



# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024



## ***In this report, you'll discover:***

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- ***Updates on fundraising achievements and milestones, including:***
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Hudson County Community College graduates go on to achieve incredible things – whether it's serving our community as pharmacists, nurses and radiographers, working in the arts, opening restaurants, earning baccalaureate and advanced degrees from prestigious universities, or charting unique and meaningful paths of their own. But many of them face significant challenges before they get there.

Recent data shows that...

- 68.5% of HCCC students experienced food insecurity in the prior 30 days
- 43% of HCCC students experienced housing insecurity in the previous year
- 12% of HCCC students experienced homelessness in the previous year

\*Data is from in-house research conducted by the Hudson Helps Resource Center thanks to the Hunger-Free Grant (2024)

***The good news is, with your help, we're removing barriers and opening doors. This is where you – our donors – make all the difference.***

Founded in 1997, the Hudson Community College Foundation exists to ensure that every Hudson County resident has access to the life-changing power of a college education. Through your generosity, we provide scholarships, launch innovative programs, invest in faculty development, expand our facilities, and support students' basic needs – on and beyond campus. Thanks to you, we're not just funding education. We're fueling ambition, resilience, and opportunity.



***As we look forward to our 50th Anniversary, we invite you to celebrate the impact you've made – and the future you're helping us build.***



## A MESSAGE FROM

### **Ronnie Sevilla** HCCC Foundation Chair

It's an incredible honor to step into the role of Chair of the HCCC Foundation and to build on the hard work of my predecessors. As someone who has benefited deeply from the power of education, I feel a personal responsibility—and deep motivation—to help others access the same life-changing opportunities.

My journey has taken me from a childhood in Ecuador and the United States to a career in banking, to Rutgers University and back to graduate school as an adult learner. Every step along the way, education has opened doors and shaped who I am. That's why I believe so strongly in the work we do at HCCC. Education doesn't just change one life—it changes generations.

Hudson County is one of the most diverse, dynamic places in the country. Our students reflect that richness. They come from all walks of life and backgrounds, united by a shared determination to create better futures. They inspire me every day.

The HCCC Foundation exists to make sure that cost, circumstances, or hardship are never barriers to success. And thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we've already made a powerful impact—providing millions in scholarships and supporting thousands of students.

But we're just getting started. With your continued support, we can go even further.

Thank you for believing in the power of education, and for standing with us as we champion the dreams of HCCC students.

Warmly,

*Ronnie Sevilla*  
Chair, HCCC Foundation Board

# A MESSAGE FROM

## **Nicole B. Johnson**

### **Vice President for Advancement and Communications and Executive Director of HCCC Foundation**

At Hudson County Community College, our greatest responsibility and privilege is to equip our students with the tools they require to lead successful lives! We're not just educators or administrators; we are advocates, mentors, and cheerleaders. Everything we do should serve to lift up our students and help them thrive.

Every day, I'm inspired by the strength, resilience, and drive of our students. They show up, push forward, and rise above obstacles, often with limited financial resources but unlimited ambition. Their commitment to building brighter futures reminds us all of the power of education to transform lives.

When you choose to give to the HCCC Foundation, you're doing more than just making a donation; you're opening doors, you're giving students the chance to become the first in their family to earn a college degree, to follow their passions without compromise, and to pursue careers they once thought were out of reach.

Your support turns limitations into possibilities. It helps ensure that our students' futures are shaped by their aspirations. And that, at its heart, is what our mission is all about. Thank you for standing with us, and for believing in what's possible.

Warmly,

*Nicole B. Johnson*

Vice President for Advancement and Communications  
and Executive Director of HCCC Foundation



# A YEAR OF CAN'T MISS EVENTS

The HCCC Foundation hosts a series of highly-anticipated events that bring our HCCC community together to raise critical support for Hudson County Community College students.



## Annual Foundation Golf Outing

A staple of Hudson County's summer social calendar, the Foundation's annual Golf Outing draws individuals, corporations, board members, and friends for a spirited day on the links—all in support of student success.

Held July 10 at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, NJ, the 21st Golf Outing welcomed nearly 90 golfers and raised over \$85,000 in gross revenue. For the second consecutive year, a five-week Student Golf Clinic offered HCCC students the chance to learn and play the game—opening doors to new networking opportunities and professional growth.

## Foundation Gala

The Foundation's 25th Anniversary Gala on December 5 was a milestone celebration, raising approximately \$240,000 in gross revenue. The evening honored Andrew Campbell, founder and CEO of Eastern Millwork, Inc. (EMI), a premier architectural woodwork firm. Through a partnership with HCCC's School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, EMI operates the Holz Technik Academy, a training program that allows students to earn their degree while working as paid apprentices.

In a powerful show of support, both EMI and an anonymous donor each contributed \$50,000 to the Foundation during the event.





### Subscription Dining Series

The Subscription Dining Series is required training for culinary students, enabling them to hone their front- and back-of-the-house skills with patrons in a real-world setting and accumulate the hours needed to complete their externships. Held over 16 Fridays in both the fall and spring semesters, the Series gives attendees the chance to enjoy expertly crafted dishes prepared and served by students from our nationally ranked culinary program. All funds raised support scholarships for students, including tuition, books, and equipment.

### Donor Scholar Reception

The Donor Scholar Reception offers donors a meaningful opportunity to meet the students who benefit from their generosity. During this event, scholars share personal stories and discuss their educational journeys, while donors experience firsthand the difference their support makes. Students and their families gain a deeper appreciation for the role philanthropy plays in their success and are often inspired to pay it forward in the future.



### Thank You to the West Hudson Committee

For nearly two decades, the West Hudson Committee of the HCCC Foundation played a vital role in expanding access to education for students from Kearny, Harrison, and East Newark. Through signature events such as the Spring Fling and Wine & Cheese fundraisers, the Committee raised more than \$180,000 to support students from these communities. Now sunsetted, the Committee is remembered with deep gratitude for its dedicated members, whose generosity made a lasting impact on the lives of HCCC students and left an enduring legacy of support and opportunity.



