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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTRODUCES INAUGURAL WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Recently, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) introduced the inaugural class of a new program designed to improve local workforce development efforts and create innovative solutions to the challenges faced by workers and businesses.

The Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy (HCWLA) is the first in Hudson County, and one of four to be launched this year through the support of JP-Morgan Chase, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. This Academy is the latest in a series of Workforce Leadership Academies hosted in communities across the United States and

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- Dr. Chris Reber

Canada. It is the first in the nation to be held in partnership with a local community college, and the first public- and private-funded Workforce Leadership Academy. Local funders include the County of Hudson, LeFrak family and Mack-Cali.

A 12-month fellowship developed through a partnership with the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program, the Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy

is designed to strengthen the local network of workforce leaders through a series of retreats and workshops that will acquaint the participating Fellows with new tools and strategies.

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On the cover: A Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy retreat was held from June 26 to June 28. Pictured are the 19 Fellows who attended.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACHIEVES FULL REACCREDITATION FROM MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Hudson County Community College President, Dr. Chris Reber, and Executive Vice President and Accreditation Liaison Officer, Dr. Eric Friedman, announced recently that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has formally notified the College of its full reaccreditation through 2027-28.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation activities for institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Institutional accreditation is required in order to provide federal financial aid for students. MSCHE is also recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit degree-granting institutions that offer one or more post-secondary educational programs of at least one academic year in length.

Through its accreditation process, MSCHE mandates that its members meet rigorous and comprehensive standards for excellence. Reaccreditation status was conferred to HCCC after an intensive process that engaged students, community members, alumni, Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff, beginning in September 2016 with the initiation of the College's Self-Study. The Self-Study analyzed and evaluated all areas of the

College's operations with respect to Middle States Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation: mission and goals; ethics and integrity; design and delivery of the student learning experience; support of the student experience; educational effectiveness assessment; planning, resources, and institutional improvement; and governance, leadership, and administration.



A preliminary site visit by the Chair of the Middle States Peer Review Team, Montgomery College (MD) President Dr. DeRionne Pollard, engaged College-wide constituencies in November 2018. The feedback provided from that visit was incorporated into the comprehensive Self-Study Report, a document of over 4,000 pages including evidence and appendices, which was then submitted to the Peer Review Team.

The seven-person Peer Review Team visited HCCC March 31 through April 3, 2019, and verified data and other evidence included in the HCCC Self-Study. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education subsequently affirmed that the College is meeting Middle States' expectations for excellence and is reaccredited for a full eight years.

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AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION RENEWS CAI ACCREDITATION

On Tuesday, July 23, Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute received notification of its five-year accreditation by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation for certificate and AAS degree programs. The four accredited programs are the AAS degrees in Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry, and the 30-credit certificates in Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry.



"The dedication, professionalism and hard work of all involved in our accreditation application is an example of the success which accompanies great team effort," said Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of the Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management.

Special thanks to the accreditation committee of Siroun Meguerditchian, Marissa Lontoc, Janine Nunez, Sharon Moise, and Ara Karakashian.

HCCC PRESIDENT EMERTUS VISITS JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (left) with HCCC President Emeritus Dr. Glen Gabert.

iFACTORY KICKS OFF WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT



Pictured clockwise from far left: Vivyen Ray, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment; Cheryl Tivey, Sales Executive, iFactory, Courtney Koellner, Executive Producer, iFactory; Pete Gaioni, Account Services & Strategist Vice President, iFactory; Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC; Veronica Zeichner, Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer; and Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the President.

On Wednesday, July 17, leaders of iFactory (based in Boston, Mass.) visited the Hudson County Community College campus to meet with various College groups in order to get their input on the future HCCC website.

In April 2019, the HCCC Board of Trustees voted to award a website redesign services contract to iFactory.



Dr. Glen Gabert, HCCC President Emeritus, greets faculty, staff, administrators, and Trustees at a reception on July 15.

On Monday, July 15, Dr. Glen Gabert, President Emeritus of Hudson County Community College, visited the Journal Square Campus. Shortly before his retirement in 2018, the HCCC Board of Trustees voted to rename the former Library Building in his honor.

ACHIEVING THE DREAM UPDATE

On July 10, members of HCCC's Dream Team participated in a meeting to share highlights and discuss next steps from ATD's Kickoff Institute. Over the course of two hours, Dream Team members played ATD's The Finish Line game in small groups, discussed key concepts like equality, equity, and systemic change, and explored how to create a data-rich culture at HCCC.

