great honor for them and for the College. We are very proud that their leadership, extraordinary academic achievements, and community service have been recognized nationally. We wish them all the best as

they progress in this process. This award is a game changer for the students who receive it, as it paves the way for them to achieve a four-year education that otherwise would come with a significant financial burden."

These semifinalists from HCCC have overcome many daunting obstacles to get to this point, ranging from working as a cook and delivery driver while completing their degree at HCCC to starting their college career as an ESL student without English language skills and needing to find housing during their first week in the United States.

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is designed to create a clear pathway to a four-year degree by offering up to \$55,000 per year for baccalaureate study along with other benefits including academic advising and access to a network of peers. Some of the latest research from the American Talent Initiative estimates that, annually, about 50,000 high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds, who could transfer to four-year colleges, often do not because of the prohibitive cost of continuing their education.

"By lifting the financial burden of pursuing a four-year degree off their shoulders, our goal is to help students take full advantage of a four-year college experience without taking on student debt," said Seppy Basili, Executive Director of the Cooke Foundation. "This year's selected semifinalists reflect the deep bench of talent across our community colleges today, and we're looking forward to getting to know them better in our final application review process."

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship offers unparalleled support to community college students. In addition to

the generous financial support, selected Cooke Transfer Scholars will receive educational advising from the Foundation's Deans of Scholar Support to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for their future endeavors. They will also have access to opportunities for internships, study abroad, graduate school funding, and the incomparable connection to a robust network of more than 3,000 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

Hudson County Community College has a distinguished track record when it comes to the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Past award recipients include 2021 Valedictorian Pedro Moranchel, now a student at Princeton University; Abdellah Amrhar in 2020, now attending Columbia University; and Sarra Hayoune in 2019, who completed her Bachelor of Science degree from Stevens Institute of Technology. Sarra then went on to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Transfer Scholarship and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in physics and astronomy at Rutgers University.

We're counting down the days to #HudsonGives on May 11!

We need your help to make our 24-hour online campaign a success, and with the assistance of a few dedicated HCCC supporters, we know we can raise at least \$5,000 for our Hudson Scholars Program.



Contact Eileen Lynch at elynch@hccc.edu or 201-360-4773 for more information on how you can help.



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HCCC CELEBRATED TENTH ANNUAL SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION (STAR) LUNCHEON



30-year honoree Linda Guastini (second from left), pictured with, from left, Dominique Callens, Dr. Darryl Jones, Dr. Heather DeVries, and Candice Peterson.

On Thursday, April 13, Hudson County Community College held its Tenth Annual Special Thanks And Recognition (STAR) event to acknowledge employee service milestones.

Every year, the College recognizes and celebrates service anniversaries starting from five years, and this year recognizing up to 30 years of incredible service. The celebration was well attended by the HCCC community.

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES 5 YEARS

Bernard Adamitey, Assistant Professor, Academic Foundations Mathematics, School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Dr. Lori Byrd, Interim Director, Nursing Program, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Cheryl Cashell, Director, Radiography Program, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Nicholas Chiaravallotti, Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President External Affairs

Lisa Ciekiewicz, Coordinator, Admissions and Recruitment, School of Nursing and Health Professions

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS/EMERITA STATUS

Denise Phillips
Assistant Professor Emerita, ESL

Harvey Rubinstein
Professor Emeritus, Humanities and Social Sciences

Barry Tomkins
Professor Emeritus, Humanities and Social Sciences

Salvador Figueras
Professor Emeritus, Humanities and Social Sciences

Nabil Marshood
Professor Emeritus, Humanities and Social Sciences

Mojdeh Tabatabaie
Professor Emerita, STEM

Thomas Hsieh
Professor Emeritus, STEM

Siroun Meguerditchian
Associate Professor Emerita, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

Philip Cafasso
Professor Emeritus, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management



In foreground: honorees from the Office of the Registrar, from left: Upasana Sethi-Pagan (five years), Irma Williams (five years), Felicia Allen (15 years) and Sabrina Bullock (25 years). In background from left: Jacqueline Castillo, Paula JnoVil-Roney and Dr. Lisa Dougherty.

