Hudson County Community College Nursing Program provides entry to one of the nation’s top occupations

The shortage of registered nurses is expected to escalate in this decade, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting that registered nursing is one of the top occupations in terms of job growth through 2022. It is estimated that the total number of job openings for nurses, due to growth and replacements, will be 1.05 million by 2022.

To meet this need, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Nursing Program offers an Associate of Science program of studies that prepares graduates to be eligible for the state licensure examination required for registered nurses. The HCCC Nursing Program is sanctioned by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the ACEN, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. The HCCC program has joint admission agreements in position with a number of programs – including Saint Peter’s University and New Jersey City University – which enable HCCC graduates to transfer seamlessly to upper division BSN programs at those schools.

The Hudson County Community College Nursing Program was offered as a cooperative program with CarePoint Health-Christ Hospital for more than 15 years. However, the program was transitioned and physically relocated to the College as of this year.

Last month, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) announced that Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been named as the awardee for the 2016 ACCT Northeast Regional Equity Award.

The ACCT Equity Award recognizes exemplary commitment by a community, technical or junior college governing board and its chief executive as a group, to achieve equity in the College’s education programs and services and delivery of those programs and services.

As a recipient of the regional honor, Hudson County Community College is a finalist for the national-level recognition, which will be announced at the 2016 ACCT Annual Leadership Congress in New Orleans on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016.

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Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly-selective scholarship for the nation’s top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor’s degrees at four-year colleges or universities. The Cooke Foundation provides up to $40,000 per year, making it the largest private scholarship for community college transfer students in the country.

The application period opens on Thursday, Aug. 25 and closes on Tuesday, Oct. 25. For the application, frequently asked questions and other information, please visit http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/.

The Faculty Representative at Hudson County Community College is Prof. Ted Lai, tlai@hccc.edu.

Halloween Party for Children: Friday, October 28

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning, preparation, and hosting the party, which will be held in the Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Help is needed in contacting merchants for donations. Please contact a chapter officer.

Making Strides against Breast Cancer

The walk in Jersey City will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 at Newport Plaza (corner of 18th Street and Marin Boulevard). To volunteer, visit http://bit.ly/2bHYH2H. The team name is Phi Theta Kappa HCCC.

Fall Induction: Sunday, November 6

The Fall Induction will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. at the Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. There will be a reception after the ceremony.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW INITIATIVE, ‘LEAD HUDSON COUNTY: DEVELOPING TOMORROW’S LEADERS TODAY’

Hudson County Community College President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. said that the College will offer a new initiative for the area’s future leaders titled, “Lead Hudson County.” The program is being presented by Hudson County Community College in partnership with the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey and the Guarini Institute at Saint Peter’s University.

From October 21, 2016 through June 2017, Lead Hudson County will conduct monthly, day-long sessions (scheduled on Fridays) designed to cultivate the leadership skills of the men and women who will and can influence every aspect of life in Hudson County in the 21st century. Professionals and experts in their fields will guide Lead Hudson County participants through the exploration of topics essential to the advancement of the County, including economic and real estate development, education, health and human services, criminal justice and public safety, government and politics, cultural affairs, and media relations.

“We have designed a program that will assist Hudson County’s future leaders in better understanding the many forces and challenges facing our community, and helping them develop the relationships and skills to better serve the people of Hudson County,” Dr. Gabert said.

The program is open to a limited number of participants who should reflect the rich diversity of the people of Hudson County. The program is ideally open to individuals who are committed and motivated, live and/or work in Hudson County and are interested in volunteer, appointed or elected leadership roles. The cost for the program is $1,100.00.

Business and academic institutions as well as elected officials are encouraged to recommend – and perhaps sponsor – individuals who possess the leadership skills that will help ensure the continued growth of Hudson County.

The application, with criteria and instructions for submission, is available at www.hccc.edu/leadhc. Additional information may be obtained by phoning 201-360-5327, emailing Leadhudsoncounty@hccc.edu or faxing (201) 360-4232.

2016-18 COLLEGE CATALOG IS NOW ONLINE

The Hudson County Community College Catalog for 2016-2018 is now available on the HCCC website at www.hccc.edu/adcatalog.

The Catalog provides up-to-date information on programs, policies, procedures and regulations. The College reserves the right to make changes, including but not limited to academic requirements for graduation.

In addition to using the Catalog as a resource, students may also review their academic progress by visiting the Liberty Link for Students at the MyHudson portal (https://myhudson.hccc.edu) and reviewing “My Program Evaluation.” (For specific instructions, students should consult the “Stay on Track for Graduation” announcement at the Registrar’s portal page, https://myhudson.hccc.edu/registrar.)
OPEN ENROLLMENT IS APPROACHING

This is an opportunity to review your health plan for the 2017 plan year. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective January 1, 2017. The State has not released any information yet; when this happens, the Human Resources Department will share with you. Also to follow will be the date and time for HR’s Benefits Fair.

During the Open Enrollment period you may:
• Enroll in SEHBP plan if you have not previously done so
• Change to a different medical plan
• Update coverage - add/delete non/eligible dependents - including children up to age 26
• Waive coverage - (stipend is offered for waiving coverage)

Please note the following:
• HCCC employees are Local Education employees.
• Proper documentation will be required for all changes.
• Multiple coverage in any of the State plans is prohibited; waiver incentives are only payable if the other medical coverage is through a non-State plan.