The Dream Team also put together an initial agenda for Drs. Fifield and Garcia's first visit to the College in late August. On Aug. 27, Drs. Fifield and Garcia will meet with various constituencies and participate in open forum Q&A sessions. They will make a formal presentation to the entire HCCC community during the morning session of College Service Day on Aug. 28. Details will be communicated as they are finalized.

Still have questions? Interested in learning more or getting involved? Contact atd@hccc.edu.



The HCCC Dream Team play "The Finish Line," a game designed by Achieving the Dream in which college teams stand in the shoes of students navigating their educational journeys



JOHN SCANLON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

John Scanlon has been named Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) Executive Director of Institutional Research. Mr. Scanlon began working in this key leadership position on July 8, 2019.

Mr. Scanlon brings to HCCC more than 15 years of experience in institutional research and data management. Most recently, he served as Associate Dean for Data Analysis and Operations in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty at Princeton University, where he managed data and reporting activities, implemented process improvements, and spearheaded technical projects. Mr. Scanlon was also Assistant Director of the Office of Institutional Research at Harvard University and held data-related positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Columbia University. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Rutgers University and Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University.

In his new role, Mr. Scanlon will be the College's primary source for data and will develop external reporting systems to meet state, federal, and other accreditation requirements. He will spearhead the design and implementation of internal research and assessment projects, oversee the College's strategic plan and related reports, and collect and integrate information to meet the needs of various constituent groups. Mr. Scanlon will coordinate data-gathering from students, faculty, staff, stakeholders, and community members, and will communicate his findings with transparency.

MILESTONES

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

One Year

Eric Adamson
Mohammed Ansari
Aya Badr
Jonathan Bowman
Karen Galli
Kathleen Meehan-Hart
Kenneth Melewski
Colin Moore
Gilda Reyes
Mohammad Qasem
Kathleen Smith-Wenning
Fatma Tat

Five Years

Jenny Bobea

10 Years

Sean Egan

20 Years

Jennifer Christopher
Catherine Sirangelo

35 Years

Paul Dillon
Aura Matias

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workshops, opportunities, and other
resources, please visit the Office of
Faculty and Staff Development page
at <http://my.hccc.edu>**

FAREWELL TO VALUED HCCC EMPLOYEES



Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction (left) with Dr. Salim Bendaoud, Assistant Professor, STEM.

On Monday, July 8, the Division of Academic Affairs held a reception for Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction. Wishing him the best in his new position as Vice President, Academic Affairs at County College of Morris.

A reception was held for Dayneesa McMillan (Assistant Controller) and Jennifer Feliz (Human Resources Administrator) on Wednesday, July 10 at the Culinary Conference Center. Wishing Jennifer and Dayneesa much success in their new endeavors.

SAVE THE DATES:

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY
Wednesday, August 28

ALL COLLEGE FACULTY
Thursday, August 29

CONVOCATION
Wednesday, October 2

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

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 – Nursing
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
Administrative Assistant, College Libraries
Admissions Recruiter
Assistant Controller
Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer / Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical
College Lecturer, Radiography: Didactic/Clinical
College Lecturer, English
College Lecturer (Radiography)
Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Evening/Weekend Off-Site Administrators
Executive Administrative Assistant - Finance
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
Instructor, English (3 Positions)
Instructor, Exercise Science
Librarian (PT)
Librarian
Library Associate - Technology
Office Assistant, Radiology Program (Part-Time)
Part Time Career Advisor
Patient Access Representative Technician Instructor (PT)
PC Technician
Per Diem BLS and CPR Instructor
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Student Financial Aid Assistant
Testing Assistant/Proctor (PT)
Vice President for Advancement and Communication

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.

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The 19 Fellows of the Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy Class of 2019-20 represent a range of nonprofit organizations, business associations, institutes of higher education, training efforts, and public agencies. The HCWLA launched in late June and will culminate with a capstone project presentation event in March 2020.