# HCCC FOUNDATION ART COLLECTION

In less than 15 years, the Foundation Art Collection has grown from just 25 works to more than 2,000 pieces by nationally and internationally recognized artists.

The collection is notable for its intentional diversity, with significant holdings by African American artists and works exploring the African diaspora, as well as pieces by Asian, Asian American (including Japanese and Filipino), Hispanic, and Hispanic American artists. More than 50 percent of the collection's works are by women, far exceeding national museum averages, and there is a strong emphasis on celebrated New Jersey artists.



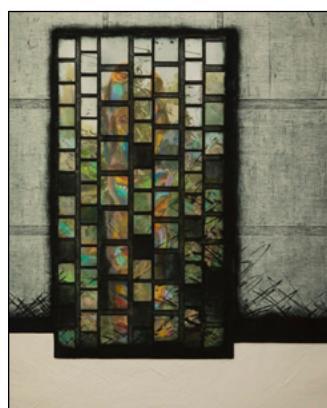
*NJ Transit, Hoboken, NJ, Stephen Fretz*

Unlike many college collections kept behind closed doors, HCCC's campus functions as a living museum. Under the leadership of coordinator Dr. Andrea Siegel, students walk through a curated experience of contemporary art each day.

Studies show that art makes its greatest impact in communities facing economic inequality. This collection is not just decorative; it is transformative, offering inspiration and cultural access to students who stand to benefit the most. During Fiscal Year 2024, the Foundation Art Collection continued to expand HCCC's educational art museum with the addition of 123



*African Mephisto, Patricia Abad*



*Memorial Wall, Yoshito Arishi*



*President Barack Obama in the Private Dining Room of the White House, Christopher Anderson*



*Protest March from Selma to Montgomery, Bruce Davidson*



*Martin Luther King Speaking to the Crowds at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, Bob Henriques*

donated works of fine art, and 509 fine art books, catalogues, and brochures. Highlights include several lithographs by Post-Impressionist master Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, most notably *May Belfort* – gifted by the Carol Adler Trust. These works, now displayed on the fifth floor of the Gabert Library, rank among the most significant in the Collection. Their donation was featured in both the Star Ledger and NJ.com.

The Collection also reached a new milestone when Francisco Zuniga's *Evelia en un butaque* became its first piece to be featured in an exhibition publication. The charcoal and crayon drawing appeared in the Museum of Modern Art's *Crafting Modernity: Design in Latin America 1940–1980* catalog. It depicts a woman in a mid-century version of the butaque chair, a symbol of Mexican cultural heritage, and is also located in the Gabert Library.

The Foundation Art Collection is a daily source of inspiration and pride at HCCC. With each new piece, we enrich the cultural life of our campus and give students access to thought-provoking, high-quality artwork, often for the first time in their lives.

Donors make this possible. Your generosity helps preserve these important works, care for the Collection, and ensure its accessibility for future generations. We are actively seeking support to establish a dedicated endowment that will safeguard the Collection's growth and long-term impact. If you are interested in contributing, please contact the HCCC Foundation office. Together, we can ensure this unique cultural resource continues to thrive—and inspire—at HCCC for years to come.



*Evelia En Un Butaque*, Francisco Zuniga



*Untitled (Etruscan Terra-cotta Votive Head of Minerva)*, Artist Unknown



*May Belfort*, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec



*Travelogue*, Miriam Cassell

# ACTIVELY MANAGED ENDOWMENTS

## *Creating an Impact in Perpetuity*

An endowment is a permanent fund invested to generate future income in perpetuity. The principal remains intact while the earnings support Hudson County Community College and its students. These enduring funds provide dependable resources year after year, helping HCCC respond to long-term institutional priorities and pressing student needs.

Endowment growth is a top priority of the HCCC Foundation. Over the past several years, we have made significant strides in building this vital resource. In FY24, the Foundation's \$1.87 million in endowed funds represented more than financial assets—they are lasting commitments to student success and institutional strength.

Each fund tells a story of vision, generosity, and belief in the transformative power of education. Whether established by families, community organizations, or individuals, our endowments help ensure students will have the support they need for generations to come.

We invite you to help us grow this legacy. Whether you choose to establish a named fund or contribute to an existing one, your support creates lasting opportunity and helps to stabilize the College's future.

*To learn more about how to establish or support an endowment at HCCC, contact us today.*

### • **Dr. Christopher M. Reber Endowment**

Supports scholarships for all students, including DACA, undocumented, and international students.

### • **Eric and Irene Groething Scholarship**

Established by longtime College photographer Roy Groething in honor of his parents. Supports students with financial need.

### • **Christ Hospital Foundation**

Provides scholarships for students in the Medical Assistant, LPN, Paramedic Science, and Respiratory Therapy Assistant programs.

### • **Follett Higher Education**

This endowment provides textbook scholarships for HCCC students each year.



**• Hudson Cradle Endowment Fund**

Supports single parents from Hudson County pursuing their education at HCCC.

**• Hudson Scholars Program Endowment**

Ensures future generations benefit from our award-winning Hudson Scholars program, which combines proactive student support, stipends, and academic interventions.

**• Javedd Khan Essay Prize**

Honors the legacy of Professor Javedd Khan and supports students who demonstrate perseverance and intellectual engagement.

**• Leadership Legacy Foundation  
(Gloria Esposito)**

Benefits female students from Ferris High School in Jersey City who show leadership and community service.

**• Paul Dillon Endowed Fund**

Honors longtime Culinary Arts leader Paul Dillon and supports the students and programs he championed.

**• The Silverman Family Scholarship Fund**

Created by Jersey City developer Paul Silverman to support students in financial need.

**• Pioneer Men's & Boys Club**

Supports students from West Hudson County and North Arlington.

**• Richard J. McCormack Scholarship**

Established by Monica McCormack-Casey and her family to support Jersey City students balancing school and work.

**• West Hudson Scholarship Fund**

Supports students from Kearny, Harrison, and East Newark.

*With your help, these funds will continue to grow and uplift generations of HCCC students.*



## Roy Groething



Several meaningful factors inspired me to establish the **Eric and Irene Groething Memorial Scholarship** at HCCC.

