Hudson County Community College marked an important milestone in the construction of its new Library & Academic Building with a “Topping Out” celebration on Tuesday morning, April 2. After remarks in the lobby of the College’s Administration Building at 70 Sip Avenue, guests proceeded across the street to the site of the new building, where they had an opportunity to sign the topmost beam before it was hoisted into position.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert stated that groundbreaking for the 117,000 square-foot, six-story structure was held in November 2011, and construction has been in progress since. The third of the College’s from-the-ground-up construction endeavors, the Library & Academic Building will house a 33,000 square-foot Library on the first two floors. The Library space has been designed to accommodate traditional, printed collections as well as e-books and digital media, computer stations, wireless Internet service, power stations for laptops, and casual seating and a coffee bar for students, faculty and staff.

Floors three through five will include approximately 30 classrooms in traditional, computer-lab and tiered lecture hall designs. The top floor, which is stepped back from the street, will include a rooftop terrace with views of New York Harbor and the Hudson and Hackensack Rivers, as well as a large lobby/exhibition area (for progressive art installations, lectures and student gatherings). The top floor design also calls for three flexible-size classrooms with moveable partitions that will provide the College with a large venue for special events, programs and lectures.

In keeping with the College’s commitment to being a good neighbor, the design of the new Library & Academic Building includes a predominantly brick exterior with strong traditional reference to the early 20th century architecture found in Journal Square such as large two-story arches, granite accents and complementary metal panels that add a contemporary touch.
**PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS**

**2013-14 Chapter Elections**

Congratulations to the following Beta Alpha Phi members who were elected to office during the April 13 chapter meeting: President - Melissa Ortiz; Vice President - Angelina Persaud; Vice President of Service - Meghan Regodon; Vice President of Scholarship - Nathalie Angel; Vice President of Fellowship - Michelle Gomez; Vice President of Leadership - Carlos Gutierrez; Vice President of Public Relations - Caseu Collado; Vice President of Communications - Tanvir Mahmood; and Secretary - Mohamed Elshafey. They will be installed during the chapter’s induction ceremony on Sunday, May 5.

**Friends of Liberty State Park Awards**

The Friends of Liberty State Park will hold its annual Recognitions Luncheon at Liberty House on Sunday, May 5. Two Beta Alpha Phi members, Donna Phang-Good and Ana Slattery, will be recognized for their longtime volunteer service. This will be the third year volunteers from Beta Alpha Phi will be honored.

**Garden State GreenFest**

Chapter members will volunteer from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on May 17 at Kean University. Transportation is available. To volunteer, complete the form available at the GreenFest website and e-mail it to volunteer@gardenstategreenfest.com.

**Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, May 2: New Jersey Phi Theta Kappa Day, Trenton
- Saturday, May 4: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, May 5: Induction, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5: Friends of Liberty State Park Luncheon, Liberty House, 12-4 p.m.
- Monday, May 6: Student Excellence and Achievement Awards Ceremony, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12: Japan Day, Central Park
- Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18: Garden State GreenFest, Kean University
- Saturday, May 18: 7th Annual New York City Dance Parade, 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, May 31: Relay for Life, Don Ahern Veterans Stadium, Bayonne

**Hudson County Community College’s Office of Student Activities and International Student Services held an International Students Diversity Celebration on Thursday, April 4 in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square. Students shared their cultural dress and ate different cuisines from around the world.**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DIVERSITY**

**Photo to left:** Beta Alpha Phi Co-Advisor Prof. Theodore Lai (center) received Phi Theta Kappa’s Continued Excellence Award for Advisors during the Society’s International Convention. He is pictured with, from left, Luz Tellez, Melissa Ortiz, Gloria Estanislado, and Angelina Persaud.

**Photo to right:** Beta Alpha Phi Co-Advisor Prof. Theodore Lai (right) and Pattie Van Atter, Middle States Regional Coordinator, at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in San Jose, Calif., on April 6.

