On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Hudson County Community College’s Board of Trustees held its first “green” (or paperless) meeting. All materials necessary to conduct business during the meeting were circulated and accessed electronically. This sustainable practice will not only help reduce the College’s printing expenses but also reduce impact on the environment.

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

Alison Bach, Instructor of English
Nicole Behman, Coordinator, Non-Credit Programs
Allen Foster, Instructor of Business
Craig McLaughlin, Instructor of Psychology
Marc Mittleman, Instructor of Accounting
Carol Van Houten, Executive Director, Library/Learning Resources Center

NEW DEGREE: CULINARY ARTS — BAKING & PASTRY OPTION

In May 2012, the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees approved a new degree program—Associate in Applied Science in Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry Option. Students who select this major will undertake the same first-semester classes as Culinary Arts students before taking baking and pastry courses for the second, third and fourth semesters.

The Culinary Arts Institute developed eight new courses for this degree option. HCCC can seek The degree can apply for ACFEF accreditation in two years.

COMING SOON: MOBILE WEBSITE

Communications will launch a mobile version of the College’s website. Users will be able to obtain College-related information from their smartphones and tablets. Stay tuned!
Applications are now being sought for the following positions:

- Adjunct Instructors (Fall 2012)
- Assistant Chief Information Officer
- Coordinator of Evening/Weekend and Off-Site Services
- Executive Administrative Assistant (Student Affairs)
- Lab Technician for Chemistry and Biology (North Hudson Higher Education Center)
- Manager, Web & Portal Services
- Online Adjunct Instructors (Fall 2012)

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.

Saturday, September 1 – Monday, September 3
Labor Day Weekend; College Closed

Saturday, September 1 – Saturday, October 20
Pre-NLN (National League of Nursing) Admission Exam Preparation Course - The Pre-NLN Admission Exam evaluates the academic ability of nursing majors so as to identify the most qualified candidates among those interested in taking the clinical course at Christ Hospital School of Nursing. The course assists students in preparing for the exam by mastering the subject matter covered in the math and science portions. Students will also learn test-taking strategies that will help them achieve a high composite score. Tuition: $225. Meets Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, September 4
Trinidadian Steel Band, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; and 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Wednesday, September 5 – Wednesday, October 24
Microsoft Office 2007 for Business - Unleash the power of all four applications of the Office Suite, and broaden your job, promotion and career opportunities with this much-sought-after skill! Microsoft purposely designed these applications to work together - now, you’ll know how. Through lectures and lab work, learn to use Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access, and to integrate all four to produce complex reports with tables and graphics. Prerequisite: Must be experienced with computers. Tuition: $195 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN

On Saturday, Oct. 27, Beta Alpha Phi will host a Halloween Party for Children and a food drive in the Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. The planning for the party has begun.

Volunteers are needed to work on the activities, refreshments, decorations, hosting, cleanup, and contacting local merchants for donations. The guests will be asked to bring food donations, which will be given to a food pantry.

‘MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER’

The American Cancer Society will hold its annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer in Lincoln Park, Jersey on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The Kickoff Breakfast was held at the Jersey City Westin, 479 Washington Boulevard on Friday, Aug. 10, where team packets were distributed. If you are interested in attending the Kickoff or volunteering at Making Strides, please contact Professor Lai.

Natalie Baron set up a team for the chapter, “Beta Alpha Phi of HCCC;” search for the team website at http://makingstrides.acsevents.org. Here one may join the team or make a donation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Saturday, Sept. 8: Chapter Meeting, Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square, 10 a.m.
• Saturday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29: Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
• Sunday, Sept. 16: Hackensack Riverkeeper Cleanup, Van Saun Mill Brook, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For the past several weeks, administrators and staff at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) have been working non-stop in an attempt to prevent thousands of students from being dropped from enrollment due to changes in criteria for financial aid from the federal government.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert said the changes in eligibility for grant and loan funding are substantial and will impact about 1,500 students immediately. He noted that the College’s Division of Student Affairs has been working since June to notify students of the changes and to assist them in finding the financial means to continue or to begin their studies.

Dr. Gabert said Hudson County Community College has one of the most proactive and successful Financial Aid Departments, and that its staff is doing everything possible to reduce the effects of these new regulations on HCCC students.

“When we learned of students who lost eligibility or were in danger of losing eligibility, we immediately notified them via phone, email and snail-mail so we could begin the appeal process with them. We even utilized an outside firm that specializes in outreach to contact them. However, only about 30% of those students have replied,” he said.