Sharon Daughtry, Lecturer, Business/ Vice-Chair, All College Council, School of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management

Estefany Ferreira, Accounts Receivable Clerk Student Accounts, Finance

Griselda Frane, Lecturer, Nursing Program, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, Engineering Science, School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Lori Margolin, Associate Vice President, Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Carmen Pelardis, Lecturer, Nursing, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Jeff Roberson Jr., Director of Contract and Procurement, Finance

Kathey Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, Radiography, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Nancy Saliba, Lecturer, Nursing Program, School of Nursing and Health Professions

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY FULL-TIME

Jeet Patel, Support Analyst,
Effective Date April 12, 2023
Effective End Date June 30, 2023

APPROVAL OF FACULTY PROMOTIONS

The following faculty are recommended for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective Academic Year 2023-24.

Sirhan Abdullah
Peter Cronrath
Evgeniya Kozlenko
Kewal Krishan
Craig McLaughlin
Lester McRae
Elana Winslow

The following faculty are recommended for promotion to the rank of Professor effective Academic Year 2023-24.

Shannonine Caruana
Claudia Delgado
Nadia Hedhli
Catherine Sweeting



Pictured from left: honoree Jessica Brieto (20 years), retiree Dorothea Graham-King, and Nydia James.

Suzette Samson, Recruitment Specialist, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Lotta Sanchez, Library Associate, Technology College Libraries

Dr. Gretchen Schulthes, Director, Advisement and Counseling

Upasana Sethi-Pagan, Assistant Registrar, Registrar

Natalia Vazquez-Bodkin, Associate Director, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Lori Vega, Administrative Assistant, Nursing, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Michael Whelpley, Associate Director, Open Educational Resources, Academic Affairs

Irma Williams, Associate Registrar, Registrar

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MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

15 Years
Felicia Allen
June Barriere
Jose Lowe

25 Years
Sabrina Bullock
Yvette Ramos

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Youstina Abdou
Leymi Abreu
Mark Amaker
Jacquelyn Bird
Ana-Maria Botea
Lisa Farkas
Elianna Grullon
Birva Pinto
Safa Rarhibou

10 Years
Laura Robertson

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) WEBINARS

Managing Your Mental Health (All Employees, Live, Wednesday, May 17, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Mental health is impacted by a wide variety of factors—from major mental health issues to everyday life. In this session we will review common impacts on mental health, tips to manage them and signs you may want to seek help.

Recognizing and Preventing Burnout

(Leaders and Managers, Live, Wednesday, May 24, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

In a virtual or hybrid environment it can be more challenging to recognize an employee who is disengaged and burned out. Join us to recognize common signs of burnout and strategies for reenergizing employee engagement.

The Science of Happiness (Prerecorded; available 24/7 through May 31) – Learn how to bring more happiness to your personal and professional life. Research supports that happy people feel better, do better and live better. While this is great news, it still begs the question, why? And more importantly, how? During this webinar, we will explore the history and research behind this concept of happiness, how it relates to the various facets of your life and what intentional activities you can do to increase your life satisfaction and fulfillment. There are many pathways to happiness, so let's get your journey started

To sign up for these webinars, visit eap.ndbh.com, enter company code HCCC, and scroll down to the "Check Out Our Webinars" box. Questions? Connect with your EAP account manager, HR department or 800-624-5544.

SAVE the DATE



2023 COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

11 a.m.

Rain Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Red Bull Arena

600 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ 07029

HCCC PROFESSOR HONORED IN NISOD STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Earlier this year, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) invited students at NISOD-member colleges to participate in its Student Essay Contest. Students were prompted to describe in a 500-word essay a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged them to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college and how that encouragement helped them reach their goal(s).

