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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENS ON-CAMPUS FOOD PANTRIES

Food insecurity among college students is so pervasive that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report on it.

Food insecurity is defined as not having access to nutritious, affordable food. The GAO reports that up to 50 percent of the nation's community college students experience food insecurity. Further, reports estimate that more than one out of ten of the nation's college students is homeless. Even though a higher percentage of students from low-income homes are enrolling in college, the number of students whose households face poverty has increased.

First-generation college students, those who are raising children, and single parents often face insurmountable obstacles to college completion according to recent studies. Among U.S. community college students, 42 percent or more struggle to pay for balanced meals. When such stressors become overwhelming, these students often skip meals, lose focus on their studies, and/or drop out.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is committed to providing resources to help all HCCC students achieve their college goals. The College provides financial assistance to 83 percent of its student body. Now it is taking steps to assist those

who have trouble putting food on their tables.

The College held the official opening of its Journal Square Campus food pantry on Tuesday, March 26, in Room J002 at 2 Enos Place in Jersey City, NJ. The pantry, which was renovated and stocked with funding from the HCCC Foundation, will house nonperishable food items for students and members of the College community. A second pantry will open on the HCCC North Hudson Campus – 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City – on Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

"It is devastating to know that any member of the HCCC community may be struggling with a lack of food, and we hope that this food pantry will ease and eliminate any hunger and food insecurity that may exist among the campus population," noted Associate Dean of Student Affairs Dr. David Clark, who has provided leadership for the project.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said he knows there is often a stigma attached to using a food pantry. "This food pantry is a labor of love. It is a collaboration of our students, faculty, staff and Foundation Board members. We are working to dispel any stigma by making the pantry as friendly, welcoming and discreet as possible," he stated.

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On the cover: Pictured from left: Angela Tuzzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Jose Lowe, Director of EOF; Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Vice President for Development/Assistant to the President; student Avery Tan; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment; and student, Keischa Taylor.

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy will deliver the keynote speech at Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) 2019 Commencement ceremony.

The Governor accepted the College's invitation to the event that will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark.

"What a wonderful opportunity this will be for our graduates, their families, and our College. We are honored to have the Governor participate in this milestone celebration of our students' success and thank him for his strong support of education," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

"It will be an honor to be part of HCCC's Commencement, and to help celebrate the graduates' accomplishments," said Governor Murphy. "Our county colleges are a crucial part of our higher education system, and ensuring greater access for all residents is critical to creating the stronger and fairer New Jersey we seek to build."

Expanded access to higher education opportunities is a key initiative of Governor Murphy's administration. Hudson County Community College was one of 13 New Jersey community colleges selected to pilot the Community College Opportunity Grant this spring. Governor Murphy and the legislature appropriated \$25 million for the grant, which offered prospective students from low-income families the opportunity to attend community college tuition free. Students with adjusted gross family incomes of up to \$45,000, who took six or more credits in the Spring 2019 semester, were eligible to receive CCOG awards for tuition and educational fees after applying all other federal or state grant aid they receive. Nearly 600 HCCC students benefitted from the pilot offering of this program in Spring 2019.



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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIGNS NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH RAMAPO COLLEGE



Pictured from left to right: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Eric Friedman; RCNJ Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Christopher Romano; and RCNJ President Dr. Peter Mercer.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) recently held the official signing of an agreement between HCCC and Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) for a new transfer initiative known as the “Archway to Ramapo College” program.

HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said the agreement allows for the seamless transition of students who earn an associate degree at HCCC and wish to pursue a bachelor’s degree in any of nearly 60 majors at RCNJ. Students enrolled at HCCC who are a part of the program will be assigned an RCNJ advisor who will be on-site at HCCC. The RCNJ advisors will assist students with decisions about course equivalents, the availability of financial assistance/scholarships, and more. Under the agreement, RCNJ will waive application fees for students in the program.

The signing took place in the Clare Room of the HCCC Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Avenue in Jersey City. Dr. Reber was joined by RCNJ President Dr. Peter Mercer. Also in attendance were HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services Lisa



Pictured from left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; New Jersey State Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham; and RCNJ President Dr. Peter Mercer.

Dougherty, HCCC Vice President for Planning and Development Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, HCCC Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs Christopher Wahl, RCNJ Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Christopher Romano, RCNJ Government Relations Officer Patrick O’Connor, and RCNJ Associate Director of Graduate and Adult Admissions Anthony Dovi.

“We are proud to expand our partnership with Ramapo College of New Jersey through this program,” said Dr. Reber. “It will provide our students with critical support and well-defined pathways to a wide spectrum of baccalaureate degree programs at RCNJ, including studies in Business, Social Sciences, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Humanities, Communication Arts, Languages, and a host of Visual and Performing Arts programs.”

“This agreement is an extension of both colleges’ commitment to put students first. We know that intentional advisement and clear streamlined pathways to the bachelor’s degree are integral components of student success,” said Peter Mercer, President of Ramapo College.

PRE-ST. PATRICK'S MUSICAL



Harvey Rubinstein (right), Professor of English, plays a set of traditional Irish fiddle tunes along with guitarist Peter Carbonara at a reception on March 13.

ACEN ACCREDITATION OF THE HCCC NURSING PROGRAM

Hudson County Community College is pleased to announce that its Nursing Program has received full accreditation from the Accrediting Center for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The accreditation visit took place for three days in April of 2018, and the final word was received on Aug. 13 that the program received accreditation for the full five-year period for an initial accreditation.

The ACEN report usually takes over a year to write and submit; however, to assure that the graduates of 2018 graduated from a fully accredited school, the report was written and submitted in three months, a true accomplishment. This assures that every graduate has completed the requirements of a fully accredited program, which enables their enrollment in all upper division BSN programs and employment at all health care agencies.

In addition, the Nursing Program received full accreditation from the New Jersey Board of Nursing effective January 2018 for a period of eight years. This was also a big accomplishment, and this enables all graduates to take the NCLEX licensing examination to become Registered Nurses (RN).

Congratulations to the Nursing Program administration, faculty and staff on this accomplishment and for placing Hudson County Community College on the list of nationally accredited Nursing Programs.

