Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert Named Dante Alighieri Society 2014 Man of the Year

On Saturday, May 24th, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Glen Gabert was named 2014 “Man of the Year” by the Dante Alighieri Society of Jersey City. The celebration honoring Dr. Gabert was held at Puccini’s Restaurant.

In his letter informing Dr. Gabert of the Society’s nomination of Dr. Gabert as the Man of the Year, the Dante Alighieri Society of Jersey City President Anthony Catanio wrote: “We have followed your work and accomplishments, as well as your humanitarian deeds and your endless contributions to our community. Your reputation as an educator and as a true patriarch to the young people you educate is second to none.”

“This is a wonderful honor,” Dr. Gabert said. “The Dante Alighieri Society of Jersey City has a one-hundred-year-plus history of not only promoting Italian culture and language, but also fostering a universal spirit of human interest, values, and dignity.”

A Chicago native, Glen Gabert earned his Ph.D. from Loyola University (where he was a Schmitt Fellow and member of the adjunct faculty of Graduate School of Education), and his post-doctoral M.B.A. from the Graduate School of Management of Rockhurst University. He also holds a master’s degree from Notre Dame University.

Hudson County Community College’s Dr. Paula P. Pando Receives 2014 Community College Spirit Award

On June 16, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2014 Spirit Awards to County College of Morris Vice President Student Development & Enrollment Dr. Bette Simmons; Hudson County Community College Vice President North Hudson Center & Student Affairs Dr. Paula P. Pando; and Brookdale Community College Dean of Enrollment Development and Student Affairs Richard Pfeffer for their exemplary service to the state’s community colleges. The three were recognized for co-authoring a statewide white paper that features best practices community colleges can adopt to improve student engagement. Pictured, from left: County College of Morris President Dr. Edward Yaw, Brookdale Community College President Dr. Maureen Murphy, Richard Pfeffer, Dr. Bette Simmons, Dr. Paula P. Pando, Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert, and NJCCC Chairman Bakari Lee, Esq.

Dr. Paula P. Pando, the Vice President for North Hudson Center, and Student Affairs at Hudson County Community College (HCCC), was presented with the 2014 Community College Spirit Award by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC). Dr. Pando was recognized at the NJCCC Annual Meeting on Monday, June 16th at the Lafayette Yard Hotel in Trenton, NJ.

The Community College Spirit Award was inaugurated in 1993, and is an honor bestowed upon a select few who have helped advance the community college movement. NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli wrote that Dr. Pando was acknowledged because she embodies the Community College Spirit – perseverance, dedication, and excellence. She has worked on the NJCCC statewide “Big Ideas Project,” and coauthored the concept paper on “Student Services that Support Student Success and College Completion.”

The daughter of Chilean immigrants, Dr. Pando was born in Hudson County’s Margaret Hague Hospital. Her family moved to Chile, but returned to the U.S., moving to Union City where she attended Gilmore and St. Joseph’s Schools. After earning a bachelor’s degree from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and master’s degree from Saint Peter’s College, Pando began her career in higher education as Director of Campus Activities and Programs at Saint Peter’s College (now St. Peter’s University).
PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Gus Guifarro volunteered in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on June 7.

CENTER FOR BUSINESS & INDUSTRY NEWS

CBI joined SEIU 32BJ in celebrating their union members at their graduation on June 21. Each year, 32BJ members attend classes on Saturdays at both Journal Square and North Hudson campuses. They learn Basic Computers, Microsoft Office, English as a Second Language, and prepare for the Citizenship Exam. This year, seven students from the Citizenship Exam: Test Prep class became Citizens.

On July 1, CBI will join Women Rising, and Jersey City Employment and Training, to celebrate the completion of Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment (CPHE) training cycle 19. CPHE prepares candidates for employment in the hospitality industry through rigorous screening, industry training, and internship. Students in this program obtained internships at the Westin Hotel, Sheraton Hotel, Candlewood Suites, New Jersey City University, and Liberty House. In addition, some of the students have already been placed in employment.

CBI is proud to be a part of the statewide pilot of the NJ SCSEP/Workforce 55+ Program. Done in partnership with the NJ Consortium of County Colleges, CBI trained low-income persons 55 or older who are unemployed, and have poor employment prospects. The final phase of the program is providing small group instruction to prepare the candidates to be “interview/job” ready.

CBI partnered once again with the NJ Department of Labor and the One Stops to hold its second annual Job Fair on Wednesday, June 18 from 10am to 1pm at the Culinary Conference Center. Eighteen employers were present and 218 job-seekers attended. In addition to meeting employers, job-seekers were able to attend workshops on resume writing, interview skills, targeted job searches, and enhancing workplace skills.

On Thursday June 19, CBI held their annual networking BBQ. Partners and clients, both external and internal, came together to network and celebrate another successful year.

Get free training for your business!
Your business may be eligible for free training in Microsoft Office products, Customer Service, Communications, English as a Second Language, and Spanish in the Workplace. If you are interested in more information, please contact Monteria “Teri” Bass at (201) 360-4242 or mbass@hccc.edu.

