HCCC’s Class of 2012 Reflects the ‘New’ Face of College Students

We all have a story; our stories consist of both amazing and horrific moments. We all have experienced bumps and tribulations along the way, and at one point we have made choices that sometimes leave regret.” So wrote Danielle Travelino of Bayonne, referring to her own experience and those of her fellow graduates in Hudson County Community College’s Class of 2012.

The 28-year-old mom first began her college studies at a university in 2001, but after just a month, she withdrew from classes. Three years later, Danielle attempted to restart her college career at the same university, but at the time she considered going to school “a chore.” Ms. Travelino reports that she found herself at a crossroads about returning to college.

Paul Silverman, a Principal of the real estate development firm SILVERMAN who has devoted a great deal of his time to community endeavors, was presented with the 2012 Hudson County Community College Heritage Award. Mr. Silverman was honored at the College’s 34th Commencement Exercises on Wednesday evening, May 23 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ.
HCCC Foundation Announces Employee Courtesy Service Award Winners

On Tuesday, May 8, the Hudson County Community College Foundation announced the winners of its Employee Courtesy Service Award at a special luncheon.

The award recognizes employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding service to students and fellow employees.

2012 nominees (each of whom received a plaque) were Anthony Balseiro, Jessica Brito, Carlton Brown, Sabrina Bullock, Joseph Caniglia, Zuany Chicas, Paula Gonzalez, Yvon Groeneveldt, Linda Guastini, Liliam Hogan, Jason Koth, Reina Marcucci, Sylvia Mendoza, Rose Mercado, Jennifer Nakanishi, Janine Nunez, Komal Patel, Diana Perez, Yvette Ramos-Bilbao, Sheral Scott, Hope Stephenson- Guirantes, Russel Taboso, Corey Vigdor, Jacqueline Vilafane and Anthony Williams.

The winners of the $500 award were Anthony Balseiro, Reina Marcucci and Joseph Caniglia. Congratulations to all recipients!

Now Available: Summer/Fall 2012 Course Schedule (Online and Print)

Now Available on HCCC.edu: 2012-2014 College Catalog

Retiring Faculty & Staff

Hudson County Community College proudly and publicly recognizes the following faculty and staff for their many years of service as they retire from the College:

Bernabe Abascal
Robert Artificio
L. Bell Franklin
Nicholas Micucci
Vilma Mory

Newly Tenured Faculty

The criteria for tenure include excellence in teaching, in scholarly achievement, in service to the College and community and in the fulfillment of professional responsibilities. The following have been recommended for tenure effective academic year 2012-2013:

Evgeniya Kozlenko,
Instructor of English as a Second Language

Patrick Moore,
Instructor of Psychology

Angela Pack,
Instructor of Early Childhood Education

Lauren O’Gara,
Instructor of English as a Second Language

Jeremiah Teipen,
Instructor of Fine Arts

Susannah Wexler,
Instructor of English

Faculty Promotion

In recognition of her professional and academic eminence, the College is pleased to announce promotion in rank to Professor:

Dr. Raffaella Pernice

Communications Assistant Jessica Brito (right), displaying her Employee Courtesy Service Award, with Communications Coordinator Tara Lyn Dugan.
PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Chief Information Officer Vincent Zicolello has been elected Co-Chair for the NJEdge CIO Forum for a two-year term. The NJCIO Forum membership comprises chief information officers from all NJEdge.Net institutions. The Forum meets at least three times a year with a framework for collaborative leadership in response to emerging state-wide and regional challenges facing the education community. The CIO Forum is committed to working together to address broad based state-wide concerns and issues that have an impact on its individual institutions.

Professor Theodore Lai attended the CUNY 2012 Mathematics Conference: Effective Instructional Strategies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice on Saturday, May 18. The day-long conference featured faculty panel discussions on new and best practices in mathematics instruction related to technology, curriculum, pedagogy and faculty development. Also featured were faculty poster presentations on improving mathematics learning and innovative instructional practices.

BENEFITS INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Human Resources Department at Hudson County Community College will be conducting Benefit Sessions to bring College employees up to date with some changes that will take effect July 1, 2012, with respect to the cost of medical and prescription premiums. Human Resources would also like to share some of the benefits that each medical plan has to offer.

HR’s mission is to make the pursuit of health and wellness a priority for everyone. During these sessions, a consultant will discuss the available resources employees’ medical plans have to help employees quit smoking, lower cholesterol, lose weight, eat healthier, and provide all the support they need to set goals and stick to them.

The consultant will also talk about how employees can take advantage of the great incentives that Aetna, Cigna, NJ10, NJ15 Direct, Delta Dental and VSP have to offer! Sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 13 in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, 70 Sip Ave, Fourth Floor, Jersey City, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Iris Herrador, HR Benefits/Recruitment Manager, at (201) 360-4072 or email iherrador@hccc.edu, with any questions or concerns that you may have.

CHECK REQUEST DEADLINE

Due to the summer hours schedule starting on the week of May 25, 2012, the check request submission deadline will be on Tuesdays by 12:30 p.m. Anything received after this time will not be processed until the following week.

This deadline will continue in effect until the second week of August 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg Smith at ext. 4055, Manny Lopez at ext. 4054 or Glenda Almeida at ext. 4045.

NEW HIRE/TITLES

Congratulations to the following on their new positions at Hudson County Community College!