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

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2016 WEBINARS

The College’s Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place on third Tuesday of every month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit http://www.e4healthinc.com and enter username hccc and password guest. Upcoming webinars are as follows:

- Sept. 20: The Importance of Having a Will
- Oct. 18: Protecting Our Precious Lives: Cancer Awareness
- Nov. 15: Managing Holiday Madness
- Dec. 20: What to Look Out for as Our Loved Ones Age

For other EAP services, please call (800) 227-2195.

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS/ TITLE CHANGES

Retirement
Wendy Schonberg

New Hires/Titles
Faisal Aljamal, Instructor, Computer Science
June Barriere, Administrative Assistant, Student Services
Maria Lynette Lacson, Purchasing and Scheduling Coordinator
Jennifer Navas, Director, Community Education
Rozeena Rathore, Senior Accountant

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:
Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the HigherEdJobs.com website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the “Jobs @ HCCC” page at www.hccc.edu.
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Tickets for the event, which are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, may be obtained by phoning (201) 360-4020. Tickets may be obtained at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

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Interested students are encouraged to ask questions and/or provide an academic transcript for review. Pizza and beverages will be served at the event.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Scott Ring Room of the College’s Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City – just two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center. The event is open to the general public, and there is no charge for admission.

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The afternoon of the third day, they both designated to the third day of a three-day conference. Even though our two professors were as assigned the afternoon of the third day, they both offered stimulating and thought-provoking topics. Lauren Drew’s presentation of “Analyzing Student Writing: Targeting Academic Vocabulary” was met with a small but enthusiastic group. Dr. Nancy Booth had a diverse group who followed her steps in her session on “Locating OMIs (Overall Main Ideas) through Patterns of Organization”. Both professors were noteworthy presenters.

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HCCC Faculty Shine at ESL Conference

HCCC Library Building, first floor.

Plaque indicating LEED Silver certification of the HCCC Library Building, first floor.

LEED means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. This certification evaluates the environmental, resource efficient, “green” performance of buildings.

Hudson County Community College’s newest buildings – the Library Building at 71 Sip Ave. (in Jersey City) was LEED Silver certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. In August, the College installed plaques in the Library Building to signify the LEED certification.

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The University of Miami, studies and political science in 1993 and her Juris Doctorate in 1997.

She was a special advisor to the government of Nicaragua and was one of the primary advocates for NACARA (Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act) in 1997. Ms. Navarro worked in the private sector, representing private and public clients on federal issues, particularly related to immigration, trade, and policy affecting Central America in 1999, and served as ambassador to the United Nations’ Human Rights Commission in 2001.

Ms. Navarro has played a role in several federal and state races in Florida. She served on Gov. Jeb Bush’s transition team in 1998 and was his first director of immigration policy in the Executive Office of the Governor. She was the national co-chair of John McCain’s Hispanic Advisory Council in 2008, where she was also the national surrogate for the McCain 2008 campaign. In 2012 she served as national Hispanic co-chair for Gov. Jon Huntsman’s 2012 campaign.

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HCCC Happenings

HCCC TO RECEIVE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES REGIONAL EQUITY AWARD

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In announcing this year’s regional awards, ACCT Chair and Alamo Colleges Trustee Roberto Zárate said: “Community colleges are uniquely committed to open-access, high-quality education for all Americans, as well as a vital pipeline to the jobs that support communities and keep our country going strong. This year’s regional awardees represent the most outstanding people and programs across this great nation.”

ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown stated: “The 2016 awardees are among the best we’ve seen, reflecting our colleges’ tireless commitment to helping students succeed.”

HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. noted that the diversity of the community and the HCCC students is enormously enriching, and that meeting their needs is foremost in the College’s priorities and decision-making.

“Hudson County Community College continues to work to offer everyone in our community the finest, most affordable education and programming in the newest, best-equipped facilities,” he said. “The environment at HCCC is culturally sensitive and respectful. HCCC faculty and staff reflect the ethnic composition of our community and are multilingual. Our courses, student assistance programs, clubs, and cultural offerings are developed to educate, assist and build greater understanding for all.”

Dr. Gabert said this is not the first time the College has been recognized with an ACCT Award. The College was the recipient of the 2012 Northeast Regional Equity and Professional Board Staff Member (to Jennifer Oakley) Awards as well as the 2013 Northeast Regional Chief Executive Award (to Dr. Gabert).

“In working to make Hudson County Community College an institution of first choice that is better every year, we have been fortunate to be recognized with regional and national awards,” Dr. Gabert stated. In addition to the ACCT awards, the College has also received the following: American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2013 Awards of Excellence for Student Success Finalist (one of just five finalists); AACC 2015 Awards of Excellence for Advancing Diversity Finalist (one of just four finalists); AACC 2016 Awards of Excellence Exemplary CEO/Board Finalist (to Dr. Gabert); National Tutoring Association 2014 Excellence in Tutoring Award; New Jersey Business & Industry Association New Good Neighbor Award in 2009 for the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, in 2012 for the HCCC North Hudson Campus, and in 2015 for the HCCC Library Building; Green Emerald 2015 Award for Urban Green Project for the HCCC Library Building; and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award (the only New Jersey institution to be awarded to date).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, August 24, Hudson County Community College’s International Student Services held an International Student Orientation. The event was held in Room 318 of the Library Building at 71 Sip Ave. The College has approximately 57 international students.