Although my family wasn't born here, Hudson County has always felt like home. My long personal connection to both the college and the community made it the natural place for a lasting tribute to my parents. They were deeply engaged in the life of the city, and it's only fitting that this scholarship supports the students of the community they loved.

Over the years, I've developed a deep admiration for the young people of Hudson County Community College. Their resilience and character continue to inspire me. I've also witnessed, time and again, the compassion of this community and the dedication of mentors who are truly invested in helping students succeed.

It's said, "You die twice—once when you take your last breath and again when your name is spoken for the last time." Through this scholarship, my parents' names and legacy will live on. This brings significant meaning and fulfillment to me and my family.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

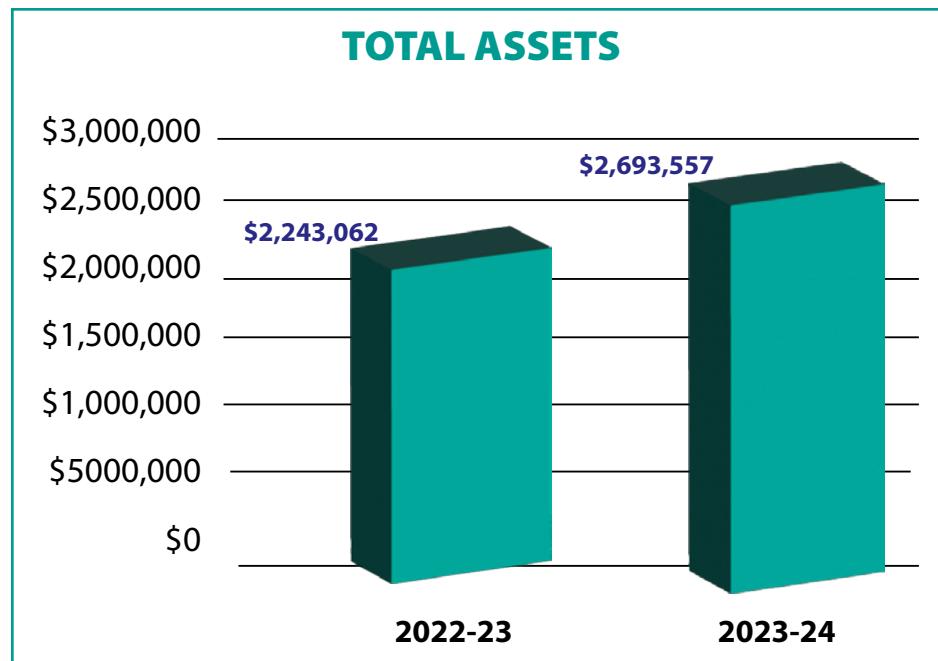
## *A Strong Year of Growth, Thanks to You*

Fiscal year 2024 marked another year of momentum and progress for the HCCC Foundation – made possible by the generosity of you, our donors, and the steadfast leadership of the Foundation Board.

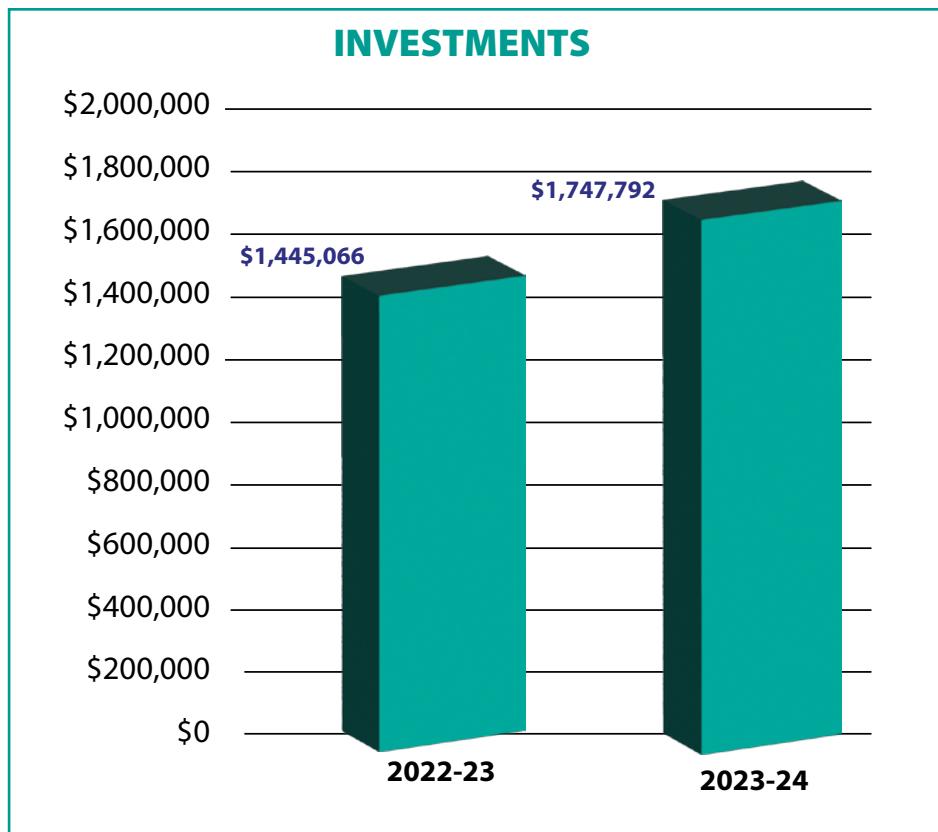
Our total assets grew from \$2.24 million to \$2.69 million, a 20% year-over-year increase driven by donor contributions and the strong performance of our professionally managed investments.

This growth positions the Foundation to meet the evolving needs of Hudson County Community College and to provide even greater support for the students and programs at the heart of our mission.





Our investments grew 20.6% year-over-year from \$1.45 million in 2023 to \$1.75 million in 2024.