Upcoming Events
July 24, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CBI is partnering with Hispanic magazine FEM to hold “Cadena de Empresarios Latinos”, or Latino Business Owners Network. This event will take place at the North Hudson Higher Education Center located on 4800 Kennedy Boulevard. For more information or to register, please contact Aycha Edwards at (201) 360-4262 or aedwards@hccc.edu

Stay tuned to the Upcoming Events section for a calendar of CBI events.
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 at www.facebook.com/cbihudsoncounty and “Follow” us on Twitter at twitter.com/cbihudsoncounty.

Photos above: SEIU 1199 Union Members celebrating this year’s completion of computer training.

Photo left: The Middle States Regional Academy and Honors Institute at Rowan University on June 15. The Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Officers are shown with two alumnae from other chapters. Chapter officers: Tatiana Boyd, Fernando Sanchez, Mayra Gomez, Ingrid Cooper, Daniel Ruiz, Michael Price, Oliver Pavot, and Franklin Beeg, former officer Angelina Persaud, and Professor Ted Lai attended the Academy and Honors Institute on June 13-15. Front Row: Angie Goldszmidt (Alpha Epsilon Phi Chapter, Bergen Community College alumna), Tatiana Boyd, Fernando Sanchez, Mayra Gomez, Elifnaz Okan (Pi Xi Chapter Chapter, Bucks County Community College alumna), Ingrid Cooper, Daniel Ruiz. Back Row: Michael Price, Oliver Pavot, Franklin Beeg

Photos above: CBI staff from left to right: Samaya Yashayeva, Catherina Mirasol, Ana Chapman-McCausland, Aycha Edwards, Aneeqa Saeed, Mayelin Torres, Monteria “Teri” Bass. Not pictured: Djadji Sylla

Photo above: SEIU 1199 Union Members celebrating this year’s completion of computer training.
HCCC Happenings

RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) 2014

The Division of Pension/Benefits has scheduled the following Retirement Workshops for employees who are enrolled in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). Any employee who is considering retiring now, or in the near future, should register to attend one of the workshops below. Retirement Workshops for employees who are currently enrolled in the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)

Due to the overwhelming response for the Retirement and MBOS Workshops, the Division of pension/benefits has scheduled additional dates at the following locations. Reserve a seat now!

Retirement Workshops for PERS Members:
- Tuesday, July 1, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Wednesday, July 2, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Division of Pensions and Benefits, Trenton, NJ
- Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Monday, July 21, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.,
  Willingboro Library, Willingboro, NJ
- Monday, July 28, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Wednesday, August 6, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Division of Pensions and Benefits Trenton, NJ
- Thursday, August 7, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Monday, August 11, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Thursday, August 28, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Friday, September 5, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ
- Monday, September 8, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.,
  Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ

Register early, as seats are limited- http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/workshop-intro.shtml

A Friendly Reminder:
We will begin Phase IV of the P.L. 2011 Chapter 78 Pension and Health Benefits Reform Law on July 1, 2014. Our Board of Trustees, President, and the College’s administration know that this law has affected everyone. As you know, however, these changes are mandated by New Jersey State law and are unfortunately, they are beyond the College’s control.

P.L. 2011, Chapter 78 was signed into law effective June 28, 2011. The law requires all active public employees to contribute to the cost of their health care benefits and pension, with employees now paying a percentage of the premium cost of health care coverage for themselves and any dependents. These new health care costs are being phased in over a period of four years. The State law established a “floor” for employee contributions, so no one will pay an amount that is less than 1.5% of their salary. Your percentage is based upon the type of coverage you have chosen (single coverage, member/spouse/partner or parent/child coverage, or family coverage) and your salary range. We have attached documents that provide the information about the premiums, and the State mandated contributions required for your health care coverage.

In addition, Public Employment Retirement System (PERS) pension contribution rates have also increased. The first phase increase from 5.5% to 6.5% of salary took place in October 2011. Additional increases will be phased in at a rate of 0.14% each year over several years (through 2018), bringing the total pension contribution rate to 7.5% of your salary. We will begin the fourth phase increase to 6.92% with the first payroll of July 2014.

Please note the following HCCC guidelines for health care coverage:
- Employees hired after June 28, 2011 are required to pay the percentage prescribed in the “Year 4” contribution segment of the chart;
- Premium rates increase every year in January;
- Open Enrollment is held every year in October. At that time you may select a new provider and/or add/delete dependents. Any changes/updates made during the open enrollment period will become effective the following January.

For your convenience provided below is the website to the Division of Pension and Benefits:
www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions

We realize all of this can be rather confusing and want you to know we are here to provide any assistance you may need. Please, if you do have any questions at all about any of these matters, do not hesitate to contact Iris Herrador in the HR department at 201-360-4072 or e-mail iherrador@hccc.edu.