**Picture on right:** Pictured from left: Sabrina Bullock, Axel Kouassi, Alexandre Diby, Ivanne Igo Biki.
RUBIN MUSEUM CURATOR KICKS OFF LIBRARY’S MUSLIM JOURNEYS INITIATIVE

Photos From left: Photo 1: Librarians Clifford Brooks (left) and John DeLooper with the Muslim Journeys bookshelf. Photo 2: Dr. Beth Citron (left) addresses the audience during her presentation. Photo 3: Books which are part of the Muslim Journeys bookshelf. (Photos courtesy of Library)

By Carol Van Houten, Executive Director, Libraries

The HCCC Library Muslim Journeys series got off to a fabulous start on Wednesday, April 3 in the Follett Room of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center with a lecture by Dr. Beth Citron, Assistant Curator of the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art in New York City. With more than 50 people in attendance, including students from Professor Eric Lee’s art class, representatives from the Muslim Student Association, staff from the Miftaahul Uloom Academy, students, various faculty members, and the general public, the lecture/presentation on the image of Partition in the visual art and modern media of India since 1947 examined the different ways artists have interpreted the effects of Britain’s decision to divide the subcontinent into the countries of India and Pakistan in 1947.

Beginning with a brief discussion of the century-long struggle against British colonial rule that brought about the birth of India and Pakistan as sovereign nations in 1947, Dr. Citron set the scene for how some artists of the Modernist Art explosion taking place in India after independence were influenced by the horrific violence that accompanied the Partition of Pakistan and India in the same year. Her presentation focused especially on two artists, Tyeb Mehta and Nalini Milani, both of whom show the lasting effects of the Great Partition not only in their painting, but also in the other media in which they worked. Of note was Mehta’s “Koodal,” a 16-minute film of scenes from Mahatma Gandhi’s funeral that demonstrated visually and symbolically the effect that Partition had on Mehta as an artist and as a documentary storyteller.

Other topics covered included Citron’s guest lectures at universities in Pakistan, her personal experiences with Mehta and other artists, her discovery and documentation of some of Mehta’s lost works during her graduate studies in India, and how the Partition continues to affect the peoples of India, Pakistan, and beyond.

The HCCC Library sponsored Dr. Citron’s lecture as part of the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys grant program, through which HCCC’s libraries were awarded a collection of 25 books, three films, and electronic educational materials by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. All of the programs organized around the grant are open to the general public. HCCC librarian, Clifford Brooks, noted that the outreach efforts generated by the grant stipulations have “begun partnerships with both the Rising Star Academy and the Miftaahul Uloom Academy, both in Union City. Although these partnerships at this point focus on Muslim culture and civilization, both schools have expressed their desire to expand their work with HCCC over time.”

Major support for the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was made available by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional underwriting for the arts and media components provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

Local funding for all events and activities was supplied in part by the Hudson County Community College Foundation and the Office of Student Activities through a Program Activities Grant.

Hudson County Community College celebrates the ‘topping out’ of new library & Academic Building

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Additionally, it is being built for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. NK Architects is responsible for the building’s design and construction is under the management of MAST Construction Services, Inc.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert said the Library & Academic Building is essential to the College’s comprehensive physical expansion plan. “This new building will play a key role in the studies and lives of our students, faculty, staff and community,” Dr. Gabert stated. “We have been determined to provide the people of Hudson County with state-of-the-art, beautiful places to study and learn, and this building will very much fulfill those requirements.”

“Community is at the heart of everything that the College does,” said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. “Making a project of this magnitude a reality requires the support and cooperation of our elected officials, the College’s team of Trustees, administrators, faculty and staff and most especially, our neighbors in the community. We are grateful to everyone who has played a role in this project,” he stated.

Dr. Gabert said that the College expects construction of the Library & Academic Building to be completed in late Spring 2014, with a Grand Opening planned for late Summer of that year.

Employees of the HCCC Library – pictured from left, back row: Mei Xie, Jeannette Nelson, Compton Hubbard, John DeLooper. Center row, pictured from left: Sarah Davis, Carol Van Houten, Sister Joanne Korn, Milena Moscoso. Front row from left: Lawren Wilkins and Antonia Hernandez.
Each month, the “College Life Corner” will introduce members of the College community and recognize milestone anniversaries among our employees. We will highlight employee publications, awards, officers in professional organizations, community service, and academic accomplishments.

