HCCC Celebrates Official Grand Opening of New North Hudson Higher Education Center

Hudson County Community College faculty, staff and students welcomed a host of distinguished guests for the official Grand Opening Ceremonies of the College’s new North Hudson Higher Education Center.

The festivities took place scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the new campus — 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City, NJ.

Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert said the College planned an event including activities involved elected and appointed government officials, college and university presidents, Hudson County area principals and counselors, Hudson County Community College students, faculty and staff, and members of the community.

Among those in attendance were: U.S. Senator Robert Menendez; Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise; New Jersey State Senator/Union City Mayor Brian P. Stack; Chairperson William O’Dea and other members of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and several other elected officials representing the people of Hudson County and its municipalities.

Included on the Grand Opening itinerary were Guided Tours of the North Hudson Higher Education Center; a ribbon-cutting and formal dedication ceremony with remarks by elected and College officials; ice cream social; keepsake photos; and scavenger hunts.

The $28.2 million HCCC North Hudson Higher Education Center is only the College’s second building to be built “from-the-ground-up.” It (Continued on page 16)
HCCC to Make Strides at Breast Cancer Fundraiser

On Sunday, Oct. 16, employees and students of Hudson County Community College will participate in the American Cancer Society’s annual “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” event in Jersey City’s Lincoln Park.

Registration opens at 8 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. Parking will be available at the Light Rail Station. Parking Lot at Claremont/West Side Avenue Light Rail at no charge and a shuttle bus going back and forth on West Side Avenue.

The American Cancer Society “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” walk is as unique and special as the stories that motivate dedicated walkers, donors and volunteers. “Making Strides” walks are three to five miles in length. Since 1993, nearly six million walkers have raised more than $400 million. In 2009 alone, nearly 700,000 walkers across the country collected $60 million to save lives from breast cancer.

The funds raised at the “Making Strides” events enable the American Cancer Society to provide services such as:

- Early detection — screening guidelines, physician education, and public awareness about the importance of yearly mammograms
- Free programs and services for cancer patients, including transportation assistance, free lodging for long-distance treatment, emotional support, cancer education classes and online support

Breast cancer research and advocacy

To support one of Hudson County Community College’s teams, please contact:

Team HCCC: team leaders Jeannie Pagano, (201) 360-4044 or Pat Murphy, (201) 360-4267. Team HCCC is selling tee shirts for $10; please see also team captains Linda Guastini, Sabrina Bullock, Hope Stephenson, Pat Sikorski, Sheral Scott-Green, Dorothea Graham-King, Lilliam Hogan, Nitzia Berrio, June Barriere, Jennifer Nakanishi, Daisy Baiza, Reina Marcucci, Aura Matias, Angela Tuzzo, Sandra Aviles and Liffny Fuentes.

Beta Alpha Phi, Phi Theta Kappa: Donate at team website at http://bit.ly/qeg0bJ or contact Professor Ted Lai, Phi Theta Kappa co-advisor, or team captain Natalie Baron at nataliebaron311@yahoo.com.

Office of Student Activities: (201) 360-4195

For more information about how you can use your voice to help fight breast cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visit ACS CAN at www.acscan.org/makingstrides.

HCCC’s Weekend College: Access to Higher Education for Working Adults

By Barry Tomkins, Professor of English

Weekend College is now almost a year old. The mission of Weekend College is to help non-traditional adult students advance their college education by providing convenient access to college courses on weekends.

With this goal in mind, the initiative took off in Fall 2010 with the successful last minute addition of a number of Sunday sections in Journal Square. Spring 2011 saw a more ambitious schedule, with a greater variety of subjects offered in the targeted programs, principally Business, Liberal Arts-General, and General Education. (Academic Foundations, ESL and Culinary Arts have always done well when offered on weekends.) Summer I 2011 featured weekend courses for the first time, with five classes running on Saturdays and Sundays. In Fall 2011, the enhanced schedule continued, now with the addition of the North Hudson Higher Education Center, where 30 sections are running on weekends, including many subjects never offered before on weekends at our North Hudson location.

Currently over 8% of all student credits generated derive from classes run on weekends. While most students prefer daytime or evening classes, the success of Weekend College demonstrates that offering a wide range of Saturday and Sunday classes is one more way in which HCCC can meet the educational needs of our community.
FALL 2011 TIAA-CREF
INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

TIAA-CREF will hold individual counseling sessions at Hudson County Community College this fall.

Sessions will take place in the Human Resources Department at 70 Sip Ave., 3rd Floor, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 19; Tuesday, Nov. 1; and Thursday, Dec. 15.