HCCC student Assil Jeriouda participated in NISOD's 2023 Student Essay Contest by writing a moving essay about Dr. Fatma Tat, who serves as Instructor of Chemistry and Coordinator of the Garden State S-STEM Scholarship and was recently awarded tenure.

The essay may be read here: <https://www.nisod.org/membership/student-essay/?essayToken=ae9846259bd4be9662937ef498a63d6d134baed1>



Pictured clockwise from top: Dr. Burl Yearwood, Dean, School of Science, Mathematics, Engineering & Technology (STEM); HCCC student Assil Jeriouda; and Dr. Fatma Tat, who serves as Instructor of Chemistry.

REFLECTION ON "IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND LIFESTYLE DATA"

Submitted by Carrie Rong Xiao

In April 2023, I attended the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) meeting in Boston, where I presented my work and attended a range of keynote sessions and workshops to stay updated on the most recent developments in higher education. One of the presentations that particularly caught my attention was "Improving Student Success and Engagement through Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Lifestyle Data," which was delivered by a Deloitte practitioner.

The presentation's main topic is how AI and lifestyle data may be used to increase student engagement and achievement. It demonstrates how AI systems may use lifestyle information, like social media use, sleep patterns, and exercise regimens, to provide insights into a student's general well-being, behavioral patterns, and preferences. This knowledge can then be used to create personalized learning experiences to meet the individual needs and interests of each student.

I strongly believe that institutions must embrace data-driven methods to thrive in an ever-changing world. This means learning how to use AI and new data sources to generate predictive insights and engagement metrics across the student lifecycle. It is also crucial to understand how lifestyle data and machine learning can be combined to improve student engagement and



Carrie Rong Xiao, Accounting Instructor from School of Business, Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management

success rates.

On the other hand, it raises concerns about using lifestyle data ethically and safely. More steps need to be taken to ensure student privacy when collecting and using the data.

In conclusion, it is critical to recognize both the benefits and potential risks of integrating AI systems and lifestyle data. While using AI and lifestyle data can create more individualized and effective learning possibilities for both students and teachers, we must be cautious and take precautions to reduce any potential hazards.

SPRING STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT CONFERENCE



On Thursday, April 6, the departments composing Student Affairs and Enrollment held a professional development day. The event included presentations and team-building activities.

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KORIN KNIFE COMPANY VISITS HCCC



The Culinary Arts Institute hosted a knife demonstration by KORIN for its students and chef-instructors.

The Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) at Hudson County Community College had the pleasure of hosting representatives of KORIN, Inc. on Monday, April 10. KORIN, located in New York City, specializes in professional quality Japanese knives, tableware and kitchen tools. Students participated in a very informative demonstration on the components of the knives, along with knife skills, knife care and maintenance, and proper sharpening techniques. Representatives from KORIN demonstrated various sharpening stones and answered students' detailed questions regarding technique and proper care. The CAI would like to thank Marissa Lontoc and Anuchit Pukdeedamrongrit for organizing this special event benefitting our students and chefs.

RAMADAN EVENT AT BRENNAN COURTHOUSE



On March 30, 2023, students of the Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) were called upon to prepare a Ramadan Iftar Buffet for the Jersey City Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. Over 20 students and 10 staff from HCCC participated in this event, which took place at the William Brennan Courthouse in Jersey City. Over 100 attendees enjoyed the 100% halal meal.

HCCC ATTENDS DREAM CONFERENCE



Photo courtesy of Achieving the Dream, 2023

In February, a delegation from Hudson County Community College attended DREAM 2023, the annual conference of Achieving the Dream. During the conference, the College was designated as a Leader College for the first time; selection as an ATD Leader College is highly competitive and follows an extensive review of data and outcomes. Only a small number of community colleges nationally are named Leader Colleges.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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HCCC STUDENTS:

We partner with TalkCampus to provide mental health support using your HCCC email. Access TalkCampus 24/7:

<https://www.talklife.co/hudson-county-community-college>

ACCESS AT MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING:
Complete a General Care and Concern Form

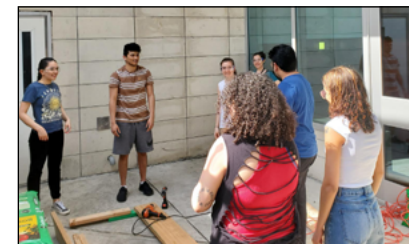


we're all in this together

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB UPDATES



The HCCC Environmental Club Community Garden undertook a Bike Tour in collaboration with BIKE JC, spanning 13 miles, on April 22.