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1.) The maximum Pell Grant will remain at the current level of $5,500 for the 2012-13 academic year. Currently, a family with an annual income of $32,000 or less automatically qualifies for the full amount. However, the new legislation lowers the annual family income threshold for Pell Grant eligibility to $23,000. 90% of HCCC students receive Pell Grants.

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El Presidente de HCCC Celebra Su 20vo. Aniversario en Septiembre

Hudson County Community College anunció que el Dr. Glen Gabert, celebra su veintevo aniversario como presidente de la Universidad en Septiembre. El Dr. Gabert es el presidente con más años de servicio en la historia de la Universidad y ha sido él conductor tras la fuerza de desarrollo universitario durante las dos últimas décadas.

Nativo de Chicago, el Dr. Gabert obtuvo su Ph.D. de Loyola University, donde fue Schmitt Fellow y miembro de la facultad adjunta de Loyola Graduate School of Education. Además, obtuvo un grado master (pos doctorado) en Recursos Humanos de Graduate School of Management en Rockhurst University (Kansas City). El Dr. Gabert también sostiene un grado master de Notre Dame University (Kansas City) donde fue Decano, y luego como Asistente al Presidente. También fue miembro de la facultad adjunta de dicha universidad durante los seis años que estuvo ahí. De Moraine, fue a Johnson Community College (Overland Park, Kansas) donde fue Decano y su responsabilidad era recursos humanos, desarrollo, investigación institucional y planeo, relaciones públicas/comunicaciones. En su capacidad como Decano, desarrollo las primeras políticas de personal de Johnson, dando liderazgo a un estudio de viabilidad que resultó en el desarrollo del tan aclamado centro de bellas artes de la Universidad.

Cuando el Dr. Gabert se convirtió en Presidente de Hudson County Community College en 1992, fue la quinta persona en sostener esa posición en tres años. En ese entonces, la Universidad había experimentado intervenciones por el Secretario de Educación Superior de New Jersey y hubo discusiones acerca del posible cierre de la Universidad.

En 1992, Hudson County Community College contaba con alrededor de 3,000 estudiantes, y contaba con un edificio. El currículum universitario en ese tiempo, estaba enfocado mayormente en educación de desarrollo y programas de carreras eran limitados. El Dr. Gabert resolvió, asegurar que los residentes del Condado de Hudson fueran entregados programas comprensivos, centrados en estudiantes y transferibles, así como también hermosos lugares para estudio y aprendizaje con lo último en tecnología.

Bajo su guía, y con el apoyo incondicional de la Junta de Administradores de la Universidad, facultad y personal, la Universidad ahora ofrece cursos de estudio que incluye al nacionalmente aclamada Institución de Artes Culinarias y programa de Educación de Desarrollo, un fuerte programa de ESL/Bilingüe, Aliados de la Salud, Justicia Criminal, Administración Hotelera, Seguridad Nacional, Ciencias, y Artes de Estudio en el Computador. Programas para el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral y alianzas cooperativas con organizaciones privadas y de gobierno, también han sido forjadas para preparar a residentes para empleos en enfermería y otros campos de la salud al igual que en administración hotelera. El Centro para Negocios e Industria es el líder del área en desarrollo y entrega de clases educacionales y programas para negocios, organizaciones e individuos.

Persiguiendo sus planes de expansión física de la Universidad, el Dr. Gabert ha sido pionero en el desarrollo de facilidades urbanas. La Universidad ahora cuenta con media docena de edificios en los campus de Jersey City y Union City. Dos de estos edificios son nuevos y receptores del premio al Buen Vecino del New Jersey y Business & Industry Association. Los demás edificios son estructuras – algunas a punto de ser destruidas – que han sido renovadas y dadas propósito. Además, un lote de parqueo fue transformado en un área verde para ser disfrutado por estudiantes, facultad, personal y residentes del área. La mayoría de edificios universitarios son certificados LEED y están envejecidos con lo último en tecnología inalámbrica y seguridad. Todos fueron completados a tiempo y por debajo del presupuesto, con poca incomodidad para residentes y negocios del área.

