



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The mission of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is to promote an institutional climate that embraces and celebrates differences while championing equitable and inclusive practices, policies, and procedures in all College activities. The Office leads and supports practices that foster safe, inclusive, and accessible facilities and activities for all community members.

Long before the European settlers colonized the Hudson County region, the peaceful Algonquian called this land home. They were respected by other tribes and were known as the Lenape, which directly translates into “the people.” They also served as intermediaries to resolve disputes between rival tribes, gaining the name of the “grandfather tribe.”

We recognize that Hudson County Community College was built on Lenape land and express gratitude and appreciation for those whose territory we now call home.

Today, Jersey City is the most diverse city in the United States. As our history continues to unfold, we have a responsibility to be active participants and to consciously expand our capacity to love, understand, and accept each other. HCCC will continue to lead and navigate systems from diversity and toward inclusion to promote tangible equity that promotes social and environmental justice and sustainable progress for all.