Build Day at the 4-H Family Learning Garden.

Build Day

In its first collaboration with Rutgers Cooperative Education's (RCE) Hudson County 4-H Program, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Environmental Club participated in a "Build Day" led by representatives from the 4-H Family Learning Garden at West Hudson Park in Kearny/Harrison, New Jersey on March 31. Six members of the Environmental Club volunteered, including members of the Executive Board, to support the implementation of this project with a variety of tasks. Some tasks included planning and developing sites for raised beds. The volunteers were divided into teams to assemble raised beds that will be used to plant herbs, native plants and vegetation. The volunteers also assembled two raised beds for those who required special accessibility. They learned a variety of skills such as carpentry, urban planning, soil health and accessibility.

Earth Day Event with HCIA at Braddock Park

On Saturday, April 15, the Environmental Club collaborated with the Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) to set up a tent at Braddock Park in North Bergen to promote environmental awareness on Earth Day.

The event was a huge success as the station attracted a large audience of young students and members of the community who were curious to learn more about environmental issues and how they could make a positive impact on the planet. The event was an excellent opportunity for our members to showcase their leadership skills and to make a positive impact on the community.

One of the highlights of the event was the visit of Nicholas Sacco, the mayor of North Bergen, who spoke to the students and engaged in conversation about environmental issues. It was a valuable opportunity for club members to showcase their knowledge and passion for the environment and to demonstrate the importance of preserving our planet for future generations.

Recycling and Composting Event

In celebration of Earth Day, the Environmental Club and STEM Club, in collaboration with the Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) hosted a hybrid informational session on all things "compost" and "recycling," in our rendition of "Know Your Trash." Amanda Nesheiwat, Deputy Director of Sustainability and Community Outreach, and Wade Frazee, Community Outreach Assistant, shared their background and experience in the environmental industry as well as their personal relationships in being stewards of the earth. The more than 40 participants (in person and via WebEx) asked many questions regarding plastic and the County's response to food waste.

Members of the Environmental Club – President Sofia Ruseva, Treasurer Natasha Luccia, and Event Coordinator Justin Mosquera – managed the lifecycle of the event from establishing external partnerships to executing the event on campus. With the STEM Building mini urban farm launching, this was an appropriate time "to get deep into the weeds" about sustainability (no pun intended).

Community Garden Bike Tour

The HCCC Environmental Club strives to promote environmental awareness in the school ecosystem; and among students, faculty and staff. However, it is important to note that the Executive Board curates programming based on other factors that help encourage a sense of community and inclusivity. The HCCC Environmental Club Community Garden Bike Tour, in collaboration with BIKE JC, held on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) was held to celebrate both the environment and the club's values.

A bike-friendly city is easy on the environment as it reduces greenhouse gas, air pollution, energy consumption, traffic congestion and even noise pollution. Additionally, a bike-friendly city is safer for both cyclists and motorists, and our guides from BIKE JC showcased the symbiotic relationship throughout the tour. During the 13-mile tour, the cyclists stopped to visit several Jersey City urban farms and community gardens. Not only did the participants learn about horticulture and the significant role it plays in urban environments, but it allowed the club members to cultivate relationships with these greenspaces for future collaborations. Thanks to the generous partnership with LYFT/CitiBike we were able to secure 25 bike passes at no cost for the students and supporting faculty at HCCC, thus closing any systemic financial barriers to those who may not have access to a bicycle. The event was executed by President Sofia Ruseva, Treasurer Natasha Luccia and Event Coordinator Justin Mosquera.