SIGN UP TODAY!
Space is limited, so please RSVP as soon as you can. To schedule an appointment, please call (866) 843-5640 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET).

STATE RESIDENCY LAW NOW IN EFFECT

On May 19, 2011, New Jersey Senate Bill No. 1730 (“New Jersey First Act”) was signed into law. The law requires individuals to be residents of New Jersey in order to hold certain public employee positions. The full text of the law is available at http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2010/Bills/PL11/70_.HTM.

Please direct any questions to Randi Miller, Executive Director of Human Resources, at (201) 360-4073 or rmiller@hccc.edu.

NEW HIRE TO HCCC

Congratulations to George Hefelle on his new position at Hudson County Community College as Director of Conference Center!

MAIL ROOM & COPY CENTER MID-TERM EXTENDED HOURS

In order to accommodate the additional need for services during the mid-term/pre-registration period, the Mail Room & Copy Center in the Jersey City location will be extending its hours of operation starting Monday, Oct. 17 through Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Hours will be as follows: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Sunday: Closed.

The Mail Room & Copy Center will resume regular business hours on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

- Academic Lab Coordinator
- Adjunct Instructors, Fall 2011
- Assistant Store Manager (Bookstore, North Hudson)
- Career & Transfer Counselor
- Chemistry Instructor
- Director of Admissions
- Facilities Worker
- Head Tutor – English and Humanities
- Laboratory Technician
- Life Science Instructor
- Safety and Security Coordinator
- Student Records Coordinator

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements and 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 w w w . n j h e r c . o r g , t h e HigherEdJobs.com website at w w w . h i g h e r e d j o b s . c o m , or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions as well as additional listings, please visit the “Employment Opportunities” page under “Human Resources” at www.hccc.edu/hr.

Check out Hudson County Community College’s latest events and photos!

Connect to our Facebook, Flickr and Twitter pages at www.hccc.edu (click on icons at bottom of page), https://myhudson.hccc.edu or YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/HudsonCountyCollege
PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

2011 COCA-COLA LEADERS OF PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Shannon Gallagher, Beta Alpha Phi’s Vice President of Service for 2011-2012, has been selected as a 2011 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. Gallagher competed among over 1,100 applicants for the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship competition. This scholarship is designed to provide new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college while also encouraging participation in Society programs.

BIKE MS

Bike MS will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2. The Start and Finish Line will be Pier 94 in Manhattan. There will be rest stops in New York and New Jersey. Beta Alpha Phi has volunteered at rest stops in both states. There will be a rest stop in Englewood from 7:00 am to 12:00 p.m. There are other shifts, locations, and duties. To volunteer, contact Professor Lai at (201) 360-4264 or tlai@hccc.edu.

HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Beta Alpha Phi will host a Halloween Party for Children and a food drive in the Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. The chapter officers are the contacts for donations from local merchants. The guests will be asked to bring food donations, which will be given to a soup kitchen. Please contact Chapter President Josephine Udenta to volunteer for the party.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 1: Chapter Meeting, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2: Bike MS, New York and New Jersey

Sunday, Oct. 16: Making Strides against Breast Cancer, Lincoln Park, Jersey City (Editor’s note: Please see “Making Strides” announcement on page 2.)

Thursday, Oct. 27: HarvestFest, Meadowlands Environment Center (Volunteers are needed for this event; please contact Dr. Lloyd Kahn at (201) 360-4276 for details.

Saturday, Oct. 29: Halloween Party for Children and Food Drive, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ISS HOSTS FALL 2011 STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, all new and continuing international students were invited to participate in International Student Services’ Fall 2011 Information Session. The day started with introductions and icebreaker games.

Students also had the opportunity to listen to remarks from this semester’s guest speaker, Joseph Camilo, Esq. Mr. Camilo is a local immigration attorney and provided the students with useful immigration information. Students were then provided updates about HCCC, including the North Hudson Higher Education Center and web enhanced courses, as well as policy changes from the United States government.

Currently, HCCC’s international student population represents 27 different countries and our most popular major is Nursing.

The International Student Services Office provides guidance and assistance to F-1 international students throughout their HCCC careers and beyond, including regulatory advisement concerning visa and immigration issues.