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Instructors (Fall 2014)
Assistant Registrar
Associate Dean of STEM (12-month Administrative Position)
Chief Information Officer (CIO)
College Lecturer of Academic Foundations
College Lecturer of Pastry Arts
Counselor (3 positions)
Director of Advisement and Counseling
Early Childhood Education Instructor
Office Assistant (2 part-time positions)
PC Technician - 2 positions (1 position GRANT FUNDED for 24 months)
Psychology Instructor
Secretary – Student Activities

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the Higher-Educations.com website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinohighered.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.

MILESTONES

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

10 Years
Susanne Sansevere

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It’s a Boy!

Congratulations to Ara Karakashian and his family on the birth of a son, Vicken Ara Karakashian, who was born June 16 at 8:53 p.m. He weighs 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measures 20 inches.
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WELLNESS REMINDER!
All SHBP and SEHBP members, and their covered spouses and partners, learn what their critical health measurement numbers are by completing a Biometric Screening and a Health Assessment. If you participate in NJWELL and earn 250 points by completing both the Biometric Screening and the Health Assessment before October 31, 2014, you and your spouse/partner will each earn a Visa® prepaid card valued at $100.

- Biometric Screening — Have your doctor complete this form and follow the instructions to get credit (100 points) for your biometric screening.
- Health Assessment — Visit your health plan’s online portal and complete your health assessment (150 points)

http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/njwell/main.shtml

NJ Assembly Higher Education Committee met on June 11 in the HCCC Culinary Conference Center to continue taking testimony on Higher Education Reform.

Robert Kaplan who wrote that, “Strategy is not only what the organization intends to do, but also what it decides not to do.” Dr. Friedman also stated that any initiative exists to help the division achieve its strategic objectives. He ended by discussing how organizational energy can become diffused and scattered if the important work of strategic planning is not properly tended to.

Dean Chris Wahl also addressed the participants and discussed the importance of strategic planning at this crucial time in the institution’s history. He stressed the concept of “Double Loop Learning.” The idea is that we are not simply responding to what we currently do and trying to do better, but we’re asking whether or not we are pursuing the best strategies to achieve our goals.

During the day, participants split into four groups and suggested ideas for the development of the initiatives in each goal area. Participants will become part of action teams as the work moves forward. Lilisa Williams, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, is in the process of working with team members to clarify their ideas and articulate them in the form of initiatives.

Among the initial ideas suggested by faculty and staff were:
- Expanding Evening/Weekend Services
- Development of Broad-Based Assessment Training throughout the Academic Year
- Expanding CLEP Testing
- Expanding Dual Admission Programs
- Institutionalizing Accelerated Tracks in Foundations Education
- Review of the Structure of the STEM Department
PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Dr. Glen Gabert, President of Hudson County Community College (New Jersey), was recently reappointed to the Executive Committee of the Association of Community Colleges’ Presidents Academy. He is a past member of that organization’s Commission on Diversity. Dr. Gabert is a member of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges’ (NJCCC) Facilities Committee, and past chair of the NJCCC Presidents. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the international Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Joe Caniglia and Connie Calandrino were presented with Excellence in Teaching Awards at the 2014 NISOD awards in Austin, Texas on May 25th. (photo top right)

On June 9th Academic Affairs held a Strategic Goals Planning meeting where we assembled to focus on crafting the initiatives that will help the division achieve its four overarching strategic goals: Position Stem as HCCC Signature Programs, 5% Retention Improvement Year over Year, Create a Culture of Assessment at HCCC, and Transform Developmental Education. A diverse group of faculty members from all of the Academic divisions, academic administrators, librarians, the Director of Testing, and other Academic Affairs staff, participated in articulating key initiatives that will carry the academic branch into the next decade. (photos on left middle and bottom)

Dr. Friedman will reconvene the group for the next step: to prioritize the numerous initiatives, and create action teams to begin to work on those chosen to pursue.

Library staff members John DeLooper, Lawren Wilkins, Kate Bellody, Mei Xie, and Amorfina Muhi attended the New Jersey Library Association Conference in Atlantic City, NJ on June 3rd and 4th. Programs attended included “Serving Asian Communities: A Practical Guide,” “Low-Tech/No-Tech Maker Space Programs for Adults,” and “Implementing RDA: Why and How?” Lawren said there were many great ideas for Maker Space projects that the Library will be able to offer in our new space.

Kate was an NJLA Scholarship recipient this year, and attended the President’s Inaugural Luncheon with the NJLA Scholarship Committee and fellow scholarship recipients.

On May 28th, Library staff members Oliva Montero and Sarah Bryant attended a Professional Development One-Day Conference offered by Skillpath Seminars in New York City. The Administrative Assistants Conference dealt with the new demands in the workplace, and how to better manage the operations of daily deadlines. Some of the areas discussed at the conference were: “Discovering and Fulfilling Your Contribution in The Organization’s Mission”, “How Communication Styles Are Used to Promote Your Organization”, and “How Your Problem Solving Tactics Bring Solutions Not Problems to Your Organization”. The Conference was very informative, and both Oliva and Sarah said they were returning to HCCC re-energized, refreshed, and ready to tackle and succeed in fulfilling the missions of HCCC and its Libraries.