Jacqueline Castillo, Enrollment Support Assistant

Jennifer Feliz, Human Resources Assistant

Christopher Wahl, Dean of Arts and Sciences

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Associate Dean of ESL/Bilingual & Development Education

Coordinator of Non-Credit Programs

Full-Time Faculty Positions

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 www.njherc.org, the HigherEdJobs.com website at www.higheredjobs.com, or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the “Employment Opportunities” page at www.hccc.edu.
PHI THETA KAPPA DAY

On Thursday, May 3, two students from Hudson County Community College were recognized as being among New Jersey’s 35 best and brightest community college students. Avishek Bose of Jersey City and Shannon Gallagher of Harrison were honored as members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team at the 18th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Day celebration in Trenton.

Avishek Bose is an Accounting major who divides his time between his family, a full-time job in the accounting department of a large restaurant corporation, his studies, community service projects and playing cricket.

Shannon Gallagher is a Liberal Arts-Elementary and Secondary Education major, and the first member of her family to attend college. She was named as a 2011 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and was recognized as the 2011 Town of Harrison Lions Club “Pride of the Pride” Student/Young Adult of the Year.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:
• Saturday, June 9: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square
• Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15: Middle States Officers Academy, King’s College
• Friday-Sunday, June 15-17: Middle States Regional Honors Institute, King’s College
• Saturday, June 16: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Veterans Stadium, Bayonne. To join the Beta Alpha Phi team or make a contribution, please visit http://tinyurl.com/bllolso.
• Monday-Saturday, June 18-23: Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute, University of Denver
• Saturday, June 23: Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup and BBQ, Laurel Hill Park, Secaucus, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HCCC PORTAL ROLLOUT:
IMPORTANT DATES!

Please be advised that any changes made to the current HCCC portal after Thursday, May 24 will not be migrated to the new portal and will need to be re-created in the new portal release beginning on June 4.

From Monday June 4 to Thursday, June 7, content contributors will be responsible for proofing their respective office’s page(s) in the new version of the portal. On-site support will be available June 4-7 at 70 Sip Avenue, Multimedia Lab. This service is being provided by volunteers from the Portal 3.1.3 Committee. These volunteers will not be designing pages or creating pages from scratch but rather assisting with editing web parts and other page features.

The new portal will “go live” on Monday, June 11, 2012.

ACADEMIC LAB ASSISTANTS LUNCHEON

A ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, lab assistants working in NHHEC and Journal Square campus met and enjoyed a multicultural lunch because lab assistants represent different countries including Cuba, Ecuador, Colombia, Egypt, Algeria, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala, India, the Phillipines, Morocco and Peru.
Hudson County Community College Foundation Launches Annual Scholarship Appeal Campaign

The Board of Directors of the Hudson County Community College Foundation announced that the Foundation is embarking upon a fundraising initiative to expand the world of possibilities for Hudson County residents.

The HCCC Foundation recently began its Annual Scholarship Appeal, which is designed to increase the number of scholarships provided to deserving HCCC students.

“Our student scholars include recent high-school graduates, single moms who delayed pursuing their higher-education goals, working men and women who want to provide for their families with careers … not just jobs, and individuals who have been in the workforce and now find it necessary to retool or reinvent their lives,” said HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone.

Mr. Sansone informed that thanks to the generosity of its donors, the HCCC Foundation has provided more than $1.5 million in scholarships over the years. A donation of $3,200 will fund a full scholarship and $1,600 will fund a partial scholarship. As a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation, the HCCC Foundation provides tax-exempt status to contributions.

“We want the members of our community to understand that no donation is too small and every gift is greatly appreciated and will go a long way in helping our students achieve their academic goals,” Mr. Sansone stated.

Established in 1997, the Hudson County Community College Foundation plays an integral role in the development of HCCC students, the College and the community. The Foundation is dedicated to generating financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, providing seed money for the development of faculty programs, and providing for the College’s physical growth.

The second and third weeks will include instruction on how to cook the items on those menus in the state-of-the-art kitchens of the College’s award-winning Culinary Arts Institute, the same kitchens used by Cake Boss Buddy Valastro for the cable TV show, “Cake Boss: The Next Great Baker,” and by the producers of the Progresso Soup “Ring-Ring” commercials.

Through the efforts of the HCCC Foundation, over 160 books, catalogs, and journals were added to the LRC circulating and reference collections over the past months. These gifts, acquired from a number of donors, represent a major increase in the number of materials dealing with the visual arts available to our school community.

In order to complement the growing-by_donation campus art collection, acquiring print and non-print materials to support research related to works gracing the walls of buildings on both campuses has become a focus for the Foundation Fine Arts Committee. To this end, the library collection now contains books dealing with the art of Chakaia Booker (2 pieces in the collection), Ricardo Barros (2 photos in the collection), Elizabeth Catlett (2 lithographs), Willie Cole (3 lithographs), Larry Fink (1 photo), Don Nice (1 work), and William Wegman (2 photos).

Hudson County Community College Offers ‘Summer Camp’ Program for Teens

Hudson County Community College announced that the College will offer a Summer Camp program for young women and men ages 14 to 17. The program, which will run from Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 27, will provide instruction in graphic and digital design and in menu development and creative cooking. Sessions will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the College’s Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street, two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Station in Jersey City.