## Jose Garcia

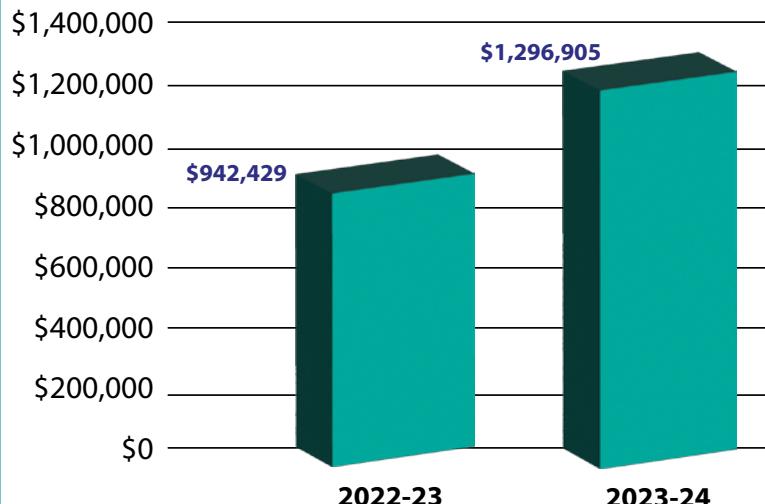
As the founder and CEO of Maverick Building Services, Jose has enjoyed significant success in business, but he can still relate to today's college students who are just starting out. Jose has firsthand experience overcoming the hurdles that many of these students are navigating. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University who attended classes by day and worked full-time as a janitor at night to support himself and put himself through college, so he knows a thing or two about juggling work with classes, overcoming financial challenges, and other challenges many of today's students must navigate.

Jose's support of HCCC and its students is longstanding, as is his connection to the College. His mother, Hortencia Garcia, immigrated to the United States from Cuba and had to restart her education here, earning her doctorate degree from Paterson State College (now William Paterson University). She worked as a teacher in the Union City School District and taught Spanish classes at HCCC as she worked three jobs to support Jose and his two brothers. Her resolve and determination, as well as the value she placed on education, left a profound and lasting impression on Jose, as did the students she taught, whom he remembers as being hardworking and eager to learn but faced with many hardships. While many years have gone by since then, he finds that the same can still be said for HCCC students today, and he now feels blessed to be able to help them overcome these obstacles. Today, Garcia is a dedicated, long-term supporter of the HCCC Foundation, honoring his mother's legacy by helping students who, like him, strive for a better future.



The Foundation generated \$1,296,905 in total revenue, up 37.6% from \$942,429 in fiscal 2023.

### REVENUE GROWTH



This year's strong performance provides a stable foundation as we plan thoughtfully for future growth.



# FINANCIAL POSITION

## *Strengthening Resources to Support Student Success*

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 474,090	\$ 321,783
Restricted Cash - Scholarship Program	190,029	205,421
Restricted Cash - Art Program	13,452	12,019
Investments	1,747,792	1,445,066
Due from College	14,519	9,927
Accounts Receivable	24,450	10,600
Promise to Give	22,700	29,900
Property and Equipment, Net	-	1,821
Library and Art Collection	206,525	206,525
 <b>Total Assets</b>	 \$ 2,693,557	 \$ 2,243,062

## **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

### **Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	\$ 22,624	\$ 36,644
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### **Net Assets:**

Without Donor Restrictions	1,466,450	976,478
With Donor Restrictions	1,204,483	1,229,940
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,670,933</b>	<b>2,206,418</b>

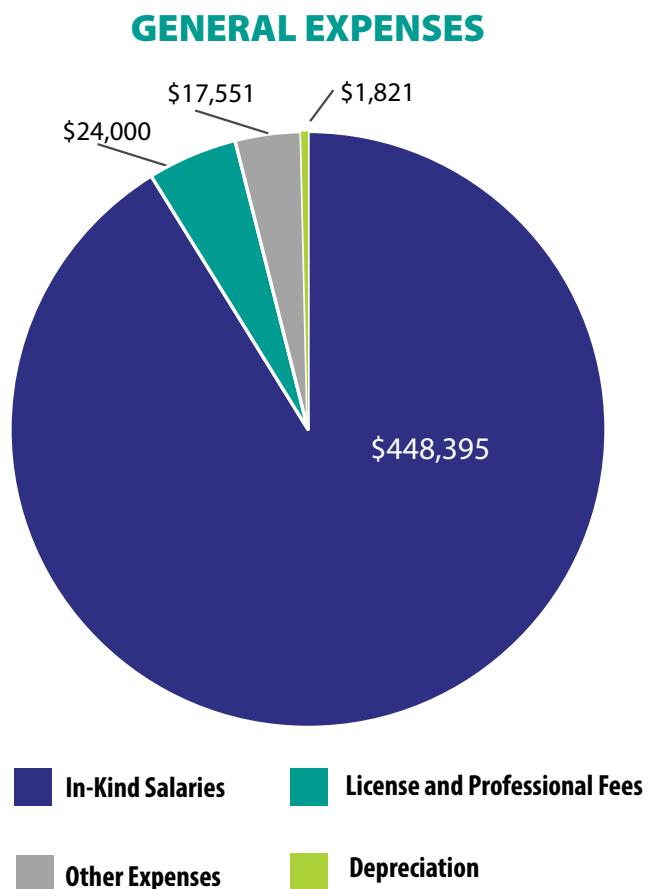
 <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	 \$ 2,693,557	 \$ 2,243,062
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Fiscal Year 2024 marks another year of growth and progress for the Hudson County Community College Foundation—progress made possible by the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our Board.

Thanks to strong donor contributions and responsible financial stewardship, the Foundation's total assets grew by more than 20%, rising from \$2.24 million in FY23 to \$2.69 million in FY24. This gain reflects increases across multiple categories, including cash, investments, and receivables, as shown in the summary below.



## *Operational Growth Reflects Expanded Impact Increased Institutional Investment and Transparent Reporting*



The Foundation is doing more than ever before to meet the needs of Hudson County Community College and its students. In FY24, the Foundation helped fund a record number of scholarships, supported transformational events, expanded donor engagement, and prepared for long-term campaign readiness—all while elevating the College’s visibility and investing in systems that promote transparency, accountability, and donor trust.

