

Hudson County Community College Alumni Association Invites You to

## *THE RISE and VOICES OF ALUMNI*



### **Kristofer Fontanez**

#### **Class of May 2015 Associate Degree in Arts-Computer Science**

*My first career experience was doing clerical work during my High School internship in the Superior Court of New Jersey. I entered HCCC and soon worked as a Work Study student for the LEAP Program, now known as Early College. I graduated with my Associate's Degree in Computer Science with a 3.83 GPA, Magna Cum Laude at HCCC, and then transferred and earned my Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, in NJCU as Summa Cum Laude with a 3.92 GPA. NJCU has given me the opportunity to participate in a research internship with the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science. After my college journey at NJCU, I came back to HCCC as a Part-time Web Developer, and currently, I now work as a Full-time Manager of Web and Portal Services here at HCCC.*

*There were many challenges throughout my college and work at HCCC. There were times in coding programs when I would have to go out of my comfort zone to try and understand a new language to implement it into the code I am trying to achieve. This takes a lot of trial and error, but it is very fulfilling when it works and you actually understand it. Being in a small web development team also has its pros and cons. We launched the redesigning of the HCCC public website during the midst of the pandemic. Initialization of the project began in 2019 and constant development plans were ongoing until the end of 2020. The ongoing challenge also includes maintenance and re-designing of the portal. However, it is my pride and joy to continue to thrive in serving the HCCC community with the newly redesigned website.*

*The HCCC degree benefited me so much and I knew that this is the career path that I wanted to pursue. I was always interested in the visuals and design aspects of technology. I thank God, my parents, and my friends in helping me throughout this journey.*

*My advice to students: Aim high, achieve high! Be the spark and the light of inspiration to those around you.*

*Join us as Kristofer shows his passion, mission, and story via ZOOM:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87199770285> Meeting ID: 871 9977 0285 Passcode: 521335

**Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