**For comments & suggestions for “College Life Corner,” please contact College Life at (201) 360-4017 or hstephenson@hccc.edu.**

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**Jim Sorrentino, Facilities Manager**

Jim Sorrentino began his career at Hudson County Community College as Facilities Manager in 2005. He received the designation of a Certified Facility Manager from Rutgers University’s New Jersey School of Buildings and Grounds Association program in May 2006. Prior to joining HCCC, Jim had an extensive career in construction. Some highlights include Jim working as a Project Manager for the Engineering Department of Hartz Mountain Construction doing site excavation, wetlands mitigation and later as their Public Works Supervisor.

After many years with Hartz Mountain, Jim’s interest led him to pursue the field of Communications. He became a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers’ Local 164, and received a voice/data technician’s license upon completion of their rigorous five-year apprenticeship program. Upon completion in 1993, Jim spent much of his time working as a project manager for the installation of voice and data systems for IBEW union contractors.

With a construction background and experience dealing with the workforce at many levels, Jim feels his position as the Facilities Manager at HCCC offers a skill set to the community that contributes to the College. Jim aspires to offer nothing less than quality services to the College and enjoys his position at HCCC. Jim stated that it has been a privilege to be part of a Facilities team that has been very supportive and productive to the expansion of HCCC.

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**Aura Matias, Clerk Typist**

Aura Matias started her career at HCCC in 1984. She was hired as an assistant to support the West New York Immersion Program directed by Irma Sanchez. This program offered students the opportunity to study ESL four days per week while continuing with their major courses on the fifth day. After Dean Bonachea arrived at West New York, Ms. Matias continued to support ESL with the eventual addition of credit classes.

Over the years, Aura maintained the position of administrative support for several deans as well as the Vice President for Academic Affairs, when she was stationed in West New York. Aura currently works with faculty at the North Hudson Higher Education Center and enjoys her position. As a member of Academic Affairs, Aura reports to the Offsite, Evening and Weekend Coordinator in Jersey City.

As a lifelong resident of Jersey City, Aura successfully raised two accomplished children. Her son is currently attending college away from home and her daughter is successfully completing her junior year in a local Jersey City high school. Aura is proud of her accomplishments both at home and on the job. We applaud the dedicated service and years of experience Aura has contributed to the welfare of the College.

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**Cathie Seidman, Associate Professor**

Cathie Seidman started her career at HCCC in September 2001. Coming to the College well credentialed, Cathie graduated magna cum laude from Wheaton College in Massachusetts with a bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies and completed a Juris Doctorate from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in New York. Continuing her education, Cathie is ABD at Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, where her research, titled *The Criminal Justice Response to Neonaticide*, is a topic she finds fascinating.

Prior to her career at HCCC, Cathie was an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, New York for four years. In the early 1990’s, Cathie ran for a New Jersey State Senate seat. She started her career in public service and later took time off to raise her family. Cathie was introduced to teaching at Rutgers University, where she taught both graduate and undergraduate courses. This experience was what initially sparked her love of teaching. She continues to stay in touch with many of her students who update her regularly on their progress. This continued contact makes the art of teaching all the more satisfying.

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COLLEGE LIFE OFFERS NEW WORKSHOPS!

**Have you ever felt like finding new ways to reach students?**

Well, we have talented faculty and staff who can demonstrate creative ways to enhance learning in the classroom. Our latest workshops, *Quizlet: Making Learning Fun* and *Flipping Your Classroom*, help instructors utilize every minute during class to ensure students apply what is learned. Both programs approach grammar from a unique perspective.

*Quizlet: Making Learning Fun*, taught by Kitty Mazzarella, is a free online vocabulary development program. It’s for students and instructors in all college levels and subject areas. Students have access to easy-to-use tools to create and print their own flashcards to help them learn the vocabulary required in their courses. Students are supported in their individual learning by an audio component that provides pronunciation for the vocabulary. The online tutoring programs – called Spell and Learn – provide drills and practice for the new words. Pictures can be added to words in sets as well. Games are included which support learning the new vocabulary. In addition, students may access flashcards, which may be freely appropriated, created by other students and instructors. Instructors may also create sets, create classes for their groups which allow them to monitor student activity, and create innovative ways to study Spelling, Pronunciation, and even Grammar. Quizlet even creates Tests which can be endlessly regenerated to produce new combinations of questions from the words in each set. Come and try it for yourself.