ACCEPTING AND WELCOMING THE UNPREDICTABLE: SPEAKER SESSION WOMEN IN STEM

Submitted by Professor Raffi Manjikian

On Tuesday, March 14, the School of STEM, along with PACDEI, EOF and Hudson County Scholars, hosted a Women in STEM speaker session with the new Dean of Student Success, Dr. Bernadette So. The event was planned by Professor Raffi Manjikian, Mr. Ronny Canales and Mr. Brian Ribas.

Dr. So joined HCCC in January 2023 as our new Dean of Student Success. Dr. So holds her PhD in Molecular Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles and previously held administrative positions at Rutgers University-Newark, New York University, the University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Lake Land College. However, this only scratches the surface of Dr. So's biography and does not fully express the dramatic turns that have shaped her career. The HCCC community was fortunate to hear about Dr. So's journey and how the different challenges in her life led to her pursuit of a career driven by values and identity.

Many students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administrators attended Dr. So's talk. There were roughly 110 total attendees, with about 40 people attending in person and 70 virtually. Students posed interesting questions to Dr. So and conveyed their many thanks for her willingness to speak and impart her story.



Dr. Bernadette So (third from left in foreground), Dean of Student Success, featured speaker at the March 14 "Women in STEM" speaker session with in-person attendees.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,825+ works is installed in the public areas of campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection 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 works are in the Collection, and new additions to the Collection.

Donor Acknowledgements

Thank you Irwin Chusid for your generous financial donation. Mr. Chusid spoke about a work from the Foundation Art Collection, the 1851 Etching "Riot at Hoboken" (on view at the STEM building 3rd floor computer lab) in his talk last month on Hoboken's Elysian Fields at the Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Baseball Conference at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He is writing a book about Hoboken's 19th Century Elysian Fields which were an important site for the early development of baseball. You can see this picture, with a whole group of historic New Jersey etchings, the 3rd floor STEM computer lab.

Artist News

Sylvia Plimack Mangold, whose work is on view at the North Hudson library will have a solo exhibition at 125 Newbury in New York City through June 3. The show includes 15 paintings and works on paper about the maple tree outside her studio in upstate New York. Each painting can take over a year to complete. Every day she returns to find the tree slightly different. "The act of choosing a single tree and painting it again and again is a profoundly Zen-like activity," writes gallery founder Arne Glimcher, "It evokes the way a monk might paint a single calligraphic form for their entire life. Or rake a garden of sand. There's something bordering on the spiritual about such sustained dedication to a single activity."

Jaune Quick-To-See Smith's comprehensive retrospective exhibit *Memory Maps* includes almost five decades of drawings, prints, paintings and sculpture. The work is on view through August 13 at the Whitney Museum in New York City. Smith is a citizen of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation. She believes that her "life's work involves examining contemporary life in America and interpreting it through Native ideology." One of the works in the exhibit is called, *My Existence is a Miracle*, a phrase which recognizes the survival of her people despite "genocide, decades of war, forced assimilation, and systemic oppression." Her 2001 lithograph, *What is An American* is installed on the fourth floor of the Gabert Library.

When is it fair to use another person's work without crediting the source? This is a topic that college teachers are quite passionate about. A new



Artist Unknown, "Riot at Hoboken from Gleasons Pictorial" (1851), Hand Colored Etching, 20 x 15.5 in. (framed). This depicts the Elysian Fields where some of the first American baseball games were played. See column at left for more information.