NJCCC PRESIDENT VISITS HCCC



Dr. Aaron R. Fichtner, President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, delivers a presentation to the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

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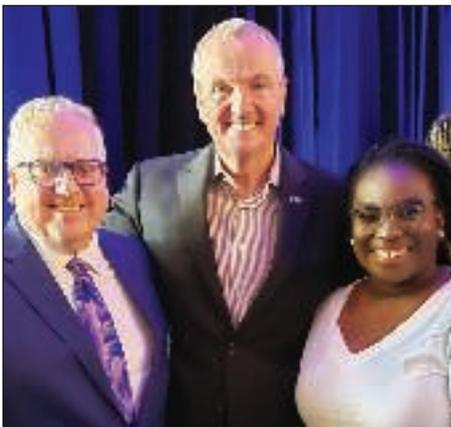
The Office of Human Resources at HCCC is pleased to announce its first **TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK® DAY** to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, a national event day.

This organized event program is a great opportunity for children ages 7 to 15 to see what parents, grandparents, or caretakers do and where they do it.

They can meet their managers and peers, see where and how they work, and what brings job satisfaction. **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work® Day** is important for both caretakers and children, as they provide inquisitive minds and voracious appetites for learning vital lessons that can help them land their first job.



WHERE OPPORTUNITY MEETS INNOVATION



Dr. Chris Reber, Hudson County Community College President (left) and Rhoda Alaribe (right), President of HCCC's Student Government Association with New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (center), who announced the release of "Where Opportunity Meets Innovation: A Student-Centered Vision for New Jersey Higher Education" during a press conference at Rutgers University-Newark on Tuesday, March 26. State Secretary of Higher Education Dr. Zakiya Smith Ellis also attended the briefing.

For professional development workshops, opportunities, and other resources, please visit the Faculty and Staff Development page at <http://my.hccc.edu>

TITLE CHANGE

Yvon Groneveldt,
Lab Technician to Senior Lab Technician

Djadjji Sylla-Sawassa,
Secretary to Coordinator, Continuing Education
and Workforce Development

MILESTONES

*Congratulations to the following
on their anniversary with
Hudson County Community College!*

One Year
Lori Margolin
Lotta Sanchez

Five Years
Hardik Sanghavi

25 Years
Luis Leon

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Academic Lab Coordinator
Adjunct Faculty-Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction Advisor PT
Associate Director of Advisement and Counseling
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer - English
College Lecturer, Nursing
College Lecturer, Radiography
Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)
Coordinator, Workforce Academy (PT)
Counselor
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)
Customer Service Assistant PT
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Director of Library Patron Services
EOF Counselor
Executive Director of Institutional Research
Head Tutor - Math, Science, & Business
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Instructor, Academic Foundations Math
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor, Center for Business & Industry
Instructor of Computer Science
Instructor, English (3 positions)
Instructor of Mathematics
Librarian (PT)
Patient Access Representative Technician Instructor (PT)
Perkins Grant Coordinator
PC Technician (PT - 2 Positions)
PC Technician
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)

To apply, please submit a letter of application, resume, salary requirements, & three references to:

**Hudson County Community College
Human Resources Department
70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306
resumes@hccc.edu**

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the "Jobs @ HCCC" page at www.hccc.edu.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEM



Pictured from left: Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Prof. Mohammad Qasem and Dr. Clive Li.

Latinas in STEM

Hudson County Community College faculty attended the Latinas in STEM seminar at Alexander D. Sullivan Elementary School in Jersey City on Saturday, March 9.

Cyber Bootcamp

On Saturday, March 16, a large group of students from both Hudson County Community College's Cybersecurity program led by Prof. Faisal Aljamal and a group of students of Cybersecurity from Saint Peter's University met for a Cyber Bootcamp at the Trading Room of the School of Business of SPU.

The students played an exercise of "Red Team vs. Blue Team," where the Red Team performed a cyber attack on a computer and the Blue Team played the defense of the victim machine. Students were divided in four groups at random with an assigned leader, and each group played attack and then strategies to improve defenses. The teams mixed students from both schools.

After three hours of intense cyber interactions and teamwork, the four teams emerged victorious. The exercises were fueled by gourmet pizza, and



Cyber Bootcamp



Pictured from left: Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Dr. John Marlin, Prof. Mohammad Qasem, and Dr. Clive Li, who judged impressive middle- and high school science projects at the Hudson County STEM Showcase on March 11.

the direction and planning, technology and virtualization environment were provided by Mayur Pipaliya, Albert Realuyo, Jose Martinez and Steven Wong, graduates of the Master in Cybersecurity program of Saint Peter's University.

HCCC also attended a PenTesting workshop at Saint Peter's on Thursday, Feb. 28. This workshop, facilitated by Joshua Famubod, provided students with a set of tools and a computer box to analyze (penetrate). The goal of the workshop was to take full control of the computer box and establish the areas of weakness in such a computer.

COMMENCEMENT

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HCCC has an unduplicated headcount of more than 15,000 full- and part-time students. The College offers more than 60 degree and certificate programs on campuses in Jersey City and Union City, NJ, at off-campus sites and online. The HCCC Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management program was ranked number six in the U.S. by Best Choice Schools. Over 94% of HCCC Nursing program graduates passed the NCLEX first time out, placing the program's graduates in the top tier of two- and four-year nursing programs nationwide. In 2017, the Equality of Opportunity Project ranked HCCC in the top 5% of 2,200 U.S. higher education institutions for social mobility.

ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWS

During the Spring 2019 semester, the All College Council will accept nominations, and hold election, for the ACC Steering Committee (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). The Council will seek nominations early this month. Please save the date for an appreciation luncheon in the spring for all members (Thursday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.).

The Council will hold general meetings on the following dates during Spring 2019:

- Wednesday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room (tentative)

Please save the date for the Employee Scholarship Luncheon for Thursday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium.

Please also save Thursday, May 2, 12:30 p.m. for an Appreciation Luncheon at the Culinary Conference Center.

For further information, please visit the ACC portal page at <http://my.hccc.edu/acc>.

Please contact drossilli@hccc.edu if you wish to volunteer to serve in the spring semester.

MIDDLE STATES OPEN FORUMS:



MONDAY, APRIL 1

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Overview Report of Team Findings
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center

These opportunities are open to the entire College community.

POP UP WORKOUT



On Monday, March 11, students in Hudson County Community College's Personal Fitness Training Certificate Program gave a demonstration of the use of foam rollers. Foam rolling before a workout decreases muscle density and sets the stage for a better warm-up.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

HCCC HELD ITS SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT JOURNAL SQUARE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23



Business faculty members (from left) Lester McRae, Sharon Daughtry and Peter Cronrath speak with a prospective student.



