Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has developed a new degree option in response to national and statewide focus on advanced training for infant and toddler education professionals. Studies towards the Infant/Toddler degree option – an addition to the existing A.A. Liberal Arts program – will be available in the upcoming spring semester.

The new Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - Infant/Toddler (Birth to 3 years) Education option supports the professional development of Infant/Toddler caregivers in licensed childcare centers. It was created in response to the 2007 Head Start Act, which states that Early Head Start staff must have an Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate degree or have coursework in infant/toddler care and development that accrues toward a two-year degree.

The HCCC program was designed using National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards, which provide a common national framework for all early childhood professional development systems and programs. The program was also developed in relationship with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Head Start, and Professional Impact New Jersey, an organization that advocates for the growth of Early Childhood educators.
Honors in Action Project

On Nov. 12, Franklin Beeg, Mayra Gomez, Michael Price, and Daniel Ruiz met with students at the college fair at Union City High School. Meeting with high school students is part of Beta Alpha Phi Chapter’s Honors in Action Project on the benefits of attending a community college.

President’s Volunteer Service Award

The President’s Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. Oliver Pavot, Vice President of Service, has established a team for the chapter. Members may create an account at www.presidential.serviceawards.gov and list volunteer activities. Oliver will provide the group number and get the hours certified. The chapter and individual members may qualify for awards based on the total hours of the chapter and members.

Spring Induction

The Spring Induction will be held on Sunday, April 26 at the Culinary Conference Center. New members will be inducted and the 2015-16 officers will be installed at the ceremony.

Officer Elections

Elections for the 2015-16 chapter officers will be held at the chapter meeting on Saturday, April 4. The new officers will begin their terms on May 3.

CBI staff Mayelin Torres, Djadji Sylla, and Catherine Mirasol at Rising Tide Capital Inc.’s CBA graduation at St. Peter’s University.

Networking workshop facilitated by a representative from the NJ Department of Labor.

CBI’s Samaya Yashayeva greeting attendees at the Financial Service Industry Job Fair.

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n Jan. 14 and as part of Financial Service Industry Week, CBI and the Financial Services Talent Network held a job fair specific to the financial services sector. Ten employers were present and over 100 job-seekers attended. Representatives from the Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Talent Network, Financial Services Talent Network, and the New Jersey Department of Labor were on hand to provide support and resources for the job-seekers.

On Jan. 15, CBI staff attended the Port Authority’s 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at the Newark Hilton. Thankful for the opportunity to attend another Port Authority (PA) event, CBI staff enjoyed networking with members from the PA’s Network of Black Employees. Later that day, CBI joined Rising Tide Capital Inc. at their Community Business Academy (CBA) graduation. CBI staff met many new and emerging entrepreneurs and shared the resources available to them through CBI.

CBI and WomenRising, Inc. have partnered again to offer two more cycles of Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment (CPHE) for Spring 2015. Enrollment is underway and classes are scheduled to start the end of February. Funded through Jersey City Employment and Training (JCETP), graduates of this program take college level courses such as Introduction to the Hospitality Industry, Culinary for Hospitality, Front Office Operations, and Food Sanitation and Culinary Principles. By the end of the program, students are eligible to take the ServSafe certification exam. Students successfully completing the program earn up to 10 credits towards an associate degree in Hospitality.

Hudson County has approved funding for the second level of CBI’s Business Professionals Cooperative Learning Program. Based on participant and instructor feedback from level one, this program was developed specifically for small business owners in Hudson County. The second level consists of five areas: Organizational Behavior, Managing Processes, Leadership Skills II, Team Building II, and Conflict Resolution. Participants must have completed level one to enroll. As cooperative-based learners, participants share experiences and knowledge, work in teams to practice new principles introduced in lectures, and create action plans based on real-time workplace concerns. This program is provided in partnership with Hudson County’s Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise.

CBI is excited to teach ESL to 100 of Hudson Schools of Technology and Hudson County OneStop’s customers. Running mainly at HCCC’s North Hudson Higher Education Center, CBI anticipates five sections starting and completing between February and June 2015.