“MANAGING DISRUPTIVE CLASSROOM SITUATIONS’ WORKSHOP PRESENTED AT FALL 2011 COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

On Thursday, Aug. 18, Director of College Life Maureen Sheridan (left), Assistant Dean of Students Ophelia Morgan, and Director of Campus Safety & Security Rafael Nivar facilitated a workshop titled “Managing Disruptive Classroom Situations” at the College’s semiannual College Service Day. The workshop covered disruptive classroom management techniques and how faculty should address and diffuse escalating classroom scenarios. Recommended best practices in security and College procedures were presented.
INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

By Dr. Kris Krishnan, Associate Dean, Office of Institutional Research & Planning

In fiscal 2011, Hudson County Community College conferred 753 degrees and certificates. This was an increase of about eight percent from fiscal 2010. About fifty-eight percent (439) of the graduates earned an Associate of Arts degree. About twenty-six percent (198) of the graduates received an Associate in Science degree, while eleven percent (85) received an Associate in Applied Science and two percent received an Associate in Fine Arts. Two percent (14) of the awards were in certificate programs. Overall most of the students graduated from liberal arts, health related and business programs.

The table (right) shows the award type by program major.

Hudson County Community College Foundation ‘Lucky Odds Raffle’ Tickets Now Available

The Hudson County Community College Foundation will host its Fourteenth Annual Holiday Scholarship Extravaganza on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at the College’s Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. All proceeds from this event will provide financial and scholarship support to deserving Hudson students.

One of the most exciting of the evening’s festivities will include drawing the winner of the Foundation’s annual “Lucky Odds Raffle.” Tickets for the raffle are offered at $50 each, and 50% of the “Lucky Odds Raffle” ticket-sales proceeds will be utilized for scholarships and the College’s development. The remaining 50% will be awarded in prizes, with 40% going to the Grand Prize ticket holder, 6% to the Second Prize holder and 4% to the Third Prize holder. (Winner need not be present at the Gala.)


To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information, please contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development at jsansone@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4006.

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As Dr. Paula P. Pando, a Vice President at Hudson County Community College, unpacked boxes and arranged family photos in her office in the College’s new North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City, a smile lit up her face. “I thought, ‘In so many ways, this is a homecoming for me. I thought about the community we serve; a community I know so well, rich in diversity, full of dreams and aspirations - and how I hoped that they will use our College as the first step to achieve those dreams and aspirations,’” she says.

In the 1960s, Pando’s father (then a pro basketball player) and mother (a college student) married and emigrated from Chile to the United States, residing in Hoboken. Shortly after she was born in Hudson County’s Margaret Hague Hospital (Jersey City), the family returned to Chile and added another member to the family, her brother, Francisco. When she was four years old, her parents decided to return to the United States, and moved to Union City.

“At the core of it, I am a Union City girl,” states Dr. Pando, who attended Gilmore and St. Joseph’s Schools in Union City.

Her family, which by then included brother Danny, moved to Bayonne while Pando was in high school, and eventually settled in Monmouth County. But family and close friends frequently brought them back to Hudson County. And, of course, 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.

In 2003, Pando joined Hudson County Community College as Associate Dean for Student Services. She was promoted to Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students at HCCC in 2006, and in 2009 was named Vice President for North Hudson Center and Student Affairs. A year later, she was awarded her doctorate in Education Leadership from Rowan University.

Dr. Pando says she relates to the students in many ways. “When I began school, I didn’t speak any English. I watched my parents labor at tough jobs because they weren’t from this country and wanted to make life better for our family. I remember starting college and not knowing what to do,” she states. “Like many of our students, I am first-generation American, and first in my family to go to and to graduate from college. I can say to students, ‘I did it and so can you.’”

Dr. Pando relates that what students gain from attending Hudson County Community College is a top-notch education from qualified and credentialed faculty. But just as important, HCCC students are provided with a world-class support team who appreciates each student as an individual. “Our president, Dr. Glen Gabert, and our faculty and administration are committed to making HCCC a student-centered educational institution. The people of this College work hard to ensure our students have the best curricula, faculty, support programs and physical environment in which to learn,” she declares.

At seven stories and 92,330 square feet, the North Hudson Higher Education Center is the largest construction effort ever undertaken by Hudson County Community College. A complete campus under one roof, the building includes an Enrollment/Registration Center, bookstore, student and faculty lounges, community activity spaces, testing/counseling/tutoring facilities, library, outdoor courtyard, rooftop terrace and much more. More than 300 for-credit classes are now being offered in day and evening sessions, as are several non-credit classes.

While the official Grand Opening ceremonies for the HCCC North Hudson Higher Education Center were held on Wednesday, September 28 (see related item on page 1), Dr. Pando says the real grand opening took place the minute the first student came through the door in late August.

On Sept. 19, Dr. Pando discussed her growing up in Union City, her career and her plans for developing the NHHEC in an interview with Cablevision News of Hudson County.