In the first week of the HCCC Summer Camp program, participants will be afforded the opportunity to learn and develop valuable graphic and digital design skills by developing, designing and producing their own menus. The cost of the HCCC Summer Camp program, which has been developed through the College’s non-credit Community Education division, is $995.00 and includes lunch each day. Space is limited, and parents/guardians interested in obtaining more information and registering their children may do so by phoning (201) 360-4224 or emailing rfairchild@hccc.edu.

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Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture to photographs of 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 craft pottery and sculpture to photographs to modern and contemporary collections.

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

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The HCCC Foundation gratefully acknowledges Clifford Brooks for donating a collection of vintage opera posters and memorabilia installed at 70 Sip Avenue in the A119 conference room. The space is much used for training, conferences, and student affairs, and is available to the HCCC community by appointment. Please contact Felicia Allen at (201) 360-4112 for information. (Editor’s note: See related article on this page.)

The Foundation also acknowledges Christopher and Joan G. D. Madormo in honor of the 100th birthday of Mr. Richard Joyce, as well as recent donations from Clifford Brooks, Elizabeth A. Bogert in honor of Sister Mary Gemma, the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary of the Blue Chapel in Union City, and an anonymous donor.

ARTIST NEWS

New work by artists in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection was recently on exhibit in Newark at Gallery Aferro. This exhibition featured alumni of Gallery Aferro’s award-winning artists residency program. The artists whose works are also in our collection are Dahlia Elsayed (in the Student Lounge at NHHEC), Hiroshi Kumagai (in the fourth floor Student Lounge of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center), and Margaret Murphy (installed on the fourth floor hallway of 25 Journal Square).

Nancy Cohen, whose work Procession is installed in Dean Sirangelo’s reception area on the third floor at 870 Bergen Ave., will be having a show, Nancy Cohen: Precarious Exchange at the Hunterdon Art Museum, 7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, N.J. through Sept. 9, 2012. The exhibition includes work created from glass, resin and found objects.

Franc Palaia, whose work Circo Italiano is installed on the second floor hallway at 119 Newkirk Street, was selected as one of Kean University of New Jersey’s “Distinguished Alumni of 2012.”

In honor of what would have been the 100th birthday of photographer, musician, filmmaker and writer Gordon Parks, the International Center for Photography in New York City in cooperation with The Gordon Parks Foundation has mounted an exhibit, Gordon Parks: 100 Years, on display through Jan. 6, 2013. This includes a large-scale photo mural and slideshow of more than 50 photographs he captured throughout his career. The installation was curated by Dr. Maurice Berger. The exhibit is at 1133 Avenue of the Americas at 43rd Street. To see Place de la Concorde, a work by Gordon Parks at HCCC, visit the lobby of the fourth floor of 70 Sip Avenue.

TO SUPPORT ARTS AT HCCC

The HCCC Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation, and thereby gives tax-exempt status to contributions. We welcome donations for art for the benefit of students and the community. Monetary donations for art purchase are maximized by matching funds, and donations are given not only for acquiring works of art, but also for special events, and items in kind, such as art books for the College library.

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.

HCCC Launches ‘Opera Room’ at 70 Sip Avenue

The first volume of a new series that brings life as an art form that can be understood and enjoyed by everyone was written by Clifford Brooks, part-time librarian at both the North Hudson and Jersey City campuses.

Music! Words! Opera! Hansel and Gretel, published and distributed exclusively by GIA Publications, challenges students to think about communication and storytelling that can reach beyond speaking and writing. Because opera is a multi-art form, it invites students to explore several of the basic ways humans communicate — through words, dance, drama, and visual arts. The teacher friendly text, which appeared in March, includes complete lesson plans, suggestions for curriculum integration, an opera outline, activities, handouts, study questions, assessment tools, a DVD, and a glossary. Future components in this series, also authored by Mr. Brooks, will feature the operas Aida, Madame Butterfly, and Magic Flute, as well as a Create Your Own Music! Words! Opera! module to guide teachers and students through the process of composing and producing an original work of musical theater.

Mr. Brooks was a principal author of the Music! Words! Opera! (MWO) curriculum series published by MMB in conjunction with OPERA America in the 1990s. Still in use in over 30 school districts in this country and Canada, MWO was the first textbook to use a cross-disciplinary approach to the study of operatic masterpieces combined with the experience of K-12 students creating and producing their own pieces of music theater.
**Notibreves**

ROGELIO ‘ROGER’ SALES, RESIDENTE DE UNION CITY, FUE NOMBRADO ALUMNO DESTACADO DEL AÑO DE LA CLASE 2012 DE HCCC

Rogelio “Rogelio” Sales, quien no pensaba que era “material universitario” hace dos años, estuvo en el escenario como el Alumno Destacado del Año de la clase del 2012 y fue honrado en la 34va. Ceremonia de Graduación, el pasado Miércoles, 23 de Mayo. El evento se llevó a cabo en el Prudential Hall del New Jersey Performing Arts en Newark, N.J. Más de 900 estudiantes recibieron sus grados esa noche.

Nacido en Hoboken, el Sr. Sales reside en Union City, donde fue criado. Mientras trabajaba hacia un Grado de Asociado en Vidrieras, planea ser maestro de Inglés en la escuela secundaria de Union City.