Fellows in the HCWLA Inaugural Class are:

- Vid Bahadur, Director of Workforce and Community Development, New Jersey City University;
- Jason Bing, Chief Academic Officer, Jersey City Public Schools;
- Susanne Byrne, Executive Director, York Street Project;
- Elaine Dawson, Director, Family Support Services/Youth & Education Development, Urban League of Hudson County;
- Heather DeVries, Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Academic Assessment, Hudson County Community College;
- Jamie Ding, Grant Research and Data Analyst, City of Jersey City Division of Community Development;
- Esmeralda Doreste-Roman, Director of Union City Adult Learning Center, Union City Adult Education;
- Kerri Gatling, Chief, New Jersey Industry Partnerships, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development;
- Anna Lukasiak, Business Development Director, Morrison Technologies LLC;
- Tom Masnaghetti, Chief Operating Officer/EVP, Hudson County Enterprises;
- Victoria Marino, Director of Career Services, Hudson County Community College;
- Catherina Mirasol, Director, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Hudson County Community College;
- Samantha Moore, Administrator, Office of Children and Youth Services, Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services;
- Linda Nation, Manager of Workforce Development Training Center, WomenRising, Inc.;
- Michael Rasmussen, Program Director, NPower;
- Jamie Rudolph, Director of Grants and Innovation Projects, Rising Tide Capital, Inc.;
- Timothy Sheridan, Assistant Director, Hudson County One Stop Career Center;
- Carlton Smalls, Director, RWJBarnabas Health; and
- Vivian Teran, Executive Assistant, Hudson County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

“Hudson County Community College is proud to sponsor the Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “The Workforce Leadership Academies have a record of successfully advancing greater economic opportunities by developing leaders who work collaboratively to build effective workforce systems. This innovative Academy will significantly benefit the people, businesses, and industries in Hudson County.”

According to Sheila McGuire, “Collaboration grows at the speed of trust, and today’s workforce development leaders are increasingly being asked to create solutions through collaboration. This Academy is a rare opportunity for these local leaders to step back with colleagues from Hudson County, reflect on their own organizational challenges, hear from leading practitioners from around the country, and develop the network and trust so essential for success.” Ms. McGuire is a senior fellow at the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program and director of the local network of Workforce Leadership Academies.

The HCWLA is led by Sheila Maguire and an Advisory Board that includes Hugh Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director of the Jersey City Housing Authority; Jeremy Farrell, Senior Director at LeFrak; Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges; Lori Margolin, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at HCCC; Abby Marquand, Workforce Program Officer and Vice President of Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co.; Roseann Mazzeo, S.C., Executive Director of WomenRising; and Michelle Richardson, Executive Director of the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation.

Biographical information on the HCWLA Fellows is available at www.aspeninstitute.org/team/hudson-county-workforce-leadership-academy-class-of-2019-2020/.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOLDS SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER



Sean Kerwick (left), Grants Officer, and Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative Assistant Institutional Research and Planning.



Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D. (left), Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, and Mike O'Connor.



Pictured from left: Richard Petouvis, Paul Ho-Sing Loy, Ronald Schwarz, and David Yanagisawa



Pictured from left: Thomas Barcalow, Ron Yuhus, Jose Torres, and Phil Johnston (Foundation Board of Directors Chair, 2010-2012).



Pictured from left: Jose Balcaceres, John Burns, Father Victor Kennedy, and Neil Burns.

Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at Hudson County Community College, announced that the College Foundation held one of its most successful Golf Outing fundraisers on Monday, July 8. The event — the Foundation’s seventeenth — took place at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The HCCC Foundation Annual Golf Outing — one of four major fundraisers sponsored by the Foundation — had activities to please golfers and non-golfers (more than 100 attendees total) alike. The day’s itinerary included a continental breakfast, shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., golf with refreshments served on the course, followed by cocktails, luncheon, and an awards ceremony with prizes for participants. HCCC Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President

Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti said the event raised more than \$83,000.

“Our Foundation scholars are incredibly dedicated men and women who are working to make better lives for themselves and their families. Many of them work full-time and take classes full-time,” Dr. Chiaravalloti said. “The scholarships and financial assistance offered through the Founda-

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ENROLLMENT NEWS

HCCC ADDS NEW, FULLY ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2019 SEMESTER

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will add three new degree programs to its “fully online” roster. Beginning in the Fall 2019 semester, the College will offer Associate in Arts (A.A.) Liberal Arts-History, Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Health Sciences, and Associate in Science (A.S.) in Accounting degrees. The College presently offers Associate in Science (A.S.) in Criminal Justice and A.S. in Business Administration fully online degree programs.

The HCCC fully online degree programs are available in varied formats of 7-week, 12-week or 15-week courses. HCCC offers online students technical support any time of day or night. In addition, one-on-one, online tutoring is offered by appointment and may be scheduled online.