Dr. Pando is the mother of three children – Jacob, Luke and Isabella.
El Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC, anunció que la Universidad celebró la gran apertura del Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson en Union City. La ceremonia se llevó a cabo el pasado Miércoles, 28 de Septiembre, 2011 en el nuevo campus, que está localizado en 4800 Kennedy Boulevard. Se contó de Thomas A. DeGise, Ejecutivo de Condado de Hudson y muchos otros oficiales elegidos, así como también presidentes de otras universidades e instituciones de New Jersey y administradores de escuelas públicas y parroquiales del Condado de Hudson.

“Este campus es de mucha significancia para todos,” dijo el Dr. Gabert. “Primero y ante todo, es más conveniente para Dr. Gabert. “Primero y ante todo, es más conveniente para todos,” dijo el Dr. Gabert. “Primero y ante todo, es más conveniente para nosotros estudiantes residentes del área norte del Condado – y son muchos – ya que les permitirá obtener su educación universitaria más cerca de casa. Adicionalmente, es un espacio hermoso, con lo mejor en equipos y demás.”

La Dra. Paula P. Pando, Vicepresidente del Centro de Educación Superior de Hudson County Community College, mas que seguro estarán impresionados por lo que verán: pero es de igual significado, lo que no verán – una serie de detalles y elementos que hacen de este edificio ahorrador de energía, mejor ventilado y más cómodo.

En el diseño del Centro de Educación de North Hudson, la Universidad, quería estar segura de incorporar detalles de mejoras, como generación de electricidad mediante la conversión de rayos solares a electricidad directa, sensores de luz, equipos mecánicos de alta eficiencia, árboles para conservación de agua, tanques recogedores de agua lluvia, equipo mecánico de alta eficiencia, tal como reflectores de luz que se enfocan en el área de instrucción, para conservar energía.

Mediante la inclusión de los elementos mencionados y otros elementos “verdes” en el diseño y construcción, el Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson pudo adquirir las certificaciones LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Liderazgo en Energía y Diseño Ambiental).

Más de 300 clases están siendo ofrecidas en las nuevas facilidades en el día y la noche este otoño. Además de tomar clases para obtener un título universitario, el Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson ofrecerá la oportunidad de tomar clases de educación comunitaria incluyendo, Computación, Introducción al teclado, e ESL.

Mientras la Dra. Paula P. Pando, Vicepresidente en Hudson County Community College, desempacaba cajas y arreglaba fotos familiares en su oficina en el nuevo Centro de Educación Superior de North Hudson, una sonrisa iluminaba su rostro. “Pensé en la comunidad que servimos; una comunidad que conozco bien, rica en diversidad, llena de sueños y aspiraciones – y de cómo yo espero que utilicen nuestra Universidad como primer paso para obtener esos sueños y aspiraciones,” nos dijo.

En 1960, el padre de la Dra. Pando (en aquel entonces jugador de baloncesto) y su mamá (estudiante universitaria) fueron mudados a la familia a Union City. “Tengo hermosos recuerdos de mi vida ahí. Todos los padres de mis amigos eran inmigrantes, de todas partes del mundo – Chile, Irlanda, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Colombia, Italia – y todos se cuidaban mutuamente. Compartíamos comidas y culturas … de muchas maneras era ideal. Su familia eventually se establece en el Condado Monmouth.

Luego de obtener su grado de bachiller de 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. En el 2003, Pando se unió a HCCC como Decana Asociada para Servicios Estudiantiles. Fue promovida a Vicepresidente de Asuntos Académicos/Decana Estudiantil en el 2006, y en el 2009 fue nombrada Vicepresidente para el Centro de North Hudson y Asuntos Estudiantiles. Un año más tarde, obtuvo su doctorado en Liderazgo en Educación de Rowan University.

La Dra. Pando dice que ella ve mucho de ella misma en los estudiantes. “Cuando yo empecé la escuela, no hablaba Inglés. Veía a mis padres trabajando duro, porque no eran de aquí y querian mejorar la calidad de vida de su familia. Recuerdo iniciar la universidad y no saber qué hacer,” dijo. “Como muchos de nuestros estudiantes, soy la primera generación de Americana, y la primera en mi familia en asistir y graduarse de la universidad. Lo que les puedo decir a estudiantes … ‘si yo pude hacerlo, ustedes también pueden.’”

NORTH HUDSON HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER
GRAND OPENING
9.28.11
The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture to photographs to 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 features a different artist whose work is in the Collection, as well as provides updates on other artists and new additions to the Collection.