El Sr. Sales también fue el ganador del concurso de Escritura de Servicios de Tutoría 2011. En su ensayo, explicó lo que fue crecer en Union City como un Latino que hablaba de poco a nada de Español.

El Sr. Sales continuará su educación, con una beca completa, en New Jersey City University, que es conocida por sus programas de enseñanza. El Sr. Sales, que cree fuertemente en la importancia de exponer a niños a figuras masculinas, planea ser maestro de Inglés en la escuela secundaria de Union City.

“Rogelio Sales es un magnífico ejemplo a seguir y sabemos que será un maestro modelo. Estamos muy orgullosos de él y de sus éxitos, y le deseamos todo lo mejor en cumplir sus futuras metas,” dijo el Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC.

Paul Silverman Fue Presentado con el Premio a la Herencia en la Ceremonia de Graduación de Hudson County Community College 2012

Paul Silverman, un Principal voluntario en algunas de las sesiones de tutoría temprano, ha trabajado sin descanso en dar a la comunidad, sobre todo, el Sr. Silverman a la invocación del acto. El Sr. Silverman es Presidente Emeritus de la Fundación de Hudson County Community College. Adicionalmente, sirve en la junta de: el Centro de Prevención de Abuso a la Niñez del Condado de Hudson, del Comité de Estrategias para el Desarrollo Económico del Condado de Hudson, Asociación de Transporte de Hudson, Junta de inversión en la Fuerza Laboral del Condado de Hudson y de la Cámara de Comercio del Condado de Hudson. Además es Administrador Emeritus de su alma mater, Muhlenberg College de Allentown, PA.

“No hay duda de que el Condado de Hudson ha sido energizado y mejorado como resultado de los esfuerzos de Paul Silverman,” dijo el Dr. Glen Gabert, Presidente de HCCC. “Estamos muy contentos de poder honrar al Sr. Silverman con el Premio a la Herencia de este año y poder reconocerlo por todo lo que ha hecho por la Universidad.”

El Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, Presidente de la Asociación Americana de Universidades Comunitarias, dio el discurso de apertura, en la Ceremonia de Graduación 2012 de Hudson County Community College. El Reverendo Robert Reiser, S.J., Presidente de la Escuela Preparatoria Saint Peter’s, hizo la invocación del acto. El Alumno Destacado del Año es Rogelio “Rogelio” Sales, de Union City.

Rogelio Sales

Paul Silverman
Union City Resident Rogelio ‘Roger’ Sales Named Valedictorian of Hudson County Community College Class of 2012

Rogelio “Roger” Sales, who did not think he was “college material” two years ago, took the stage as the Valedictorian of Hudson County Community College’s Class of 2012 on Wednesday evening, May 23 in New Jersey Performing Arts Center’s Prudential Hall in Newark, NJ. More than 900 students were awarded degrees that evening.

Born in Hoboken, Mr. Sales resides in Union City, where he was raised. While working towards his Associate of Arts degree in Elementary/Secondary Education in the College’s Honors Program, he was a member of the College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges, and most recently served as the organization’s Vice President. He was also a member of Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for community and junior colleges, and was the Treasurer of the Hudson County Community College Psychology Club.

As a Phi Theta Kappa member, Mr. Sales participated in a number of community projects, including an initiative in which he tutored students in Union City on Saturday mornings. He also volunteered as an ambassador at several of the College’s orientation events for incoming freshman students.

In his essay, he explained that it was like to grow up as a Latino in Union City who spoke little or no Spanish.

Sales credits his Phi Theta Kappa advisors Professor Ted Lai and Dr. Lloyd Kahn, as well as his College Composition I Instructor Georgia Spiridakos for helping him achieve his academic success at the College. He says he also developed certain habits which contributed to that success, including sitting in the front of the classroom (directly before the instructor), making and keeping friends who share his interests and goals, and listening to music as he studies.

Mr. Sales has decided to continue his education on full scholarship at New Jersey City University, which is known for its teaching programs. Sales, who believes it is important to expose children to strong male figures, plans to teach high school English in Union City.

“Rogelio Sales has been a wonderful example for his peers here at Hudson County Community College and he will be a terrific role model as a high school teacher,” said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. “We are very proud of him and his accomplishments and wish him great success in all of his future endeavors.”

For more Commencement photo/video coverage, please visit:

EVENT PHOTOS: www.digiproofs.com (password 052312HCCC)
DIPLOMA PHOTOS: www.americancandids.com (password HCCC2012)
VIDEO: www.youtube.com/user/HudsonCountyCollege
The keynote speaker at Hudson County Community College’s Commencement Exercises was Walter G. Bumphus, Ph.D., the President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges. The College’s Commencement celebration was held on Wednesday evening, May 23 in Prudential Hall at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, N.J.

Dr. Bumphus, who has more than three decades of service in higher education, began his career as Director of Minority Affairs at Kentucky’s Murray State University. He went on to become Dean of Students at East Arkansas Community College and was later named Vice President and Dean of Students at Maryland’s Howard Community College. In 1991, Dr. Bumphus was named President of Brookhaven College, one of seven colleges of the Dallas County Community College District (TX).