El Dr. Gabert, no quiere ser recordado por los edificios que construyó, pero por lo que sucede cada día en estos edificios y encabezando sus prioridades ha estado asegurando el éxito de estudiantes en sus estudios, grados, y entrada a instituciones de cuatro años la entrada a carreras productivas y con buena compensación. Viendo que menos de un cuarto de estudiantes en HCCC pudieran pagar costos de matrículas y tasas “de su propio bolsillo” el Dr. Gabert, fue instrumental en el establecimiento de la Fundación de Hudson County Community College en 1997 (que ha provisto becas para más de 1,000 estudiantes) y el desarrollo y operación de la Oficina de Asistencia Financiera de HCCC – u na de las más productivas en New Jersey. En la Primavera del 2012, el Dr. Gabert y el Dr. Eugene Cornacchia, Presidente de St. Peter’s University, firmaron un acuerdo en el que estudiantes graduados de HCCC podrían transferir a SPU, al mismo costo que el de cualquier universidad estatal de New Jersey - un gran abanico para graduados de HCCC. También ha desarrollado asociaciones estratégicas con otras instituciones de cuatro años, incluyendo Fairleigh Dickinson University que permite a estudiantes de Artes Culinarias/Hotelera de HCCC completar sus bachilleratos en el campus en HCCC.

El Dr. Gabert sirve en las juntas de la Cámara de Comercio del Condado de Hudson, el Consejo de Desarrollo Económico del Condado de Hudson, la Corporación de Restauración de Journal Square. Ha presidido el Comité de Presidentes del Consejo de Universidades Comunitarias de New Jersey, donde continua sirviendo como miembro de los Comités de Facilidades y Relaciones de Gobierno. Fue recientemente elegido al Comité Ejecutivo del Consejo de Presidentes de Universidades Comunitarias (49 miembros). También está en la internacional Junta de Directores de la Asociación Latina de Colegios y Universidades (HACU) y en la Comisión de Diversidad de la Asociación Americana de Universidades Comunitarias.

Ha sido públicamente honrado por el Jersey City Rotary Club, la Cámara de Comercio de Meadowlands, United Way of Hudson County, y Phi Theta Kappa.
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 provides updates on artists whose work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

Acknowledgment of Donors

Thank you to Carol Adler, who donated a lithograph by Robert Natkin. Thank you to Elizabeth Bogert, who donated an oil painting in memory of James Bogert. The work, made for Elizabeth Bogert’s father James, was by Sister Hyacinthe of the Blue Chapel of Union City, and will be part of our forthcoming installation honoring the Sisters of the Blue Chapel in Union City who were Hudson County artists during the mid-20th Century. Thank you to the kindness of Clifford Brooks and Ronald Them, who made it possible for us to take a recent field trip to visit the last surviving artist of the group, Sister Mary Gemma of the Blue Chapel in Union City, and share with the nonagenarian Sister how wonderful her artworks look framed. We are planning the installation of the work later this fall.

Save the Date

On Friday, Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m., artist Willie Cole will speak to the HCCC community about his art as part of the HCCC Foundation Artist Talk series. Thanks again to the Adler Jarach Fund of Equity Foundation, the Collection recently acquired Cole’s work Man, Spirit, Mask (1999), and we are planning to install it later this summer. If you’d like to see a short film about Man, Spirit, Mask, check it out on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3kcYf0h7Qj

ARTIST NEWS

The HCCC Foundation Art Collection is pleased to be installing the work of New Jersey-born artists Mike + Doug Starn in the next few weeks. The Metro Museum of Art invited the Starn twins to create a site-specific installation for the Roof Garden. They made Big Bambú: You Can’t, You Don’t, and You Won’t Stop in 2010. Big Bambú then became the official collateral exhibition of the 54th Venice Bien nale in 2011. During the exhibition, more than 600,000 visitors saw the bamboo structure, which measured 100 feet long, 50 feet wide and 50 feet high. It was in the form of a cresting wave made of 70 miles of nylon rope. Visitors could travel an internal footpath system through the structure.

Doug Starn says, “The reason we had to make it so big is to make all of us feel small—or at least to awaken us to the fact that individually we are not so big. Once we’re aware of our true stature, we can feel a part of something much more vast than we ever could have dreamed of before.”

The four images here each represent a different aspect of what it is to experience this work. According to the publishers, 20X200, “The close-up image of scores of stalks lashed together with climbing rope hones in on what it’s made of; the striking arc of what it can become; the path into the blue sky evokes the expansiveness of emerging from within it; an ‘lower profile, we see a view from within it, looking out onto its unlikely insertion into our pretty city’s skyline.”

Collection Tours

Tours of the Foundation Art Collection may be arranged by contacting Andrea Siegel, Coordinator, at (201) 360-4007 or email, asiegel@hccc.edu.

Save the Dates! CBI News

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Center for Business and Industry (CBI) will continue its “Lunch and Learn Series,” informative lunch gatherings with discussions focused on research articles and innovative tools that enhance workplace development.