Countries HCCC’s International students represent include:

- Great Britain
- India
- Angola
- The Philippines
- China
- Pakistan
- South Korea
- Morocco
- Cote d’Ivoire
- Japan
- Venezuela

HCCCNURSING PROGRAM PROVIDES ENTRY TO ONE OF THE NATION’S TOP OCCUPATIONS

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HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. said the program is now offered with the same services and curriculum as before, but now, students take classes at the College’s Cundari Center on the Journal Square Campus, and fulfill their clinical training at local hospitals – CarePoint Health-Christ Hospital, Overlook Medical Center, and St. Anne’s Home for the Aged.

The HCCC Nursing Program faculty includes qualified and experienced instructors who hold at least master’s degrees. Students now have the advantage of learning in a facility equipped with the newest technologies. The Cundari Center was renovated specifically to accommodate the program and includes state-of-the-art simulated rooms in various hospital settings (pediatrics, OB/GYN, general medicine, orthopedics, ER, and more). Each area is equipped with interactive practice mannequins, and there is even a mannequin that “gives birth.” The Cundari Center also includes expanded nursing multimedia, and a new student lounge.

Hudson County Community College is an award-winning, comprehensive urban college with state-of-the-art campuses in Jersey City and Union City, N.J. Fully accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education, HCCC offers degree and certificate programs in a wide variety of disciplines for the diverse Hudson County community. To ensure success, HCCC guides students in a model program that includes tutoring, mentoring, and extensive financial aid/scholarships opportunities. HCCC also offers a full college campus life and a cultural enrichment program.

“Hudson County Community College is the ideal place for those interested in pursuing a degree in nursing,” Dr. Gabert said. “The College’s tuition is just a fraction of what one would pay at a four-year college or university, and our financial advisors are dedicated to assisting our students in graduating debt-free; 90% of our students receive scholarships and/or financial aid.”

The Fall 2016 semester begins August 31, and the College is now accepting applications. Additional information on admission may be obtained by emailing admissions@hccc.edu or by visiting either of the College’s two campuses – the Journal Square Campus at 70 Sip Avenue in Jersey City and the North Hudson Campus at 4800 Kennedy Blvd. in Union City. Both locations are adjacent to public transportation.

Please check out the September 2016 edition of New Jersey Business, in which Catherine Sirangelo-Elbadawy, Associate Dean, Nursing & Health Sciences, is quoted in the article, “Nursing Schools Roll out New Programs.”

Donor Acknowledgement

Thanks to James E. Byrne for the generous donations.

Thanks to Richard La Rovere for the generous donation of the hand-colored works depicting Jersey City and Hudson County history.

Artist News

The HCCC Foundation Art Collection has two works that may be of interest to those who study the history of 9/11. One is part of our Heritage Collection, which honors local history, and the other is part of our Fine Art Collection.

On the sixth floor balcony of the Journal Square Library Building is a piece of steel from the supporting I-beams of the Twin Towers, most likely from either the South Tower’s floors 93-96, or the North Tower’s East Façade, floors 89-92. We do not know which tower the steel is from because it was not labeled when cut. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) received these architectural fragments to support their 10-year anniversary exhibit of the tragedy. Most pieces they received are now permanently displayed in Trenton’s New Jersey State Museum exhibit, Our Story: New Jersey’s 9/11 Collection. About 10 pieces of steel cut from two larger pieces of girder were not exhibited. PANYNJ gave those pieces to institutions, such as HCCC, in order to advance memorial and/or educational efforts. Like all good work at HCCC, many people contributed time and energy to make this happen. PANYNJ donated the HCCC fragment in response to the application request from Professor Lisa Bellan-Boyer and Librarians Clifford J. Brooks and John DeLooper. The setting of the piece with its view of the Freedom Tower was Dr. Glen Gabert’s inspiration. The HCCC Foundation, under Joseph Sansone’s leadership, provided funding for the design and execution of the beautiful podium.

The second work, Elena Del Rivero’s [Swi:t] Home (2003) is a portfolio of four photo etchings with embossed floor plans, published at the Rutgers Center for Innovative Prints and Paper in New Brunswick, New Jersey (now known as the Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions), and printed by Anne Q. McKeown. The entire portfolio is installed on the third floor of Building J at 2 Enos Place. Del Rivero was visiting Spain, her native country, on September 11, 2001, but she lived and worked on Cedar Street, across from the World Trade Center site. She returned to find the force of the buildings’ collapse blew out her windows and filled her studio with dust, debris, and ashes. She used photography to document what her home looked like (you can see these images reproduced in the work). She also salvaged the 3,136 piece of burned paper she found in her apartment, cleaned them, inventoried them, and stitched them to 500 feet of cotton mesh, to make a work of art that was installed in the lobby ceiling of the New Museum in a tenth anniversary exhibit about the tragedy.

Nancy Cohen, whose work Procession is installed in Dean Sirangelo’s reception area in 870 Bergen Avenue, will be exhibiting her work “Hackensack Dreaming” at Urban Glass, 647 Fulton Street in Brooklyn through Nov. 5. “Hackensack Dreaming” expands on her exhibit last year at New Jersey City University, and examines ecosystem fragility in the interactions between the natural and the man-made world.

In the fall of 2011, Judy Taylor, a Maine artist talked to our community about art censorship. Specifically, she addressed the incident that involved labor murals she painted as a commission for the Maine Department of Labor, which were removed from the walls by order of the Maine Governor. According to the Jersey City Independent, “Gov. [Paul] LePage justified his decision to remove the mural by citing an anonymous fax that compared the 36-foot wall painting to something from ‘Communist North Korea, where they use these murals to brainwash the masses.' According to several media sources, Gov. LePage never viewed the mural in person before ordering it to be removed from the Labor Department headquarters.” Thanks to the tirelessly and successful efforts of Judy Taylor and other stalwart Mainers, the murals are now installed in the atrium of the cultural building that houses the Maine State Museum in Augusta. You can see a landscape work by Judy Taylor in the fifth floor Follett Room at the Culinary Conference Center.