Librarian Cynthia Coulter attended a conference entitled “Reinventing Libraries: Reinventing Assessment” at Baruch College in New York City on June 6th. The main speaker was Debra Gilchrist, a major leader in the academic library world. She spoke of how important it is for librarians to know the legislative climate in higher education. She encouraged librarians to stay on top of trends and statistics concerning community Colleges, including what major foundations are moving the political and economic environment in higher education.

Breakout sessions included survey and focus group strategies to explore local feedback from faculty and students. Library website design was explored, with student preferences explained. Ways to increase library engagement with new students and staff were highlighted, with increased awareness of library services and resources among incoming adjunct professors being strongly advised. Cynthia described it as a very informative conference.

Congratulations to HCCC student Jorge Sargenten and his coach Claudia Delgado, (Math Instructor, Academic Foundations) for being one of twelve students from HACU-member institutions who will compete in the 2014 Hispanic College Quiz show. The taping will take place in Chicago on Friday, July 25. The show will be broadcast nationally during Hispanic Heritage Month airing September 13 - October 19, 2014. The broadcast schedule will be posted on HACU’s website.

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) has awarded a special activity grant in the amount of $3,000 to HCCC’s EOF program to support an introduction to career counseling, and an opportunity for students to experience social and intellectual enrichment in the 2014 EOF pre-freshman summer program.

Randi Miller, Executive Director Human Resources was recently elected Chair of the HR Affinity Group, NJ Council of Community Colleges.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

HCCC Is Now On Instagram!

We are pleased to announce that HCCC is now on Instagram! We proudly displayed pictures of the 2014 Commencement to start the new account. Keep in touch with the latest events by following hcccofficial on the Instagram app, selecting the college icon, or visit the site at http://instagram.com/hcccofficial. You may also access the site from the College’s website by clicking the icon at the bottom of the page.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Beta Alpha Phi alumni who recently received their master’s degree.

From left to right: Eugene Oswald, Jr., master’s in nursing, Rutgers University, Safiatou Coulibaly, master’s in social work, Columbia University, and Julian David Velez, master’s in chemistry, Montclair State University
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 Acknowledgements

Thanks to Professor Joan Rafter for the generous donation of the artwork “Gardenias and Ladybugs” (2012) watercolor and Gouache on Paper by Professor Laurie Riccadonna.

Thanks to Laura McDonald and Thomas R. Jacobson for their donations in memory of Benjamin Dineen, and in honor of Dennis C. Hull.

Thank you for donations in memory of Benjamin Dineen, Peter L. and Barbara Bye, Jeannie Cretella, Liberty House; Kay Deaux, Richard Fairman, Clifford and Connie Kirvan, Adele and Robert Krumholz; Gary and Ellen Krumholz, Eric and Shelley Mintz, Maria L. Nieves, Ferris Olin, Ronald E. and Debra Schwarz.

For donations of artwork that celebrates our local heritage, thank you to Ronald Threm for the woodcuts by Sister Mary Gemma, OP; and thanks to Clifford Brooks for drawings and prints by Sister Mary of the Compassion, OP, of the Blue Chapel in Union City.

Thank you to Cynthia Coulter, Jennifer Oyala, and Sharae Robinson for your help with the placards for the new installations.

Artist News

The Foundation Art Collection recently acquired a print by Robert Rauschenberg called, “Statue of Liberty.” Many Hudson County residents are not aware that while New York City has jurisdiction over the land the Statue of Liberty stands on, Liberty Island is in New Jersey waters. New Jersey deeded the island to New York during the early 1800s.

Isca Greenfield-Sanders, whose work, Sky Beach (Blue) is installed on the first floor hallway of C Building, won the prestigious PRIX DE PRINT award at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London for her etching “Pikes Peak.” Also she will be exhibiting in two group shows this summer: “Sargent’s Daughters,” opening Wednesday June 25th, at Sargent’s Daughters, 179 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002; and “Domesticity” opening Monday June 30th, at Jackson McCray, 41 East 57th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

New Jersey artists Doug + Mike Starn have a new installation of Big Bambú at the Israel Museum in Israel. Composed of more than 10,000 bamboo poles, the installation is called, “5,000 Arms to Hold You.” As with the recent Big Bambú exhibit on the roof of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, this is a sculpture you can walk and climb through: visitors are invited to experience the work from within and without, ascending to its uppermost peaks, and participating in cultural programming inspired by, and performed within and around it. “The concept of Big Bambú has nothing to do with bamboo,” said Mike Starn. “Big Bambú represents the invisible architecture of life and living things. It is the random interdependence of moments, trajectories intersecting, and actions becoming interaction, creating growth and change.” “It is philosophic engineering, a demonstration of chaotic interdependence,” added Doug. If you can’t get to Israel this summer, drop by the stairwell of the college’s 1 Building on Newkirk Ave. in Jersey City, where images from Big Bambú are installed.

If you like the picture of the dodo in the North Hudson library, you might enjoy this trailer for an upcoming film about the artist, David Beck, http://www.curiousworldsfilm.com/.