Students who enroll in the College’s fully online courses pay in-County tuition rates regardless of where they live, as long as they complete their degree studies in the fully online program.

The A.A. in Liberal Arts-History degree can lead to employment as research assistants, museum curators, cultural center directors, tourism industry specialists, and more in private and public sectors.

The A.A.S. in Health Sciences degree is ideal for certified/licensed healthcare professionals to advance in their careers. Those who can benefit include pharmacy technicians, surgical technicians, licensed practical nurses, ultrasound technicians, and others.

The A.S. in Business Administration degree provides a strong academic foundation for core business functions and can lead to in-demand careers in accounting, marketing, economics, banking, and finance.

The A.S. in Criminal Justice degree lays the groundwork for careers in law and public safety, including law enforcement, security, loss preven-

tion, forensic science, private investigations, legal counsel, corrections, and more.

The two-year transfer-oriented A.S. in Accounting program provides the first step towards professional licensure and certification in both public and private sector accounting.

Additional information on all of the HCCC online courses may be obtained by going online to <https://www.hccc.edu/OnlineLearning/>, emailing admissions@hccc.edu, or phoning 201-714-7200. To apply directly, go to www.hccc.edu/apply.

BEN & JERRY’S AT NHC



On Monday, July 29, the Office of Student Life & Leadership served up Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream at the North Hudson Campus. Please see the Calendar of Events at the MyHudson portal or on page 11 for more serving dates in August.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



On Tuesday, July 16, Hudson County Community College held the first of the New Student Orientation sessions for the Fall 2019 semester. The sessions have transitioned to a “meta major” format, meaning that students no longer sit assembly-style, but in groups based on their intended majors.

For more information on upcoming sessions go to www.hccc.edu/orientation or call (201) 360-4195

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(right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS: 4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ
(adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)

SECAUCUS CENTER: One High Tech Way, Secaucus, NJ

HUDSON ONLINE: Many courses and five fullyonline degrees!
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HCCC End of Summer One Stop:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

REGISTRATION is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TESTING is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS:
4800 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, NJ
(adjacent to NJ Transit Bergenline Avenue Transit Center)

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS:
70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
(right by the Journal Square PATH Station)

Apply, Test, and Register - All in One Day!

Any student who registers in-person is guaranteed to **save money and eat ice cream** by getting:

- \$25 Application Fee Waived
- One Free Ice Cream Voucher for Mr. Softee (truck on-site) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Hudson Campus 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Journal Square Campus
- Receive HCCC’s low tuition rate

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.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Beta Alpha Phi members and alumni volunteering at the Lady Liberty SharkFest swim on June 30.

Lady Liberty SharkFest

On Sunday, June 30, Leticia Alfiado Zunguze, Juan Cacho, Brianna Espinosa, Donna Good, James Good, Hugo Iglesias, Misoan Ishida, Fatima Osman, Asma Osman, Ana Polanco, Bianelly Tellez, and Kailyn Segovia-Vazquez volunteered at the 6th Annual Lady Liberty SharkFest at Liberty State Park. Chapter and alumni members have volunteered each year.

Middle States Regional Honors Institute and Leadership Academy

Christine Tirado, Anass Ennasraoui, Rimsha Bazaid, Diego Villatoro, and Prof. Ted Lai attended the Middle States Regional Honors Institute and Leadership Academy at Towson University from June 27 to June 30. The Middle States Region Leadership and Honors Institute is an interactive program designed to furnish chapter members, officers and advisors with an in depth study of Phi Theta Kappa Society Programs. Attendance provides every participant an enhanced Phi Theta Kappa experience that leads to stronger chapter engagement.



Akash Khan, Gwyneth Amber Cua, Abdellah Amrhar, Adoum Allamine, Lauren Lopena Judd, Mariam Mas-Ud Dramani, Misona Ishida, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered in the gardening program on July 6.

Phi Theta Kappa members David Labaguis, Anass Ennasraoui, and Samikshya Poudel were accepted to participate at STEM Summer Institute at Rider University from July 15 to July 28. The Institute invited potential community college transfers from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware to spend a three-day residential program at the university, free of charge.

STEM Summer Institute

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Beta Alpha Phi officers and advisor Prof. Ted Lai at the Middle States Regional Honors Institute and Leadership Academy.



Pictured from left: Anass Ennasraoui, Samikshya Poudel, Prof. Ted Lai, Dr. Clive Li, and David Labaguis at Rider University's STEM Summer Institute on Thursday, July 25.