Pictured from left: Kewal Krishan, Assistant Professor, Mathematics; Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services; Bernard Adamitey, Instructor, Academic Foundations Math; and Kyle Woolley, Head Tutor, Math, Science and Business.



Victoria Marino, Director of Career Services (in background) and Addison Keim, Career Advisor speak with prospective students.

EOF HONORS FALL 2018 DEAN'S LIST ACHIEVERS

On Thursday, March 14, the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program celebrated the academic accomplishments of EOF students who were part of the Fall 2018 Dean's List. These full-time EOF students earned a grade point average of 3.5 for the semester. The EOF program, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, is a state-funded program whose main purpose is to provide academic support to program eligible Hudson County Community College students.



Pictured from left, seated: Sarra Hayoune, Kissarne Pang, Camila Escobar, Kayla Brown, Marilyn Acevedo. Pictured from left, standing: Abderahim Salhi; Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Avery Tan; Micaela Quisbert; Jose Lowe, Director of EOF; Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director of EOF; Samuel Morshed; Christian Blanco; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Vivyen Ray, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations; and Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at: www.hccc.edu/testschedule.

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the HCCC FOCUS and how we can help you reach your goals!

During the Open House you will learn about HCCC's:

- F**lexible Learning Environments
- O**utstanding Academic Programs
- C**ost Effective Education
- U**nlimited Transfer and Career Opportunities
- S**upportive Student Services



In addition, you will have an opportunity to tour our campus, meet with Financial Aid and speak personally with students, faculty, and staff.

Discover our newest programs:

Homeland Security, Addictions Counseling, Medical Billing, Exercise Science, and Construction Management.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City (adjacent to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Bergenline Avenue Transit Station)

Apply to HCCC at the Open House and have your \$25 application fee waived!
RSVP Today at www.hccc.edu/openhouse or contact admissions@hccc.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS



In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Office of Student Activities hosted its annual Stuff-A-Plush and Chocolate Fountain events on both campuses. Students were able to stuff teddy bears with love for their loved ones or themselves, and dipped some delicious snack food in melted chocolate. How sweet is that?



Wednesday, March 6 was National Oreo Cookie Day! The OSA Snack Fairies went around both campuses giving out free Oreo cookies to students, faculty and staff. Kyara Martin (center) (OSA Programming Assistant) with students who enjoyed the free snacks.



On Saturday, March 2, Hudson County Community College hosted the regional ASGA (American Student Government Association) conference at the Culinary Conference Center for the fifth year in a row. The members of the Student Government Association (SGA) at HCCC were in attendance with their advisor Veronica Gerosimo (Assistant Dean of Student Life and Leadership). The ASGA Conference focuses on Student Government training, research, and consulting. Pictured from left: Diego Villatoro, Asma Osman, Veronica Gerosimo, Warren Rigby, and Rhoda Alaribe.



Time to get connected! The Office of Student Activities hosted its Student Involvement Fair, where students were able to learn about different involvement opportunities on campus and meet student leaders.



As part of Women's History Month, the Office of Student Activities had self-defense expert Adam Dare from "Own Your Fitness" teach students the various techniques on how to protect themselves in certain situations.



On March 7, 2019, the Office of Student Activities hosted a sandwich-making event at the North Hudson Campus. Students made sandwiches which were then donated to Union City's Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation (PERC), which serves as a homeless shelter, food pantry, soup kitchen, and more to those in need.



During National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, HCCC hosted a conversation on eating disorders. Paige Skylar and Jessica Hickman from the National Eating Disorder Association educated students, faculty and staff on the various facts about eating disorders, including how to identify one and possible treatment options.



The North Hudson Campus concluded its Black History Month programming with the rhythm of the West African Drums. Life Coach Alex Dankwa of "Common Unity" taught the students tips and tricks on how to play the African drums with their hands.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, 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.

ARTIST NEWS

If you like **Riccardo Barros'** work in the contemporary photographic portrait gallery on the fourth floor of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy his new exhibit at the Arts Council of Princeton. This two-person show is called "Riverside Silos/Shaping Spaces," and features photographs by Barros alongside sculptures by Austin Wright. The show is not about portraits, but rather, "This installation addresses volume – the space a substance occupies – in various ways through light, shadow, and form." It will be on view through May 4 at 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey.

Nancy Cohen, whose work is exhibited in the Dean's office on the mezzanine level of the Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Ave., will be having an exhibition titled "Force: Observations from the Interior" through May 4 at Kathryn Markel Fine Arts, 529 W. 20th Street, 6W, New York City.

Work by **Grigory Gurevich** was recently donated to the Collection. As we prepare to install it, you might enjoy seeing his work on exhibit at "Wherefore Art: a group show inspired by the imagination of William Shakespeare" through May 5 at Village West Gallery, 331 Newark Avenue, Jersey City. For more information, please visit www.villagewestgallery.com.

Valeri Larko's painting is part of a curated exhibition devoted to the New Jersey Urban Landscape which is installed on the fourth floor of the STEM Building.

If you enjoy that work, Larko's paintings will be on exhibit through April 30 in a two-person show called, "Spaces of Uncertainty" at the Flinn Gallery at the Greenwich Library in Connecticut. Why that title? The exhibition notes about Larko's urban landscapes of graffiti-covered abandoned buildings, "In our highly programmed built environments, these uncertain spaces are mostly overlooked or ignored as they await redevelopment. To the passer-by they might appear empty, abandoned, even dangerous; but by forcing us to look more closely, the artists expose fleeting histories and hidden narratives, revealing spaces that are in fact brimming with life and potential."

If you like **Fred Wilson's** work which is installed at North Hudson in the second floor Computer Lab and on the third floor of the Gabert Library in Journal Square, you might enjoy the

art he created at the New Jersey Medical Center light rail stop at Jersey Avenue. He created the platform mosaics, fencing, and the windscreens, which include the periodic table of the elements and pictures of nature. Here's a link to some more information in The New York Times: <https://nyti.ms/2W9p5Kl>.

REST IN PEACE –

Don Nice and Carolee Schneeman

Don Nice, whose work is installed at the entrance to 119 Newkirk in Journal Square, and in the North Hudson Campus Library, passed away on March 4.

Renowned for his paintings about the Hudson River, he was once asked about the meaning of those works. He said, "I'd rather think of the paintings as being meaningful rather than having meaning ... Meaning is a specific message, but by 'meaningful,' I mean some reference to something beyond definition, something we can't pin down, nor should we."

Carolee Schneeman, a major feminist artist whose work is on display on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library, passed away on March 6.