If you haven’t yet been to the garment district in New York (between 36th and 39th on Broadway) to see Chakaia Booker’s monumental tire sculptures, go take a look. They’re up through November. Booker is the artist who created the sculpture on the wall of the admissions office at 70 Sip Avenue.

The work Barry Le Va, whose art will be installed later this year alongside other minimalist artists’ work on the first floor of 2 Enos place, is on exhibition at David Nolan Gallery, 527 West 29th, New York City, through August 2.

Artist Valeri Larko, whose work “Relic” will be installed on campus later this year, was recently interviewed about “Finding Beauty in Unexpected Places” by Journal News reporter Linda Lombruso. She talks about how important Jersey City was to her development: “Larko, who grew up in New Jersey, cites her years living in Jersey City as a pivotal point in her development as an artist. After finishing art school, she thought she would become a figure painter. But her boyfriend didn’t feel like posing, and she was tired of doing self-portraits. The industrial landscape, on the other hand, was readily available — and it has remained one of the focal points of her work.”

Larko largely paints outdoors, “Abandoned factories, salvage yards, graffiti-covered buildings standing neglected for years — these are the sights that warm Valeri Larko’s.
NOTIBREVES

EL DR. GLEN GABERT, PRESIDENTE DE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NOMBRADO HOMBRE DEL AÑO 2014 POR LA SOCIEDAD DANTE ALIGHIERI

El Pasado Sábado, 24 de Mayo, el Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de Hudson County Community College (HCCC) fue nombrado “Hombre del Año” 2014 por la Sociedad Dante Alighieri de Jersey City. La celebración en honor al Dr. Gabert fue en Puccini’s Restaurant.

En la carta informando al Dr. Gabert de su nominación, el Sr. Anthony Catanio escribió: “Hemos seguido su trabajo y éxitos, así como sus hechos humanitarios y sus infinitas contribuciones por nuestra comunidad. Su reputación como educador, y como un verdadero patriarca a los jóvenes a quienes educa, sobrepasa cualquier expectativa.”

“Es un honor maravilloso,” dijo el Dr. Gabert. “La Sociedad Dante Alighieri de Jersey City, tiene una historia de más de cien años promocionando no solo la cultura y lenguaje Italiano, pero también albergando un interés en el espíritu humano universal, valores y dignidad.”

Cuando el Dr. Gabert se convirtió en Presidente de Hudson County Community College en 1992, fue la quinta persona en sostener esa posición en tres años. En ese entonces, la Universidad había experimentado intervenciones por el Secretario de Educación Superior de New Jersey y hubo discusiones acerca del posible cierre de la Universidad. En 1992, Hudson County Community College contaba con alrededor de 3,000 estudiantes, y tan solo un edificio. El currículum universitario en ese tiempo, estaba enfocado mayormente en educación de desarrollo y programas de carreras eran limitados. El Dr. Gabert resolvió, asegurar que los residentes del Condado de Hudson fueran entregados programas comprensivos, centrados en estudiantes y transferibles, así como también hermosos lugares para estudio y aprendizaje con lo último en tecnología. Bajo su guía, y con el apoyo incondicional de la Junta de Administradores de la Universidad, facultad y personal, la Universidad ahora ofrece cursos de estudio que incluye al nacionalmente aclamado Instituto de Artes Culinarias y programa de Educación de Desarrollo, un fuerte programa de ESL/Bilingüe, Aliados de la Salud, Justicia Criminal, Administración Hotelera, Seguridad Nacional, Ciencias, y Artes de Estudio y en Computador. Programas para el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral y alianzas cooperativas con organizaciones privadas y de gobierno, también han sido forjadas para preparar a residentes para empleos en enfermería y otros campos de la salud al igual que en administración hotelera. El Centro para Negocios e Industria es el líder del área en desarrollo y entrega de clases educacionales y programas para negocios, organizaciones e individuos.

Actualmente es Vicepresidente de la Junta de Directores de la Cámara de Comercio del Condado de Hudson, y miembro de la Junta de Administradores de la Corporación para la Restauración de Journal Square. También es miembro del Comité de Facilidades del New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) y presidió la la los Presidentes de NJCCC. El Dr. Gabert sirve en la Junta de Directores de la Internacional Asociación Hispana de Colegios y Universidades. También es miembro del comité Ejecutivo de la Academia de Presidentes de la Asociación de Universidades Comunitarias, y en el pasado ha sido miembro de la Comisión en Diversidad de la esta Asociación.

LA Dra. Paula P. Pando Recibió el Reconocimiento Espíritu Universidad Comunitaria 2014

La Dra. Paula P. Pando, Vicepresidenta del Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson y Asuntos Estudiantiles de Hudson County Community College (HCCC), fue reconocida con el Premio Espíritu Universidad Comunitaria 2014 (Community College Spirit Award) del New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC). La Dra. Pando recibió el reconocimiento en la reunión anual del NJCCC, el pasado Lunes, 16 de Junio. El evento se llevó a cabo en el Lafayette Yard Hotel en Trenton, NJ.