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JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

- Accounts Receivable Clerk
- Adjunct Instructors (Spring 2015)
- Assessment Coordinator
- Assistant Director of Advisement & Counseling (12-Month, Administrative Position)
- Associate Dean for Research and Planning
- Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance
- College Lecturer (Criminal Justice)
- College Lecturer (Health Services)
- College Lecturer (Humanities)
- Counselor - Educational Opportunity Fund (12-Month, Administrative Position)
- Coordinator of Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs
- Dean of Non-Traditional Programs
- Director of Career Development
- Director of Conference Center
- General Accountant (Controller’s Office)
- Manager of Web & Portal Services
- PC Technician
- Secretaries - STEM and Social Sciences
- Student Financial Assistance Specialist

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:

Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu

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.

NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

- Maria Arroyo, Senior Accountant, Controller
- Margaret Bellanich, Senior Accountant, Controller
- Johnathan Cintron, Library Clerical Assistant, College Libraries
- Salvador Cuellar, Instructor, Psychology
- Mercy Martinez, Student Accounts Coordinator, Student Accounts
- Mark Murray, Maintenance Manager
- Elizabeth Nesius, Interim Associate Dean, STEM
- Thomas Page, Instructional Designer & Technologist
- Homile Elle Phanor, College Lecturer, Business
- Robin Singer, Instructor, Early Childhood Education
- Chenelle Smith, Assistant Registrar, Enrollment Services
- Veronica Zeichner, Chief Financial Officer

KATHERINE ARCHULETA VISITS HCCC

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Katherine Archuleta, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, visited Hudson County Community College and met with campus leaders to discuss current programs and employment pathways that would benefit HCCC students, along with President Obama’s new plan for community college tuition assistance.

MILESTONES

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

Five Years
Nydia James

SAVE THE DATE!

New Jersey Council of County Colleges
BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE 2015

Friday, April 24, 2015
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Camden County College
Blackwood, NJ

Theme: Student Success

Keynote Session:
Generational Higher Education Strategies
Chuck Underwood, Founder/Principal, The Generational Imperative, Inc.

Full program information and registration details to follow.

RETIREMENT

Esther Berman
The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America’s and New Jersey’s rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College’s acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern, and contemporary collections.

Each month, this page in HCCC Happenings provides updates on artists whose work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

**Donor Acknowledgement**

Thank you to Nashee C. Diaz for the generous donation.

**Artist News**

An early work by the artist Christo can be seen in the hallway of the fifth floor of the new Library Building. He is famous for wrapping enormous objects (bridges, for example) with cloth. He’s currently the winner in a legal suit over his intention to hang about six miles of silvery fabric in sections over the Arkansas River. Opponents say this project would endanger fish and visitors. They are considering appealing the judge’s decision. The project is slated for 2018. According to British newspaper The Guardian, “The project is expected to be displayed for two weeks in the month of August, when the river would be calm enough for rafters to peer up at the fabric as they boat underneath and when drivers on US 50 along the river could look down.” Wouldn’t that be a great field trip?

The Collection recently acquired eight works by Mike Disfarmer (1884 -1959), thanks to the generosity of HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert and Gregory D. Ratcliff. We plan to install them later this year. In the meantime, Disfarmer’s work can be seen at the Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College in New York through March 22. Disfarmer was an Arkansas commercial photographer who posed local people against formal backdrops. He was “discovered” as an artist in the 1970s. “Becoming Disfarmer,” an exhibit at the Neuberger Museum, compares how Disfarmer’s original clients, colleagues and neighbors saw him with the way he has been reinterpreted as a contemporary artist. His neighbors thought him quirky, but proficient as a businessman. As an artist, he is now praised for bringing out “raw expressions in his subjects.”

If you don’t want to travel in the next few weeks to see Larry Fink’s photographic work on display at the Feroz Galerie in Bonn, Germany, you can see his work on the second floor hallway of 81 Sip Avenue (Building G). The Collection’s photograph features a portrait of an African-American man outside his home. The exhibition at Feroz features work in his new book, “The Beats.” In 1958, when he was 18, Fink moved from his childhood home on Long Island and to a small apartment in Greenwich Village. Fink was immediately drawn to New York’s counterculture, and he met artists, writers, and musicians affiliated with a late stage of the Beat Movement. He photographed them for 10 years: “It was my fate to be aligned with the Beats because of my propensity for drugs, anger, and poetry,” says Fink. “Since they were second generation, without the same sense of immortal obsession such as the like of Kerouac and Ginsberg, they had a distinct need to be documented.” He has written that the group “desperately needed a photographer to be with them, to give them gravity, to live within them, record and encode their wary but bemitted existence.” Does this remind you of today’s “Selfie” culture?