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STEM SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, supports the rocket team.



Pictured from left: Carolina Balcazar, Yuleisy Rodriguez Mieses, Diana Gonzalez-Argueta and Dr. Clive Li.



NASA rocket expert Tom Timko (right) teaching students how to make a better rocket

Rocket Launch

On Saturday, July 20, Dr. Clive Li and his research team of students successfully launched a rocket produced by a 3D printer. Tom Timko, a NASA Solar System Ambassador, was on hand to observe the launch and provide guidance to the team. Watch the launch at <https://youtu.be/siZppsCX-dec>.

Summer Research Project

A few Hudson County Community College students are working with Dr. Clive Li on summer research projects. Among these projects, students Carolina Balcazar, Yuleisy Rodriguez Mieses, and Diana Gonzalez-Argueta are working on a water contamination project. They have been checking the levels of heavy metal contaminations around the Hudson County area. They collected and analyzed water samples from Kearny, Jersey City, Union City, and surrounding areas. They found



Dr. Burl Yearwood, (second from left) Associate Dean of STEM, inspects the 3D printed cone and fin of the rocket.

that the Hudson River is contaminated with high levels of bromine. They will continue with their research to pinpoint the source of the bromine contaminant.

New Jersey STEM Pathways Network Recognition

Congratulations to Dr. Clive Li on his recent award of a certificate by the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network for his "leadership in STEM education and workforce development." The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network, a strategic public-private alliance, was established in 2014 by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education to define and guide a STEM vision for cradle to career pathways in New Jersey. The NJSPN is chaired by Laura Overdeck, Chair of the Overdeck Family Foundation and Founder of Bedtime Math and is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media such as prints, drawings, 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.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you to **Joe Waks** for the generous donation of the brilliant lithograph.

ARTIST NEWS

Rest in Peace artist **John Goodyear**, who taught at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University from 1964 to 1997. He is famous for making "kinetic" paintings – paintings that move. In the 1980s, Goodyear won his first commission, *The Death of Socrates*, from the New Jersey Arts Inclusion Program. His many later public works included one at the State House in Trenton, New Jersey. He and his wife Anne Dixon were also co-curators at the Hunterdon Museum in Clifton. John Goodyear's works are in over 60 major collections worldwide including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. You can see his work on the lower level of the Gabert Library. Here's a brief interview with the artist about his work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMdVFijXNU>

Harmony Hammond, whose work is displayed on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library, has a career retrospective show called *Material Witness, Five Decades of Art*, at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, Connecticut, through Sept. 15. An outspoken feminist, queer and lesbian artist, Hammond is famous for her huge monochromatic abstract paintings. If her work interests you, you might enjoy her recent talk at the Brooklyn Museum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhHhiYj-Ny0>. Addressing the controversial topic of how you can see the impact of feminism, lesbianism or queerness in her art she said,

"People can read. Not everybody. And it doesn't mean the work is any lesser for people or that it's secretive. [...] If you believe the artist brings their full self into the work then we would assume it's in there somewhere somehow. Is it on the surface? Probably not."

Joseph Kosuth recently curated a New York exhibition called *Dot, Point, Period* that focused its attention on works of art that involve dots. In the show were framed works by many artists that use dots, alongside dots and quotations printed directly on the wall. The exhibition includes a quotation from James Baldwin: "Though we do not wholly believe it yet, the interior life is a real life, and the intangible dreams of people have a tangible effect on the world." The exhibition at Castelli Gallery closed on July 20. However, Kosuth's work can be seen on the first floor of 2 Enos Place, along with works of other artists in this exhibition such as **Richard Artschwager**, **On Kawara**, **Roy Lichtenstein**, and **Marcel Duchamp**. Many other artists featured in the show can also be seen at HCCC, including **Barry Le Va's** work in the North Hudson Library, **Ed Ruscha's** work sixth floor of the Gabert Library, and **William Wegman's** photographs on the first floor of the Gabert Library and the first floor Nursing Program at the Joseph A. Cundari Center. Works by **John Cage** and **Claes Oldenberg**, who were also featured in the Kosuth show, are being prepared for exhibition at HCCC later this year.