**Featured Artist: Diane Neumaier**

Born in 1946, Diane Neumaier is one of the women artists who created the feminist revolution in art during the 1970s. Her work, *Toccata* (2007), (depicted, right) was recently acquired by the HCCC Foundation Art Collection, and is scheduled to be installed at 2 Enos Place later this year. The work is part of the HCCC Collection’s edition of the historic *Femfolio*, which includes 20 works by famous feminist artists.

Neumaier is Chair of the Visual Arts Department at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. She has organized a series of exchanges between Mason Gross School of Arts and Eastern European artists. Her recent photographic projects include *Spectrum, Fountains and Urns, Rondo, Tondo, and Torsos, A Voice Silenced*, her exhibition about the Holocaust, is now traveling internationally. Neumaier edits the anthology *Reframings: New American Feminist Photographs*. She was also the editor of *Beyond Memory: Soviet Nonconformist Photography*.

Neumaier has a special interest in Russia, which to her feels like home.

She first visited Russia, then called the Soviet Union, in 1991. She then spent most of the 1990s traveling back and forth between Russia and the United States. She says, “I really liked it there. It really worked … It took like a virus. It was contagious, the excitement there.” Working and living in Russia in the 1990s, she says, “meant escaping an American art world that was increasingly market-driven … I entered at a very intoxicating moment … It was very easy to enter the arts scene.”

Because she did not speak the language well, Neumaier says, “I was always working on my eyes. The newness of it, the stimulation of it was really transformative, and the lack of language deprived me but en-

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**The HCCC Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation, and thereby gives tax-exempt status to contributions. We welcome donations for art.**

For more information, contact Joseph Sansone, Vice President for Development, Hudson County Community College Foundation, 70 Sip Avenue, 4th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.
## October 2011 Testing Schedule

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. In certain cases, such as if a student testing has not completed high school or its equivalent (GED), the Placement Test can also be used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

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

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### 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).

To obtain more information on the status of your placement test and course registration eligibility, please visit www.hccc.edu/testingstatus.

### 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

### 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 October follows:

- **Monday, Oct. 3** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Tuesday, Oct. 4** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Wednesday, Oct. 5** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Thursday, Oct. 6** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Friday, Oct. 7** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Monday, Oct. 10** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Tuesday, Oct. 11** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Wednesday, Oct. 12** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Thursday, Oct. 13** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Friday, Oct. 14** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Monday, Oct. 17** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Tuesday, Oct. 18** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Wednesday, Oct. 19** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Thursday, Oct. 20** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Friday, Oct. 21** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Monday, Oct. 24** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Tuesday, Oct. 25** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Wednesday, Oct. 26** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Thursday, Oct. 27** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Friday, Oct. 28** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Monday, Oct. 31** — College Placement Test / Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

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.
Saturday, October 1
Day Trip to Philadelphia offered by the Office of Student Activities (departing 25 Journal Square at 9 a.m.)

Culinary Techniques I: The Basics - Learn or review the essentials for success in the kitchen! Through instruction, demonstrations and hands-on participation, you’ll explore knife skills and dry-heat cooking methods. Tuition: $75. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 3
Last day to file Degree Audit application for December 2011 Graduation

Monday, October 3 –

Monday, October 16
Cake Decorating - Learn the basics (and beyond!) of creating incredible, edible works of art! We’ll guide you through the how-to’s of icing and decorating, including proper filling, icing and piping methods and techniques using delectable butter creams. Plus, we’ll instruct you on how to design, assemble and stabilize tiered cakes. Tuition: $250. Meets Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 3 –

Friday, October 7
Wellness Week (presented by the Division of Student Affairs)

Monday, October 3 –

Monday, October 24
Present the Best “You” with a Career Development Professional - Whether you’re getting ready to begin a first career or transition to a new one, give yourself a substantial competitive edge by working with an experienced career development consultant! Our expert will help you develop the presentation essentials that could lead to your dream job. You’ll learn how to write a genuinely successful resume and cover letter as well as how to design and assemble an impressive portfolio. You’ll also become acquainted with strategies and techniques for winning interview techniques. Tuition: $195. Meets Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 3 –

Monday, November 7
Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS4 Level I - Become knowledgeable of and skillful in using this incredibly versatile program! Learn about the creative and powerful tools that are so widely used in working with photography and other imagery – graphic design, illustration, web content and multimedia design. Taught on a PC. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. Tuition: $245 plus lab fees of $35. Meets Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 3
Tickets for Nov. 10 performance of “Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark” on sale at Office of Student Activities

Tickets for Nov. 19 “Disney on Ice” performance on sale at Office of Student Activities