In 1993, Bumphus was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges — which is considered the leading proponent and national voice for community colleges — and he became Board Chair in 1996. Dr. Bumphus worked in the private sector of education as President of the Higher Education Division of Voyager Expanded Learning. In 2000, he was named Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, which became one of the country’s fastest growing colleges. He subsequently served as President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and was responsible for the creation of two technical community colleges, the development of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Leadership Development Institute, as well as statewide efforts for articulation agreements. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Dr. Bumphus led the recovery efforts to ensure students and displaced employees received the assistance they needed. LCTCS later conferred upon him the title of President Emeritus of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

From 2007 to January 1, 2011, Dr. Bumphus served as a professor in the Community College Leadership Program and as Chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas at Austin. He held the A. M. Aikin Regents Endowed Chair in Junior and Community College Education Leadership.

Dr. Bumphus holds a Bachelor’s degree in speech communications and a Master’s degree in guidance and counseling from Murray State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds the distinction of being one of the few leaders in the field of education to receive the National CEO of the Year Award, to chair the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors, and to receive the AACC National Leadership Award.

“You are entering a world that is so different from the one that I entered when I graduated college. I believe this leaves you in the best possible position to follow your dreams.”

— Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, 2012 Commencement Speaker
On Thursday, April 19, Career & Transfer Services along with the Culinary Arts Institute at Hudson County Community College hosted its spring semester Career Fair. The campus event took place in the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center and was a resounding success.

Diane Gotlieb, Coordinator for Career & Transfer Services along with Counselor, Stephanie Anne Kuran and Recruitment Specialist Janine Nunez organized a professional and exciting event for students and alumni to network and build connections with employers. Nearly 200 students from all majors turned up for the exciting event to meet with a variety of employers who were offering opportunities that ranged from full-time work to summer internships.

The employers were from hotels, restaurants and catering companies, along with businesses, the military, law enforcement and nonprofit organizations. Many recruiters walked away with several viable candidates for positions. Students found excellent opportunities and appointments for formal interviews.

The College was happy to see many familiar faces from companies that had participated in past events. In particular, Jersey City Public Schools, New Jersey State Police, Rising Tide Capital, AMC, Westin Hotels, and The Jersey Journal have always had great success with finding impressive students to fill new positions.

The College were even more excited to meet new companies who were interested in participating for the first time. New recruiters from MetLife and Aflac were especially pleased with the level of candidates that were presented to them. Aflac recruiters were eager to bring students onboard who had previous military experience and this event was the perfect opportunity to connect with our Veteran students.

Diamond Hut Jewelers has already inquired about adding another posting to CTS’ portal page, and Blueliner Marketing credited the event with assisting them with locating a Marketing Intern. Additionally, the (Continued on page 18)

Hudson County Community College Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone reminded that the College will hold its Ninth Annual Golf Outing fundraiser on Monday, July 9, 2012. The event will take place at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, New Jersey. A 9 a.m. shotgun start has been scheduled to get the event off with a “bang.”

This year’s event is being co-chaired by Foundation Board of Directors members Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., Philip Johnston, Kevin O’Connor, Charlene Pecora, Michael Raimonde, Michael Ryan, and Ronald Schwarz. The daylong HCCC Foundation Golf Outing will include a continental breakfast, play (with refreshments on the course), cocktails, luncheon and awards. The event has been planned so that there will activities (and fun!) for both golfers and non-golfers. While the event is open to a limited number of golfers, some spots are still available.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Now in its thirteenth year of operation, the organization generates finan-
COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: JUNE 2012

SUMMER REGISTRATION

Hudson County Community College’s Communications Department has launched an aggressive campaign to increase enrollment in the College’s summer sessions.

A page has been added to the College website (www.hccc.edu/summer) where prospective students may find out upcoming information sessions (see related article on this page), view the College Catalog and Summer/Fall Course Schedule, and even apply online!

Prospective students may also be directed to the College’s website when they perform a search on Google for certain terms or on display ads related to these terms.

These features are also available at a dedicated Summer 2012 page on the College’s Facebook fan page.

FACEBOOK CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Cindy Felder, who was the winner of the Communications Department’s Facebook Fan Contest. If you haven’t already become a Facebook fan of the College, do it today!

Visit HCCC at www.facebook.com/hcccedu

FOLLOW HCCC ON PINTEREST!

Hudson County Community College has now established a page at Pinterest! Pinning is an application allowing members to organize and share items from the web. Members use boards in a variety of ways.

Best of all, members can browse pins and boards created by other people. Browsing pins is a fun way to discover new things and get inspiration from people who share your interests.


KEEP TELLING US YOUR STORIES!

Congratulations to Hudson County Community College’s Class of 2012, and thanks to the students who were willing to share their experiences at the College!

Communications is always interested in stories about our interesting and outstanding students, alumni, administration, faculty and staff to use in publicity as well as marketing materials. Please contact the department at communications@hccc.edu.

HCCC Schedules Summer Information Sessions for Prospective Students

Learn how you can advance your career by obtaining a degree at Hudson County Community College! We are offering several opportunities this summer for you to learn more about our programs. We will be available to share information and answer questions about:

- The Admissions Process
- Financial Aid
- Courses & Degrees
- Transfer Opportunities after HCCC
- Career Training Programs
- Wednesday, August 8, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Room 511, Jersey City, NJ 07306
- Thursday, August 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room (N 203), North Hudson Higher Education Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, NJ 07087

For further information or to RSVP for any of these sessions, please e-mail admissions@hccc.edu.
FACULTY SENATE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, May 2, the Faculty Senate held its annual Awards and Recognition Celebration Dinner. Every year, at the end of the spring semester, faculty, administrators and other members of the College gather to applaud those members of our community who deserve special recognition for their distinguished accomplishments and numerous contributions in teaching and service over the academic year. A dinner and social were followed by the ceremony, which recognized and awarded a total of nine faculty members.

