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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PRESENT EXHIBIT, "POPE PIUS XII: CONSENSUS OR CONTROVERSY?"

Hudson County residents and others will be afforded the opportunity to explore the many facets of the consequential and controversial papacy of Pope Pius XII through the exhibit, "Pope Pius XII: Consensus or Controversy?" The exhibit will be displayed in the Hudson County Community College Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, which is located on the sixth floor of the College's Library Building at 71 Sip Avenue on the Journal Square Campus. The exhibit will commence with a grand opening reception at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015; it will be open to the public from that afternoon through Thursday, January 14, 2016. The Gallery will be closed December 22, 2015 through January 3, 2016.

Born Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli, Pius XII shepherded the Roman Catholic Church from 1939 until his death in 1958, a period that included the horrors of World War II and the Holocaust, as well as the challenges of rebuilding post-war Europe. The exhibit includes engravings, lithographs, photographs, contemporary news accounts, and magazines (*LIFE, Look, Colliers, Time* and others) that provide a biographical look at Pius XII through all periods of his life. Artifacts such as his shoes, zucchetto (skull caps), and handkerchiefs, as well as commemorative medals, coins, stamps, and plates from his papacy are also included, as is film footage of him of his life and career. Antique reliquaries, an altar, and bishop's chair are included in the exhibit, which was curated by Hudson County Community College's Clifford J. Brooks and Dr. Andrea Siegel.

Most of the documents, artifacts, and media in "Pope Pius XII: Consensus or Controversy?" are from the Pius XII collections of Sister Margherita Marchione, MPF (Religious Teachers Filippini), who worked for decades on Pius XII, and has consequently earned access to Popes and other important world leaders. Sister Margherita's archives of thousands of items in several languages are housed at the Mazzei Center, Villa Walsh in Morristown, NJ. The extensive collection also includes Sister Margherita's unpublished, personal research that offers a first-hand account of the dealings of seven Popes and their papacies. Sister Margherita has authored more than 60 books, 12 of which relate to Pius XII.

To provide perspective, the College has scheduled two lectures by noted American historians who are experts on the Pius XII papacy. Both will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

Dr. David G. Dalin, an American conservative rabbi and historian, will deliver the first lecture, "In Defense of Pius XII," on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Dr. Dalin is

the author, co-author or editor of 10 books on American Jewish history and politics, and Jewish-Christian relations, including *The Myth of Hitler's Pope: How Pope Pius XII Rescued Jews from the Nazis*. He is currently a professor of History and Politics at Ave Maria University in Florida. Previously he served as associate professor of American Jewish History at the University of Hartford, a visiting professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and a Taube Research Fellow in American history at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Dr. Dalin was also a visiting fellow at the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.



Dr. Susan Sessions Zuccotti, an American historian specializing in studies of the Holocaust, will deliver the second lecture, "In Critique of Pius XII," on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Dr. Zuccotti, who holds a Ph.D. in Modern European History from Columbia University, won the National Jewish Book Award for Holocaust Studies, and the Premio Acqui Storia - Primo Lavoro for Italians and the Holocaust. In addition, she was the recipient of a National Jewish Book Award for Jewish-Christian Relations, and the Sybil Halpern Milton Memorial Prize of the German Studies Association in 2002 for her book, *Under His Very Windows*.

The exhibit, "Pope Pius XII: Consensus or Controversy?," is open to the general public and there is no charge for admission. The Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Additional information on this exhibit, and arrangements for group visits, may be obtained by contacting the Humanities Division at (201) 360-4650 or email to galler@hccc.edu.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEES

William J. Netchert, Esq., Chairman of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., the College's President, announced the appointment of two new members to the College's Board.

Monica M. Tone, the Interim Executive County Superintendent from the New Jersey Department of Education-Hudson County Office, and Ingrid Rose Cooper, a 2015 Hudson County Community College graduate, were sworn in at the Trustees' meeting on Tuesday, November 24 on the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City.