Healthy Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

Blood Drive, 10 a.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

Healthy Snack Distribution, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Journal Square and North Hudson Higher Education Center

Instant Decision Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (New Jersey City University), 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Light Your World through Conservation, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Journal Square and North Hudson Higher Education Center

Yoga class, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

Tuesday, October 4
Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Breakfast (8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) features coffee bar (whole beans ground in-house), espresso, cappuccino and tea; local fruits, freshly baked goods, healthy fruit and nut bars, organic yogurt and freshly squeezed orange juice. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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“What Employers Look for in You” workshop, 10 a.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

“ABC’s of Transfer” workshop, 11 a.m., NHHEC

Smoothie Tuesday, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Game Zone, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5 –

Wednesday, October 26
Writing Effectively: Words That Impress - Improve your writing skills and learn the basics of effective communications. You’ll learn how to “have a way with words” and create documents that are concise and easily understood. This is a perfect course for those who want to strengthen their writing skills, and for ESL students who want to improve their ability to write in English. Tuition: $155. Meets Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Wednesday, October 5
Begal Wednesday, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Wellness Fair with Refreshing Smoothies, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

“Living in a High Tech World” workshop, 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

“Interviewing 101” workshop, 4 p.m., NHHEC

“What’s Your Money Personality?” workshop, 6 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

Zumba, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

Thursday, October 6
New Jersey State Mental Health Awareness Day

Random Acts of Kindness (all day), Journal Square and North Hudson Higher Education Center. Help spread kindness through our campus and community.

Mental Health Awareness Displays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square

Mental Health Awareness Game Show, 12 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Over $300 in prizes will be awarded.

Relax and Unwind, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Come and sit in massage chairs and participate in stress relieving activities.

Oktoberfest Beer & Food Tasting, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. Admission $35. To purchase a ticket, please contact Central Avenue Wines (201) 792-1500 or the Conference Center at (201) 360-5300.

Open House/Information Session, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To reserve a place, please contact admissions@hccc.edu or visit http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse.

Friday, October 7
Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

HCCC Shark Tank, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Pitch your latest idea to a group of HCCC judges; over $1,000 in prizes will be awarded (prizes will vary depending on size of team). Participant(s) must be current HCCC student(s) and may sign up by visiting the Center for Academic & Student Success, 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor or by calling (201) 360-4150 or -4152. Single and group entries of up to three students are welcome.

Bring Your Best Rap with Joshua Viette, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Culinary Basics I: Knife Skills - Developing skills with knives can make your food preparation and serving safer, easier, faster ... and a lot more fun! You’ll become acquainted with knife-skill fundamentals, including what to look for when purchasing a knife, how to sharpen knives, selecting the appropriate knife for the task, and proper cutting techniques. Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to

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Monday, October 10
Columbus Day - Classes in session

Tuesday, October 11
Introduction to German - Class in session

Wednesday, October 12
Bagel Wednesday, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 13
Communications Video Shoot, 10 a.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd. To participate, please call (201) 360-4060 or visit the Communications Department at 26 Journal Square, 14th Floor.

Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Beyond Basic Excel 2007 - Become the “go-to person” for Excel 2007 in your office! Through lectures and labs you’ll develop a working knowledge of intermediate and advanced topics such as: using advanced formulas and functions (Vlookup, IF, PMT, more); creating tables, pivot tables, basic macros; learning to consolidate workbooks, and trans-
forming/editing data in charts. You’ll also learn about worksheet protection, data validation, integrating Excel with other MS Office applications, and how to add comments to cells and split text into multiple columns. Hands-on exercises reinforce the lecture learning. Tuition: $225 plus $15 lab fee. Prerequisite: Basic Excel 2007 or Experience using Excel. Meets Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Saturday, October 15
Field trip to the Chuan Yen Buddhist Monastery in Carmel, N.Y. Two buses will depart from Journal Square, 9 a.m., and return about 7:30 p.m. Admission $12 for students and $15 for faculty and staff. Please contact the Office of Student Activities at (201) 360-4195 for more information.

Culinary Techniques III: Soup Basics and More - Soups warm and nourish in cold-weather months... cool and satisfy in the heat. Learn to prepare soups from simple purées to delicate consommés, plus the methods used in the preparation of the six classical soup classifications. Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 17 - Wednesday, November 9
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: $225; textbook included (Spanish Is Fun, Third Edition, AMSCO School Publications, Inc., ISBN 1-56765-464-9). Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 17 - Thursday, October 20
Student Success Week

Monday, October 17
Fast Track Directions - Whether new or continuing, students can get a personal snapshot of their academic progress and receive a quick update of where they stand on the track to graduation. A fun twist on Speed Dating! 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Matinee Monday: “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” & “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HCCC College Game Show - Want to be a contestant? Catch the latest buzz about Hudson County Community College. Win great prizes. 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Instant Decision Day, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (New Jersey City University), 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

College Tech Workshop – Join us as we explore our technology. Learn what you can do with your student portal, how to access your email, and navigate Blackboard. Facilitated by Yeury’s Pujols. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Room 203.