Faculty Senate Vice President Joseph Colicchio first presented Professor Dr. Patricia O’Gara, Angela Pack, Jeremiah Teipen and Susannah Wexler were then recognized by their peers for achieving tenure and for their many contributions to teaching, students and the mission of the college. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Eric Friedman read the biographies of each tenured recipient while he and Faculty Senate President Michael Ferlise presented them with framed certificates. Dr. Raffaella Pernice, biology instructor, was also recognized and honored for her recent promotion from associate professor to full professor.

“We are very fortunate,” Faculty Senate President Ferlise added afterwards, “to have increased our ranks with new tenured members of their high caliber - each has made her or his own unique and numerous contributions to the cultural life of our College, the mission of public education and our students.” Mr. Ferlise thanked everyone for their commitment to maintaining high academic standards and praised their efforts.

Professors Eva Kozlenko, Dr. Patrick Moore, Lauren

Population Changes of School-Aged Children in Hudson County: Institutional Research

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

Assessing population dynamics is critically important for college planners. The changes in the age-distribution of school-aged children in the county have implications for future college enrollment. Data from the Census, American Community Survey (ACS) and the New Jersey Department of Labor point to a decline in the population of children and enrollment in primary and secondary schools in the county. The projected drop in secondary school students will eventually mean fewer college going high school graduates, assuming there are no dramatic shifts in immigration, inter-state migration, fertility and mortality rates.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey
HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ALUMNI ATTEND HOMECOMING RECEPTION

Hudson County Community College scheduled its Annual Alumni Homecoming Reception for Monday, April 30 in the HCCC Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center.

HCCC Vice President of Development Joseph D. Sansone invited all of the College’s graduates to attend the Homecoming Reception. “We wanted to reacquaint our graduates with the College, which has grown enormously and has been physically transformed these past few years,” Mr. Sansone stated. “All of our graduates have played a role in the College becoming a trusted institution that provides life-changing educational opportunities for our community.”

Mr. Sansone said that the event also provided alumni with opportunities to catch up with old classmates and faculty and to network.

The 2012 HCCC Homecoming Reception was catered exclusively by the faculty and staff of the College’s Culinary Arts Institute.

“We are pleased that this event was well-attended and that it will serve as the first step to the College engaging graduates and establishing a formal Alumni Association,” Mr. Sansone said.

SAVE THE DATE!
Alumni Association Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2012
6 p.m.
Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center
For more information, please call (201) 360-4006.

INSTRUCTOR Mohamed Bel Haj Abdallah (left) confirms the winning 50/50 ticket of an alumnus attending the homecoming. Instructor Bel Haj Abdallah will help develop the College’s Alumni Association.

The Abegail Douglas-Johnson Academic Support Services Department hosted a Writers’ Roundtable session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the Writing Center.

Many students, faculty, and administrators attended this wonderful event. Prof. Barry Tomkins and Dr. David Winner shared their writings and books with the attendees. They expressed their passion for writing with the audience, discussing various topics related to the art of writing and publishing.

The attendees were given the opportunity to share their ideas and views with the writers. Prof. Barry Tomkins, Dr. David Winner, and Prof. Monika Czekaj gave students inspiring tips and guidelines related to the writing process and publishing. The participants enjoyed this event.

A special thanks to Prof. Barry Tomkins and Dr. David Winner for giving their time and expertise in order to make this event possible.
June 2012 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 CPT:

a. Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave).

b. To review for the College (College Board’s “Accuplacer”), please visit: www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/

c. 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:

a. Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.

b. Bring photo ID (Driver’s License / Passport / Green Card / Student ID).

c. Have your College Wide ID number.

d. 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. CLEP testing will resume at the College in February. For more information on CLEP, please visit: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html

Before Taking the CLEP Exam:

a. Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192, as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.

b. All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

c. HCCC students must have a permit to take the CLEP (form available at the Testing Center).

d. All students must pay a $20 HCCC service fee (non-refundable) per examination at the Bursar’s Office, located at 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, or the North Hudson Center Main Office, located at 6515 Polk St., West New York. This fee must be paid prior to setting an appointment for the exam. Testers must show receipt on the day of CLEP exam.

e. Note: CLEP exams, as well as testing at the North Hudson Higher Education Center, are taking place this month. Please contact the Testing Center for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

On the Day of the CLEP Exam:

a. Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.

b. Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver’s License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, Military ID).

c. Bring $20 receipt from Bursar’s Office.

d. Bring $77 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted). (Note: Fee will increase to $80 as of July 1, 2012.)

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.

Changes Effective July 1, 2012

Please take note of the following:

- Effective July 1, 2012, the Ability to Benefit exam will no longer be available.

- Effective July 1, 2012, the CLEP exam fee will increase to $80.