Ms. Tone is a graduate of Caldwell College (now University) who earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education from William Paterson College (now University). She has been with the New Jersey Department of Education since 1981, and in that time she has served in many capacities, including Interim Executive County Superintendent, Interim Executive County Superintendent for the Hudson and Union County Offices, Interim Executive County Superintendent for the Hudson and Essex County Offices, Interim County Superintendent for the Hudson County Office, Education Specialist (Supervisor) for the Hudson County Office, and School Program Coordinator II for the Hudson County Office. In her career as an educator, she also worked for the West New York Board of Education as a Diagnostician and Resource Teacher, and the Wharton Borough Board of Education as a Teacher of Arts.



2015 HCCC graduate Ingrid Rose Cooper (center) is inducted as Alumni Representative to the HCCC Board of Trustees. Pictured from left are HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert and Sheri Siegelbaum, Esq., Board attorney.



Monica M. Tone (center), the Interim Executive County Superintendent from the New Jersey Department of Education-Hudson County Office, is inducted as a member of the HCC Board of Trustees, to serve a four-year term. Tone is pictured with, from left, HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert and Sheri Siegelbaum, Esq., Board attorney.

Ms. Cooper, a Jersey City resident who earned her Associate of Science degree in Engineering Science from Hudson County Community College this year, will serve as the Alumni Representative on the Board. She was Medical Review Officer Assistant for Analytical Group, Inc. in San Antonio Texas from October 2012 through May 2013. Prior to that time, Ms. Cooper served our country in the United States Army from June 2003 to February 2008, first as a Health Care Specialist/Combat Medic in Fort Houston, TX and then as a Health Care/Training Room Sergeant at various locations.

Hudson County Community College is governed by its Board of Trustees, a group of 10 voting members selected from the community, as well as two non-voting members – the President and a student representative chosen from the graduating class each year. The Governor of New Jersey appoints two trustees, and the remaining voting members are appointed by the Hudson County Executive with the advice and consent of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders. As a voting member, Ms. Tone will serve a four-year term.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

HCCC Boasts Two 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars

Aaron Kates and Hamid El Hajjam have been named 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise by Phi Theta Kappa. This scholarship is designed to provide new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college, while also encouraging participation in Society programs. This year's 200 recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 1,100 applicants. Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

Kates is currently the Beta Alpha Phi Chapter President.

Halloween Party for Children, Oct. 30

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter held its annual Halloween Party for Children and Food Drive on Friday, Oct. 30. Members and officers were assisted by members of Hudson County Community College's Art Club and Teacher Education Club to entertain the children and their families. Thanks to 7-Eleven in Journal Square, Schripps European Bread in North Bergen, Party City in North Bergen, the Office of Student Activities, and chapter members Mary Mercado and DJ Mimi for their donations of refreshments, supplies, and service. Vice President of Leadership Rene Hewitt and Prof. Ted Lai donated a drone and a camera for prizes. Alumna and past officer Simin Cen also volunteered.



Standing from left: Roseleny Caba, Joseph Bagnato, Trinh Phan, Peter La, Martha Jaikissoon, Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Theodore Lai. Kneeling from left: George Pauljohn, Judy Dundon. Missing from photo: Alison Robinson.



Beta Alpha Phi Chapter held its Fall Induction on Sunday, Nov. 1. Pictured from left are Elizabeth Nesius, Interim Associate Dean, STEM; Dr. Christiane Warren, Associate Dean, Social Sciences; and Christopher Wahl, Dean of Instruction/Arts.

Four cartons of food were collected to donate to Garden State Episcopal Community Development, which operates the monthly food pantry at the Church of Incarnation and Hudson CASA Coordinated Entry Program for the Homeless, where members have been volunteering.

Thanksgiving Day Service

On Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day), several Beta Alpha Phi Chapter and Alumni members, Dr. A. Mahmood, and Prof. Ted Lai helped with the packing and delivery of holiday meals for senior citizens. The base for the meals was the Fountain of Sal-

vation Church, located on Communipaw Avenue in Jersey City.