“Networking” workshop, 6 p.m., NHHEC

What Every Education Major Should Know! – An information session for all current ESL students. Find out about testing, bilingual course offerings, support systems, financial aid limits, classes allowed to take and exiting from the ESL program. 7:30 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Room 203.

Wednesday, October 19 – Wednesday, November 23
Introduction to Keyboarding - Help improve your job prospects by being able to type effectively and efficiently! Competent keyboarding is a skill that will serve you well throughout your life, one that is now required in nearly every occupation. Our course, intended for those who have absolutely no keyboarding experience as well as those who want to improve their keyboarding skills, introduces keyboard-operating techniques and document formatting. The touch system is stressed in speed and accuracy development. Tuition: $135 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Wednesday, October 19
Bagel Wednesday, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

V.I.P Pass to CASS – One-stop shop where you can become acquainted with representatives from various departments at HCCC while obtaining valuable information. Receive all the necessary information to be successful along your journey. 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fast Track Directions - If you missed it the first time, be sure not to miss out this time! Whether new or continuing, students can get a personal snapshot of their academic progress and receive a quick update of where they stand on the way to graduation. 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

One Campus under One Roof – Ever wondered what the NHHEC offers you? Please join us and interact with members of Advisement and Counseling, the EOF program, Learning Resource Center, Student Financial Assistance, Admissions, Student Activities, and win prizes! 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Room 203.

Monday, October 17

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Leadership Workshop – The Leadership Workshop will allow you to sharpen the leadership skills needed for both personal and professional growth. Learn more about your own
leadership style and how to effectively maximize your strengths as a leader. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Room 203.

College Information Day, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Meet with representatives from four-year colleges and universities, get information and discuss transfer options. For more information, please contact Diane Gotlieb at (201) 360-4159 or dgotlieb@hccc.edu.

Spades & Chess Tournament, 2 Enos Place, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

What Every ESL Student Should Know! – An information session for all current ESL students. Find out about testing, bilingual course offerings, support systems, financial aid limits, classes allowed to take and exiting from the ESL program. NHHEC, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

What Every Nursing Major Should Know! – An information session for all current and those interested in the nursing program. Find out about admission requirements, test dates, required classes and much more! 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

HCCC Foundation West Hudson Scholarship “A Taste of Fall” Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center. Tickets $50 per person. For more information please contact Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006 or jsansone@hccc.edu.

Friday, October 21

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

“You Are Here: Why College?” workshop, 4 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

Saturday, October 22

Brunch and Breakfast Cookery - Prepare, taste, and evaluate contemporary and traditional brunch and breakfast items. Our class emphasizes cooking principles and techniques, as well as the timing and speed of production needed during peak demand periods. Class is limited to 12 students. Tuition: $75. Meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 24

Instant Decision Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Felician College), 70 Sip Avenue. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Matinee Monday: “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” & “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince,” 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

Bagel Wednesday, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Hudson County Community College Foundation Donor Scholarship Reception, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, October 27 – November 22

Spanish Conversation I - We formulated these classes especially for those of you who have studied Spanish and lack the opportunity to practice it. Tuition: $205 plus $20 for textbook. Prerequisite: Spanish III or equivalent. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Thursday, October 27

Broadway Show: “The Addams Family,” Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, New York City, 8 p.m. show time

Tuesday, October 25 – Thursday, November 10

Computers for Beginners - Specially designed for those who possess little or no experience with computers but want to begin developing skills, our foundation course will acquaint you with key terms, file management, and system software and hardware. We’ll introduce you to common workplace applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and teach you about the Internet, e-mail (including attaching files), computer viruses and spyware and PC security software. You’ll build skills and confidence through hands-on exercises, and learn about features to consider when purchasing a computer. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuition: $129 plus $15 lab fee. To register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Tuesday, October 25

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Breakfast (8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) features coffee bar (whole beans ground in-house), espresso, cappucino and tea; local fruits, freshly baked goods, healthy fruit and nut bars, organic yogurt and freshly squeezed orange juice. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Matinee Tuesday: “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” & “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince,” 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bingo, North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Pasta and Noodle Cookery - Make and taste a variety of pasta and noodles! In addition to from-scratch preparation of pasta pastes, strong emphasis will be placed on cooking, and the sequence of assembling dishes. You’ll gain an understanding of the different types of noodle pastes as well as sauces and products. Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Saturday, October 29

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 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Phi Theta Kappa Halloween Party for Children and Food Drive, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Six Flags Great Adventure Fright Fest Bus Trip (departing from 25 Journal Square at 2 p.m.). Offered by the Office of Student Activities.