Lunch will be held from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The afternoon’s discussion topic will be “Managing Human Resources in the Small Business Environment.”

The Center for Business & Industry will also host a Job Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 20 local employers are scheduled to be present, and fair attendees will be able to participate in workshops on resume writing and interview skills.

Both events will take place at the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. For more information, please contact (201) 360-4242 or email achapman@hccc.edu.
Dr. Glen Gabert

In just two decades, Dr. Glen Gabert has transformed Hudson County Community College and expanded opportunities for thousands of Hudson County residents and businesses.

The longest-serving President in Hudson County Community College’s history, Dr. Gabert is a native of Chicago. He was awarded his Ph.D. from Loyola University, where he was a Schmitt Fellow and member of the Loyola Graduate School of Education adjunct faculty. In addition, he earned a post-doctoral M.B.A. in Human Resources from the Graduate School of Management at Rockhurst University. Dr. Gabert also holds a master’s degree from Notre Dame University (where he was a Hearst Fellow), and a bachelor’s degree from Benedictine University.

Dr. Gabert began his community college career at Moraine Valley Community College (IL), first as the Assistant to the Academic Vice President, and later as Assistant to the President. During his six years at Moraine Valley, he was also a member of the adjunct faculty. From Moraine he went on to Johnson County Community College (KS), where he served as Dean and was responsible for human resources, development, institutional research and planning, and public relations/communications. While there he developed Johnson’s first set of comprehensive personnel policies, and provided leadership for a feasibility study which resulted in the development of the College’s acclaimed performing arts center.

When Dr. Gabert became President of Hudson County Community College in 1992, he was the fifth person to have held that position in three years. At that time, the College had experienced interventions by the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education and there were discussions about closing the College. HCCC then had about 3,000 students and owned one building. The College’s curriculum was largely focused on developmental education and limited career programs. Dr. Gabert resolved to ensure that the residents of Hudson County were afforded a comprehensive, student-centered program that included strong transfer and several productive signature programs as well as state-of-the-art, beautiful places to study and learn.

Today, HCCC offers several courses of study, including the nationally acclaimed Culinary Arts Institute and Developmental Education programs, a cutting-edge ESL/Bilingual program, Allied Health, Business, Criminal Justice, Hospitality Management, Homeland Security, the Sciences, and Studio Arts/Digital Graphics. Workforce development programs and cooperative alliances with private and governmental organizations have also been forged to prepare area residents for employment in nursing and other health fields, and in hospitality management. The College’s Center for Business & Industry is the area leader in developing and delivering educational classes and programs for businesses, organizations and individuals.

In pursuing the College’s physical expansion, Dr. Gabert also became a pioneer in the development of urban campuses. HCCC now has a dozen buildings on campuses in Jersey City and Union City. Two of those buildings are new, from-the-ground-up construction and recipients of New Jersey Business & Industry Association’s “New Good Neighbor Awards.” The remaining buildings are structures — some of which were on the brink of condemnation — that have been repurposed and completely renovated. Additionally, a blacktop parking lot was transformed into a pocket park for the enjoyment of students, faculty, staff and area residents. Most of the College’s buildings are LEED-certified and outfitted with the latest wireless technologies and safety features. All were completed on-time and under-budget with little disruption to neighboring residents and businesses.

Dr. Gabert has said he does not want to be remembered for the buildings he constructed, but rather for what goes on in
productive in New Jersey. Dr. Gabert was instrumental in the institution and maintains a student-centered culture at the College. Courses are offered at times that are convenient to students — early morning through late evening weekdays, and all day on weekends — on two campuses and at several satellites. Classes are also available 24/7 via the Internet. The HCCC advisement and counseling program is one of the few anywhere that does not require that students have appointments — they are able to walk in and be seen at any time that is convenient for them. Instructors are encouraged to follow and mentor students throughout their studies at and beyond their graduation from HCCC. Seeing that fewer than a quarter of HCCC students can afford to walk in and be seen at any time that is convenient for them. Instructors are encouraged to follow and mentor students throughout their studies at and beyond their graduation from HCCC. Seeing that fewer than a quarter of HCCC students can afford to pay their tuition and fees out-of-pocket, Dr. Gabert was instrumental in the 1997 establishment of the Hudson County Community College Foundation (which has provided scholarships for more than 1,000 students) and the operation of the HCCC Student Financial Assistance Offices — one of the finest and most productive in New Jersey.