The Collection recently acquired a work by Robert Rauschenberg called “Statue of Liberty,” which we plan to install in the new Library Building. It is a print in his classic collage-style—depicting images of the Statue of Liberty, which can be seen from several classrooms and from the new Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery at the College. Rauschenberg was featured in a January show called “Robert Rauschenberg and the Five from Louisiana” which celebrated the New Orleans Museum of Art acquisition of his iconic 1979 work, “Melic Meeting (Spread).” The exhibit also included other artists who came from Louisiana. In the springtime, we look forward to the Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery opening its first exhibit of works from the wonderful Dineen-Hull Collection with a focus on the meaning of collecting and the collector’s “eye.” This exhibit will feature many works by major and emerging New Jersey artists.

Closer to home, Rauschenberg’s work will be featured alongside work by Bruce Nauman, Ed Ruscha, Mel Bochner, and Andy Warhol in a text-based art show called “If these walls could talk,” at the Jim Kemper Fine art at 501 West 23rd Street in Chelsea, Feb. 12 through March 28. Kemper is well-known for his ongoing series of short films parodying the art world; check them out at http://themadnessofart.com. You can see the Collection’s Warhol work on the second floor of the Culinary Conference Center in the reception area, Room 218. Works by the other artists above have recently been acquired by the College, and are in the process of being prepared for installation.

In the public hallways of Academic Affairs on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue is a wonderful small portrait of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If the history of Dr. King’s era interests you, you’ll love a new show at the New York Historical Society on Central Park West and 77th Street in New York City, through April 19. This exhibit features historic photographs by Stephen Somerstein, documenting the Selma-to-Montgomery Civil Rights March in January 1965. Somerstein was a City College night school student in New York City and picture editor of the student newspaper when he traveled to Alabama to document the march. He later became a physicist, and did not exhibit his photographs until after his retirement in 2008.
NOTIBREVES

EL CENTRO PARA NEGOCIOS E INDUSTRIA DE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONDUCE ENTRENAMIENTO EN EL CENTRO DE CORRECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE HUDSON

Uno de cada cuatro adultos en los Estados Unidos tiene un historial de convicción. Cada año más de 700,000 hombres y mujeres son liberados de las prisiones, y la mayoría luchan para iniciar una nueva vida. La discriminación más obvia que acompaña a un record de convicción es la gran barrera que enfrentan los ex convictos al querer volver a sus comunidades. Por otra parte, estos individuos no poseen la educación o habilidades necesarias para en contario. De los once estudiantes que iniciaron el programa, nueve completaron “Sanidad en Servicios de Comida” y pasaron el examen de certificación ServSafe. Siete estudiantes completaron “Operaciones de Bodega y Compras” y cuatro completaron “Teoría de Cocina.”

Sabíamos que no todos completarían el programa, pero estábamos felices de que nueve de los once estudiantes pasaron el examen de certificación ServSafe,” dijo Dr. Eric Friedman, Vicepresidente de Asuntos Académicos de HCCC.

La Sra. Chapman-McCausland dijo que el ambiente del Centro de Correcciones proveyó la oportunidad para que los estudiantes se enfocaran en sus estudios. Otro incentivo fue saber que cuando sean puestos en libertad, pueden continuar sus estudios en HCCC, ya que sus créditos obtenidos son transferibles.

El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC reportó que uno de los participantes de estas clases ha sido puesto en libertad y actualmente cursa estudios en HCCC, y otro está en el proceso de registración. En el futuro se espera que el CBI de HCCC pueda continuar y expandir el programa en el futuro.

“Este programa es bueno para la comunidad, bueno para la economía local y una gran oportunidad para aquellos que han estado encarcelados y desean iniciar una nueva vida,” dijo el Dr. Gabert.

Hudson County Community College ha sido nombrado uno de los 28 finalistas, dentro de siete categorías de los premios a la Excelencia de la Asociación Americana de Universidades Comunitarias (American Association of Community Colleges – AACC). Estos premios reconocen trabajo excepcional en las universidades de dos años de América.