This increased activity requires staffing, tools, and infrastructure. In past years, much of this work was performed by College staff, but not consistently recorded as part of the Foundation’s operating expenses. That changed in FY24.

Newly adopted financial reporting protocols now account for all gifts-in-kind (GIK) contributions from the College, including the value of:

- Professional staff time spent on fundraising, stewardship, alumni relations, and communications
- Office space and shared administrative infrastructure
- Technology platforms and system support

As a result, General Expenses totaled \$491,767, but over 90%—or \$448,395—was in-kind support from the College, not paid from Foundation cash. Actual cash expenses were just \$43,372. No Foundation salaries are paid from donor contributions.

This change marks an important step forward in transparency. It reflects HCCC's strong institutional investment in the Foundation's mission and the professional infrastructure needed to support student success and drive philanthropic growth.

As the Foundation prepares for long-term fundraising and campaign readiness, this institutional partnership and clarity of operations will serve as a critical backbone for our future.

**Lidia  
Khayrulina**  
*HCCC Class of 2025*



Lidia is a first-generation immigrant and Hudson Foundation Scholarship recipient, and the HCCC Class of 2025 Valedictorian. She explained, "I had doubts about my English, being older than most students, and whether I would belong in a college environment." But she cast these fears aside, took the placement test, mastered English as her second language, and began studying for her HCCC Associate in Science degree in Business Administration.

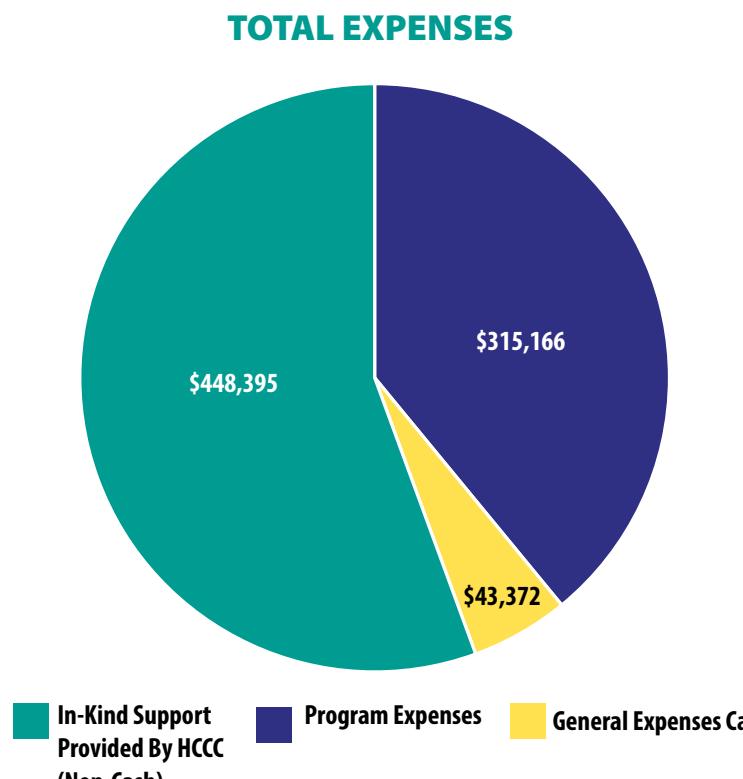
She excelled at HCCC, becoming a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, the PTK New Jersey All-State Academic Team, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Sigma Kappa Delta. Lidia was also named a 2025 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Semifinalist, and New Jersey Council of County Colleges "New Jersey Student of the Year" nominee. Her success at HCCC is a testament to her hard work and to the impact that a scholarship can create.



## Courage Labhan

*HCCC Class of 2021*

"HCCC is where I first explored my passion for problem-solving and discovered the potential of a career in engineering. As a young teenager who had just relocated from Cameroon, and adapting to an entirely new environment, I embraced every obstacle as an opportunity, laying a solid foundation for my future in engineering... Navigating the demands of coursework, balancing responsibilities, and transferring to a four-year institution wasn't always easy. However, those challenges became catalysts for growth, teaching me how to adapt and stay focused on my goals. HCCC was more than just a place to earn credits; it was a foundation that prepared me for the rigorous environment at NJIT and beyond. Today, as part of the team at a start-up building a first of a kind technology, I continue to borrow from the lessons I have learned embracing new opportunities, navigating complex challenges, and now contributing towards a sustainable future through nuclear fusion research."



We're proud to report that the HCCC Foundation has earned an 88% rating from Charity Navigator, one of the nation's most trusted evaluators of nonprofit performance. This score reflects our ongoing commitment to financial health, accountability, and transparency, key indicators that your support is being used wisely and effectively.

Donors can give with confidence, knowing their contributions are making a meaningful impact and being stewarded with integrity. Your trust fuels our mission, and this recognition affirms that we are worthy of it.

In addition to asset growth, the Foundation awarded nearly \$250,000 in scholarships and book stipends, a 37.4% increase from the previous year, helping 165 students pursue their education and reduce financial barriers—more than doubling the number of recipients from FY23.

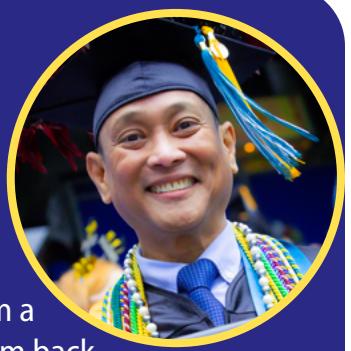
**To ensure sound management of these growing resources, the Foundation Board also:**

- Updated its Endowment Policy and Spending Policy to guide responsible long-term asset management. This clarifies that the principal of the endowments will be invested to create a perpetual stream of funding for the College.
- Created a Board Member Agreement to strengthen transparency and define engagement expectations.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the College, affirming the Foundation's strategic role.
- Implemented New guidelines for using unrestricted scholarship funds to support summer session enrollment.

These actions underscore a renewed commitment to transparency, sustainability, and student-focused impact, positioning the Foundation for continued growth and strategic alignment with Hudson County Community College.