El Reconocimiento Espíritu Universidad Comunitaria, fue inaugurado en 1993, y es un honor entregado a unos cuantos seleccionados que han ayudado con el desarrollo del movimiento de universidades comunitarias. El Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli, Presidente de NJCCC, escribió que la Dra. Pando estaba siendo reconocida por que ella personifica lo que el Espíritu de Universidad Comunitaria – perseverancia, dedicación y excelencia. Ella ha trabajado a nivel estatal en el “Proyecto Grandes Ideas” (Big Ideas Project) del NJCCC, y es coautora del concepto “Servicios Estudiantiles que Apoyan el Éxito Estudiantil y Terminar la Universidad” (Student Services that Support Student Success and College Completion).

Hija de inmigrantes Chilenos, la Dra. Pando nació en el Hospital Margaret Hague del Condado de Hudson. Su familia regresó a Chile, pero al volver a los Estado Unidos se establecieron en Union City, donde ella asistió a las escuelas Gilmore y St. Joseph. Luego de obtener su bachillerato en Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, y su grado master de Saint Peter’s College, Pando inició su carrera en educación superior como Directora de Actividades y Programas en el Campus en Saint Peter’s College (actualmente St. Peter’s University).


“Estamos muy orgullosos de la Dra. Pando,” dijo el Dr. Gabert, Presidente de HCCC. “Su dedicación a la Universidad y su tenacidad en el apoyo a nuestros estudiantes son ejemplares, y han enriquecido esta institución así como a la comunidad.”
HCC F O U N D A T I O N T O H O L D T W E L F T H A N N U A L G O L F OUTING FUNDRAISER

The Hudson County Community College Foundation invites area residents and businesses to participate in its Twelfth Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 7, 2014. The event will be held at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ, and will include: check-in from 8:00-8:45 a.m.; continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 a.m.; shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. sharp (refreshments will be served on the course); cocktails, luncheon, and awards at 2:00 p.m.

“Cutbacks in funding and financial aid are taking their toll on our students and the College,” said HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone, who noted that more than three-fourths of the College’s students receive financial assistance of some sort.

Mr. Sansone indicated that the Annual Golf Outing — one of four major fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation — has activities for golfers and non-golfers. A limited number of tickets are available.

Sponsorship and donor opportunities include: Tournament Sponsor with Foursome, $6,000; Awards Sponsor with Foursome, $4,000; Lunch Sponsor with Foursome, $3,500; Breakfast Sponsor with Foursome, $3,500; Golf Cart Sponsor with Foursome, $3,500; Beverage Cart Sponsor with Foursome, $3,500; Hole Sponsor with Foursome, $2,000; Cigar Sponsor, $500; Individual Golfer, $500; Lunch Guest, $100; Hole Sponsor, $400; and the VIP Package, $50 per person, which includes a Lunch Prize Ticket, 50/50 Raffle, On the Green, and a Potting Contest.

Since the Foundation was established in 1998 it has provided scholarships to more than 1,200 students. In addition to the Annual Golf Outing, the Foundation’s Board of Directors also organize and hold the following fundraisers: Night at the Races (a family-oriented event), the HCCC Employees’ Scholarship Luncheon (where faculty and staff support the Foundation through pledged donations), Family Recipe Book, Annual Appeal, Dining Series, West Hudson/North Arlington Events (Taste of Fall, Casino Bus Trip, and Show & Dinner), North Hudson Mardi Gras, and the Holiday Scholarship Extravaganza in December, the largest and most festive of all of the Foundation’s fundraising efforts.

Complete information on the July 7th Golf Outing, including registration and dress code details may be obtained by phoning the College’s Office for Development at 201-360-4006 or emailing Mr. Sansone at jsansone@hccc.edu.

Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students by providing them with scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation provides seed money for the College’s physical expansion, new programs, and faculty development.

Corporation Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges’ (NJCCC) Facilities Committee, and past chair of the NJCCC Presidents. Dr. Gabert serves on the Board of Directors of the international Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Presidents Academy of the Association of Community Colleges, and a past member of the Association’s Commission on Diversity.

Dr. Gabert has been honored by the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce as the 2007 Educator of the year, by the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce with their 2012 Legends Award, and by the Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County with its 2013 Distinguished Service Award. In 2013, he was one of just five U.S. community college presidents to receive a Distinguished Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees.
HCCC Happenings

ORIENTATION

Attention New Students!
It’s official – you are a HCCC student!

During orientation you will
• Meet fellow students, faculty, and staff
• Learn about HCCC services
• Ways to get involved
• Access your email

Be successful at HCCC and attend one of the following:
Thursday, July 10
College Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Jersey City

Tuesday, July 29
College Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
North Hudson Higher Education Center,
4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Please RSVP on the “New Student Orientation” page on the MyHudson Student Portal (https://myhudson.hccc.edu) or by calling (201) 360-4160.

ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the All College Council, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Council a success throughout the 2013-2014 academic year.