film *WHAAM! BLAM!: Roy Lichtenstein and the Art of Appropriation* looks at the cartoon work which the great pop artist used to make his world-famous paintings. The film asks: Was he a great artist? Was he a plagiarist? Both? One of the more than 30 comic-book artists whom Lichtenstein copied is 96-year-old Hy Eisman. He only recently found out Lichtenstein reproduced one of Eisman's images in the 1960s. In an article in *The Guardian* newspaper, Eisman says, "It's called stealing... I worked like a dog on this stupid page and this guy has twenty million dollars to show for it. If it wasn't so tragic, it would be [funny]." The comic book artists were usually paid a few dollars for each page by the comic-book manufacturers. Lichtenstein paid them nothing. *The Guardian* notes that art history Professor, Bradford R. Collins, author of the book *Pop Art*, defends Lichtenstein. Collins says, "It's not plagiarism. It's appropriation. With plagiarism, you're stealing somebody's work and using it for

the same purpose they did. If Lichtenstein made comic books out of it, that would be stealing. But appropriation means you're taking something and reusing it for a very different purpose, taking something out of a comic book and making it into a painting....I can understand why Eisman would feel angry. I would feel the same way. But artistically, it's not plagiarism." Ultimately, the film leaves the decision up to the viewer. Lichtenstein died in 1997, so he cannot address this matter. The Foundation Art Collection's Lichtenstein can be seen on the first floor of 2 Enos Place.

On Friday, March 24, HCCC graduating art students under the supervision of Prof. Laurie Riccadonna worked with Andrea Siegel, the Foundation Art Collection Coordinator on a professionalization exercise. The students supervised the curation of the installation of over two dozen works of art, including painting, photography, prints, and box constructions for the 5th floor Gabert Library art permanent exhibit. Thank you to students: Guillermo Carrion, Jaylen Daise, Covadonga Insuasti, Brian Ixchop, Linner Rabadad and Alexandra Toczynski for your intelligent, careful and beautiful curation work.

Thank you to all the wonderful Administrative Staff who do such a marvelous job at HCCC!

As you may know, the College sometimes gets donations of decorative items that are specifically designated for offices. These posters, etc. are not part of the Foundation Art Collection. We were delighted to share many of these decorative donations with Administrative Staff on Administrative Professionals Day, April 26. Thank you for choosing things you will enjoy! We appreciated your enthusiastic reception.

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Nearly 400 students from all the Jersey City High Schools created, exhibited and performed poetry in the Dineen Hull Gallery for National Poetry Month. The Gallery had many visitors including the Jersey City Board of Education Superintendent, Dr Norma Fernandez. The program was highlighted in the *The Jersey Journal* and will travel to Jersey City Libraries for public exhibition.

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Student Life and Leadership partnered to celebrate Arab Heritage Month with an embroidery workshop inspired by authentic Palestinian textiles. HCCC Alumna Yasmeen Abdelaziz created this special event and shared her cultural heritage with all to inspire great craft-making.

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DR. CLIVE LI HONORED

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highest academic potential, guide them when they struggle, and relate learning to real-life experiences," he says.

One way Dr. Li engages students is to include them in planning and creating hands-on projects such as an Antimicrobial Door Opener, Automatic Face Mask Distributor, Hydroponic Mushroom Farm, Biodegradable Golf Tees, and even a launchable rocket. The experiences and mentoring he provides have brought his students scholarships and other rewards, including rare undergraduate opportunities to conduct research at Princeton University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rutgers University.

"Ensuring students complete their associate degree work, and finding ways for them to transfer to baccalaureate and doctoral degree programs, is at the heart of my work," Dr. Li says. Indeed, he has succeeded in doing so: One of his students - HCCC 2021 Valedictorian Pedro Moranchel - was the recipient of the 2021 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship that is paying all of his college expenses at Princeton University.

NJCCC STUDENT AND ALUMNI SPRING CONVENING



Hudson County Community College at the NJCCC Student and Alumni Spring Convening.

On Saturday, April 15, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) hosted its first Student and Alumni Spring Convening at Middlesex College in Edison. Hudson County Community College's delegation was the largest presence among the county colleges. Dr.

Nicholas Chiaravallotti, Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, and Dr. Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, each facilitated breakout sessions, and 2023 valedictorian Sally Elwir participated on a panel.