*Flipping Your Classroom*, taught by Elizabeth Nesius, is a type of blended learning that allows instructors more time to interact with their students by placing traditional classroom activity, such as lectures, outside of class time. Watching lectures in class leaves class time for hands-on activities, small group work, and one-on-one interactions between professor and student. Flipping can be done through LMS forums, Khan Academy, lecture capture software, VoiceThread, etc. This presentation will discuss benefits of the flipped classroom model, provide ideas and best practices for successful classroom flipping, and give participants an opportunity to start planning how to flip their own classes.

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COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The students who participated in HCCC’s photo shoot represented a diversity of our student population.

Photo Shoot Thank You’s

The Communications Department at Hudson County Community College wishes to thank everyone who participated in its photo shoot on Thursday, April 11. Look for these College students and employees on forthcoming ads, brochures, billboards, catalog covers and additional promotional pieces!

THE ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL WELCOMES A NEW STEERING COMMITTEE

On April 24, the All College Council (ACC) ended its second year of operation. During the past two years, the ACC has successfully provided HCCC employees and students with an opportunity to communicate new ideas across the community. Within those first two years, the ACC produced and implemented over 11 new College policies and recommendations for improving college operations.

Leadership of the ACC was directed by the Steering Committee, which was championed by Katie Sweeting as Chair, Ara Karakashian as Vice Chair, and Joseph Caniglia as Secretary. Along with their stellar leadership, the policies and recommendations of the six sub-committees were represented through their elected Chairs.

In fiscal years 2013 through 2015, we welcome the newly elected Steering Committee. This charge will be undertaken by Ara Karakashian as Chair, Joseph Caniglia as Vice Chair, and John DeLooper as Secretary. We applaud the outgoing leadership of the ACC for all the time and consideration they took out of their busy schedules to head up this effort and look forward to continued success ahead.

SUMMER HOURS

Hudson County Community College is authorizing a summer hour schedule beginning Friday, May 24, 2013 and ending on Friday, August 9, 2013. The regular hours of operation during this time will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The College will not be open for regular business on Fridays during this period. Employees are expected to reduce their lunch breaks to 30 minutes to compensate for the shorter hours of operation during the week. College activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during this period will be minimized to reduce energy and other operating costs. The College will go back to the regular five-day work week on Monday, August 12.

It is important that offices are open at 8:30 a.m. and stay open until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. This means that employees need to be at their workstations.

Employees with questions about this schedule, or wish to use vacation or personal days to work a schedule other than 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., should contact the Human Resources Office.

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

- Research Coordinator
- Part-Time Instructor - Graphic Design, Animation & Video
- Health Related Professions Coordinator
- Director - Practical Nursing Program
- Lab Technician for Chemistry and Biology

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 Higher-EdJobs.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.

HIREs

Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Jacqueline Castillo
Jennifer Feliz

Five Years
Felicia Allen
Jennifer Nakanishi
Jose Lowe
June Barriere

15 Years
Nelida Mojica
Sabrina Bullock
Yvette Ramos
Donor Acknowledgements

Grateful acknowledgement is made to Mr. Kiki Romero for his generous donation of the 2006 painting by Georgia Prieto, a local artist from Union City.

Thank you to Clifford Brooks for his thoughtful donation of an autographed copy of An Artist’s Notebook (1960) by Sister Mary of The Compassion, O.P., which will be kept in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection study archive, and for the seven framed works and the 35 small woodcuts by Sister Mary of the Compassion, O.P. Works by this artist are on view on the 7th Floor of the North Hudson campus. For more information about the archive, please contact Andrea Siegel, ASiegel@hccc.edu, or at 201-360-4007. Gratitude is also extended to Mr. Brooks for his donation of a small work by Sister Gemma, O.P.

Thank you to Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President, for his donation in honor of Marcia Manke Friesen for the purchase of a limited edition photographic print by renowned American artist William Wegman, “B is for Baker.”

Thanks also to Jill St. Lifer for the wonderful art catalogues for the students, and thanks to an anonymous donor.

Art News

The work of Chakaia Booker, a New Jersey artist who has exhibited at major museums and institutions, also graces the walls of Hudson County Community College. Booker’s work, Reflection, was recently installed at 70 Sip Ave. by Facilities employees Robert Gioia and Giovanni Studuto. Special thanks to everyone on the Facilities team who installs the art works and placards, including Robert Gioia, Giovanni Studuto, Kevin Taylor, Emanuele Inturna, James Olivier, Luis de Los Santos and Mark Murray, Rafael Cabrera, Daury Ramirez, and Luis Leon and Julio Maldonado.