The hard work of the volunteer membership was evident in its commitment to finding solutions to everyday, policy-related issues affecting this institution. As Governance Recommendations were being prepared and approved regarding academic standing, honors designations, smoking policies, innovative studio classrooms, alumni status, and many other areas, we were able to take advantage of a platform of transparent and lively dialogue across all disciplines and departments at the college. Many recommendations discussed through this governance system have been approved and implemented, and are now making a significant difference at the College.

The Council consists of six standing committees: Academic Affairs, College Life, Development and Planning, Space and Facilities, Student Affairs, and Technology. Membership is by appointment from a pool of volunteers.

By serving on a committee, you have the opportunity to participate in the development of policies and procedures that affect the college community, and its operations. The decision to volunteer, or not to volunteer, is one that each employee has a right to make for him or herself, without influence or pressure.

The Chair of the Steering Committee is Ara Karakashian. The Vice Chair is Joseph Caniglia, and the Secretary is John DeLooper. Dr. Paula Pando, Vice President for the North Hudson Center and Student Affairs, is the administrative liaison to the Committee.

You are invited to consider becoming a member of one of the standing committees. To volunteer, please contact Joseph Caniglia (jcaniglia@hccc.edu). Indicate your first and second choice for committee, in your response. A response by July 1st would be appreciated, in order that it be available when the Steering Committee meets over the summer.

Respectfully,
Ara Karakashian
Chair, All College Council

CENTER FOR ONLINE LEARNING
2014 SUMMER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Hudson Online Faculty Training
August 11 9:00 a.m. Catherine Sweeting
August 13 1:00 p.m. Catherine Sweeting
August 15 1:00 p.m. Catherine Sweeting
August 19 1:00 p.m. Sharon D'Agastino
August 25 1:00 p.m. Sharon D'Agastino

Getting Started with Blackboard
August 14 10:00 a.m. COL Staff
August 18 2:00 p.m. COL Staff

The Getting Started with Blackboard and Hudson Online Faculty Trainings are required to teach an online or hybrid course. All Trainings are held at the Center for Online Learning Room C232. Please register at the link below: https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/ASP/home.asp?studioid=19976

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to col@hccc.edu
A ll new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. We have created a walk-in schedule to give students the opportunity to Study/Review their Math and English skills prior to visiting the Testing Center.

It is extremely important that you take the College Placement Test seriously. Depending on your score, you may have to register for and pay to take additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/ count toward graduation.

### Before Taking the CPT:
- Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave.)
- To review for the College (College Board’s “Accuplacer”), please visit: www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/
- For CPT exemption criteria such as SAT scores and applied transfer credit for English and/or Mathematics visit: www.hccc.edu/testing

### On the day of the CPT students must:
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring photo ID (Driver’s License/Passport/ Green Card / Student ID).
- Have your College Wide ID number.
- Bring a copy of transcripts (only if student is a transfer or foreign student).

### About the CLEP:
The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know. For more information on CLEP, please visit: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html

### Before Taking the CLEP Exam:
- Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192, as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.
- All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- Please contact the Testing Center for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, - 4192 or - 4191.

### How do I make an appointment at the HCCC Testing Center?
- 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)?
- Purchase CLEP exam(s) through CLEP’s My Account registration portal: http://clep.collegeboard.org/started
- Print and bring your CLEP Registration Ticket to the Testing Center on scheduled exam day (by appointment only)
- Optional: order CLEP studying materials at My Account
- HCCC students have access to free study guide at the HCCC Libraries

### On the Day of the CLEP Exam:
- Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver’s License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, or Military ID).
- Bring $20 receipt from Bursar’s Office.
- Bring $80 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted).

### Disability Support Services
If you require special testing accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157. All students with approved testing accommodations must take the College Placement Test at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ.

The testing schedule for June as follows (times indicated with * are by appointment only; CPT sessions listed for offsite classes only):

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For further information, please contact HCCC’s Testing Center, located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ 07306 at (201) 360-4193 for College Placement Test appointments.

To obtain additional information and policies of the Testing Center, please visit www.hccc.edu/testing.

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**REGISTER NOW!**

Summer/Fall Course Schedule is now available at www.hccc.edu/schedule
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 1 – Wednesday, July 2
Final Exams for Summer Session I

Tuesday, July 1 – Monday, August 18
Summer Online Classes – Session B

Tuesday, July 1
Last day to volunteer for All College Council.
To volunteer, please contact Joseph Caniglia at jcaniglia@hccc.edu

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

Wednesday, July 2
"Suits for Success: A Program for Women Looking to Launch Their Careers", 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Building I, Room 102

Thursday, July 3
College closed - given for Independence Day

Friday, July 4
Independence Day Observed – College Closed

Monday, July 7 – Thursday, August 14
EOF Summer Program for new students

Monday, July 7
HCCC Foundation 12th Annual Golf Outing, Forest Hill field Club, Bloomfield, NJ, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. Contact Joseph Sansone for details at 201.360.4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