Para los premios del 2015, Hudson County Community College fue nombrado en la categoría de Avanzando en Diversidad (Advancing Diversity). La nominación previa de HCCC – en el 2013 – fue Éxito Estudiantil (Student Success).

Los ganadores serán anunciados en la conferencias Anual del AACC en Abril en san Antonio, Texas.

La Asociación Americana de Universidades Comunitarias (AACC) es la organización primaria de promoción de universidades comunitarias.
Inspired him to campaign. Among Tuzzo, who supervises the office, to be holding elections soon. Angela the Student Government was going Activities, Franklin found out that a business major and his interests lie University as transfer schools for him will never forget her encouragement. “I met her encouragement. She believed in me,” he said. Melissa wholeheartedly; I doubted myself, but this place, that if I wanted to get the put 100 percent of myself into “I began to realize that I needed this for a website for FAFSA and found out he was eligible for education benefits at Hudson County Community College. Within two weeks of coming to the North Hudson Higher Education Center, he entered his first class on campus. Leaning forward on the table, he acknowledged: “I knew if I waited, I wasn’t going to do it. I was persistent. Since it was so close to the start of the semester, the advisor said I could wait until the next semester; I wasn’t going to wait.”

Born in Hackensack, N.J., he moved with his family to West New York and attended Memorial High School in the West New York public school system. His first semester at HCCC was hectic and he admits that he just wanted to get through and move on to the next college. “I came in sweatpants every day and I wasn’t really interested,” he admitted. Then he met Melissa Ortiz, who convinced him to become more involved and to join Phi Theta Kappa, the honors organization.

“I began to realize that I needed to put 100 percent of myself into this place, that if I wanted to get the most out of it I had to put myself in wholeheartedly, I doubted myself, but she believed in me,” he said. Melissa told him to aim higher and he says he will never forget her encouragement. Now he is looking at the University of Pennsylvania and New York University as transfer schools for him to complete a bachelor’s degree. He is a business major and his interests lie in economics and politics.

While working as a work-study assistant in the Office of Student Activities, Franklin found out that the Student Government was going to be holding elections soon. Angela Tuzzo, who supervises the office, inspired him to campaign. Among other things, he held a bake-no-sale and gave out the baked goods to fellow students at no cost. Today, he is the President of the organization and works closely with the administration of the College as an advocate for students. “I met the President of the College and the Vice Presidents, I started to speak at the All College Council, and I learned that the Student Government is valued here.” Having clocks installed in key areas and providing calculators for math students were two of his early achievements. Students now turn to him for advice regarding College issues but also their personal concerns. In addition to his work with Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government, he is a dedicated officer in the Business and Accounting Club as well as the Honors Student Council.

Franklin’s parents and professors have cheered him on, given him confidence, and expanded his intellectual horizons. He says that his mother is thrilled whenever he shares an accomplishment with her. He credits his father with being an extraordinary role model and reminding him often to stay focused and to think about family values. Dr. Dorothy Anderson, his teacher for Western Civilization, made history come alive for him and he “felt what it was like to live in earlier time periods.” Professor Salvador Figueras, his teacher for Cultures and Values, provided him with a perspective on how women have been treated in different cultures across the ages. “If you stay after class, if you talk to the professors, if you don’t just sit there, if you get to know them, you’ll do well,” he declared.

Franklin is proud that HCCC works hard on retention initiatives. Through his work with Student Government, he has seen firsthand how the staff of the College supports students. “They provide many different activities for us to choose from and people here follow up with me on issues and concerns, even things from months ago. What I can say to other students is: don’t just think about transfer, get involved here, and let people get to know you.”

Bob Kahn spends a part of each day focused on making Hudson County Community College’s online courses multi-dimensional. Research has repeatedly shown that the greater the number of modalities a college offers for its online learners, the more the faculty and engaged they become. “Right now we’ve got a lot of text,” he says, “we want more audio, narrated lectures, the ability for faculty members to give audio comments on work that students hand in, and video introductions by teachers. These students aren’t coming on campus; they want enhanced learning environments online.”