Giant egg tempera frescoes by New Jersey artists Ben Shahn and Bernarda Bryson Shahn (whose works are displayed throughout the North Hudson campus) are in danger of destruction. These 13 Depression-era murals that were painted for the Bronx post office are now in danger because the landmarked building is going up for sale. “These are big bold murals about the dignity of labor,” said Peg Breen, the president of the New York Landmarks Conservancy (NYLC) — which is advocating for the murals’ preservation. “We’d certainly like to see the post office stay, but if it has to be sold, the murals need to be protected in a public way so that the community and the city may continue to enjoy them.”

The Foundation Art Collection has also recently installed a work by Richard Artschwager (1923-2013). The National Gallery of Art just announced that they too have acquired an Artschwager. You can see our Artschwager on the first floor of 2 Enos, and see the National Gallery’s “Piano/Piano” in the East Wing in Washington, D.C.

Franc Palia, whose work is in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection, gave a talk on “The Walls and Murals of Havana, Cuba,” on Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Mid-Hudson Heritage Center in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Rodriguez Calero, whose work, Visionary, is on display in the student lounge at 870 Bergen, was part of a group exhibit co-sponsored by the Interchurch Center and Community Works in NYC through May 3. Called “Spirit of Community: Artists of El Barrio & Beyond,” the show featured works by eight established, midcareer artists for whom the people and culture of El Barrio/East Harlem have served as significant inspiration. “Each of these artists has in turn has enriched the life of the community — on its building and subway station walls, in its gardens and storefront studios, in its museum collections and galleries.”

Center for Business & Industry News

Samaya Yashayeva joined the CBI staff in April as an Office Assistant. Samaya is currently a Hudson County Community College student majoring in Sociology and was recently accepted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

In April, Bayonne Medical Center joined CBI’s list of clients. Their staff trained in Microsoft Office applications and customer service.

CBI held a Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 9 on the topic of Workplace Stress Prevention. The event was held as part of Healthcare Talent Network Industry Week.

For more details, please call CBI Executive Director Ana Chapman-McCausland at (201) 360-4242 or email achapman@hccc.edu
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) es una de solo 25 universidades comunitarias de los Estados Unidos en ser nombrada finalista en un nuevo programa nacional que reconoce innovación, y prácticas prometedoras entre instituciones de dos años. El nuevo programa – Los Premios a la Excelencia – son auspiciados por la Asociación Americana de Universidades Comunitarias (AACC), fue establecido por esta organización para alinear recomendaciones claves de la Comisión Siglo 21 en el Futuro de Universidades Comunitarias. Los finalistas fueron escogidos de un comité especialmente escogido por la Junta de Directores del AACC, basados en criterios específicos y measurables.

HCCC es un finalista en el categoría de Éxito Estudiantil, así como lo es Central New Mexico Community College (NM), Phillips Community College (AR), South Texas College (TX). HCCC es la única universidad comunitaria de New Jersey en estar entre los finalistas.

El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC. El Dr. Gabert dijo que la nominación de la Universidad desestimó la realidad de los desafíos de estudiantes universitarios actuales tales como, el alza de los costos de matrículas, y la distribución de su tiempo para cumplir con sus clases, empleo y el cuidado de la familia. Además, los problemas de estudiantes incluyen estar académicamente preparados para sobrellevar el trabajo de curso universitario y sobrepasar berreras del lenguaje y culturales.

“Nuestra nominación detalla los programas innovados e implementados aquí en HCCC, que han sido diseñadas para satisfacer las necesidades específicas de hombres y mujeres de nuestra comunidad,” dijo el Dr. Gabert. Estos incluyen cursos pre-universitarios, que preparan mejor a los estudiantes para completar sus estudios y obtener sus grados, y hacer consejería personal y tutoría, así como más disponibilidad de tutoría por parte de la facultad y estudiantes. “Como resultado, el porcentaje de retenición de la Universidad fue de un 46.4% a cerca del 60%, y el promedio de graduaciones de dos a tres años ha aumentado en un 66% en los últimos cinco años,” dijo.