If you like the works by the New Jersey artists **Doug + Mike Starn** which are installed in the stairway of 119 Newkirk (Building I) and on the fifth floor of the STEM Building, you might enjoy this short video where they talk about how they collaborate on their projects, and what it's like to make art with your twin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCOf2YxE6qg>



Joe Waks' silkscreen, Buy Now! .today!, was created during a print fellowship with Printmaking Center of New Jersey (now Frontline Arts) at Branchburg, New Jersey in 2012. The master printer was Randy Hemminghaus.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President, at nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

If you'd like a free tour of the Collection, please contact Andrea Siegel, PhD, Foundation Art Collection Coordinator at ASiegel@hccc.edu or (201) 360 - 4007.

TOWN HALL with President Reber



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Banquet Room, Jersey City, NJ

HCCC faculty, staff, and students are welcome!

Light Refreshments will be served.

Transportation is available leaving North Hudson Campus at 11:30 a.m. to Journal Square Campus and departing from the Journal Square Campus to NHC at 2 p.m.



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Fall 2019 Events brochure
is now available!**

The Fall 2019 Cultural Affairs Brochure can be downloaded at <http://www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs>.

Print copies are available for pickup at the Dineen Hull Gallery.

**HCCC'S NEWEST "TEACHER AS ARTIST"
EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE THE
WORK OF HCCC PROFESSOR
KATIE NIEWODOWSKI**

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) celebrates the work of Professor of Visual Arts Katie Niewodowski in the upcoming "Teacher as Artist" exhibition.

Curated by HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Vitale, the exhibition of Professor Niewodowski's work may be viewed from Aug. 1 through Dec. 15, 2019, at two locations - the HCCC Gabert Library, 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City and the North Hudson Library at 4800 Kennedy Boulevard in Union City. As always, the exhibition is open to everyone in the community, and there is no charge for admission.



People are People

Members of the community are also invited to an Artist's Reception on Tuesday, August 20. The reception, which will be hosted by the HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs and Jersey City Pride, is an official Jersey City LGBT Pride Festival event commemorating Stonewall 50 and celebrating World Pride. The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City. Mocktails will be served; there is no charge for admission. Photo identification must be shown when entering the HCCC campus.

Katie Niewodowski grew up in Florida and has lived in Jersey City since 2006, where she creates art and owns a personalized portrait company, Petraits. She is a professor of Visual Arts at Hudson County Community College, Montclair State University, and Stevens Institute of Technology. Niewodowski received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ringling College of Art and Design in 2002 and her Master of Fine Arts from Montclair State University in 2005.

Inspired by the structure of cells and the universe, Niewodowski's art is a meditation on life. The artist explores repeating patterns in nature, the interconnectedness of life forms, and the portal into their networks. Her portfolio includes portraits, drawings, prints, and multidimensional objects. She uses materials such as acrylic and oil paint, silicone, polymer clay, resin, plastic, styrofoam, mirrors, and wood.

The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs supports local visual and performing artists through a variety of solo and group exhibitions and an array of concerts, readings, and other events. The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs welcomes Hudson County community members, organizations, businesses, and school groups to enjoy our cultural programs at the College. Groups of 6 to 30 visitors are invited to FREE 45-minute tours of the current exhibition.

The HCCC Gabert Library is open Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The HCCC North Hudson Campus Library is open Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both libraries will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the Summer semesters. Summer hours are effective through August 18, 2019. Fall hours are effective after August 18, 2019.

More information may be obtained at www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs, by emailing Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.edu, or by phoning 201-360-4176.

Pow(h)er

August 1 – September 24

Curated by Kristin J. DeAngelis & Michelle Vitale
Dineen Hull Gallery,
71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor
August 1: Opening Reception, 4-7 p.m.



CULTURAL AFFAIRS – PODCAST



Pictured from left: Christopher Manos, moderator; Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC; Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs; Jim Watt, artist and architect.

On Wednesday, July 24, Hudson County Community College taped its monthly podcast, "Out of the Box," which is hosted each month by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

The theme for the July podcast was the College's Department of Cultural Affairs. The podcast discussed the development of a cultural affairs program at the College since 2015.

To view the podcast, please visit www.hccc.edu/outofthebox. To view the Department of Cultural Affairs' programming schedule for Fall 2019, please visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

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Out of the Box



Tune in to our monthly podcasts for timely discussions about education, people, programs, events, issues and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County. Each session is hosted by HCCC President, **Dr. Chris Reber** and features special guests and HCCC students.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

HCCC INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ANNUAL BOOK AND ART FAIR



The annual Book Fair afforded attendees young and old an opportunity to buy new and used books, shop, and participate in book readings and activities.