Like many roads, Dr. Kahn’s path to working with computerized instruction was a winding one. He was attending graduate school at Columbia University in New York City studying psychology in a doctoral program. While conducting research on the parenting behavior of ring doves, his work required using computers to perform the studies. The list of Dr. Kahn’s publications is impressive, including articles in the Journal of Neuroscience, the journal, Physiology and Behavior, and The Annals of the New York Academy of Science.

He decided to stay in computing after his graduate support ran out and he supervised the first academic computing center at Barnard College in 1984. He completed his studies, earned the Ph.D., and moved on to the Columbia Presbyterian Health Science campus, leading a staff of 17 at the Center for Academic Information Technology that he founded. Faculty members needing to digitize their slide sets used the center and explored new ways of supplementing their instruction with technology. It was the 1990s and using computers for scholarly purposes was just gaining momentum. “They were heady times,” he remarked, “history was happening as we did new things. My staff and I developed the website for the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center — the web, hyperlinks, search technology, it was all new.” In 2008 he returned to Barnard and took charge of the instructional technologist group on that campus.
HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMED AS FINALIST IN AACC 2015 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

For the second time in three years, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been named as one of 28 finalists among seven categories in the American Association of Community Colleges’ (AACC) Awards of Excellence. These awards recognize exceptional work among America’s two-year colleges.

For the 2015 awards, HCCC was nominated in the category of Advancing Diversity. The College’s previous nomination – in 2013 – was for Student Success.

VERONICA ZEICHNER JOINS HCCC AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Hudson County Community College is pleased to announce that Mrs. Veronica D’Alessandro Zeichner, CPA has accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with a start date of January 26, 2015.

Veronica has significant experience as a CFO at both Saint Peter’s and Saint Barnabas Healthcare Systems where she was responsible for all operational and capital budgets. She has significant experience with business office operation, grants accounting, payroll and benefits and has provided financial consultant services to New Jersey Institute of Technology. Veronica comes to us with significant process experience working with financial platforms and databases. She will be instrumental in optimizing and maintaining the College budget and streamlining operational procedures.

Veronica is a certified public accountant (CPA) and has an accounting degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and American College of Healthcare Executives.

Veronica will be responsible for all Hudson County Community College Financial Services.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

On Thursday, March 5, The Rotary Club of Jersey City/Daybreak will host its Eleventh Annual Dinner/Awards Night, honoring with “Service Above Self” Community Service Awards Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development and HCCC Foundation Directors Jeanne Cretella and Kevin O’Connor.

Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean for Academic Development and Support Services. Has been awarded The Chair Academy’s 2015 Idalynn Karre Exemplary Leadership Award. This award recognizes her ability to advance academic and administrative leadership at Hudson County Community College. She will formally receive the award at the Chair Academy’s 24th Annual International Conference, themed “Leadership in the High-Definition Age,” in Seattle in April 2015.

On Friday, Jan. 9, Librarians Kate Bellody, Cynthia Coulter, Lawren Wilkins and John DeLooper, Director of Library Technology, attended the 16th annual VALE Users Conference held at Rutgers University. The conference featured a variety of breakout sessions including “Listening to Many Voices: Engaging the Academic Community,” “Providing Engaging Learning Opportunities in the Online Environment: From Faculty Outreach to Student Success,” and “Best Practices for Evaluating and Selecting Web-Scale Discovery Services.” Kate Bellody, a first-time attendee, described it as “a great opportunity to connect with other New Jersey academic librarians to share ideas about how to best serve our students.” Lawren Wilkins, who had attended the conference a number of times in the past, said, “Every year, there is always valuable information passed on and there is always something to be learned. I walk away inspired and full of ideas.”

HCCC INTRODUCES A NEW INFANT/TODDLER EDUCATION DEGREE

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The winners will be announced at AACC’s annual conference in April in San Antonio, Texas.

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is the primary advocacy organization for the nation’s community colleges.

Those who complete the HCCC program will be able to seek their CDA and Infant/Toddler Credentialing – which is essential to employment in an Infant/Toddler care setting – and they may also continue their studies and pursue earning a Bachelor’s degree at a four-year institution.