Even today, her works have the power to shock and scandalize. She said, "I never thought I was shocking I say this all the time and it sounds disingenuous, but I always thought, 'This is something they need. My culture is going to recognize it's missing something.'"

Schneeman is also famous for having said, "Be stubborn and persist, and trust yourself on what you love. You have to trust what you love."

On average, major museum collections have 4 % of their collections on display. At Hudson County Community College, one thing that distinguishes the art collection is our commitment to publicly display our entire art collection in order to maximize the educational benefit for students and the community. Over 80% of our Collection is on the walls, and most of the rest is in process--slated for installation in the next 18 months.

A recent study called "The effects of arts-integrated instruction on memory for science content" in the journal *Trends in Neuroscience and Education* underscores the importance of arts in science education. (For those who like abbreviations, we are talking about going from STEM to



Address Unknown by Grigory Gurevich (1992), Mixed Media Print. Thank you to Dennis C. Hull for the generous donation of this work.

STEAM!) The study observed 350 students whose teachers incorporated art into science education to find out the impact on long-term memory. (The control group did not have arts education in their science curriculum.) One thing they found was, "The arts-infused approach had a positive effect on 'struggling readers.'" After 10 weeks, those students "remembered significantly more science content learned through the arts" than those taught with conventional methods. Granted, this study was done with fifth graders, but it gives us food for thought. There is a research opportunity here to find out if incorporating art education also benefits students of science in higher education. You can read the study directly here: <https://bit.ly/2Cq9c9e>

Membership in the Hudson County Community College Foundation's dining series is your opportunity to enjoy world-class dining and service in your own backyard, and to help the College in realizing its goals of assisting deserving students! Our Executive Chef, team of culinary professionals, and students make meals at the Culinary Arts Institute into experiences to remember.



FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Membership includes lunch in Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute on Fridays during the Spring 2019 semester: April 5, April 12, April 26, and May 3.
- Service hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Cost of membership is \$995 per table for a maximum of four guests.
- Meal includes 4-course luncheon and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages include a full bar charged at a nominal rate.

For more information contact 201-360-4009 or email us at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President, at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4009. For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection>.

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents



"URBAN CROSSROADS" OPENING RECEPTION



Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs invites the community to a collaborative exhibition that explores the repurposing of what was the economic spine of Jersey City's industrial past.

"Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure" is the result of a comprehensive four-month study aimed at changing the landscape through collaboration, networking, and community activism. Collaborators include New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Architecture and Design, Rutgers University's Master of Landscape Architecture, Jersey City Art Council's Architecture and Design Committee, and the newly formed Bergen Arches Preservation in partnership with Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy and Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance.

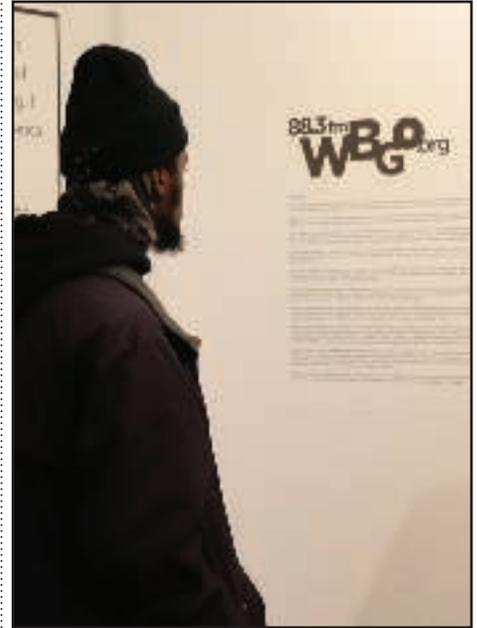
The exhibition of students' physical models, graphics on boards, and other works showcases potential new land uses and programs of an abandoned corridor in the heart of a growing urban environment for Jersey City's 2060 Redevelopment



Plan. Areas such as the Bergen Arches, the Sixth Street Embankment, Reservoir No. 3, and Liberty State Park are rich with abandoned rail and industrial sites. Exhibition attendees will see how a floating forest and forgotten ravine could link Jersey City to the United States East Coast Greenway.

Rahid Cornejo and Sean Gallagher curated the exhibition, which may be viewed through Thursday, April 18 at the Dineen Hull Gallery on the top floor of the HCCC Gabert Library - 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City. A reception marking the exhibition's opening was held on Tuesday, March 12; the closing reception will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

"NOTES AND TONES" CLOSING RECEPTION



A patron reads the history of WBGO, a nonprofit radio station and community partner.

On Friday, March 1, Hudson County Community College's Department of Cultural Affairs held a closing reception for the exhibition, "Notes and Tones: Jazz Influences on the EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop." The reception was held in the atrium of the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery in the Gabert Library.

The "Notes and Tones" exhibition, curated by Essye Klempner, was a themed compilation of prints created by nationally recognized artists. The exhibition was in partnership with the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, a program of the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts.

Blackburn held similar ideologies to the local jazz communities of the late 1960s. This indie spirit glitters through the jazz-inspired exhibition.

The exhibition also included a closer look at community partner WBGO, a celebrated nonprofit national radio station based in of Newark, NJ.

The closing reception featured live jazz performances by Audrey Martells, an alumna of the "Thinking in Full Color" poetry residency, and bassist Belden Bullock.



JERSEY CITY WRITERS

DOCA RESIDENCY

JC Writers Writing Bootcamp

For Spring 2019, Jersey City Writers, a community group of over 1,200 writers, will lead a prose and poetry writing residency at HCCC. JCW will offer a writing bootcamp that is open to HCCC students and staff, as well as local writers.

Advanced sign up is strongly encouraged. Programs will be held in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., 6th Fl., unless otherwise noted. Photo I.D. must be shown when entering the HCCC campus.

APRIL (Poetry Month)

Thursday, April 4, 6-8 p.m.:

Poetry & Prose Open Mic

Sunday, 7, 2-4 p.m.:

It Doesn't Have to Rhyme!

Sunday, 14, 2-4 p.m.:

How to Recite on the Mic

Thursday, 25, 6-9 p.m.:

2nd Annual Jersey City

Poetry Festival: Poetry Reading

Sign up for the JCW Writing Bootcamp on Meetup at www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group. For additional information or questions, contact Jim DeAngelis at jim.j.deangelis@gmail.com.