Dr. Gabert has also been instrumental in developing and offering programs for the community, including the annual series of free lectures given by nationally renowned speakers such as Jonathan Alter, Julian Bond, Juju Chang, America Ferrera, Pete Hamill, Sandra Guzman, Ralph Nader, Ruben Navarrette, Judge Marilyn Milian, Rita Moreno, Edward James Olmos, Paul Rusesabagina, and Dr. Cornel West. He also played a key role in the institution and development of the HCCC Foundation Art Collection, which now includes more than 200 works by major American artists and is displayed throughout both campuses for the enjoyment of students, faculty, staff and area residents.

Since Dr. Gabert became President, enrollment has increased from 3,000 to just shy of 10,000. Student retention has increased significantly and the HCCC Class of 2012 was 1,060 strong — double what it was ten years ago. HCCC grads are transferring to Rutgers, Saint Peter’s, New Jersey City University, New York University, Columbia University, Barnard, Fordham, Penn State, Johnson & Wales, the Culinary Institute of America and other top-ranked institutions. They are going on to employment at some of the finest names in American business ... and they are teaching full-time at Hudson County Community College. Furthermore, many individuals who hold bachelor’s and master’s degrees are coming to HCCC to update their skills.

Dr. Gabert serves on the boards of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, the Hudson County Overall Economic Development Council, and the Journal Square Restoration Corporation. The former Chair of the Presidents' Committee of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, he continues to serve as a member of its Facilities and Government Relations Committees. He was recently elected to the Executive Committee of New Jersey’s 49-member Council of College Presidents. He is also on the international Board of Directors of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and on the Diversity Commission of the American Association of Community Colleges. He has been honored publicly by the Jersey City Rotary, the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Hudson County, and Phi Theta Kappa.
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/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.collegeboard.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. 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 or the MyHudson portal). It is recommended that visiting students review their school’s CLEP policy before registering.

d. All students must pay a $20 HCCC service fee (non-refundable) per examination at the Bursar’s Office. This fee must be paid prior to setting an appointment for the exam. Testers must show receipt on the day of CLEP exam.

e. 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 $80 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted).

**DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

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

The testing schedule for September follows (times indicated with * are by appointment only):

- **Thursday, Sept. 6** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Friday, Sept. 7** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Monday, Sept. 10** — College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Monday, Sept. 17** — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 9:15 a.m.* or 1:15 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- **Wednesday, Sept. 19** — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 9:15 a.m.* or 1:15 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- **Tuesday, Sept. 25** — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 9:15 a.m.* or 1:15 p.m.*, 2 Enos Place
- **Thursday, Sept. 27** — College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), 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.

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

Connect to HCCC’s social media (Facebook, Flickr, Pinterest, Twitter and YouTube) at www.hccc.edu (click on icons at bottom of page).


**Student Credit Load: Institutional Research**

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

Over the past few years, Hudson County Community College has experienced unprecedented growth in enrollment. This growth in headcount was achieved without compromising the credit load per student at the college. The credit load or the number of credits a student takes impacts their enrollment status, financial aid eligibility, and their ability to graduate within a specified period of time. With the impending changes in student financial aid policies, credit requirements may change the amount of aid students are eligible to receive from scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans.

The table above shows the credit load per full- and part-time student over the last five years. The full-time student credit load has remained slightly over 13 credits, and part-time credit load is 7 credits. The overall credit load per student has remained steady at 11 credits. A higher credit load would open the possibility of decreased time needed for students to complete their degree or academic goal.

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**Calendar of Events**

5 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Wednesday, September 5
Mentalist, Robert Channing, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. and 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m.

College Council Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Scott Ring Room, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Thursday, September 6
“Back to School” Fashion Show, 25 Journal Square, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Bookstore on the Square.

OSA Pool Hall, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bagel Thursdays, 25 Journal Square, Lobby, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Movie Matinee: “The Avengers” w/popcorn, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 2 p.m.

HCCC off-campus classes begin at Bayonne High School

Friday, September 7
Come Have Some Fun w/Bingo, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

We Love Our Greens - A vegetarian class that will show how cooking vegetables is just as important as a filet mignon. Class will learn how to properly blanch green vegetables and how to reheat them without losing eye appeal and important nutrients. Tuition: $80. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Saturday, September 8 – Saturday, October 13
Basic Excel 2007 - Learn the basics of Excel, starting with spreadsheet terminology and Excel 2007’s Windows components. We’ll teach you how to create, save, and edit worksheets/workbooks, insert and resize rows and columns, use labels, format data and text, know the difference between absolute and relative formulas, and so much more! Hands-on exercises help reinforce the lessons and lectures and develop your Excel skills. Textbook included. Prerequisite: Experience using computers. Tuition: $155 plus $15 lab fee (textbook included). Meets Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