If you like Buzz Spector’s work Drowning Man Seeks Either/Or on the second floor of 2 Enos Place, you might enjoy this short video about the artist’s work called “Buzz Spector: Eye to Eye, Mouth to Mouth, Ear to Ear.” In the film, Spector discusses his recent installation that posted pictures of sections of many author’s book-jacket photos throughout a house. Making a line at just below eye-level, he uses only a narrow bar of the photo—including just an eye, a mouth, or an ear—and the results are evocative: https://vimeo.com/163561512.

Two works by Mickalene Thomas, portraits of her dachshund Priscilla, are on exhibit in Journal Square: One is in the new Library Building on the first floor, and another is in 168 Sip (Building D) on the second floor. Her latest exhibit, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, is called “Mickalene Thomas: Do I Look Like a Lady?,” which explores the work she is best known for: powerful portraits of African-American women against vibrant collage-like backgrounds. In addition, she has created an installation inspired by 1970s domestic interiors, and video material that includes many black female performers, such as Eartha Kitt and Whitney Houston. The work is on exhibit from Oct. 16, 2016 to Feb. 6, 2017.

Membership in the Hudson County Community College Foundation’s dining series is your opportunity to enjoy world-class dining and service in your own backyard, and to help the College in realizing its goals of assisting deserving students! Our Executive Chef, team of culinary professionals, and students make meals at the Culinary Arts Institute into experiences to remember.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

• Membership includes lunch in Hudson County Community College’s Culinary Arts Institute on eight Fridays during the Fall 2016 semester: September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28, November 4, November 11, and November 18.

• Service hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• Cost of membership is $995 per table for a maximum of four guests.

• Meal includes 4-course luncheon and non-alcoholic beverages.

• Alcoholic beverages include a full bar charged at a nominal rate.

For more information contact: Hudson County Community College Foundation
70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
For more information contact 201-360-4006 or email us at jsansone@hccc.edu
Hudson County Community College to Honor the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 with ‘9/11 Remembrance’

On Friday, September 9 from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Hudson County Community College will commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. The tribute, to life before the events of September 11, 2001 and the lives lost on that day, will be portrayed in spoken word performances as well as a photography installation in the College’s Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery. The entire Hudson County community is invited to join the College for the event; there is no charge for admission.

The event, which is being presented by the College’s Department of Cultural Affairs, will include: Personal Reflections of 9/11, selected readings of community members’ recollections of the tragic events; Before 9/11, an exhibit of community members’ photographs of Manhattan before 9/11/2001; and Mickey Mathis: World Trade Views, an exhibit of images of the Twin Towers and the new World Trade Center captured by the Jersey City photographer from the western shore of the Hudson River over the course of 20 years. Mr. Mathis’ photos juxtaposed with the unobstructed views of the new Freedom Tower from the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery add to the must-see value of this exhibit in commemoration of the 9/11 anniversary.

Hudson County Community College President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. said the events of September 11, 2001 are embedded in the minds and hearts of the people of Hudson County and the College community in a special way. “Our Journal Square Campus provided an unobstructed view of the World Trade Center on 9/11. Hundreds of students and staff stood on the sidewalks and street watching in horror as the events of the morning unfolded. I remember the collective moan as the crowds saw the first and then the second building come down.” he stated. “What I found so remarkable at the time – and still do – is that during and afterwards, the College community continued to be a welcoming environment for everyone, one that celebrated our diversity. Hudson County Community College is a special place.”

The Mickey Mathis exhibit of photos may also be viewed through September 30.

The Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery is located on the top floor of the College’s Library Building – 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City (just steps away from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center. The Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (It is closed on Sundays.)

Additional information on the “9/11 Remembrance” and the Gallery offerings may be obtained by emailing Gallery@hccc.edu.

Human Services Club & Family Partners of Hudson County School Supplies Drive

Families of FPHC currently need help obtaining school supplies for their children.

The Human Services Club is hosting a fundraiser for this cause from September 3 to September 30, 2016. Please drop a donation of school supplies at our Main Campus or the North Hudson Campus.

Who is Family Partners of Hudson County?

Family Partners of Hudson County is a system partner within New Jersey’s Division of Children’s System of Care, CSOC (formerly known as Division of Child Behavioral Services-DCBHS) which is designed to help children with complex emotional, mental, behavioral, and developmental disabilities and substance abuse challenges. The CSOC is a system of care that focuses on family strengths and utilization of communication resources.

A donation container will be located near the Student Lounge in Building B (25 Journal Square, Main Campus).