The testing schedule for June follows (test sessions indicated with an asterisk (*) are by appointment only):

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

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

- Wednesday, June 6 — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 9:15 a.m.* or 1:15 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place

- Thursday, June 7 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC

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

- Tuesday, June 12 — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 9:15 a.m.* or 1:15 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place

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

- Thursday, June 14 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC

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

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

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

- Thursday, June 21 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC

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

- Tuesday, June 26 — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place and NHHEC

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

- Thursday, June 28 — 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.
### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, June 2 –

#### Saturday, July 7

*Microsoft Word 2007* - Learn the MS Word basics and much more so you can create professional-looking résumés, letters and newsletters. Through our lectures and in-class lab exercises you’ll learn to create, save and edit documents, format and align text, adjust margins and tab settings, insert graphics, create and format tables, work with charts and watermarks. Plus, you’ll become acquainted with more advanced functions like mailmerge and Web features. Tuition: $195 plus $15 lab fee.

Meetings Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

#### Monday, June 11 –

#### Wednesday, July 11

*Introduction to Illustration* - This class will introduce a professional process, beginning to end, of creating an illustration through the use of various techniques and water-based media. At the end of this course, students will have experienced a method for producing a representational painting and have knowledge of color mixing, composition and the use of photographic reference.

Tuition: $225 plus studio/lab fees of $25. (Students will be given a supply list at the first class.) Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (no class July 4).

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#### Tuesday, June 5

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.

#### Wednesday, June 6

*Fundamentals of Ice Cream, Sorbet & Gelato* - Now’s the time you want to enjoy frozen desserts every day! Our class will acquaint you with ice cream, sorbet and gelato, and teach you the latest techniques for developing unbelievable flavors. Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

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#### Thursday, June 14

Last day to withdraw from Summer Session I

#### College Information Session, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. For further information e-mail admissions@hccc.edu.

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EOF Summer Refresher Program for returning students

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#### Wednesday, June 13

Smoothie Bar, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

*Hello, Cupcake!* - Surprise and delight your family and friends with imaginative, delectable cupcakes for every occasion. You’ll learn how to transform the everyday plain cupcake into a work of art by using your imagination, and a few simple techniques and items readily available at your local supermarket! Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

#### Saturday, June 16

Bike Ride Tour through Central Park offered by the Office of Student Activities. Departure from 25 Journal Square at 8:30 a.m. Admission $20 per person (includes ticket and transportation).

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TIAA-CREF individual counseling sessions, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Human Resources Office, 70 Sip Ave. To reserve a place, please call (877) 658-4221.

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 used for the preparation, including ingredient selection, sanitation and serving techniques. Tuition: $75. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Wednesday, June 20
Craft Your Own Jewelry - Just in time for holiday gift giving! Learn how to make beautiful, intricate jewelry using macramé and beadwork. Materials included. Tuition: $90. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246 or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

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Saturday, June 23
Hershey Park Day Trip offered by the Office of Student Activities. Departure from 25 Journal Square at 8 a.m. Admission $40 per person (includes admission, transportation and lunch).

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Air Brush Tattoos, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., North Hudson Higher Education Center

Wednesday, June 27 & Thursday, June 28
Final exams for Summer Session I

HCCC FOUNDER TO HOLD NINTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ON JULY 9

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The Foundation also provides seed money for new programs, faculty development and the Col Registration for this year’s Golf Outing may be made by phoning the College’s Development Office at (201) 360-4006, or by emailing Mr. Sansone at jsansone@hccc.edu. Complete information on the Golf Outing — and all of the Foundation’s activities — is available online at www.hccc.edu.

Hudson County Community College Hosts Student Career Fair on April 19

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Marines were also delighted with their employment prospects.

A great deal of work and preparation went into making this the event the success that it was. As the summer approaches we understand that our students are eager to obtain employment and grow their network and experience through internships and volunteer work. We hope that the event created a welcoming and personal atmosphere for our students and recruiters. We look forward to presenting another successful Career Fair in the fall on Friday, November 2, 2012 and are currently working on building new employer relationships.
HCC Happenings

Because she felt her children’s pursuit of a college education but postponed her dream of community college several times, visited Hudson County Community College in the next two decades, she emigrated from Guyana to the United States. Over the course of the next two decades, she visited Hudson County Community College several times, and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges.

On Wednesday, May 23, Ms. Travelino was among HCCC’s graduates, receiving an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education. This Fall, she will attend New Jersey City University to work towards her Bachelor’s degree — and eventually her Master’s degree — in Psychology and Early Childhood Education.

In 1988, Naomi Ferreira, her husband and four children emigrated from Guyana to the United States. Over the course of the next two decades, she visited Hudson County Community College several times, but postponed her dream of pursuing a college education because she felt her children’s education was more important. In 2009, Ms. Ferreira registered for and began her studies at Hudson County Community College.

“Working full time and attending school was not easy, but I loved every minute of it. I never missed a class and was never late for one,” said Ms. Ferreira who is 57 years of age and who was also be awarded her Associate degree in Early Childhood Education on May 23rd. It is “… a dream come true for me,” she stated.

Jack Pettigrew is a full-time firefighter with Kearny Engine #1. Born in Jersey City and raised in Harrison, Mr. Pettigrew retired from the U.S. Navy with the highest rank — Chief — in April 2011. He had completed three tours-of-duty (52 months) in the Middle East after 9/11.