All events are **FREE** and open to the public. For up-to-date program and event information, please visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CONTINUING EDUCATION



Speakers from the Black History Month Entrepreneurship Panel and Networking Event on Feb. 28.

Hudson County Community College Office of Student Activities, in collaboration with the Department of Continuing Education, hosted its final program celebrating Black History Month on Feb. 28. The program – an Entrepreneurship Panel and Networking Event – highlighted African American-owned businesses from Jersey City and the surrounding area. The panelists discussed how they started their businesses, overcame obstacles, and achieved success in their industries, as well as start-up advice.

The entrepreneur panelists included Anthony "A.D." Davis, Founder, iON Performance LLC; Amber Evans, Owner & Chief Brand Stylist of Branded by Amber; Juliet Foster, Founder, J Foster Imagery and, Tobias Fox, Founder and Managing Director of Newark Science and Sustainability, Inc., a community-driven, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Djenaba Johnson-Jones, Founder & CEO, Hudson Kitchen; Dr. JahJah Shakur, Hip Hop Business Consultant; and Jermaine Pharmes, Director, Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity. HCCC Thanks all who participated in this informative and inspiring event.

ASPEN INSTITUTE STEERING COMMITTEE



A steering committee met on March 20 to discuss the development of a Workforce Leadership Academy in Hudson County, a partnership with The Aspen Institute. Pictured from left, in foreground: Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Sister Roseann Mazzeo, Executive Director, WomenRising; Lori Margolin, Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director, Jersey City Housing Authority; Abby Marquand, Program Manager, JPMorgan Chase; Sheila Maguire, Senior Fellow, Aspen Institute; and Michelle Richardson, Executive Director, Hudson County Economic Development Corporation. Pictured in background: Jeremy Farrell, Senior Director, Lefrak.



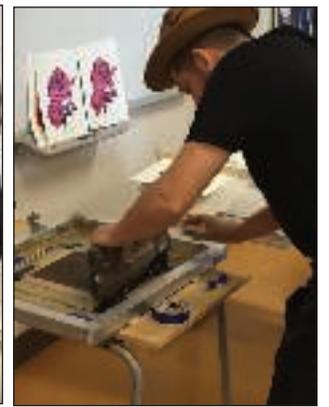
Students learned how to create pasta from scratch at Continuing Education's Valentine's Date Night class with Chef Garima Kothari on February 8.



Scenes from Continuing Education's Food Business Bootcamp partnership with Hudson Kitchen on February 23.



Students learned directly from industry experts who shared the tools and strategies needed to move their food ideas from concept to reality. The next Food Business Bootcamp is Saturday, May 18! Register at: foodbusinessbootcamp.eventbrite.com



Scenes from Continuing Education's Screen Printing Workshop partnership with Guttenberg Arts on March 9. Artist Matt Barteluce taught students how to design and print their own original drawings using screen filler on both paper and fabric.

SUPERINTENDENTS' ROUNDTABLE



On March 15, Erin Bruno presenting at the Roundtable.

HUDSON COUNTY BUSINESS CONSORTIUM

The Hudson County Business Consortium held a planning session at Hudson County Community College's Culinary Conference Center on Wednesday, March 27.



Maria L. Nieves (left), President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, leads the discussion.



Michelle Richardson, Executive Director of the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation (center), leads discussion.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health-Related Programs, at the Tri-State Best Practices Conference at Bergen Community College.



Pictured from left: Jennifer Rodriguez (LEAP Coordinator), Claudia Delgado (Assistant Professor), and Joseph Caniglia (Associate Professor) at the 2019 NADE Conference in Atlanta.



A delegation of HCCC's Model UN Club with their advisor, Joseph Caniglia (in background), proceeding to a session of the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston.

NJEDGE 2019

Aminata Adewumi presented "Adaptive Learning Assessment in a Mathematics Blended Classroom" at NJEDGE 2019 on February at William Paterson University. Adewumi teaches mathematics in the Academic Foundations and STEM divisions; she is a Phi Theta Kappa alumna of Hudson County Community College.

Tri-State Best Practices Conference

Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health-Related Programs, presented "English for Your Health – Health Literacy and Service Learning" on Saturday, March 2 at the Tri-State Best Practices Conference at Bergen Community College. Her presentation highlighted potential service-learning opportunities for college students centered on health literacy within limited English speaking communities. College students from the community can act as culture brokers while tutoring English for Your Health content for limited English proficient participants. Health Science students soon to graduate can also serve as content knowledge specialists for lead English as Second Language instructors in acquiring credible health information (National Action Plan Goal 4).

2018 Campus Event Planner of the Year

Angela Tuzzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities, has been selected as 2018 Campus Event Planner of the Year by Power Performers. Tuzzo booked Robert Channing from NBC's "America's

Got Talent" on March 5, 2018, bringing his Mind Reading and Mental Artist show to the HCCC community. Robert's talent was evident as he kept shocking the audience with his skills and tricks, revealing thoughts and details that prior to that day, had stayed within the audience's heads. This show not only brought an entertaining break as midterms approached, but also allowed for a Human Services class to reflect deeper on what skills he was really bringing to the table. Tuzzo has a long-standing relationship with Power Performers and Robert Channing, and he will be bringing his breathtaking, unforgettable show to the North Hudson Campus on Tuesday, April 9.

The 2019 NADE Conference

The 2019 NADE (National Association for Developmental Education) Conference was held in March, 2019. **Jennifer Rodriguez** (LEAP Coordinator), **Claudia Delgado** (Assistant Professor), and **Joseph Caniglia** (Associate Professor) attended the conference. The conference offered many workshops regarding Developmental Education, ESL, and College English and Math programs. The purpose of the conference was to aim to improve the theory of developmental education at all levels of the educational spectrum, the professional capabilities of developmental educators, and the design of programs to prepare developmental educators. Beginning this year, the name of the NADE Organization has been changed. The new name is NOSS (The National Organization for Student Success).

Prof. Joseph Caniglia and Prof. Claudia Delgado presented a concurrent session at the conference. The focus of their presentation was how using problem solving strategies enhances student engagement in Developmental English and Math Learning Communities. The workshop allowed participants to discover how using problem-based learning strategies utilizes critical thinking skills in solving real life/world problems, as part of the writing process and math curriculum. The workshop allowed participants to discuss how these strategies can get students more involved in the learning process.