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this organization, please contact Jose Moreno at jmoreno@familypartnershc.org, or the Human Services Club President, Sarah Smyth, at ssmyth6510@live.hccc.edu.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gerardo de los Santos “Charting New Pathways to Student Success”

A panel discussion, “Routes to Success: Pathways Strategies,” will follow the keynote presentation. The panel will consist of:

- Dr. Christine Harrington, Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Student Success
- Michael Armijo, Senior Research Associate, Community College Research Center, Columbia University
- Dr. Linda A. Hurlburt, Vice President Academic Services, Rowan College at Gloucester County
- Sabrina Magliulo, Director of Advisement and Counseling, Hudson County Community College
- Catherine Yuhas, Teacher of Environmental Science and Science Facilitator, High Tech High School, North Bergen

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Two workshops will be offered in the afternoon.
Hudson County Community College hosted a meeting with U.S. Senator Cory Booker and his staff, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and general institutions of higher learning to discuss apprenticeship learning opportunities. Pictured from left are Sen. Cory Booker, Dr. Glen Gabert, President of HCCC, Ana Chapman-McCasland, Dean of Non-Traditional Programs, and Dr. Aaron Fichtner, Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Division-Wide Events
Planning is underway for the Division of Non-Traditional Program’s First Annual Holiday Marketplace. The holiday shopping and entertainment event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Culinary Conference Center, which will be transformed into a winter wonderland, where guests will experience two floors of holiday fun and festivities. The event will feature over 50 local businesses showcasing and selling unique offerings as well as a special area for young entrepreneurs, ages 9 to 15. There will be live music, refreshments, and various other festivities, as well as a holiday cultural corner where attendees can learn about various holidays and customs.

Anyone who is interested in participating as a vendor may contact Chastity Farrell at (201) 360-4262 or cfarrell@hccc.edu for more information.

Center for Online Learning
COL proudly unveiled the new Educational Technology and Media Center on Aug. 24, during College Service Day. The center was exclusively created for HCCC faculty and staff. It can help professors create educational content for just about any course. Whether it’s traditional or fully online, the new Media Center is designed to advise and assist professors in enhancing courses with content such as video lectures or any technology-rich media.

Center for Business and Industry
CBI celebrated with the Colombian Consulate ESL students on Aug. 16 as they completed their first class. This relationship was formed as part of CBI’s business community outreach. CBI and the Consulate are exploring other ways to expand on this relationship. Members of the class included Colombian businesses and Consulate office staff.

CBI is ready to hold, for the first time, 32BJ ESL and computer classes in Secaucus. The Secaucus Public Library has been gracious to allow all-day Saturday use of their computer lab to accommodate the classes this fall.

Online Learning’s Adele Merlino and Dr. Robert Kahn present the Educational Technology and Media Center to faculty and staff at College Service Day on August 24.

As part of the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s efforts to form more Targeted Industry Partnerships (TIPs), CBI joined a select list of organizations to host the various NJ Talent Networks as they travel the state to bring together employers, training institutions, and Workforce Investment System partners. The Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Talent Network held their event on June 27 and the Financial Services Talent Network TIPs will hold theirs on September 20.

CBI is also pleased to be new members of the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce. Membership with this Chamber as well as partnering with the Secaucus Library will further expand CBI’s presence in Secaucus.

Community Education – In Your Community
On July 11, 2016, the Department of Community Education kicked off their third Annual Summer Youth Program for children 9 to 17 years old. This year, Community Education was able to expand the Summer Youth offerings to the North Hudson Campus with the Future Tech program led by PicoTurbine. PicoTurbine International provides STEM education for Renewable Energy (Wind, Solar, Hydropower, & Fuel Cell), Robotics, and 3D Printing. The Future Tech program allows children to explore the field of science education through hands on projects. Students learn about renewable energy by testing and creating their own wind turbine designs. Moreover, students were introduced to the 3D printer, which has been used to create unique designs and test new ideas for all industries.

Community Education also offered the following new programs on the Journal Square campus: Writing for College Readiness, Photo Journalism, and Video Game Animation. Writing for College Readiness focuses on writing skills needed for all college bound students. Students were given the opportunity to hone in on their writing skills through narrative, persuasive, and informational essays. Photojournalism introduced students to various careers within the journalism field. Students took pictures in and around their community, then were able to write a personal story based on their photo. Video Game Animation class encouraged kids to utilize their love of video games to design their own unique characters, objects, and backgrounds. They were able to develop the character’s personality, signature moves, special powers, and story line. Among other new programs, Community Education also welcomed back popular classes such as the SAT Test Prep classes, Minecraft Animators, App Attack, and Culinary Youth programs- Rising Chef and Creative Bakers.

These programs allow the Summer Youth participants to engage in hands on activities, while exploring skills needed for careers in Science, Technology, and Culinary Arts. Community Education strives to create a diverse range of programs that can nourish and support young people to find their niche in life. Additional youth and family program offerings can be found online at http://www.hccc.edu/uploadedFiles/Pages/Programs_and_Certificates/Community_Education/NTP-Catalog-SummerFall-2016.pdf.

CE is offering 50% off for faculty, staff, and students of HCCC for the following classes. Individuals must visit the Office of Community Education to have the discount applied.

Excel: Beyond the Basics
Tuition: $99 $49.50
Location: Journal Square, Room TBA
Dates: Wednesdays, October 5-October 19, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

QuickBooks Certified User Preparation- Beginner
Tuition: $439 $219.50
Location: Journal Square, Room J302
Dates: Saturdays, October 15– December 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, Hudson County Community College held one of a series of Information Sessions at the Culinary Conference Center. These sessions are intended to give prospective students an idea of the College’s offerings and services.

Prospective students who attended the session and completed applications for admission had the application fee of $25 waived.

NATIONAL CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH AT HCCC

In honor of National Campus Safety Awareness Month, the Safety & Security Department at Hudson County Community College is reaffirming its commitment to providing HCCC students, faculty, administrators, staff, and visitors with a safe and secure environment that is conducive to the education, employment and daily activities of the community.