## **Nelson Tungala** *HCCC Class of 2025*

This Hudson Scholars scholarship has provided me with more than just financial assistance; it has allowed me to focus on my studies without the constant worry of tuition fees. It has lightened my burden and allowed me to engage more deeply in my academic work, extracurricular activities, and personal growth. I am a nontraditional student who graduated from university 30 years ago, and now, I am back for a new chapter in my life. I believe that education is valuable and that learning is a continuous process despite doubts and challenges. This scholarship has also reaffirmed my belief that hard work, dedication, and support from the community can open doors of opportunities I never imagined possible.



# PROGRAM EXPENSES

In fiscal year 2024, the Foundation directed \$315,166 toward programmatic investments, the vast majority of which supported HCCC students and enriched the broader campus community. Below is a breakdown with brief explanations of each category:

## Scholarships Paid – \$208,775

These funds directly supported tuition assistance for students across multiple semesters, helping to reduce financial barriers and increase retention and completion rates.

## Bookstore Stipends – \$40,000

Designated to help students purchase required course materials, this funding ensures equitable access to textbooks and supplies critical to academic success.

## Art Collection Costs – \$39,379

This includes maintenance, framing, installation, and interpretive signage for the Foundation Art Collection, which enhances campus culture and provides a living museum experience for students and visitors.

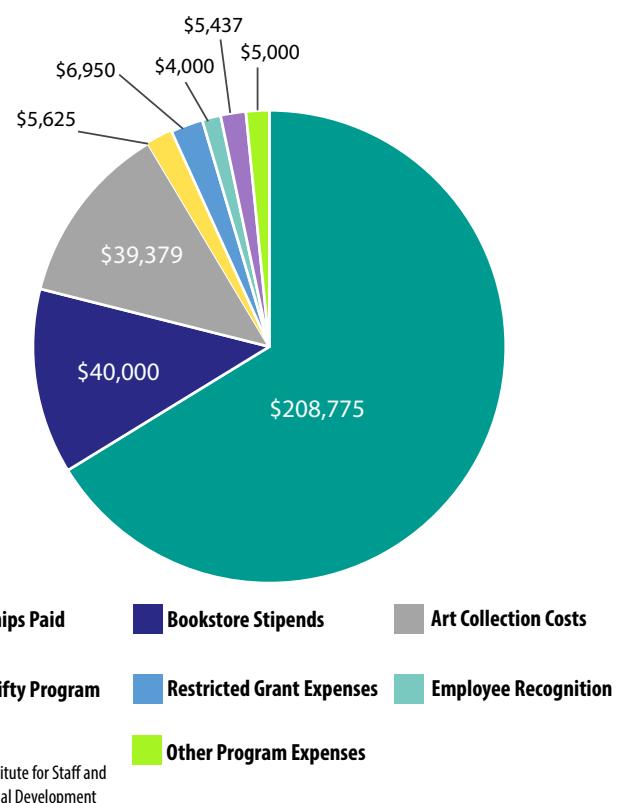
## Mission Fifty Pitch Competition Program – \$5,625

This expense consists of prize money for a business pitch competition for HCCC business students.

## NISOD Membership and Conference – \$5,437

This expense covered the College's participation in the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, supporting faculty and staff development aligned with best practices in teaching and student engagement.

## PROGRAM EXPENSES



## Restricted Grant Expenses – \$6,950

These are expenditures tied to donor- or funder-specified programs, reflecting the Foundation's commitment to honoring donor intent.

## Other Program Expenses – \$5,000

This category includes miscellaneous program costs such as speaker fees, small student incentives, and event-related materials that fall outside major funding streams.

## Employee Recognition – \$4,000

These funds were used for modest recognition efforts that honor the service and dedication of HCCC employees, reinforcing a culture of appreciation and excellence.

# THE BEST IS JUST AHEAD!

2023-2024 was a transformative year for Hudson County Community College and the HCCC Foundation, but the momentum is only building. With the 50th Anniversary upon us, a yearlong cavalcade of celebrations is underway — and our community will be at the heart of every moment.

As we prepare to unveil the Center for Student Success, honor five decades of impact, and deepen our support for students and programs, we are growing in every direction:

- Engaging new audiences including alumni, employers, and local partners
- Expanding philanthropic opportunities through sponsorships and events
- Amplifying student success stories and the role our supporters play in making them possible
- Strengthening internal culture through employee giving and cross-campus collaboration

Whether you attend an event, sponsor a program, or support a scholarship, you are helping HCCC students unlock opportunity and shape the future of Hudson County.

*Join us as we celebrate the past, invest in the present, and champion the future.*





## DONOR HONOR ROLL

The impact we celebrate and the future we envision are only possible because of the generosity of our donors. We are proud to recognize those who make our mission real every day.

- 7-Eleven Stores
- ABW Compliance Services
- Antonio Acevedo
- Albert H. Hopper Monuments, Inc.
- Larry Anderson
- Ruddys Andrade
- Art House Productions
- ASPIRE Technology Partners LLC
- Atabey Consulting Group
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- BCB Community Bank
- Anita Belle
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- Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti
- Zuany Chicas
- Chip in for the Children
- Sanzida Chowdhury
- Christ Hospital/CarePoint Health
- Citizens Philanthropic Foundation
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- Michael Cohen
- Committee to Elect Alberto Santos Mayor
- Community Foundation of New Jersey
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- Patrick DiSanto
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- Dr. James Doran
- Dr. Lisa Dougherty
- Lauren Drew
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- Norman & Lydia Eckstein
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- Ellucian
- Scott Emerson
- EMET Realty
- Dennis J. Enright
- Dr. Jacob Farbman
- Chastity Farrell
- Carol Fasano
- Fidelity Investments
- James & Linda Fife
- Jose Flores
- Juan Flores
- Follett Higher Education Group
- Dr. Glen Gabert
- Shannon Gallagher
- Joseph Gallo
- Diana Galvez
- Garden State Community Development Corporation
- Pamela Gardner
- Mary Goffredo
- Goya Foods



## Dr. Nadia S. Dob, PharmD. HCCC Class of 2019

“Looking back, HCCC wasn’t just a starting point — it was the right starting point. The small class sizes allowed for personalized attention, and I always felt seen and supported. Both the academic and student affairs departments were incredibly helpful. As a new immigrant navigating an unfamiliar education system, I had so many questions, and the staff at HCCC never hesitated to guide me. Their support played a huge role in shaping the path I’m on today.”