Los reconocimientos serán presentados en la Convención 2013 del AACC en San Francisco el 23 de Abril.

Hudson County Community College, está en busca de historias interesantes acerca de nuestros destacados alumnos a graduarse, para utilizarlas en la publicidad de la próxima ceremonia de Graduación así como materiales de publicidad en general.

El Departamento de Comunicaciones de HCCC estará complacido en escuchar a cualquier estudiante, que esté dispuesto a tener contacto con la prensa durante la temporada de Graduación.

Algunos ejemplos de historias incluyen:
• Estudiantes de edad avanzada
• Conexiones familiares (parentesco con personal de HCCC, miembros de una familia
• Estudiantes de edad avanzada
• Estudiantes que se gradúan de uno de nuestros programas
• “Contra toda adversidad” (obtención de su título a pesar de alguna dificultad)
• Sirvieron recientemente en las Fuerzas Armadas
• Estudiantes que están en busca de carreras no tradicionales

Por favor considere compartir su historia con nosotros! Contáctenos al 201-360-4060

CuÉntEn su Historia!
Congratulations to the editorial team of The Orator, Hudson County Community College’s student newspaper, on its New Jersey Collegiate Press Association 2012-2013 College Newspaper Contest win! The Orator tied for first place in the Arts & Entertainment/Critical Writing category, bestowing place in the Arts & Entertainment/The Orator Contest win! 2012-2013 College Newspaper, Jersey Collegiate Press Association student newspaper, on its New cooperation within the Hispanic community. Media Network will present a “Premio Newspaper and the Communaritian student population. coverage of news, popular culture, successful renaissance this year with newspaper, which has experienced a Professors an “ESL Summit: Initiatives for helping to facilitate Friedman for Academic Affairs Dr. Eric Friedman and Culinary Arts Instructor Ara Karakashian attended an annual scholarship dinner for the International School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Fairleigh Dickinson University. HCCC and FDU have a “Burgundy-Blue Connection” articulation agreement between the associate degree program at Hudson and bachelor’s degree at FDU. Several HCCC students were awarded scholarships during the ceremony.

On Saturday, April 20, the Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey (LVNJ) presented a 2013 Award for Student Excellence to HCCC student Cristian Rodriguez. Rodriguez gives presentations to youth to discourage them from becoming involved in gang violence or other illegal activity. 1991 Culinary Arts Institute graduate Chef Bruce Kalman won The Food Network’s “Chopped” in a memorable episode titled “Heads Up!” on March 31. His courses included Lamb Brain & Tongue Crostini; Arctic Char with Purple Potatoes; and Yellow Rice Pudding with Bacon.

On March 20, Instructor Joseph Caniglia hosted a Poetry Night at The Writing Center. The event, during which the organization aaduna presented poems contributing poets Cyd Charisse Fulton, Olivia Magdelene, and Tara Thierry, became possible through a collaboration of Caniglia, Bill Berry Jr. of aaduna and Dr. Pamela Bandypadhyay, Associate Dean, Division of Academic Development & Support Services.

On Friday, March 1, Patricia Murphy participated in the Dr. Seuss Read Across America program at Public School #11 in Jersey City. NEA’s Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, the birthday of writer, poet and cartoonist Theodor Seuss Geisel, known worldwide as Dr. Seuss. Chief Information Officer Vincent Zicolello has been elected Chair of NJEdge.Net’s CIO Forum, effective July 2013. NJEdge.Net is a non-profit technology consortium of academic and research institutions in New Jersey. The NJCIO Forum membership is composed of the CIO’s from all NJEdge.Net institutions. The Forum meets several times a year with a framework for collaborative leadership in response to emerging statewide and regional challenges facing the education community.

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2013 nominees (each of whom received a certificate) were Sandra Aviles, Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Nancy Booth, Sabrina Bullock, Gilda Darias-Hershberger, Patrick Del Piano, John DeLooper, Paula Gonzalez, Yvon Groeneveldt, Seth Henrie, Dr. Velino Joasil, Chanida Katkanant, Jo Ann Kulpeksa, Aura Matias, Deseree McFarlane, Catherine Mirasol, Komal Patel, James Sorrentino, Angela Tuzzo and Vincent Zicolello.