Last day to submit Summer I grades to the Registrar’s Office

"Suits for Success: A Program for Women Looking to Launch Their Careers", 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Building I, Room 102

Tuesday, July 8
Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Retirement Workshop for PERS Members, 9 a.m., Division of Pensions and Benefits, Trenton, NJ; Any employee who is considering retiring now or in the near future should register to attend. Register early, as seats are limited http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/ intro.shtml

Thursday, July 10
College Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, July 14
Last day to Add/Drop for Summer Session II

"Suits for Success: A Program for Women Looking to Launch Their Careers", 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Building I, Room 102

Tuesday, July 15
Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16
"Suits for Success: A Program for Women Looking to Launch Their Careers", 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 119 Newkirk St., Building I, Room 102

Monday, July 21
Retirement Workshop for PERS Members, 10:30 a.m., Willingboro Library, Willingboro, NJ; Any employee who is considering retiring now or in the near future should register to attend. Register early, as seats are limited - http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/ workshop-intro.shtml

Introduction to MBOS (ACCESS YOUR PENSION ACCOUNT ONLINE THROUGH THE MEMBER BENEFITS ONLINE SYSTEM), 1 p.m., Division of Pensions and Benefits, NJ; Any employee who is considering retiring now or in the near future should register to attend. Register early, as seats are limited http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/ workshop-intro.shtml

Thursday, July 24
Webinar – "MOOCs: Sharing Lessons Learned", Presented by Laura Kalbaugh (Dean, Academic and Transition Resources, Wake Technical Community College), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., Center for Online Learning Lab, C252

Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 8
Basic English Express Classes

Monday, July 28
Retirement Workshop for PERS Members, 9 a.m., Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ; Any employee who is considering retiring now or in the near future should register to attend. Register early, as seats are limited - http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/ workshop-intro.shtml

Tuesday, July 29
College Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

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

Thursday, July 31
Last day to withdraw from Summer Session II

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

HCCC COLLEGE LIBRARY & ACADEMIC BUILDING

Grand Opening in Fall 2014

Hudson County Community College will soon expand the world of possibilities for our students, and the community, with the opening of our 117,000 square -foot, six-story building on Sip Avenue in Jersey City.
LEARNING COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENT IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR JOAN RAFTER
By Syeda Jesmin, Coordinator Learning Communities

On May 20th, the Learning Community (LC) program hosted a special event in honor of Prof. Joan Rafter. Prof. Rafter, one of the pioneers of the Learning Community program at HCCC, has been closely involved with the Learning Community program since its inception in Fall 1999. During these fifteen years, Prof. Rafter served as an LC faculty coordinator, developed new Learning Communities in collaboration with faculty from across disciplines, and has continued to teach one or more LC classes, every semester.

To honor her service to the LC program, the LC faculty, academic mentors, and students from past and present, attended the event. In this small gathering, the participants reminisced Prof. Rafter’s many contributions to her LC students’ and colleagues’ academic and professional lives, and they all expressed the same sentiment that the LC program would deeply miss her enthusiasm for and commitment to the advancement of the program, and the success of the LC students. HSS Division Administrative Assistant, D. Baiza and Secretary L. Fuentas helped in arranging a lunch buffet for the participants. At the end of the event, everyone wished Prof. Rafter a very happy and relaxing retired life.

The attendees were: Dean of Arts and Science, C. Wahl; Associate Dean of STEM- Science and Technology Division, M. Tabatabaie; Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, C. Karkanan; LC Faculty – S. Wexler, J. Decena-White, J. Caniglia, L. Bellan-Boyer, C. McLaughlin, P. Moore, K. Baker and S. Jesmin; LC Academic Mentors, N. Kutubuddin, D. Taylor-Tate and R. Oden; and LC students, E. Yousseff and T. Kasem.

HCCC LIBRARY HOLDS 2ND ANNUAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Wednesday, May 21st, the Library held its Second Annual Staff Development Day. Cynthia Coulter and Ellen Renaud conducted a workshop on new Library resources, including LibGuides and Summon. Sarah Bryant and Oliva Montero presented on Mobile Circ, a system which allows Library staff to use mobile devices to check books out, conduct inventory, and more. John DeLooper introduced the Library Makerspace plan for the new building. The Library will host workshops and educational sessions for faculty, staff, and students in the new building’s Makerspace.

During the afternoon session Associate Dean Carol Van Houten divided the staff into small groups, and each group was given a ten-minute play to perform as they liked. This exercise helped promote teamwork, and gave staff a chance to be creative and discover hidden talents. The performances were a resounding success.

The following staff members were recognized for particular milestones: Sister Joanne Korn was honored for 15 years of service; Oliva Montero was recognized for graduating from NJCU; and staff members Devika Gonsalves and Bob Richard were honored for exemplary service to our students.

Library Staff members participate in Development Day exercises. Photo Top: Ernestina Vargas, Johnathan Cintron, and Devlyn Courtier. Photo center: Maureen Garvey, and Cliff Brooks. Photo bottom: Cathleen Sova, and Eusebio Abon