PowerPoint 2007 - Master the essentials of creating multimedia presentations for use in business! We’ll teach you to create/edit slide presentations, apply design templates to new and existing presentations, include graphics, animation, sound and slide transition effects as well as charts and spreadsheets. You’ll also learn about various printing techniques and have opportunities to practice showing presentations. Our lecture-and-lab course incorporates in-class exercises to reinforce your learning. Prerequisite: Experience using computers. Tuition: $195 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Sunday, September 9 – Sunday, December 16
Fundamentals of Cooking - Come spend your Sundays with us and develop a comprehensive

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Saturday, September 8
Gluten-Free and Loving It! - If you — or someone you know — is gluten intolerant, this class is a must. Come learn to make delicious breads, cakes, cookies and desserts utilizing the basics of gluten-free baking. Learn the theories behind ingredients you’ll substitute for gluten and how to create some of your favorite foods that you thought you’d never be able to enjoy again! Tuition: $80. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 3 60-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

GRADEBOOK Training; Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, Room 508, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Fall Fest, 870 Bergen Avenue, Parking Lot, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 9 – Sunday, December 16
Fundamentals of Cooking - Come spend your Sundays with us and develop a comprehensive

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knowledge of the basics of hot food preparation. You’ll begin with lessons on knife skills and proceed to creating sauces and soups, then go on to roasting, braising and other contemporary cooking methods. Special attention will be paid to a variety of plate presentations and cross-utilization of cooking ingredients. Tuition: $750. Meets Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, September 10 – Monday, October 15

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. 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 Mondays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, September 10 – Monday, October 29

Introduction to GIS - Become acquainted with this fascinating new system of technologies! Through lectures, formal exercises, a individual project and, most importantly, hands-on experience using ArcGIS software, you’ll develop the ability to create, modify, and analyze GIS maps. Tuition: $395. Meets Mondays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, September 11 – Thursday, September 27

Essentials of Business Communications II - Get ready to move further up the career ladder! Further refine your communications skills with this course that offers more advanced instruction in writing and editing longer documents and reports, as well as the best ways to polish your professional image so you will write, speak and interact more effectively with colleagues, superiors and clients. Prerequisite: Essentials of Business Communications I. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuition: $250. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, September 11 – Thursday, October 4

Spanish I - Whether you just want to learn Spanish of 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. Meets Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Tuesday, September 11

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

Matinee Tuesdays: “The Hunger Games,” 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m.

Broadcast: Live Coverage of 9/11 Ceremony, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 8 a.m.

Meeting of the HCCC Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Avenue

Wednesday, September 12 – Wednesday, October 17

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. Tuition: $129 plus $15 lab fee. Instruction is in Spanish. Meets Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Wednesday, September 12

Laugh @ Lunch with Elaine Williams, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Wellness Workshop, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

“Pathways to Success Using College Resources” workshop, 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Thursday, September 13 – Thursday, November 15

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Law Enforcement - The essential course for those who wish to learn the kinds of analyses needed today in law enforcement and its related industries! By using real-alife data you’ll learn the step-by-step process of collecting and analyzing information to optimize a police department’s operations. In doing so, you’ll also improve your own proficiency with GIS software and map creation. Prerequisite: Strong computer skills. Tuition: $645 plus $35 lab fee (includes textbook). Meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/instantenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Thursday, September 13

Self-Defense Class, Session I, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, September 14 – Friday, October 19

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4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, September 14

“Easing Biology, Math, Chemistry, and Physics Concepts Using Analogies from Everyday Life Examples” workshop presented by Professor Salim Bendaoud – This workshop will cover various methodology and tools for enhancing science classroom teaching. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (location TBA). Fee will be $150 for full session attendance. Seating is limited; please RSVP by sending an email to Dr. Nadia Hedhli (nhedhli@hccc.edu) with the title of the workshop.

Self-Defense Class, Session II, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit to the 9/11 Memorial, Departing 25 Journal Square at 4 p.m.

Entertaining for Foodies – A class designed for all those who are “Foodies” — people who are passionate about food and love studying it, preparing it, savoring it, and especially sharing and serving it! Learn about preparing simple but delicious canapés for serving it! Learn about preparing whatever is passionate about food and love

Movie under the Stars: “The Avengers,” Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) Park, 6 p.m.

20th Anniversary Celebration of Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President, Puccini’s Restaurant, 1064 West Side Avenue, 6 p.m. Hosted by Friends of Dr. Glen Gabert. Tickets $65.00 per person.