## Norman Eckstein



"I fundamentally believe that a student's ability to enjoy the college experience should not be compromised because of financial uncertainty. With our family's scholarship, the recipients have been able to advance themselves with a higher level of self-confidence that they could be among the next group of leaders for our country.

For our family, this leadership does not necessarily mean financial success. Instead, for our family, a leader refers to a well-rounded person. Such quality is fostered during a student's college experience.

For at least the next 50 years, HCCC can depend our family's financial commitment to advance the college's mission."

- Graybar
- GP Summit Associates, LLC
- Roy Groething
- Anne Hackshaw
- Healthy Body Healthy Mind LLC
- Hispanic State Parade of New Jersey
- Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Housing Authority of the Town of Guttenberg
- Hudson County Community College
- Hudson County Economic Development Corporation
- Hudson County Schools of Technology Foundation, INC
- Maureen Hulings
- IBEW Local #164
- iFactory
- Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey
- Michael D. James
- Anita Jankoski
- JCT Solutions
- JDA Group
- Jersey City Asian Merchants Association
- Jersey Pictures Inc.
- Nicole B. Johnson
- Philip Johnston, Jr.
- Dr. Darryl Jones
- Journal Square Plaza Urban Renewal Associates
- Dr. Robert Kahn
- Ayman Khan
- Evgeniya Kozlenko
- Fred & Maureen Kroog
- Anna Krupitskiy
- Matthew LaBrake
- Lakeland Bank
- Gail Landi
- Vincent LaRocca
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- Leemark Electric, Inc.
- Liberty House LLC
- Allan Licona
- Steve Lipski
- Littler Mendelson Foundation
- Dr. Jose Lowe

- Miguel Lumbao
- Richard Mackiewicz Jr., Esq.
- Marie Mahood
- Raffi Manjikian
- Manufacturing Woodworkers Association of Greater New York, Inc.
- MAP Restaurant Supply
- Lori Margolin
- Janine Martino
- MAST Construction Services
- Maverick Building Services
- Paula Mayorga
- Monica McCormack-Casey
- Susan McCurrie
- Ann McGovern
- McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
- Lester McRae
- Mariana Mikhaiel
- James J. Miller Jr.
- Monica Mincy
- Sergio Minervini
- Mission 50 LLC
- Joseph Moffitt
- Monica Moffitt
- Mona Mokdessi
- Victor Moruzzi
- Jamilah Moudiab
- MRFJ Capital Corp.
- NCHAF
- Nelson & Ward Company
- William & Barbara Netchert
- New Jersey Council of County Colleges
- NJCU Foundation
- NK Architects
- Mahdiar Noroozi
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation
- Neivi Nunez
- NW Financial Group, LLC
- Hussein Odeh
- David Ostrowski
- Mandy & Ana Otero
- Panepinto Properties
- Louis Pantoliano
- Charmy Patel



**Steve  
Mullen**  
*President, JCT Solutions*

"I was born and raised Kearny. I believe we have an obligation to give back to the communities where we were are from, and supporting the HCCC Foundation is a great way to do that. I really mean that. You can't forget where you came from."

## Alex Velez

### HCCC Class of 2022



"HCCC changed my life... I worked so hard to make this achievement happen and along the way Hudson became a home to me. It afforded me countless opportunities and put me in front of amazing people and information I didn't have access to before.

It was the foundation I was in desperate need of. I've grown to love the college so much that to this day I continue to be a part of it as a mentor, advocate, and volunteer. I hope to become an instructor for the Cybersecurity program one day so I can give back to future students in the community as this college has done for me. Until then, I continue to march forward on the path to my master's degree."

- PeaceCare NJ
- Kyara Pena
- Paul Pimentel
- James Plaugic & Diane Schulz
- PNC Bank
- Fred Poccia
- Point Capital Development
- Robert Presar
- Provident Bank
- PSEG
- Sovi Pujols
- Dr. Yeurys Pujols
- Pujols Financial Group, LLC
- Joan Quigley
- Reading Area Community College
- Dr. Christopher Reber
- Philip G. Reeve
- Renato's Pizza Masters
- Alexa Riano
- Michelle Richardson
- Karen Riera
- Andrea Rivera
- Madeline Rivera
- Dr. Paula Roberson
- Kameren Roberts
- Roberts Plywood
- Mark & Nancy Rodrick
- Israel & Sylvia Rodriguez
- Romano for Commissioner
- Carrie Rong Xiao
- Royal Ross
- Michael Ryan
- SAL Electric Co., Inc.
- Erica Santos
- Reid Saunders
- John Scanlon
- Scarinci & Hollenbeck LLC
- Maria Schirta
- Linda Schulz
- Ronnie Sevilla
- SILVERMAN
- The Silverman Family Scholarship
- Michael Shababb

- Robert M. Shababb
- Dr. Bernadette So
- SourceBlue, LLC
- Southpole Foundation, Inc.
- Elizabeth Spinelli
- Allison Sroka
- Katherine Stanton
- Steve Madden, Ltd.
- R.M. Stineman
- Claudia Stone
- Amy Kauffman Sweeney
- Swipe Out Hunger
- Switzer Foundation
- Dr. Mojdeh Tabatabaie
- TD Bank
- Barry Tomkins
- Jose & Mary Torres
- Turner Construction Company
- United Adjunct Faculty of NJ, Local 2222, HCCC Chapter
- United Way of Hudson County
- John Urgola
- USA Distributors Inc.
- Veolia North America, LLC
- Gina & Robert Verdibello
- Bolivar Villagomes
- Diego Villatoro
- Sebastian & Mildred Viscuso
- Michelle Vitale
- Matthew Weber
- Tess Wiggins
- Albert Williams
- Lilisa Williams
- Alicia Wilson
- Wilfred Armitrage Wiggins
- Women's Rehabilitation Group
- The Wonderful Company
- Wurth Baer Supply Co.
- Kevin Wynn
- Dr. Burl Yearwood
- Richard Zaborowski
- Veronica Zeichner

## Paul Silverman



As the co-founder of prominent real estate development firm SILVERMAN with his brother Eric, Paul Silverman has not only played a pivotal role in revitalizing Jersey City's downtown and waterfront districts —he has helped build the social and cultural fabric of the community, notably through his long-standing support of HCCC and other charitable initiatives supporting public education.