Services provided by Safety & Security to all HCCC students, faculty include:
- Shuttle service between Journal Square and the North Hudson Campus
- Identification cards
- Security escorts
- Emergency notification system (Connect-ED)
- Discounted parking (Journal Square and North Hudson)
- Surveillance video cameras campus-wide
- Security personnel presence in the lobby of every campus building
- Courtesy phones

For information regarding Safety & Security’s services, please call (201) 360-4080, or visit the Security page at MyHudson: https://myhudson.hccc.edu/security (also accessible by clicking the Security badge icon on the main page).

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Dr. Elena Gorokhova’s second memoir, Russian Tattoo, is a finalist for the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing. This biennial award, presented by the Stanford University Libraries, are intended to encourage new or emerging writers and honor the Saroyan literary legacy of originality, vitality, and stylistic innovation. The Saroyan Prize recognizes newly published works of both fiction and non-fiction.

Lauren O’Gara, Instructor, English Academic Foundations, wrote a reflection piece titled “CCRC Reflections: My Time at CCRC.” The essay is part of a series being posted by the Community College Research Center (CCRC) at Teachers College during the Center’s 20th anniversary year. The essay may be read at http://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/announcements/ccrc-reflections-my-time-at-ccrc.html

Pamela Littles, Associate Dean, School and College Relations, is attending an all college meeting sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education Career Readiness Office. The purpose of the meeting is, “As part of an ongoing effort to assist and improve CTE programs in New Jersey, we are looking at how districts and colleges develop articulation agreements between secondary school districts and colleges.”

WELCOME BANNER

This banner, welcoming new and continuing students to Hudson County Community College for the fall term, is displayed in the front lobby at 25 Journal Square.
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GET INVOLVED!

All College Council

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JOIN A STANDING COMMITTEE …
Standing Committees meet on the first Wednesday of each month (Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2):
- Academic Affairs
- College Life
- Development & Planning
- Space & Facilities
- Student Affairs
- Technology

ATTEND A GENERAL MEETING …
General Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month:
- Sept. 28
- Oct. 26
- Nov. 30

Any information regarding the activities, discussions, and updates of the All College Council can be found on the College’s portal: https://myhudson.hccc.edu/acc

To volunteer for the ACC, please contact the Chair of the Steering Committee: Denise Rossilli
(201) 360-5351
drossilli@hccc.edu

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SERIES 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016
Resume & Cover Letter
Sept. 6 JSQ 12 p.m.
Sept. 7 NHC 2 p.m.
Sept. 12 JSQ 11 a.m.
Sept. 22 JSQ 3 p.m.
Sept. 27 JSQ 5 p.m.

Job Search & Online Presence
Sept. 8 JSQ 11 a.m.

Building up Your Interview Skills
Sept. 13 JSQ 12 p.m.
Sept. 26 JSQ 5 p.m.

Major Exploration
Sept. 28 JSQ 12 p.m.
Sept. 28 NHC 12 p.m.

OCTOBER 2016
Resume & Cover Letter
Oct. 3 JSQ 12 p.m.
Oct. 12 NHC 12 p.m.
Oct. 13 JSQ 3 p.m.
Oct. 21 JSQ 11 a.m.
Oct. 26 JSQ 3 p.m.
Oct. 31 JSQ 3 p.m.

Job Search & Online Presence
Oct. 6 JSQ 11 a.m.
Oct. 19 NHC 12 p.m.
Oct. 24 JSQ 3 p.m.

Applying to College/Transferring
Oct. 17 JSQ 3 p.m.

Building up Your Interview Skills
Oct. 14 JSQ 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 JSQ 12 p.m.
Oct. 26 NHC 12 p.m.

Major Exploration
Oct. 4 JSQ 3 p.m.
Oct. 5 NHC 11 a.m.

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Office Phone: (201) 360-4184
Locations:
JSQ: 70 Sip Ave. (Building A), 3rd Floor
NHC: 7th Floor (N703A)

JOIN US FOR OUR CAREER BOOTCAMP
Revamp Your Resume
Polish Your Interviewing Skills
Learn What Not To Wear
Create Your Brand

Journal Square Campus, Building A, 3rd Floor:
October 10-13

North Hudson Campus, 2nd Floor:
October 25-27

SESSIONS START ON THE HOUR, EVERY HOUR BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M.
Adele Merlino, Instructional Designer at the Center for Online Learning, discusses the services of the new Educational Technology and Media Center, located in the Lower Level of the Library Building.

Then: Hudson County Community College’s tenured faculty, as pictured during the College’s 1990 Commencement.

NOW: HCCC faculty and administrators from 1990, at the Fall College Service Day on Aug. 24. Pictured from left: Theodore Lai, Dr. Mojdeh Tabatabaie, Dr. Theodore Kharptertian, Harvey Rubinstein, Paul Dillon (Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management), Gary Bensky, Siroun Meguerditchian, Dr. Elena Gorokhova, Kevin O’Malley, and Dr. Nabil Marshood.

Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presents “New Pathways, New Programs, New Paradigms.”

John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction/Science, delivers greetings on behalf of the STEM Division, which sponsored the event.

Glen Gabert, Ph.D., delivers a “State of the College” address at the Aug. 24 College Service Day.

For more information: www.hccc.edu/openhouse

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 29, 2016
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Journal Square Campus, Library Building,
71 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
(right by the Journal Square PATH Station)
For more information: www.hccc.edu/openhouse
Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT seriously! Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

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

On day of CPT:
- Make sure you eat and rest well
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions; Appointment required for 5 p.m. sessions

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

September 2016
Term: Fall 2016 and Offsites

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

Writing Proficiency Test
- *90 minutes
  The WPT is required when Eng 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language placement test
- Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours
  1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
  2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
  3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
  4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
  5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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www.hccc.edu/accuplacerstudyresources
### FALL 2016 CLEP SCHEDULE

Hudson County Community College’s Testing & Assessment Center announces its CLEP schedule for Fall 2016. Session I will begin at 9:00 a.m., and Session II at 1:00 p.m., on each test day.