NJCCC PTK SCHOLARS CELEBRATION



Pictured from left: Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President; Dina Thompson, 2023 New Jersey All-State Academic Team member from HCCC; and Prof. Ted Lai, advisor of Beta Alpha Phi's HCCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Missing from photo: Sally Elwir.

On Thursday, April 27, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) honored 38 students from the state's 18 community colleges for being named to the 2023 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities and colleges as members of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges. The New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration was held at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

Scholars Sally Elwir and Dina Thompson were selected to represent Hudson County Community College.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S TENTH ANNUAL 'GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY'



Women lead major research and development projects for corporations, build high-tech products, solve environmental problems, design web sites for influencers, and mentor the next generation of young women interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) professions. Although women have made strides in these historically male-dominated fields, they are still underrepresented, largely due to lack of role models.

On Thursday, March 30, 2023, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) hosted its Tenth Annual "Girls in Technology" Symposium to inspire and support young women in pursuing fulfilling and well-paying careers in STEM. The day-long event was held at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center. HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber welcomed middle and high school students from all around Hudson County at the event's 9 a.m. breakfast. HCCC Associate Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Lori Margolin provided an overview of the day, and Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Chastity Farrell delivered opening remarks. As part of the opening ceremonies, Grace Mejia of Jose Marti STEM Academy in Union City read her winning essay, "The Jetsons Were Onto Something." A panel discussion, activities, demonstrations, and contests followed.

The panel discussion, "A Day in the Life of Women in STEM," was moderated by HCCC Engineering student Sofia Ruseva, an Environmental Assessor at UNYSE, LLC, New York's most experienced source for asbestos, lead, mold, and hazardous materials testing.

Panelists included Zobia Alvi, Creator and Head Web Developer for The Z Collective, and Senior Technical Recruiter for DotDash; Summer Jones, Associate Vice President of Technical Support Services at Montclair State University; Nigar "Niko" Kazimova, Software Engineer, Mondo.com; Dr. Madhuri Singal, board-certified toxicologist and Principal Scientist of Worldwide Safety Evaluation at L'Oréal; and Ashley Turner, Virtual Design and Construction Manager.

Activity sessions began at 10:15 a.m. and included "Coding: Simon Says – Hands On Coding," led by Latinos in STEM; "Color Matching Technology" for textiles, paint, print, and cosmetic manufacturing, led by the Hudson County Community College STEM Division; "Origami Space Challenge," inspired by NASA and led by New Jersey City University (NJCU) Ed Tech Doctors; "Augmented Reality Storytelling Environments," led by Membit and Jersey City Fab Lab; and "Sensory/Expert + Instrumental Evaluation – Skin" and "Hair Care and Color Evaluation Techniques + Hair Grading" Science activities led by L'Oréal.

The STEM educators and entrepreneurs who led the activity sessions were Dr. Fahima Bacha, a secondary mathematics supervisor at North Bergen High School and NJCU professor; Kin Bae, Google Software Engineer; Baldwin Casseus, Google Global Product Lead; Yavus Guner, HCCC Cybersecurity Instructor who holds Certified Ethical Hacker- EC Council and CompTIA Security+ Certification; Dr. Clive Li, Engineering Science instructor at HCCC and recipient of the 2023 American Association of Community Colleges' 2023 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Recognition, who holds three patents; Dr. Dana Mason, a Technology teacher in Bayonne

and NJCU professor who combines her love of arts with technology; Michelle Megalia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hickory Industries, Inc.; Marcos Navas, an active Maker-Ed and Ed-Tech community member, and founder of Hands on Coding, LLC, and Latinosincoding.org; and Eric Nadler, founder of Towhee Company, and Jersey City Fab Lab, which designs, produces and develops educational toys and programs, web and mobile media, accessories, and wearables. Karina Mitchell, Co-Founder and Vice President of Membit, a geolocate augmented reality application Paulina Porembaska, Morgan Lamber, Sharmaine Latar, and Nicole Totorello, Scientists at L'Oréal

The Student Display Contest highlighted works themed "Technology: Past, Present, and Future." Students had the opportunity to learn about attending Hudson County Community College and the HCCC STEM programs.