To earn the HCCC Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - Infant Toddler, students must complete 61/62 credits. The degree is composed of 46-47 credits of Liberal Arts General Education and 15 credits of specialized in Infant/Toddler and Early Childhood Education courses. Classes which will be taught at the College’s Journal Square campus and North Hudson Higher Education Center Union City sites include Introduction to Early Childhood, an Infant/Toddler Curriculum, Infant/Toddler Externship, Social/Emotional Development of Infants and Toddlers, and Infant/Toddler Health, Safety, Nutrition and Special Needs.

“Over the years, legislators have come to realize what most educators have professed for some time: High-quality, early education provides children with a strong foundation for success in school studies and in life,” said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. In his 2013 State of the Union address, President Barack Obama called on Congress to expand access to high-quality preschool for every child in the United States.

Additional information on the new Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts - Infant/Toddler Education option may be obtained by contacting Alison Friars, Education Programs Coordinator at (201) 360-5364 or afriars@hccc.edu.
**COLLEGE SERVICE DAY**

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, Hudson County Community College observed its Spring 2015 College Service Day at the College’s Culinary Conference Center. The event’s theme was “Celebrating 40 Years of Service to the Community.”

Presenters on the development of the future STEM facility, pictured from left: Christopher Wahl, Dean of Arts & Sciences; Dr. John Nutakor, Instructor, Physics; Thomas Bradowski, Vice President for Administrative Services and Dr. Mojdeh Tabatabaei, Professor, Engineering.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (CCSSE)**

This spring, Hudson County Community College has an opportunity to participate in a national survey focused on teaching, learning, and retention in community colleges, the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). HCCC is one of seven community colleges in the State of New Jersey this year to participate in this assessment. Other colleges include: Burlington County College, County College of Morris, Cumberland County College, Mercer County Community College, Middlesex County College and Passaic County Community College. The project is part of the Center for Community College Student Engagement and the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin.

Research shows that the more actively engaged students are — with college faculty and staff, with other students, and with the subject matter being learned — the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development, and retention.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly selected by the Center to ensure a representative sample and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will receive specific information from the appropriate survey administrator.

HCCC is intent on being a leader in higher education, and this survey can assist us in improving course completion rates, as well as the rate of student persistence to the completion of their educational goals. To learn more about CCSSE visit www.ccse.org, or contact the Center for Community College Student Engagement at 512-471-6807 or info@ccse.org.

**FINE ARTS/COMPUTER ARTS STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

On Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, Hudson County Community College’s Fine Arts and Computers Arts students displayed their talent in an art presentation and print sale. The presentations took place in the Scott Ring Room at the Culinary Conference Center.

Pictured are Jeremiah Teipen (left), Coordinator/Assistant Professor of Computer Art; Laurie Riccadonna (right), Associate Professor, Fine Arts, with students in the Studio Arts and Studio Arts – Computer Arts programs.

**CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY NEWS**

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On Tuesday, Feb. 10, CBI will have a Lunch & Learn panel discussion on “Perspectives from the Hudson County Black Business Community.” Michelle Richardson (Director of Hudson County Parks and Community Services), Ora Welch (President & CEO of HOPES CAP Inc.), and New Jersey Assemblyman Charles Mainor are among the featured panelists. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chastity Farrell at (201) 360-4262 or cfarrell@hccc.edu.

Get free training for your business!
Your business may be eligible for free training. CBI is currently enrolling for Spring 2015. Offerings include Word Levels 1 & 2, Excel Levels 1 – 3, Sales Skills Boot Camp, Problem Solving, Supervisory Skills, and Management Skills. If you are interested in more information, please contact Catherine Mirasol at cmirasol@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4241.

Other training topics include:
- Team Building
- Professionalism
- Customer Service
- Communications
- English as a Second Language
- Spanish in the Workplace

**CBI 2014 Calendar of Events**

**February**
- Tuesday, February 10: Lunch and Learn – Black History Month: Panel Discussion
- Tuesday, February 17: Info Session for Immigrant Small Business Owners

**March**
- Tuesday, March 10: Lunch and Learn – Women’s History Month: Panel Discussion
- Wednesday, March 25: Girls in Technology Symposium

**April**
- Friday, April 7: Lunch and Learn – Healthcare Industry Week: Panel Discussion

**May**
- Friday, May 8: Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Industry Week Event

Visit CBI on Facebook and Twitter! View upcoming events, look through past events pictures, and get the latest news on training opportunities. “Like” us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/cbihudsoncounty and “Follow” us on Twitter, twitter.com/cbihudsoncounty.
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.