Summer fairs offer an ideal way for families to enjoy outdoor entertainment and activities, and to connect with members of their community. The fairs also provide neighborhood, small businesses with opportunities to sell their products and services.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) invited the general public and members of the local business community to participate in the College's annual Book and Art Fair. The event took place on Saturday afternoon, July 13, in the College's Culinary Plaza Park. The park is located across

the street from the HCCC Culinary Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City, just two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Transportation Center.

The free event was hosted by the College's Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development and the Office of Student Life & Leadership. Attendees were able to purchase new or used books, shop local vendors' wares, enjoy light fare from area restaurants, and participate in book readings plus a host of activities for children, and workshops.



Students got a jumpstart on the SAT with CE's intensive Summer Youth & Teens test preparation program, where they learned basic problem solving techniques to strengthen their abilities, while avoiding careless mistakes. CE's next SAT Language & Math courses will begin this fall. For more information please contact cguerra@hccc.edu.



Scene from the first day of CE's Pre-NLN Preparation summer session on June 13, taught by Dr. Emmanuel Ankrak. This course assists students in preparing for the NLN exam by mastering the subject matter covered in the math and science portions. The next course will start on Saturday, Oct. 12. To register, contact Continuing Education at ce@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4224.



Scenes from CE's Summer Youth & Teens Coking program with Chef Robert Levingsohn. Students learned how to prepare delicious meals, how to care for tools, about food safety and sanitation, ingredient pairings, menu planning, and more.



Scenes from Continuing Education's Summer Youth & Teen Programs Baking programs, with Chef Fran Sippel and Chef Robert Levingsohn. Students learned how to create delectable pies, cookies, muffins and more, including the basics of cake baking, icing and decorating, piping methods and other techniques.

HCCC ACHIEVES FULL REACCREDITATION FROM MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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In its evaluation overview, the Peer Review Team reported:

"The on-site visit confirmed that the (HCCC) community has palpable enthusiasm, passion, and commitment to fulfilling the institution's mission, vision and values in the interests of students and community. The HCCC students offered unsolicited testimony that the institution is their first-choice option for pursuing a higher education and that faculty and staff provide unwavering, heartfelt, and holistic support that enables student success and completion."

HCCC serves more than 16,000 full- and part-time students and offers more than 60 degree and certificate programs, including award-winning English as a Second Language, STEM, Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management, and Nursing and Allied Health programs. 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.

HCCC FOUNDATION HOLDS GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

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tion helps ease their financial burdens, and allows them to concentrate more on succeeding in and completing their studies."

Dr. Chiaravalloti said the 2019 Foundation Golf Outing was planned and overseen by a committee of HCCC Foundation Board members. Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq., HCCC Foundation Chair, chaired the committee; committee members include John M. Burns, Jr., Dr. Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, James Egan, Maureen Hulings, Philip Johnston, Monica McCormack-Casey, Kevin O'Connor, Mark Rodrick, Michael Ryan, Mirta Sanchez, and Joseph Sansone.

The Foundation would like to extend special thanks to the following sponsors: Follett Higher Education Group; Hudson County Community College; Johnston Communications; Landmark Hospitality; and MAST Construction.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. The Foundation generates financial support to benefit deserving HCCC students; it also provides seed money for the College's physical expansion and for new programming and faculty development.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 1 – Tuesday, September 24

Exhibit: "Pow(h)er," Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Thursday, August 1 – Sunday, December 15

Teacher as Artist Exhibition: Katie Niewodowski, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Library

Thursday, August 1

Last day to complete official withdrawal from Summer Session II

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Opening Reception for "Pow(h)er," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Wednesday, August 7

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

PowerPoint Basics, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., STEM Building, Room S617

Thursday, August 8

Radiography Program graduation ceremony, 10:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, August 12

Last day to complete official withdrawal from Summer Online B

Tuesday, August 13

New Student Orientation, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Board Room, 70 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 15

Final exams for Summer Session II

Summer One-Stop Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Jersey City and North Hudson Campus, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Wednesday, August 14

Body Language: The Silent Signals That Speak Louder Than Words, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Room E505

Town Hall with President Reber, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, August 15

Final exams for Summer Online B

Sunday, August 18

Last day to submit grades (Summer II/Summer Online B)

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Monday, August 19

Regular business hours resume

Tuesday, August 20

Teacher as Artist Reception (Katie Niewodowski), 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Wednesday, August 21

7 Steps to Strengthening Your Personal Foundation, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Room E505

Mister Softee Ice Cream, 2 p.m., outside of 70 Sip Ave.