Saturday, September 15

Fall 2012 Adjunct Faculty Professional Development, Modules 1 & 2, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newark St., Room 506, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch will be provided).

Baking Breads I – The artistry of baking can be richly rewarding and enjoyable when you possess a strong foundation in the basics. Learn about the tools you need — as well as ingredients and techniques used by professionals — to create yeast breads and batter breads in the comfort of your own kitchen. Tuition: $80. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Monday, September 17

“Making Decisions 101” workshop, 10 A.M., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

“Step by Step: Writing Fiction!” workshop, 4 P.M., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Tuesday, September 18 – Tuesday, October 30

LEED Building Principles and Green Associate Core Concepts (12 sessions, 2 nights each week) – The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification process is an internationally recognized system of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) that measures how well a building or community performs across specific metrics: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources, and sensitivity to their impacts. Our 36-hour LEED Green Associate training provides instruction in the core concepts of LEED and prepares you for the LEED Green Associate exam. The LEED Green Associate certification is the first step for professionals pursuing a LEED AP specialization. Tuition: $750 plus $95 materials fee. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Wednesday, September 19

Karaoke & Wings Latino Style, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

HCCC off-campus classes begin at Kearny High School

“My Future 101” workshop, 6 P.M., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

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

Thursday, September 20

“ABC’s of Transfer” workshop, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., 2nd Floor

“Interviewing 101” workshop, 11:30 A.M., NHHEC

Intramural Sign-ups, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Teamboard Draw and SMART Notebook workshop, 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., NHHEC Library, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 305

HCCC Alumni Association Meeting, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 6 p.m. (Follett Room)

Meeting of HCCC Foundation North Hudson Scholarship Committee, 12 p.m.

Friday, September 21

Move Your Hips! - Zumba Lessons, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Need to Relax? Join Us for Yoga, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

“Safety Procedures for Biology and Chemistry Laboratories” workshop presented by Professor Abdallah Matari - This workshop is for full and adjunct faculty to address safety rules and procedures used in laboratory classrooms. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (location TBA). Faculty will receive a $150 honorarium for full session attendance. Seating is limited; please RSVP by sending an email to Dr. Nadia Hedhli (nhedhli@hccc.edu) with the title of the workshop.

Oh, the Possibilities! Leadership Day (Open to Clubs/Organizations Executive Board Members only), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Job Searching I: Résumé Writing Workshop - Don’t let a mediocre résumé jeopardize your success! Rev up your résumé and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resume — make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resume writing and proven strategies to tag your resume to a specific position. Plus, we’ll help prepare you for successful interviews. Meets 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuition: $59. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/installenrollment or instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Baking Breads II - Go beyond the basics. Take your bread-baking skills and knowledge to new levels of proficiency and

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 25
MSABC Kick-off Fundraiser, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

Hispanic Heritage Game Show, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Matinee Tuesdays - “Casa de Mi Padre,” 25 Jo urnal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26
“Let’s Get Goaling!” workshop, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., 2nd Floor

All College Council Meeting, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Scott Ring Room, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

A Taste of Spa in “Club Fair,” NHHEC, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

ESL Audio-Visual Resources workshop, 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., NHHEC Library, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Room 305

Thursday, September 27
A Taste of Spain “Club Fair,” 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

“Networking” workshop, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., 2nd Floor

“A History of Hispanic Achievement in America, Part 1” documentary co-sponsored by NHHEC LRC, NHHEC, Student Lounge, 12 p.m.

“Learn How to Succeed in College” workshop, 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Friday, September 28 - Friday, November 2
Introduction to K eyboarding - 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. Instruction is in Spa nish. Tuition: $135 plus $15 lab fee. Meets Fridays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, September 28 - Friday, December 7
QuickBooks: Advanced - Utilize QuickBooks, one of the most cost-effective and best-supported small business accounting applications, to its maximum potential! Learn to: manage your small business’s physical inventory; track sales tax; work with payroll, billable time and setting up employees’ taxes; handle customers’ bounced checks and write off bad debts; make QuickBooks more efficient when using on-line banking; and more! Prerequisite: QuickBooks Basic Banking. Tuition: $335. Meets Fridays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment or email instantenrollment@hccc.edu.

Friday, September 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.

HCCC Foundation Artist Talk Series featuring Willie Cole, 1:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Follett Room, Fifth Floor.