The Registration Fee is $20 per test, and there is a CLEP Fee of $80 per test.

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**$10 off CLEP Exams in September**

From Sept. 1 to 30, CLEP is offering students $10 off the $80 exam fee for all CLEP* exams. When checking out at the end of the exam registration process on CLEP’s website (www.collegeboard.com/clep), students should enter the promo code CLEPSEPT and $10 will be subtracted from the purchase of each exam. As always, registration tickets will be valid for six months after the purchase date.

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Please visit:  www.hccc.edu/CLEPSchedule/ for a list of available exams.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, September 1

HCCC Spirit Day, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Keep an eye out for your Peer Leaders on both campuses between for giveaways kicking off the new year the right way – with free stuff!

#### Friday, September 2

Stuff-a-Plush, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Turn your favorite emoji into your new pillow!

#### Saturday, September 3 – Monday, September 5

**Labor Day Weekend – College Closed**

#### Saturday, September 3

Hudson in Your Community, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Abanoub & St. Antonious Coptic Orthodox Church Festival, 1325 Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne

#### Monday, September 5

New York Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays, game time 1 p.m., Yankee Stadium. Admission for Students: $10; Admission for Faculty/Staff/Guests: $16. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets. What’s better than enjoying Labor Day by taking part in America’s favorite pastime? Come out and enjoy a Yankees game with the HCCC community!

#### Tuesday, September 6

Welcome Back BBQ, 12 pm. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Help us usher in the new year with delicious BBQ, giveaways, music, and more.

#### Resume & Cover Letter workshop, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

#### SMART Board Training, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Main Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

#### Wednesday, September 7

Bagel Wednesday, 9 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Start your morning off with some bagels and all of the fixings.

#### SGA Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

#### BrightLink Training, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., NHC Library

#### Resume & Cover Letter workshop, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Room 703A

Welcome Back BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Help us usher in the new year with delicious BBQ, giveaways, music, and more!

#### Games for Giveaways, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Stay for one game, stay for all of them! Win a game, and enter a raffle for a variety of supplies, from notebooks to apparel and more.

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#### Thursday, September 8

Student Involvement Fair: 90’s Style, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Getting involved is all that and a bag of chips! Stop by to learn about the different clubs, organizations, and learning opportunities we have on campus. Also snag some fly 90’s themed giveaways.

#### Job Search & Online Presence workshop, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

#### Aequus Training, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Main Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Broadway Show: “Wicked,” show time 8 p.m., Gershwin Theatre, 222 West 51st St., New York, NY. The story centers on Elphaba, the misunderstood, smart, and fiery girl of emerald-green skin who grows up to become the notorious Wicked Witch of the West and Galinda, the beautiful, blonde, popular girl who grows up to become Glinda the Good Witch of the South. Admission for Students: $25; admission for Faculty/Staff/Guests: $50. Order tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

#### Friday, September 9

9/11 Remembrance, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor. Stop by the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery all day to experience the featured exhibit, “World Trade Views” by Mickey Mathis, along with a special photo installation, “Before 9/11 Views.” Hear from our community express their personal reflections of 9/11 during a reading, and join us for a reception between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

#### SGA Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

#### Saturday, September 10

Family Day at HCCC, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Culinary Plaza Park. Come enjoy a family-friendly day of events for all ages. Carnival games, snacks and fun for everyone! Also join us for a campus-wide service activity as we assemble backpacks to distribute to local elementary schools.

#### Sunday, September 11


#### Monday, September 12

Resume & Cover Letter workshop, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

True Life: I’m Moving to Canada!, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newark Street. The 2016 presidential election is panning out to be one like we’ve never had before. Regardless of what party you generally side with, Americans have expressed their fear, uneasiness, and lack of knowledge in what both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump stand for and can bring to the position of President. Join us for a conversation on the candidates and the related issues and topics that affect you before you visit the polling sites in November.
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President Debate Screening, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Building up Your Interview Skills Workshop, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Tuesday, September 27
3D Printing, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to create objects with our brand new 3D printer, the Fablicator.

Advanced Raspberry Pi, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Take your knowledge of Raspberry Pi to the next level! We will guide you through advanced skills and programming projects on this tiny, single-board computer.

Culture Fest, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Join us and discover the sounds, history, food, and culture of the various Hispanic countries from around the world.

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

College Transfer Fair, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Resume & Cover Letter workshop, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor

Photo Night out with Mickey Mathis, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Join "World Trade Views" artist Mickey Mathis for an hour-long photography workshop on the roof terrace with full Manhattan and Jersey City views from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Catch great shots of the sunset until 7:30 p.m. with his secret tips.

Admission: $15 for HCCC faculty, student and administration (bring proper identification); $20 community members. To register, please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/photo-night-out-with-mickey-mathis-tickets-27335746955. Please note that each participant must bring a camera.

Wednesday, September 28
Bagel Wednesday, 9 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Start your morning off with some bagels and all of the fixings.