2019 Harvard Model United Nations Conference

In February, **Joseph Caniglia** (Associate Professor) accompanied five Hudson County Community College students – **Prisca Agombe**, **Abou Traore**, **Michael Okoye**, **Jarell Bryant**, and **Aboubacar Diane** – to the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston. The Harvard Model United Nations Conference is a forum for delegates and advisors alike to come together to discuss many of the world's pressing issues in a simulated United Nations experience. This year, over 2500 students attended the conference. "I am so proud of Priscar, Abou, Michael, Jarell, and Aboubacar for their dedication and hard work they put into preparing for the conference," said Prof. Caniglia. "Each one of them did an outstanding job."

LEAP PLUS PROGRAM NEWS



Jason Bing, Chief Academic Officer of Jersey City Public Schools, shares information on the LEAP Plus Program.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 25, over 120 LEAP Plus students and their parents met with Jersey City Public Schools and Hudson County Community College (HCCC) program leaders. Through LEAP Plus, a partnership between Jersey City Public Schools and HCCC, students are enrolled in a guided pathway to earn an associate degree in one of several academic programs: Environmental Studies, Computer Arts, Business Administration, and Criminal Justice. Students simultaneously earn high school and college credit, and many will graduate from HCCC at the same time they earn a high school diploma.

Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, outlined the program structure: “Students start with about seven credits of highly-accessible coursework their first year. By junior year, they will be taking 15 credits in their major. And in senior year, students will be spending much of their time on the HCCC campus earning the final 30 credits of the associate degree.” In the program, students engage in career exploration while earning college credits that are universally transferrable. They are introduced to the challenge and culture of college, and are provided the sup-



Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator, explains contents of personalized information packets.

port to succeed. Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator, explained one element of support. “I follow up with the students on a consistent basis. We see students becoming truly engaged in learning skills that are going to stay with them throughout their careers.”

This marks the second year for the LEAP Plus Program. Jason Bing, Chief Academic Officer of Jersey City Public Schools, noted, “LEAP Plus been a game changer for our Jersey City high school students. They enter the program as freshmen and grow to become owners of their education. The JCPS/ HCCC partnership is one of the largest early college programs in New Jersey and the metro area. We are currently working with 123 students and all but one have kept with the pathway.” On the remarkable retention of students in the program, Bing remarked, “We believe this is due to parental involvement from the start, HCCC personalized support and flexibility, JCPS Board of Education support and each high school’s dedication to this unique project.”

The first LEAP Plus cohort will be part of the graduating class of 2021, and the program expects even larger cohorts of students in future years.

QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH THE PROVOST



On Wednesday, March 20, Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, held a session called “Question and Answer with the Provost” in the lobby of the Gabert Library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students were able to have direct access without an appointment, and the session proved to be a success. Dr. Friedman engaged in dozens of conversations with students on topics as varied as disability services, ESL acceleration, Phi Theta Kappa, scholarships, choosing the right major, absenteeism, transfer, professional certifications, and others. Anything that required follow-up was noted on special feedback cards that students completed. Stay tuned for the announcement of the date for the next session.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Richard Walker toured the North Bergen Police Department with his Ethics in Criminal Justice students on Tuesday, March 5. The students were provided with the department’s 2017 Annual Report before Chief Robert Dowd gave a thorough overview of the department, with a specific focus on the department’s mission on community policing and cultural competence.

Students asked questions about ethical dilemmas faced by NBPd officers, in addition to inquires about officer training and NBPd’s process of investigating officers for misconduct. Command Staff responding to student inquiries included Captain David Corbisiero, Captain Wil-



Liam Lyons, Captain Robert Farley, and Lieutenant Cynthia Montero. Lieutenant Thomas Ferrari and Sergeant Anthony Caramucci led the tour.

CTE CAREER FAIR



Pictured from left: Nydia James, Secretary, Grants Department; Gulbahor Ibrohimova; Daniel Andre, Accountant; and Sulienny Rodriguez.

On Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7, Hudson County Community College held a CTE Career Fair in the Banquet Room at the Culinary Conference Center. The fair included 52 employer partners, and more than 200 students attended over the two-day session.

The top three majors of students who participated were Business, Culinary Arts, and Computer Science.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Abderahim Salhi Named New Jersey New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and to All-USA Academic Team

Abderahim Salhi, a student at Hudson County Community College, has received two of the nation's top scholarships recognizing outstanding academic achievement among college students.

Salhi is one of 20 students to be named to the All-USA Academic Team and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The All-USA program is widely recognized as the most prestigious academic honor for students attending associate degree-granting institutions. All-USA Academic Team members were selected for their outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, and community and campus engagement.

Salhi has also been named a 2019 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and will receive an additional \$2,250 scholarship. New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership activities, and how well they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Over 2,000 students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses across the country. Only one New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar is selected from each state.

"We congratulate Abderahim for receiving these prestigious and highly competitive scholarships that recognize outstanding achievements both inside and outside the classroom," said Phi Theta Kappa's President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tinchler-Ladner. "Scholarship programs like these not only recognize student achievement, but also create meaningful pathways for college students to succeed by putting completion within financial reach."

The All-USA Academic Team is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, with additional support provided by Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

The New Century Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and AACC. The New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars and All-USA Academic Team will be recognized at Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents Breakfast in Orlando, Florida, on April 15 during the AACC Convention.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society



Beta Alpha Phi volunteers at Liberty State Park on March 9.



Angela Tuzzo, Assistant Director of Student Activities, was awarded the Regional Coordinator Award by Phi Theta Kappa's Middle States Region.

is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 10 nations. Learn more at ptk.org.

Middle States Regional Convention

Sarra Hayoune, Christine Tirado, Asma Osman, Fatima Osman, and Prof. Ted Lai attended the 32nd Middle States Regional Convention in Harrisburg, Pa. in March. Besides lecture, educational forums, networking, and fellowship, there were these recognitions:

- Chapter Member Hall of Honor - Victoria Migochi
- Chapter Officer Hall of Honor - Sarra Hayoune and Abderahim Salhi
- Chapter President Hall of Honor - Abderahim Salhi
- Distinguished Chapter Award
- Honors in Action Project Award
- Gold Chapter
- Five-Star Chapter
- Reach Chapter
- Honors in Action Project - Theme 8: Worlds of Work (The chapter's project received the highest score among all Theme 8 projects. Honors Study Topic is "Transformations: Acknowledging, Assessing, and Achieving Change." There are nine themes.)
- Middle States Region Prepared Speech Competition – Sarra Hayoune, First Place. She will represent the Middle States Region in the international prepared speech competition in Orlando in April.
- Regional Coordinator Award - Angela Tuzzo
- Five-Star Chapter Advisor - Theodore Lai
- Continued Excellence Advisor Award - Theodore Lai



Achieving the Dream®

TEAM MEMBERS

Hudson County Community College has assembled a team who will be working with Achieving the Dream, a comprehensive non-governmental reform movement for student success. Over time, this team will evolve into a Core Team and a Data Team to lead the process of analyzing data and guiding institutional change.