Chief Pettigrew, who is now 58 years of age and holds a degree from the University of Rhode Island, had watched HCCC Culinary Arts Institute Executive Director/Chef Paul Dillon’s cooking program on cable TV and determined that he wanted to pursue a full-time culinary career. And so, in Spring of 2010, he began his studies at the College’s acclaimed Culinary Arts Institute under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Chief got back on his “sea legs” to complete an externship as the ship’s cook on a 100-foot schooner for Maine Windjammer Cruises. He credited his fellow firefighters at Engine #1 for helping cover for him so he could meet the 600 hours required for the externship.

In late June, after graduating with his Associate degree in Culinary Arts, Chief Pettigrew plans to retire from the firehouse and work for Maine Windjammer over the summer. He then intends to either pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Culinary Arts at Fairleigh Dickinson University or a full-time culinary career.

Irvington resident Linda Bell also plans to pursue a career in the culinary world. Born in Newark and the eldest of six children, Ms. Bell graduated magna cum laude from the College with her Associate degree in Culinary Arts. She is the first college graduate in her family.

While pursuing her degree at Hudson County Community College, Ms. Bell, who is 59 years of age, was on the Dean’s List every semester, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Chi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. She was also a member of the Culinary Arts Club.

Ms. Bell has been accepted to Fairleigh Dickinson University, Montclair State University and Johnson & Wales.

Among the 1,060 graduates at the College’s Commencement Exercises were two gentlemen who are more familiar to HCCC students as members of the Cambridge Security force at the College — Evidence Thomas and Patrick Mbong.

A native of Nigeria, Mr. Thomas emigrated to the United States in 2007 and has since become a citizen of this country. Mr. Thomas relates that even as a child he was passionate about wanting to become an accounts receivable professional.

Now 35 years of age, Mr. Thomas opted to work full-time as a security officer at the College while pursuing his studies on a full-time basis. “I didn’t enjoy my free time like most of my friends,” he said.

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Recent Gifts Enhance LRC Art Collection

Thus, students interested in art analysis and study can pick an item from the art collection and then support their critiques with research materials from our expanding collection of print materials and other media.

Although many of the donated books deal with contemporary art, works on Fra Filippo Lippi, Vermeer, Roussseau, Pissarro, Sargent, Rembrandt, and Homer help to fill gaps in the library’s coverage of general art history. In addition, a large number of books in the Great Museums of the World series (Newsweek/ Mondadori) have been added to the collection through a gift from the estate of Arnold Rose, MD.

For students interested in the arts of other cultures, a number of books dealing with Asian art are to be counted among those donated. Quilts, fabric, and screens are the main subjects of other print materials that enhance the LRC holdings in the decorative arts.

Since HCCC now maintains two full-time libraries, gifts remain an important component in the collection development process. It is all the more beneficial to the college when donations so obviously support the curriculum of the school, all the while responding to the needs and interests of our diverse learning and teaching community.
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Brown University; and U.S. Senator Robert Menendez.

As Principals of their firm, Mr. Silverman and his brother Eric have helped transform the landscape of Hudson County, by building neighborhoods. SILVERMAN began its development efforts in 1981 with the renovation of an apartment building in Jersey City’s Paulus Hook section. In the years since, the firm has restored historic landmarks, advocated for the development of mixed-use buildings, included cultural and recreational spaces into their developments, and championed small and innovative retail businesses and other enterprises by incorporating them into the neighborhoods they created and recreated.

More importantly, Mr. Silverman has been tireless in his work of giving back to the community as a volunteer. “I am an enthusiastic volunteer,” he says. Mr. Silverman is Chairman Emeritus of the Hudson County Community College Foundation. Additionally, he serves on the boards of the Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Center, Hudson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Hudson County Workforce Investment Board and Hudson County Chamber of Commerce. He is also a Trustee Emeritus of his alma mater, Muhlenberg College of Allentown, Pa.

“There is no doubt that Hudson County has been energized and improved as a result of Paul Silverman’s community efforts,” said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert. “We are very pleased to be able to honor Mr. Silverman with this year’s Heritage Award and to recognize him for all he has done for the College.”

Hudson County Community College’s Class of 2012 Reflects the ‘New’ Face of College Students

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But keeping focused on his studies and working hard certainly paid off and won him a place on the Dean’s List.

“Attending Hudson County Community College allowed me to seek great opportunities” … and “to support myself and live a better life,” Thomas said. After graduation, he plans to attain a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting from New Jersey City University.

Patrick Mbong is 44 years of age. A native of Cameroon who is married and the father of one child, Mr. Mbong stated: “For as long as I can remember, I have known what I wanted to do with my life, and criminal justice has always been a passion of mine. Dedication to my life to improving the lives of others is very appealing to me.”

Mr. Mbong said that determining to pursue an Associate’s degree was one of the most difficult decisions he ever made, because he knew it would be rigorous, financially costly and tough on his wife and son. Mbong earned a scholarship from the Hudson County Community College Foundation for six semesters, and thus, the financial burden was eased and he was able to focus on learning.

On May 23, Mr. Mbong graduated with honors, having maintained a 3.76 grade point average. He will continue his studies towards a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice at New Jersey City University.

“I believe studying here (HCCC) is something that every college student should do to help expand their horizons, and to appreciate everything the world has to offer,” Patrick Mbong stated. “Knowing Hudson County Community College was the right and best place gave me strength … I will never forget it and the people who helped me become the strong and independent man that I will be upon graduation day.”