Career Option Exploration – 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. This course is designed to assist you with self-assessment by reflecting on your experiences and choices, 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 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Resume Writing Workshop - Don’t let a mediocre resume jeopardize your second chance! Learn how to target your resume to a specific position. Meets from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Sunday, October 30

The Fundamentals of Chocolate - Chocolate is an aphrodisiac to some, a sedative to others, a source of addiction to millions! Learn the ABC’s of chocolate, plus how to prepare and store it. Tuition: $75. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Monday, October 31

Online registration for Spring 2012 begins

Last day to submit mid-term advisory grades to the Registrar’s Office

Matinee Monday: “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1” & “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2,” North Hudson Higher Education Center, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
HCCC CELEBRATES OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF NEW NHHEC

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is a part of the College’s $200 million expansion and improvement plan that included several buildings on the College’s Journal Square Campus.

Standing seven stories high with 92,330 square feet of space, the North Hudson Higher Education Center has been designed to serve the community as a complete campus under one roof. “We wanted to be certain that this North Hudson Higher Education Center would be a campus — not just a facility — where our students would have lecture halls, labs and classrooms with all of the latest technologies and innovations. A place where students could register for classes, receive the testing, counseling, advisement and tutoring they require, study and learn, and participate in extra-curricular activities,” states HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman William J. Netchert, Esq.

The new campus includes: an Enrollment Center (Bursar’s, Financial Assistance, Testing & Assessment, Academic Advisement and Tutorial Services offices); bookstore; Community Education (non-credit) office; several smart classrooms; science, computer and language labs; an outdoor courtyard with seating and tables; the Student Lounge/Cyber Café; a Fitness Room; 2,400-square-ft. Multi-Purpose Room (for community programs, board meetings, lectures and the like); 3,600 square-foot Learning Resource Center/Library; Art Studio; Film & Music Studies Room; and a bridge/walkway that provides safe, direct access from New Jersey Transit’s Bergenline Light Rail Transit Center to the third level of the campus.

“The opening of this new Hudson County Community College Campus in Union City couldn’t come at a better time; when students need a competitive edge to compete in a global economy and professionals need to hone their skills in this challenging economy,” said U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez. “I am so proud to have this campus in Union City, where I grew up, graduated from the public school system, and learned the importance of having access to a good education. This campus will open its doors to almost 10,000 students, many of them minorities and immigrants who deeply understand the value of higher education and will most likely plant the seed in their children and grandchildren, ensuring a better future for all.” Senator Menendez played a major role in obtaining the funding for the bridge/walkway between the campus and Light Rail station.

“I am enormously proud of this latest step Hudson County Community College has taken in the course of a remarkable, decade-long expansion,” said County Executive Tom DeGise. “Providing our workforce with the skills they need to compete will be critical to our economic success as a county. So the new North Hudson campus of HCCC provides more than just additional classrooms; it truly opens wider the doors to opportunity for our people. Congratulations to President Gabert, his administration and the Board of Trustees. We have been proud to be your partners in the continued evolution of HCCC into a quality, cost-effective alternative to four-year colleges, and a resource to all interested in expanding their horizons through education here in Hudson County.”

Higher Education Secretary Rochelle Hendricks, who was unable to attend, said in a statement: “As we work to reform and improve New Jersey’s higher education system, I congratulate Hudson County Community College on the grand opening of its magnificent seven-story North Hudson Higher Education Center. To compete in tomorrow’s job market, students will need a high-quality college education. The new classrooms, laboratories, testing, tutoring and counseling facilities will enrich the college experience for Hudson County college students as they complete their educations and prepare to take their place in the world.”

State Sen. Brian P. Stack said, “I am excited about the presence of Hudson County Community College in Union City, as I look forward to generations of local students advancing their academic careers and utilizing the many educational resources that will now be available in northern Hudson County.”

“The new campus will be a tremendous asset for the North Hudson community to access affordable education,” said Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Bill O’Dea.

“We envision this campus to be brimming with people and activities each and every day for generations to come,” said Dr. Gabert. “We hope that our community will feel at home here, and will be proud to call this their College,” Dr. Gabert said.