Heather DeVries,
Co-Chair, Director of Curriculum

Dr. Sheila Dynan,
Co-Chair, Associate Dean of Student Success

Dr. Sirhan Abdullah,
Faculty Leader & Instructor, Medical Assisting

Alcia Batchelor,
Student Representative

Alexa Riano,
Administrative Assistant

Claudia Delgado,
Faculty Representative & Assistant Professor
of Academic Foundations Mathematics

Dr. David Clark,
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Elizabeth Nesius,
Associate Dean of English and ESL

Dr. Eric Friedman,
Executive Vice President & Provost

Jason Figueroa,
North Hudson Representative & Student
Development Associate

Jennie Pu,
Dean of Libraries

Jennifer Christopher,
Director of Communications

Joseph Caniglia,
Faculty Representative & Assistant Professor
of Academic Foundations English

Dr. John Marlin,
Dean of Instruction

Lauren O'Gara,
Faculty Representative & Instructor,
Academic Foundations English

Lisa Dougherty,
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment

Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay,
Associate Dean of Division of Academic
Development and Support Services

Patricia Clay,
Chief Information Officer

Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D.,
College President

HCCC FOOD PANTRIES

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Donations of nonperishable food items, personal care products, and household paper goods will be accepted at 2 Enos Place, Room J002, on the College's Journal Square Campus and at the Enrollment Services Center on the North Hudson Campus (4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City).

The HCCC Foundation provided funds to launch the program and is accepting monetary donations. Checks made payable to "HCCC Foundation" with the notation, "Food Pantry" on the memo line may be sent to Hudson County Community College Foundation, 70 Sip Avenue – Fourth Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306. Monetary donations may also be made online by clicking the "Donate" button on the bottom of the page at www.hccc.edu/foundation.

NURSING INFO SESSION



Linda Schultz-Whitlock, Director of the Practical Nursing Program, facilitates an information session on the LPN Program on Feb. 26. The Nursing Program also held an information session that day for persons interested in the Registered Nurse program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 3

Middle States Evaluation Visit

Monday, April 1

Summer & Fall 2019 Registration begins online for eligible students (must have exited ESL or English Foundations)

Middle States Open Forum, 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Functional Assessment and Core Workout, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

TheraBand and Core Exercises, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

PRIDE Month Coffeehouse, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Tuesday, April 2

Classes begin for Online Session B

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Middle States Open Forum, 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., Student Lounge, North Hudson Campus

Wednesday, April 3

Early Bird Registration, 70 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HCCC Pride Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Overview Report of Middle States Team Findings, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Real Money 101: Student Loans - Borrowing and Repayment, 5 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 518. RSVP at <http://hcccrealmoney101.eventbrite.com>

"Hillary and Clinton" on Broadway, show time 8 p.m., John Golden Theatre. HCCC Student: \$15; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$30. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Thursday, April 4

Instant Decision Day: Rutgers University-Newark, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Drag Brunch and Bingo, 11 a.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Library Book Club: "Flawed" by Andrea Dorfman, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

JC Writers Residency: Poetry & Prose Open Mic, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Memorial for Johanna van Gendt, Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Friday, April 5

Trip to Guggenheim Museum; group leaves 71 Sip Ave. (Gabert Library) at 9 a.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Day of Involved, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 413. Workshops include Involved 101 (10 a.m.), Build Your Presence (11 a.m.), Upload Your Membership (12 p.m.), The Involvement Portfolio (1 p.m.), and Paths Demo (2 p.m.) RSVP for any of the workshops at <https://dayofinvolved.eventbrite.com>

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Library Book Club: "Flawed" by Andrea Dorfman, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Library

HCCC Foundation Night at the Races, 6 p.m., Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment Center

Trip to Gravity Vault Indoor Rock Gym, Hoboken; group leaves Gabert Library Lobby at 6 p.m. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$20. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Saturday, April 6

Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus (4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City). RSVP at www.hccc.edu/openhouse.

Sunday, April 7

JC Writers Residency: It Doesn't Have to Rhyme!, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Tuesday, April 9

Last day to complete official withdrawal from LEAP, Off-Campus, Regular Term, and Quick Term classes for Spring 2019 (Please refer to the Winter/Spring 2019 Refund Calendar for other dates.)

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Mind Reader Robert Channing presentation, 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Official Opening of Food Pantry, 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Avenue

Wednesday, April 10

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Town Hall with President Reber, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Lecture Series featuring Karamo Brown, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Register at <https://hccclectureserieskaramobrown.eventbrite.com>

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 70 Sip Avenue, Second Floor

FAFSA Workshop, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Tribute to Professor Javedd Khan, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue, Sixth Floor

Thursday, April 11

Day of Silence T-Shirt Distribution at Office of Student Activities (70 Sip Ave., Suite 303 and North Hudson Campus, Room 204)

Implicit Bias Search Committee Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 506. Pre-registration is required; please email vray@hccc.edu or email (201) 360-4073.

Transfer Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m., outside Gabert Library (71 Sip Ave.) and North Hudson Campus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Health and Wellness for Everyday Living, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Employee Scholarship Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium, 71 Sip Ave.