Thursday, August 22

Bus Trip to Jenkinson's Boardwalk and Aquarium. Bus leaves 70 Sip Ave. at 8 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. Tickets for HCCC students: \$15; Staff/Guests: \$25. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, August 24

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, August 28

College Service Day, 9 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, August 29

Late registration begins

All College Faculty Orientation, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, August 30

New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Outdoor Movie in the Park: Aladdin (2019). Movie begins at sundown (approximately 7:30 p.m.), Culinary Park Plaza, 161 Newkirk Street. Reserve your free ticket at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, August 31 – Monday, September 2

Labor Day – College Closed

HCCC Alumni: Get Involved!



Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

If so join, socialize and network!
For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.

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Rocia G. Kanza

Class of 2014, Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts



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

Multiple factors led me to decide to attend HCCC. The first being economic, the second was the college's proximity to home and the third was the capacity to couple both classes and a side job.

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

My favorite memory of the college in the classroom was attending professor Javedd Khan's courses. He always pushed us to look at an issue with a different perspective, forcing us outside of our comfort zones. My favourite memories outside of the classroom are related to taking part to the college's student activity opportunities. During my time at Hudson I had the chance to partake to the LEGO - leadership program which strongly forged me as a young adult. I also had the opportunity to create the HCCC MUN club with which I was able to attend the Harvard National Model United Nations conference in 2014, an experience which opened numerous doors for me afterwards.

How did you become interested in [major/career]?

My initial interest in my current study track was sparked by a model united nations conference at St. Peter's College as a senior in high school. Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations which gathers students from different universities around the world to debate in a UN style about current international relations issues. Although HCCC did not offer international relations as major, I was able to take certain prerequisite courses in the liberal arts associate which later were transferable to a 4 year university in the U.S. However, I made the choice to return to Europe and further my studies at a French institute of international relations, ILERI Paris, in order to acquire a more international exposure.

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

I believe that my time in HCCC gave me a certain assurance in the way I approach my career goals. Attending a community college can sometimes be seen as a stigma by High School seniors, but I believe that it gave me a certain maturity right out of high school. Being a young 18 year old and attending classes with people who were 35 or 50 made me understand that life had numerous paths and that it did not matter how you got to where you wanted to be, but that persistence to work toward your goal will eventually get you where you envision yourself to be. Thus, HCCC taught me that persistence was the key to success in everything you do no matter the age or path you take.

What is a typical work day for you?

I am currently acquiring my master's degree in International Relations with a specialization in conflict studies at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Thus, a typical day for me consist of a lot of self-study in order to finish my master's thesis on the peace-building architecture in Ghana, for which I am trying to identify the elements which allowed the country to become a successful peace model in its region.

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

The most memorable experience I have had in my current masters' program was to have the ability to intern at The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, a leading European think tank in field of security and defense. This experience allowed me to acquire the experience to be surrounded by some of the best analysts in their respective field of research and to witness how research could influence policy making in the Netherlands.

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

I believe that my mother is the biggest inspiration I have. She is a hairdresser and has always pushed me to be the best version of myself at anything I do. She always says "Do your work well, even if it is cleaning a toilet. Because people do notice when a job is well done." As a hairdresser she managed to pay for all my tuition in HCCC, ILERI PARIS, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Leiden University. I have attended four higher education institutions in four different countries and I have no debts. She got me through university and all the expenses it generated for 8 years, by styling one head after another. She taught me the meaning of hard work and what it can produce. My educational success is the product of my mother's dedication to giving me what she did not receive. So she is my daily inspiration and the well in which I draw my strength.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Do not limit yourself to the United States, there are so many opportunities outside of U.S. frontiers. Do not be afraid of the world, by leaving you will expose yourself to so many people and opportunities which will make you a more resilient individual. It will also broaden your mind and give you a better perspective of where the United States stands in this vast planet we call earth. Do not be afraid to put yourself out of your comfort zone, that is where you grow the most. The growth may come with pain, but if there is no pain it means that you are not growing and if you are not growing you are stagnating.

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

Make use of every opportunity the university offers, specifically student activities. The most forging experiences you will receive from university often happen outside the classroom. My extra curricular experience at HCCC opened doors for me that I could have never imagined. So take part to events, invest yourself in a board and if nothing interests you, do like I did create an organization which suits where you want to go in life.