His support has helped countless students pursue their academic and career goals. His passion for giving back is rooted in values instilled by his parents, who emphasized the importance of compassion and supporting others.

While Paul believes that helping others and giving back is reward enough in and of itself, throughout the years, he has been moved by the gratitude of those he has supported and seeing the impact of this support. One particularly profound example involves a student from Kearny, a community he has a strong connection to. After funding a scholarship awarded to a culinary student from Kearny High School, Paul met the recipient and her mother, who told him that the student's father had recently passed away. Without the scholarship money, she wouldn't have been able to continue her education. Years later, Paul was at Liberty National Golf Club when he was approached by the same student, who was now a chef at the prestigious club; she thanked him for changing the course of her life.

Paul calls HCCC "a school with people who truly value education and the opportunity to pursue their goals."

Ultimately, Paul explains that "I was fortunate to receive a good education and to be in a position to contribute to society. I want others to have that same opportunity."

# WAYS TO GIVE

Make a lasting impact on the lives of HCCC students by supporting the HCCC Foundation. With more ways to give than ever before, your donation is just a few clicks—or a stamp—away.



## Give Online

Donate quickly and securely by debit card, credit card, or PayPal:  
[www.hccc.edu/community/foundation](http://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation)

## Send a Check

Payable to HCCC Foundation

## Mail to:

HCCC Foundation  
26 Journal Square, 14th Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

## HCCC Employee Giving

Give through payroll deduction by completing the form here:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7df155e2b52b46f9b2dcff46d711925d>

## Employee Payroll Deduction Form

ACH or Wire Transfer [https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html](http://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html)

## Download instructions here:

[https://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html](http://www.hccc.edu/community/foundation/index.html)

## Other Giving Options

Interested in donating stock or ETFs, establishing an endowment, making a planned gift, or sponsoring an event?

Contact us at [foundation@hccc.edu](mailto:foundation@hccc.edu)

or 201-360-4778 to explore your options.



# HCCC AWARDS



**2024 Generation Hope FamilyU Seal**

**2024 AACC Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Recognition to Elana Winslow**

**2024 INSIGHT Into Academia Community College Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award**

**2024 INSIGHT Into Academia Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award**

**2024 National 'Inspiring Programs in Business' Award from Insight Into Diversity Magazine**

**2024 "Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges" award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education**

**2024 "Great College to Work For" Award from ModernThink LLC; Honor Roll of Distinction**

**2024 AACC Awards of Excellence**

CEO of the Year (Christopher Reber) (Winner)

Faculty Member of the Year (Clive Li) (Winner)

Student Success (Winner)

Advancing Institutional Equity and Belonging (finalist)

Faculty Innovation (Jeremiah Teipen) (finalist)

Rising Star – Manager (Matthew LaBrake) (finalist)

Trustee of the Year (William Netchert) (finalist)

**Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction to Dr. Christopher Reber (April 2024)**

**2023 Campus Prevention Network (CPN) Seal of Prevention™ (awarded in 2024)**

**Designation as Leader College of Distinction by Achieving the Dream (February 2024)**

**2024 National Bellwether Awards**

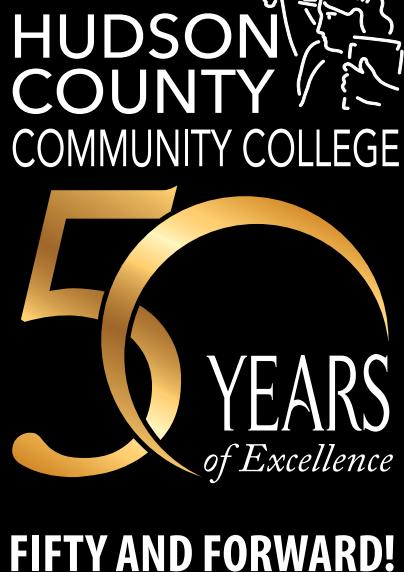
Finalist – Justice Involved Students (Instructional Services)

Finalist – DEI Accomplishments (Planning, Governance and Finance)

**2024 National Bellwether Legacy Awards**

Winner – Hudson Scholars





# YOU'RE INVITED: Celebrate HCCC's 50th Anniversary

Hudson County Community College has been creating transformative outcomes for students for 50 years, making a difference in Hudson County, across the entire Garden State, and beyond.

Now, we are celebrating what we've accomplished over that time with an eye toward making an even bigger impact over the next 50 years, and the HCCC Foundation is proud to play a leading role in the College's special 50th anniversary celebration.

The year-long festivities kicked off in August 2025 and culminate in Fall 2026, with the opening of our brand-new Center for Student Success, igniting a new era of excellence at HCCC.



Scan the QR code or click on link below  
for more details about our upcoming  
50th Anniversary events!

<https://www.hccc.edu/page/50th/index.html>

# Recent 50th Anniversary Events



## HCCC 50th Anniversary Kick Off Celebration

Our 50th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration ushered in this milestone year in style, setting the tone for a memorable season of reflection and celebration as students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members came together for an unforgettable day.



## HCCC 50th Anniversary Homecoming Block Party and Open House

Our inaugural Homecoming Block Party and Open House launched a new tradition that brought our community together for a spirited celebration of HCCC pride.



## HCCC 50th Anniversary Alumni Networking Night

Alumni came together to rekindle past connections, make new ones, build their professional networks, and meet with employers.

## HCCC 50 Years of Excellence Exhibit

Opening of the 50 Years of Excellence Exhibit at the Museum of Jersey City History – celebrated our past in a historic setting truly befitting the college's enduring legacy.



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