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 next column for free study resources.
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157 in advance.

On the 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; an appointment is required for 5 p.m. sessions.
- For inclement weather-related alerts/announcements, call 201-714-7100 (Option # 1).

**College Placement Test (Accuplacer)**

What's covered on the standard 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

What's covered on the 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

**Free Study Resources:**
- Review/Brush up on your Arithmetic & Algebra skills by creating a free account at EdReady: http://www.hccc.edready.org
- Review/Brush up on your Writing skills at Purdue OWL: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
- Prepare for the Accuplacer and view Sample Questions: http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students
- Additional Study Resources available for purchase (optional):
  - The Official Accuplacer iPhone/iPad Study App – available on iTunes ($1.99)
  - The Official Accuplacer Web-Based Study App for PC/Android ($2.99)

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**Spring 2015 - College Level Examination Program (CLEP )**

**-Appointment only**

- Session I: 9:00 a.m.
- Session II: 1:00 p.m.
- Registration Fee: $20 per test
- CLEP Fee: $80 per test

February
- Mon. Feb 9
- Wed. Feb 11
- Tues. Feb 24
- Thurs. Feb 26

March
- Mon. Mar 9
- Wed. Mar 11
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- Thurs. Mar 26

**Before scheduling your CLEP appointment:**
- HCCC students: Obtain Dean’s Permission form prior to scheduling appointment
- Non-HCCC students: Research your institution’s CLEP Policy
- All: Contact Testing Center for most updated appointment availability (space is limited)
- Cancellation: Avoid penalty fees by cancelling/rescheduling at least 24 advance

**How do I pay for my CLEP Exam(s)?**
- Register/Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP’s My Account registration portal: http://clep.collegeboard.org/started
- Optional: purchase CLEP studying materials at My Account

**On your scheduled CLEP appointment, please bring:**
- Printed copy of CLEP Registration Ticket
- One form of government issued ID (must contain photograph and signature)

**Official CLEP Transcripts:**
If your institution has not received your score report/transcript within 7-10 business days after test date, contact CLEP customer service at 800-257-9558; exams with essays take 3-4 weeks.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, February 2**
Tickets will be available to HCCC students for Feb. 19 Lecture Series beginning at 10 a.m. at 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor.

Tracing Your History - Trace back your history to learn about where you have come from. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

**Tuesday, February 3**
Classes begin at Off-Campus Locations

Stuff-a-Plush, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge

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

**Wednesday, February 4**
Tickets will be available to HCCC faculty and staff for Feb. 19 Lecture Series beginning at 10 a.m. at 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

Instant Decision Day – Rutgers University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Please note: A completed online application must be submitted one week prior to Instant Decision Day. Nursing and Radiology/Radiographic Technology program students are ineligible to participate in this event.)

Involvement Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge

**Thursday, February 5**
Involvement Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

**Friday, February 6**
Free Flick Friday/Reel Talk (“Dear White People”), 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

**Monday, February 9**
Tickets will be available to members of the community for Feb. 19 Lecture Series beginning at 10 a.m. at 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor.

HCCC Coffeehouse: Spotlight on Black History Month, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

**Tuesday, February 10**
Last day to add/drop at Off-Campus Locations

Instant Decision Day – Caldwell 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 Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Game Stop - Relax with Gaming Central. Participate for your chance to win a free gaming console. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge

Make Your Own Valentine’s Day Cards, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave. Make one-of-a-kind Valentine’s Day cards for your loved ones using a variety of pens, markers, decorative paper, and supplies provided by the Library.

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

Game Stop - Relax with Gaming Central. Participate for your chance to win a free gaming console. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

National Society for Leadership & Success Live Speaker Series, 7 p.m., Culinary Conference Center and NHHEC Multi-Purpose Room. Featured speaker: Dan Harris, “10% Happier.”

**Wednesday, February 11**
Make Your Own Valentine’s Day Cards, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., NHHEC Student Lounge. Make one-of-a-kind Valentine’s Day cards for your loved ones using a variety of pens, markers, decorative paper, and supplies provided by the Library.