After a lunch break, attendees enjoyed a Web 3.0 and Future Jobs of the Metaverse presentation by Latinos in STEM; learned from Eastern Millwork, Inc. (EMI) about the HCCC-EMI Holz Technik Apprenticeship and Internship program and how to apply; and heard the winners of the Student Display Contest.

The HCCC Girls in Technology program was made possible thanks to the generosity of program sponsors –Eastern Millwork, Inc., Ernst & Young, LLP, and Mast Construction.

The next Girls in Technology Symposium will be held on March 28, 2024. If you are interested in participating please contact Chastity Farrell, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, at cfarrell@hccc.edu.

NJRC ANNUAL REENTRY CONFERENCE TRAINING FOR THE DIGNITY OF WORK - THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023

Through our partnership with the New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC), we have been advocates for the education and training of those returning from incarceration, addiction treatment, and combat. We were honored to be part of the annual conference with Lori Margolin, Associate Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development and Dr. Chris Reber, Hudson County Community College President speaking on the panel "Training for Employment."

At HCCC now more than ever, we are dedicated to give of ourselves to improve job training and employment for those who are returning home, into the community, and into the workforce.

Thank you to our President Dr. Chris Reber, and to Lori Margolin, Associate Vice President of the School of Continuing Education for Workforce Development, for reinforcing our mission, vision, and commitment to the men and women who

return home after incarceration that we can assist. Special thanks to Chairman/Executive Director Jim McGreevey for the opportunity to be part of the change.

We look forward to a continued partnership with NJRC and helping countless justice impacted individuals make life changing decisions.

HCCC CELEBRATED TENTH ANNUAL SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION (STAR) LUNCHEON

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25 YEARS - FULL-TIME

Dorothy Anderson, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences; English and ESL

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30 YEARS - FULL-TIME

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General Studies

What factors led you to decide to attend HCCC?
It was close and affordable. I was working full-time when I attended, which was convenient for my work schedule.

What is your favorite memory?

This is a hard one because it was a long time ago! But I always remembered the kindness of Professor Javedd Khan. He was the first professor I connected with. I wrote my first paper for Professor Khan. It was painful when he returned it to me and said, "This is terrible. You can do better." It hurt and was humbling, but he was right, and I needed to hear it.

How did you become interested in your major?

My major at the time was General Studies (not sure that's still offered) because I thought that would be best for a four-year college. At the time, there wasn't such a wide choice of majors. Now, there are a lot more choices as far as majors go. But it was a good experience because it forced me to take classes I would never have chosen to take, like a year-long Anatomy & Physiology class. I had no interest in the subject, but it was one of the best classes I took here.

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

My time here taught me to look closer and listen a little harder. Go over things a little more carefully. Also, don't be afraid to admit what you don't know. I think that's how you learn at all stages of life.

What is a typical workday/what has been the most memorable project/case you have worked on?

It's hard to say a typical workday because I've only

been in my job for a month! But whatever I'm doing, I keep in mind my department's mission: to raise money for scholarships and resources for students who need a helping hand to make it through college. I had help, and I'm thrilled to work for a department that works to do that for others.

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

I'm always inspired by people who are good at their jobs – no matter their job! I've met a lot of people like that here at HCCC. Being surrounded by positive and capable people who are good at their jobs is inspiring.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Stay focused on your goal but understand things don't always move in a straight line. There are zigs and zags. Sometimes what feels like a setback can be a springboard to a different direction you never considered, but that turns out to be a rewarding place. Stay focused but stay open.

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

Never be afraid to admit what you don't know. Professors love when students ask questions. I was an adult student, and I knew that if I had a question or something I didn't understand, there was probably another student in the class with the same question. There had to be others in the class who had the same questions. If you never ask, you never learn.



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