Instant Decision Day - Saint Peter’s University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the appointment. Students should visit the Advisement & Counseling page on the MyHudson portal to make an appointment. Please follow specific instructions provided for each institution. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Major Exploration Workshop, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor and North Hudson Campus, Room 703A

True Life: I’m an Afro-Latino, 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Often seen as one of the more underrepresented and disregarded groups within the Hispanic community, Afro-Latinos struggle with acceptance from both Latinos and African-Americans. Bring into the discussion the census, which has caused confusion and misinterpretation for the Hispanic community, and this becomes an even bigger issue. What impact can it have on our peers and nation when those who identify as Afro-Latino are forced to “choose” which social group to “belong” to?

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

“Own Your Fitness” Assessment, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Yankees vs Boston Red Sox, Yankee Stadium game time 7 p.m., Yankee Stadium. Admission for students: $12; admission for faculty/staff/guests: $24. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Thursday, September 29
Instant Decision Day - Bloomfield College, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the appointment. Students should visit the Advisement & Counseling page on the MyHudson portal to make an appointment. Please follow specific instructions provided for each institution. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Library Book Club, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus. The club will discuss The Story of My Teeth by Valeria Luiselli.

Lecture Series featuring Ana Navarro, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 16 Newkirk Street

True Life: I’m an Afro-Latino, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus. Often seen as one of the more underrepresented and disregarded groups within the Hispanic community, Afro-Latinos struggle with acceptance from both Latinos and African-Americans. Bring into the discussion the census, which has caused confusion and misinterpretation for the Hispanic community, and this becomes an even bigger issue. What impact can it have on our peers and nation when those who identify as Afro-Latino are forced to “choose” which social group to “belong” to? This discussion will be held in Spanish, led by Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus.

Friday, September 30
Group Service: Community FoodBank of New Jersey, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Students must report to 25 Journal Square to check in. Bus will depart in front of 70 Sip Avenue at 8 a.m. Register at http://groupservicefoodbankofnj.eventbrite.com

Subscription Dining Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

“On Your Feet” on Broadway, show time, 8 p.m., Marquis Theatre, 1535 Broadway, New York, NY. Admission for Students: $25; admission for Guests: $55. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets. “On Your Feet!” is the inspiring true story about, heritage and two people who believed in their talent — and each other — to become an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Culture Fest!
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Journal Square Campus, B Student Lounge

Join us and discover the sounds, history, food, and culture of the various Hispanic countries from around the world.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The Leadership Olympics

Saturday, September 24, 2016
Journal Square Campus,
B Student Lounge
25 Journal Square, Jersey City, NJ
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Go for the Gold
We’re looking for the best of the best to make a difference on campus this year. Do you have what it takes? Take advantage of educational workshops, social networking opportunities, and of course, giveaways!

ALL Students are welcome – Students in a club/organization will receive additional incentive credit for attending.

FREE for all HCCC Students!

Register Today:
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ALUMNI CORNER

Samuel Owosu-Biney
Class of 2016
Associate in Science, Computer Science

What factors led you to decide to attend Hudson County Community College?
I came to HCCC to get my A.S. in Computer Science. I went to A. Harry Moore High School in Jersey City. I heard about HCCC at a College Fair and a teacher recommended I come here. I attended many college fairs and met disabled college students there. I thought that if they could do it, I could also make it. I was born with cerebral palsy in Ghana, West Africa. I have a speech impediment and weaknesses in both my right leg and hand as a result. I came to the United States in 2004, and I often wondered how I would achieve my goals. I always remember the words my uncle gave me: "I'm better off; I'm better than somebody; I'm not the worst in the world; my disability has not disabled me to work and achieve my dreams!" These powerful words did not only increase my aspirations but also gave me an insurmountable courage and confidence to take control of my destiny and my future.

How did you become interested in your major?
I chose to major in computer science because I want to assist others with disabilities. For instance, I hope to create a computerized device that will help people who cannot speak clearly to communicate. Another one of my goals is to develop a prototype of a wheelchair that I hope to manufacture for disabled people in this nation and beyond. My classes prepared me for the competitive work world of computers. I want to use my skills to help disabled people better manage their lives.

What are your favorite memories of the College?
Dr. Orock taught me Calculus I. He’s a very good teacher and my role model at the College. Because of Dr. Orock, I was able to transfer to New Jersey City University and meet their Office of Specialized Services. Professor Caniglia taught me how to write essays. It took time for him to understand my speech, but he was patient and able to communicate with me every day through phone and e-mail. Because of him, I made it to English 101 and 102, which I successfully completed. I also want to acknowledge Joseph Pascale, Writing Center Coordinator. Any time I knock on his door, the door is opened for me. Additionally, I thank Professor Siddiqui for teaching me most of my computer science courses. He was always willing to answer any questions. I had even when I visited him at his office. Because of him I know programming, Java, Database Design, and Information Systems.

What was a memorable project you worked on?
The National Society for Leadership and Success gave me a project to do for them. I created a flyer about induction in the spring. After that, I created many flyers for them other people from my church. The more I made flyers, the more I learned about using different computer programs. Making these flyers helped me to create a digital design for the wheelchair I would like to create. One day, I will have this wheelchair manufactured for disabled people.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?
Don’t give up. Keep searching for the perfect job to use your skills and training.

What advice to you have for those students who are just starting their college careers?
In my CSS class, I learned how to speak with professors. Every professor I met at HCCC was always available to speak with me one on one both inside and outside of the classroom. Look for the best professors to teach you your subjects. And use HCCC for a two-year degree so you can transfer your credits later to a university. Today, I can look at myself and know that one day I can run my own company and help disabled people.

Final Statement:
I am hindered by verbal communication but I have the skills to do a good job in the computer field. I just need a chance to prove that I am hardworking and I can get the job done right. I just need a chance—the opportunity to shine.