Library Reads to Your Kids, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, April 12

Graduation portraits, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room (by appointment only)

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Saturday, April 13

4th Annual Great Jersey City CleanUp. Group will leave Gabert Library at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 14

Trip to American Museum of Natural History; group leaves Gabert Library at 9:30 a.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

JC Writers Residency: How to Recite on the Mic, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Monday, April 15

Summer/Fall 2019 in-person registration begins for all students

Classes begin for Culinary Cycle III

Make Your Own Rainbow Candles, 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Film: "Man on Wire," 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, April 16

Instant Decision Day: Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Safe Space Training, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 413. Register at <https://hcccsafespace2019.eventbrite.com>

Dean's List Celebration, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Wednesday, April 17

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

PB & J Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

"The Prom" on Broadway, show time 8 p.m., Longacre Theatre. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$55. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Thursday, April 18

Instant Decision Day: Kean University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Graduation portraits, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus (by appointment only)

Understanding Your Emotional Intelligence, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 512

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m., outside Gabert Library (71 Sip Ave.) and North Hudson Campus

Closing Reception/Panel Discussion for "Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Closing Reception for "Teacher as Artist (Miguel Cardenas)," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Upcycle with Devika Gonsalves, 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21

Easter Break – College closed

Monday, April 22

Instant Decision Day: Kean University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Earth Day Film: "Troublemakers: The Story of Land Art," 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, April 23

Discover BCH Day, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. RSVP at <https://bchday.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, April 24

Bagel Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Testing with Pie in the Sky, North Hudson Campus and Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Graduate Salute, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., STEM Building, First Floor, Multipurpose Room

Empanadas in the Evening, 6 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Thursday, April 25

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work® Day

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Developing Students' Understanding of Instructors' Expectations in an Online Learning Environment, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 527

STAR Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Dollars for Scholars, 70 Sip Ave., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

JC Writers Residency: Second Annual Jersey City Poetry Festival: Poetry Reading, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Friday, April 26

4th Annual HCCC Pride Conference, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Journal Square Campus. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Induction Ceremony, 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Room 510, 161 Newkirk St.

Field Recording "Concert," 2 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Saturday, April 27

Trip to Amish Country, Bird in Hand, PA. Group leaves Gabert Library at 8 a.m. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$25. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Cherry Blossom Festival at Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn, NY. Student Ticket: \$10; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$25. Register at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>

Sunday, April 28

Hindu Temple Visit, Robbinsville. Group leaves Gabert Library at 9 a.m. Student Ticket: \$5; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Monday, April 29

Excellence Awards, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, April 30

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Drones on Display, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Lavender Graduation, 6 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

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Tejal Parekh

Class of 2011

Associate of Arts – Psychology

What factors led you to decide to attend Hudson County Community College?

I decided to attend HCCC because my brother, Anil Parekh (Class of 2009) was attending as well when I entered my first year of college in 2009 at HCCC. I made a decision to attend as he liked the College and I was offered a scholarship at my high school (William L. Dickinson High School). The scholarship was a motive and a blessing to attend along with the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program that became my support system while attending HCCC. The College provided with all the support and tools I needed in order to achieve my goal, which was to lead me to my bachelor's degree in the field of Psychology.

What is your favorite memory of the College, in or out of the classroom?

A few of my favorite memories at HCCC were with my EOF Program/family, where during the summer program we had a scavenger hunt to find each building, was so when we began classes we would know where to go. I also have a great memory of being the Secretary for the Culture Plus Club! I worked in the Community Education department as a work-study and then hired as part-time. Hope [Guirantes, my supervisor,] taught me everything I know and was a big support while I was studying. I also have great memories of all the guards and many who are still there, such as Tonya and Samuel. Whenever I entered various buildings, they always made me feel welcome.

How did you become interested in psychology?

In high school, I had decided I wanted to become a therapist or work in the field of counseling under the area of psychology. I have always had a passion to study the mind and counseling individuals to aid them in any issues they face, depending on the area of counseling they would seek.

How did your time at HCCC prepare you for your career/ life now?

My time at HCCC prevailed and provided the stepping stones to attain my Bachelor's Degree in Arts in a major in Psychology and minor in Sociology after I transferred from HCCC to New Jersey City University. HCCC also provided me with a forever family – the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program – who were another main support of mine while studying and excelling to prepare for my career. The diversity at HCCC prepared me for my career and life due to that as the Master's in Social Work (Social Worker); I am now I am culturally competent and culturally aware which is key in the NASW Code of Ethics to be able to serve clients in the best way.

What is a typical work day for you?

I am currently a Home Finder at Cayuga Centers, a foster care agency in New York City. I work under two main programs, one of which is the Administration for Children Services (ACS) therapeutic foster care program, which works with children removed from their parents in NYC due to neglect, inadequate guardianship, abuse, etc. The second program is under the federal Office of Refugees and Resettlement, a division of which is the Unaccompanied Minors Short-Term and Long-Term Transitional Foster Care program. I license prospective foster parents who are interested in caring for children in the unaccompanied minors short-term or long-term foster care program due to crossing alone from Central America, Africa, China and India, and we help reunite them with family who are their sponsors. I also work

to license prospective foster parents and open their homes as foster boarding homes with the ACS Therapeutic Foster Care Program.



In a typical workday, I attend to a crisis or emergency of children entering foster care, moving a child who is in care due to a grievance or allegations they make, or place into a loving home. Some days, I work in the field around the five boroughs on public transportation, conducting home studies/assessments of homes to determine if they are qualified to become a foster parent or license them.

What has been the most memorable project/case you have worked on?

The most memorable case I worked on was during my clinical field internship placement at my agency in the Unaccompanied Minors Long-Term Foster Care program between 2017 and 2018 as a recent graduate from Rutgers University Intensive Weekend program; I took the courses on the HCCC campus, with my Master's in Social Work. My last client, who is from Ghana and left due to being threatened with being killed. It took him one year to reach the United States. My client had no sponsors at the time, which qualified him as a UC Long-Term Minor. Minors such as these are placed in a foster boarding home until permanency is achieved. He was an amazing client and to work with him clinically as his therapist, and to finally see him obtain asylum by when I finished my last field practicum for my master's degree was such a beautiful experience.

Who are your biggest inspirations that have impacted your work in some way?

My biggest inspirations are my mentors/professors along the way. My field supervisor, Melinda Jimenez at my agency, has been a huge inspiration. It was such an excellent experience to work with her in my last year and half of field practicum. Another inspiration of mine is Dr. Fiona Conway at Rutgers University who was my Research II professor during my program in the Intensive Weekend program. I am also my own inspiration, I never cease to amaze myself every day as I grow on all levels - mentally, physically, emotionally and professionally.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

The advice I would provide to recent HCCC graduates is, "Congratulations! If you didn't think you'd make it this far, you proved to yourself that you can do it!" Stay hopeful, present in each and every moment and have faith whether spiritually and/or in yourselves. Life is not easy; pace themselves. There will be hurdles, but there will also be many blessings; keep pushing ahead.

What advice do you have for those students who are just starting their college careers?

Don't give up. Establish and connect with your networks, even in the waiting area of an interview with others. Save your money and be wise as to how you spend it; there will be moves or risks you may need to take and need to support those decisions. Don't settle for anything, and always ask questions. Rejection is part of everyone's journey, which will lead us to the door that is meant for us.