The winners of the $500 award were Dr. Velino Joasil, Jo Ann Kulpeksa and Catherina Mirasol. Congratulations to all recipients!
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that its 35th Annual Commencement Ceremonies will be held on Thursday evening, May 23 in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, N.J.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert said that at least 850 students are expected to graduate that evening.

The ceremony’s keynote address will be delivered by J. Noah Brown, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Mr. Brown is nationally recognized as an authority on community college governance, and is the author of the book, First in the World: Community Colleges and America’s Future, which was awarded the 2013 Bellwether Book Award from the Community College Futures Assembly. Mr. Brown will receive a 2013 Heritage Award.

The College will also present its 2013 Heritage Award that evening to Kearny resident Kenneth H. Lindenfelser. A former Mayor and Councilman of Kearny, Mr. Lindenfelser has dedicated much of his time and energies to the community, and chaired the HCCC Foundation’s “Taste of Fall” fundraisers in 2011 and 2012. He is the President of Lindenfelser Associates, Aerospace Consultants.

Additional details on the Hudson County Community College 2013 Commencement ceremonies will be disclosed in the weeks ahead.

Hudson County Community College’s faculty and staff recently held its Fifteenth Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon. The event, organized and attended by the College’s devoted and generous faculty, administrators and staff members, is one of the most important.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert and Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone give their warmest thanks to the following donors for the Hudson County Community College Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Their generosity will allow the Hudson County Community College Foundation to give $11,375 in scholarships to deserving students.

The event featured the following donors for the Hudson County Community College Annual Employee Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

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- Mei Xie

From Left: Trustee James Fife, Board Chairman William J. Netchert Esq., and President Glen Gabert accept the 2013 Student Success Finalist Award at the annual meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges. HCCC was one of five US community colleges to receive this distinction.
All 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 two (2) forms of identification (Driver’s License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, or Military 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 info 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.
- HCCC students must have a permit to take Mathematics visit: www.hccc.edu/testing
c. HCCC students must have a permit to take the CLEP (form available at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ).
- 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 May follows (times indicated with * are by appointment only):
- Wednesday, May 1 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, May 2 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, May 3 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Monday, May 6 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, May 8 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, May 9 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, May 10 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, May 13 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. or 5 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, May 14 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, May 16 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Friday, May 17 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Monday, May 20 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Tuesday, May 21 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Wednesday, May 22 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Thursday, May 23 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., NHHEC
- Tuesday, May 28 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC
- Wednesday, May 29 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- Thursday, May 30 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC

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

CAI STUDENTS SERVE UP SWEET SURPRISES

The masterpieces pictured here were designed by students in Hudson County Community College’s Advanced Bakeshop IV – Classical course. Several of the model desserts have been on display in the lobby of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center.

Since HCCC launched its Culinary Arts – Baking & Pastry Arts Option associate degree program in Fall 2012, more than 40 students have declared this major.
**Wednesday, May 1 – Wednesday, May 22**

**Writing Effectively: Words That Impress** – This is a perfect course for individuals who want to strengthen their writing skills, and for ESL students who want to improve their ability to write in English. ESL students must be taking or have completed Advanced Placement or TOEFL Prep, or have an equivalent level of fluency. Town Hall, 9:30 a.m., meets Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

**Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, July 6**

**Review of Math Fundamentals** – Math not your subject? Been out of school for a long time? Want to avoid taking Basic Math and Basic Algebra so you go directly to college-level Math? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this is the course for you! Our experienced college math instructors will put you in the right direction with easy-to-follow steps. Classes will include Basic math (whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents), and basic algebra (real numbers, linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, rational expressions and radicals). Tuition: $195. Meets Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (no class May 25). To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

**Sunday, May 5**

**Puff, the Magical Pastry** – You’ve probably eaten it, enjoyed it, and even craved it on occasion. But few people feel confident enough to make it…until now! Our instructor will guide you through creating the buttery, flaky layers of puff pastry, and acquaint you with its versatility in both savory and sweet cuisine. This is a must-take class for anyone interested in the fine art of pastries. Tuition: $75. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

**Monday, May 6 – Monday, June 3**

**Spanish I** – Whether you just want to learn Spanish or need to be able to speak it for business or social reasons, this is the course for you! Our instructor will guide you through textbook lessons that follow a clear and logical sequence to build your knowledge and understanding. Through reading and writing exercises you’ll learn vocabulary, basic grammar structure, and oral speaking patterns. And there’s short jokes and humor along the way. It will be fun, and easier than you might imagine! Tuition: $205 (textbook not included: Spanish Is Fun, Third Edition, AMSCO School Publications, ISBN1-56765-464-9). Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (no class May 27). To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