Move Your Hips! Zumba Lessons, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Need to Re lax? Join Us for Yoga!, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Fantastic Thai Cuisine - Spice up a few fall evenings in this hands-on Thai Dinner Party class with Chef Phensri Francis. Chef Francis is a native of North East Thailand, a region famous for authentic Thai cooking. In this three-day course (which can be taken together or separately) students will learn the fundamentals of cooking Thai dishes and will be able to cook and present a wide array of the most popular dishes: exotic appetizers, entrees, soups, and desserts. Highlights will include sources & uses of ‘’h’’hat herbs, spices, and ingredients along with cooking techniques. Tuition: $99 (includes materials). Students who continue on to day 2 and 3 will receive a 10% discount. Meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment or visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment.

Saturday, September 29
Fall 2012 Adjunct Faculty Professional Development, Mo. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 508, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch will be provided).

Job Searching II: Become a Job Interview Star - The ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you’ll learn the basic tools and techniques you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You’ll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: $59. Meets from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, please call (201) 360-4246, email instantenrollment@hccc.edu or visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment.

Baking Breads III - Elevate your bread-baking knowledge and skills to an international level. Come learn about the ingredients, tools and techniques you will need to bake breads from all around the globe. Tuition: $80. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, please call (210) 360-4246, email instantenrollment@hccc.edu or visit www.hccc.edu/ installenrollment.

Sunday, September 30
NY Jets vs. San Francisco 49ers, MetLife Stadium, 1 P.M.
Changes in Eligibility for Federal Student Financial Aid to Impact Thousands of HCCC Students

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2.) Students will have a shorter time frame during which they are qualified for Pell Grants. In the past, students were eligible to receive the Pell for up to eighteen (18) semesters. The new legislation cuts that time back to just twelve (12) semesters (a loss of three years of studies). This new rule is effective immediately and since it is retroactive, it is sure to affect hundreds of students, many of whom are pursuing their studies part-time because of economic and other constraints. It also impacts those students who require pre-college programs such as ESL and developmental reading, writing and/or mathematics.

3.) Prior to July 1, students who did not possess a high school or GED diploma were able to enter into a higher education institution by passing the Abili ty to Benefit Test (ABT). Now, students who do not possess a high school or GED diploma are not eligible for federal financial aid.

4.) The interest rate on the subsidized Stafford Loans, in which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2012, and before July 1, 2013, have a fixed rate of 3.4%. Unsubsidized Stafford and graduate Stafford Loan rates will be locked at 6.8%.

5.) The area that is of most concern to HCCC deals with Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as it has the largest potential impact on Hudson County Community students, and it renders approximately 3,000 of current students ineligible for federal aid.

Under the new regulations, a student who is receiving federal aid of any sort, and who attempts to take a certain number of credits but does not pass all of the credits, or who takes an incomplete or withdrawal, or who attempts to take a class a second time, automatically has that aid rescinded. Additionally, a student who does complete all of their coursework but whose grade point average drops will automatically have the federal aid rescinded. The conditions that affect the aid (GPA, pass/fail, incomplete, withdrawal, taking a class a second time) are reported through the federal system.

It is the Federal Student Aid division of the U.S. Department of Education that revokes federal student aid if NOT Hudson County Community College. The student may appeal the revocation in writing and with proper documentation. However, the new regulations place responsibility for the appeal on the student, and failure to file an appeal without the required documentation results in an automatic loss of aid eligibility. When an appeal is granted, the student must sit with a counselor and develop a remedial academic plan in order to continue to receive aid. If the student fails to file the appeal or develop the plan of correction, the federal aid will be lost.

Dr. Gabert said these new regulations were instituted by the federal government, and Hudson County Community College and all other higher education institutions must fully comply with them. “Obviously, we are extremely concerned about the effect these new regulations are having on our students — and as you have seen a very, very substantial number of students are affected. There is also a ripple effect with this in that, because our enrollment numbers will fall off, our revenues will also decline, and so we are already examining areas where we will have to cut back,” he stated.

Hudson County Community College is working with students who are no longer eligible for federal financial assistance to scholarships so as not to put them into debt. “As you likely know, as a result of today’s economy, there are limited numbers of scholarships available from our Foundation and other sources, but we are doing all we can to find more financial aid for our students,” Dr. Gabert continued.

The President said the College also sent a letter last month informing area elected officials, school officials, directors of the Hudson County Community College Foundation, College staff and enrolled HCCC students about the changes and the effect they are having on students and the College itself.

Students, families and school officials who need more information on this matter are asked to contact the Hudson County Community College Financial Aid Department at (201) 360-4200.