Win Big BINGO, 3 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

**Thursday, February 12**
Instant Decision Day – New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Tracing Your History - Trace back your history to learn about where you have come from. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Make Your Own Room Sign, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., NHHEC

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., outside 81 Sip Ave.

Road to Freedom - Participate in this interactive multimedia performance to gain a deeper understanding of African-American history. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Trip to Medieval Times - bus to depart from in front of NHHEC at 6 p.m. Admission: Students: $20, Guests: $45. Purchase tickets at http://HCCCMedievalTimes.eventbrite.com

**Friday, February 13**
Classes in session; administrative offices closed (Presidents’ Weekend)

**Monday, February 16**
Presidents’ Weekend – College closed

**Tuesday, February 17**
Live Music, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. NHHEC

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

Yoga Class, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Meeting of ESL Book Club, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Library Building (71 Sip Avenue), Room L505. Club will read A Wife for My Son by Ali Ghalem.

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 18**
Instant Decision Day – New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Community Service Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square (Building B), Student Lounge. Come learn about the volunteer and internship opportunities within the region!

**Thursday, February 19**
Black History Month Jeopardy! Test your knowledge on all topics pertaining to Black History Month. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Open Hours at the Makerspace, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Makerspace in the Library Building (71 Sip Ave.) will be open with all supplies and equipment available for use. Visit the Makerspace during open hours to explore, create, and innovate using a variety of technology equipment and arts and crafts supplies.

College Lecture Series featuring Wes Moore, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center. Ticket required for admission. Tickets will be available for pickup at 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Limit of 1 ticket per person, on first come, first serve basis. For inquiries about this event, please contact (201) 360-4020.

**Friday, February 20**
Trip to Jewish Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Attendees will meet in front of 25 Journal Square to take mass transit into NYC. Open to HCCC students, faculty, and staff only.
Open Hours at the Makerspace, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
The Makerspace in the Library Building (71 Sip Ave.) will be open with all supplies and equipment available for use. Visit the Makerspace during open hours to explore, create, and innovate using a variety of technology equipment and arts and crafts supplies.

Free Flick Friday/Reel Talk ("The Good Lie"), 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Saturday, February 21
African Burial Ground trip, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bus to depart at 9:30 a.m. Open to HCCC students, faculty, and staff only.

Monday, February 23
Airbrush Designs, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. NHHEC
APA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204
Basic Reading - Reading Comprehension Strategies, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

Tuesday, February 24
Instant Decision Day – Kean University, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.
MLA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204
Basic Writing - Essay Review Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204
Win Big BINGO, 3 p.m., NHHEC

Wednesday, February 25
Instant Decision Day – Saint Peter’s University, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office or call (201) 360-4150/-4152 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.
MLA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204

Thursday, February 26
Major Exploration Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. This event is an opportunity for students to speak with representatives from majors at HCCC.
MLA Style Guide Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 Enos Place (Building J), Room 204


Friday, February 27
Tenement Museum Trip, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bus to depart at 8 a.m. Open to HCCC students, faculty, and staff only.
Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.
MLA Style Guide Workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, Room 511
HCCC HOSTS AMERICAN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JERSEY CITY!

This year, the Office of Student Activities along with the Division of Student Affairs, is excited to host the American Student Government Association for the annual regional conference for the New York City metropolitan area on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015.

The ASGA is a professional association that serves and supports college and university Student Governments. Currently ASGA has over 1,300 member organizations representing all 50 states.

Hudson County Community College is working closely with the national organization and the Culinary Conference Center to host more than 200 student leaders from across the country during their regional conference.

While at the conference, students, advisors, professional staff, and graduate interns will participate in intensive and interactive workshops designed to address the specific needs and solutions for all types of Student Governments. They will include dynamic and passionate presenters from a variety of fields that seek to share their experience and knowledge with all of the attendees.

As the host institution, Hudson County Community College will be sending 20 student representatives to gain knowledge of best practices as well as develop their personal leadership skills. The workshops and presentations provide students, staff, and administrators with practical guides to create meaningful and impactful changes through the use of Student Government on their campuses.

HCCC is excited to host the American Student Government Association on Feb. 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Culinary Conference Center, and cannot wait to see how our Student Government Association works to continue to impact the Hudson County Community throughout their tenure!