**Friday, May 3**

**Sushi and Sashimi** – The origins of these delectable Japanese art forms can be traced back hundreds of years. Now, you can learn the basics of preparing sushi and sashimi in our 21st century kitchens! You’ll be introduced to the proper classifications and methods and sashimi in our 21st century kitchens! You’ll be introduced to the proper classifications and methods...
build skills and confidence through hands-on exercises, and learn about features to consider when purchasing a computer. Instruction in Spanish. Tuition: $115 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Wednesday, May 15
Information Session for "New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey," 6 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is strongly recommended; please call (201) 360-4255.

Thursday, May 16 – Thursday, June 20
Qi Gong - Discover Medicinal Qi Gong, gentle energy flow and movement. Qi Gong offers a relaxing way to improve flexibility, balance, and energy. Each class will include information about this moving meditation which is practiced worldwide. No equipment is required. Tuition: $85. Meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Thursday, May 16
Job Searching: Present the Best "You" with a Career Development Professional - Start constructing your path to a satisfying and rewarding career! Work with an experienced career development counselor in making and implementing decisions that support your career aspirations. The course is designed to assist you with self-assessment by reflecting on your experiences and making plans for your future. We’ll help you have more control over the direction of your career, with less change-related stress. Tuition: $59, Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, May 17 – Friday, July 19
QuickBooks: Basic Banking - Learn how QuickBooks, the most popular bookkeeping software in the country, can help you organize — and simplify — all of your small business banking transactions! You'll become acquainted with the basic concepts and terminology used as well as the how-to's of working with customer-related sales and vendor-related invoicing, payables and receivables, statements, writing/printing checks, reconciling accounts and much more. Plus, find out what's required to create a company from scratch. Prerequisite: Must be an experienced computer user. Tuition: $215 plus $25 lab fee. Meets Fridays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, May 17
Seventh Annual Friends & Family BBQ, 870 Bergen Ave., Parking Lot, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 18
Day Trip to Baltimore departing from 25 Journal Square at 7 a.m.
Job Searching: Resume Writing Workshop - Don't let a mediocre resume jeopardize your success! Rev up your resume and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resume - make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resume writing and proven strategies to target your resume to a specific position. Plus, we'll help prepare you for successful interviews. Tuition: $59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Cake Decorating II - In this, the second class of our series of three, you will build upon the basic icing and decorating skills which you acquired in Cake Decorating One. Learn to utilize rolled fondant and marzipan. Tuition: $75. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, May 20
Graduation Sweet Treats, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21 – Thursday, June 20
The greening of the Transportation Logistics and Distribution (TLD) Workplace - "The greening of the TLD Workplace" is a 30-hour workshop where students will come to understand the greening of the TLD workplace. Topics and discussions include, among others: energy saving strategies in warehouses and distribution centers, developing packaging methods to help waste reduction, saving fuel energy conservation, and reducing idling. Students will learn how to respond to these challenges as they develop an understanding of green logistics. They will become familiar with useful online resources related to how to acquire green jobs in TLD industry. Tuition: $195. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, May 21
Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24
We Love Our Greens - A class designed with vegetarians — and everyone interested in healthier cooking and eating — in mind. Learning to cook green vegetables properly is important as learning to cook filet mignon. We’ll show the proper way to blanch and reheat green veggies so they don’t lose their flavor, eye appeal and — more importantly — their nutrients. Tuition: $75. Meets 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Saturday, May 25
Cake Decorating III - In the final class of our three-part series, you’ll learn to assemble and stabilize tiered cakes, and you’ll become acquainted with the advanced decorating mediums. Tuition: $75. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Sunday, May 26
Let’s Bake a Cake - The artistry of baking can be richly rewarding and enjoyable when you possess a strong foundation in the basics. Learn about the tools you need — as well as ingredients and techniques used by the professionals — to create the most delicious cakes in the comfort of your own kitchen. Tuition: $75. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/CommEdOnlineRegistration or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day – College closed

Tuesday, May 28
Summer Session I begins

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