Scholarships Administered by Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa administers scholarships using a common application. Applicants may apply for one scholarship on the common application or multiple scholarships at the same time. The Fall Scholarship Application opened on Sept. 15 and closes Dec. 1. The Spring Scholarship Application opens on March 2 and closes on May 15, 2016. Please visit <http://www.ptk.org/scholarships>.

BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES



Robert Cruz (center) became Controller at Hudson County Community College in 2008 and retired in October 2015. He was presented with a plaque with his contributions to the College and is pictured with Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (fourth from left), College President, Paul Dillon (left), Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management; Joseph Sansone (second from left), Vice President for Development, and members of the President's Office and Business Office.



Sister Joanne Korn (center) has been a Librarian since the College since 1999 and was given a reception on Nov. 30 by the College Libraries in honor of her retirement. Pictured with Sr. Joanne are HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D., Grace Patterson, former Director of the College Library; Carol Van Houten, Associate Dean of the College Libraries, and members of the Library staff, and President's.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TRADITIONAL/ NON-TRADITIONAL MIXER LUNCHEON



On Monday, Nov. 30, the Academic Affairs Division held a traditional/non-traditional mixer luncheon to stimulate interactions between the staff members from the two sides of the division. Attendees included coordinators, directors, and deans who oversee departments or grants for Academic Affairs.

At one point, each person shared a story related to his or her work at Hudson County Community College, and why the story was meaningful for what they do at HCCC. After the event, staff members synergized and discussed their ideas for new ways to collaborate across the divide.



MILESTONES

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

15 Years

Julio Maldonado

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Administrative Assistant- Administrative Services / Finance Department

Assistant Controller

Associate Director, Student Financial Assistance

Career Development Counselor

College Lecturer,

Workforce Development Programs

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Data Network Administrator

Director of Admissions

Director of Health Related Programs

Executive Director of Engineering Operations

Executive Director (Center for Online Learning)

Help Desk Manager

Human Resources Administrator

Human Resources Office Assistant (Part-Time)

Instructional Designer (Part-Time)

Instructor of Computer Science

Instructor of Life Sciences - Chemistry

Instructor of Physics and Mathematics

Instructor of Romance Languages

Laboratory Technician for Chemistry and Biology (2 positions)

Payroll Officer

PC Technicians (2 positions)

Tutoring Coordinator

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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.

HCCC HOLDS FALL OPEN HOUSE



Open House visitors were greeted to poster-size profiles of recent College graduates.

Michael Reimer, Dean for Student Services, welcomes Open House attendees to the College.



Sylvia Mendoza, Director of Student Financial Assistance, facilitates a presentation on the financial aid application process.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Hudson County Community College opened the Library Building's doors for an Open House for prospective students, their parents, and members of the community. During the Open House, attendees were able to take a tour of the Journal Square campus, participate in informative

seminars, and ask questions of various department members from across the College.

Nearly 350 people attended the Nov. 21 Open House, and the College saw a 40 percent increase in applications.



Colleen Dallavalle, Director of Student Activities, addresses an inquiry during the Open House.



Jo Ann Kulpeksa (left), Enrollment Support Assistant, assists a prospective student in completing the College application for admission.

READINGS FROM THE 24TH CENTURY



On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Hudson County Community College's Writing Center presented "Readings from the 24th Century," during which Prof. Barry Tomkins read from several of his science fiction novels and answered questions about his writing from the audience.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS 'REPORT OUT' MEETING

On Thursday, Nov. 19, the Academic Affairs Division held a "Report Out" meeting at the Culinary Conference Center. Participants from more than 20 departments throughout the academic division gave brief presentations on specific topics from their areas, providing a current state of affairs in their respective departments as well as announcing plans for the future.



Catherina Mirasol gives an update on the College's Center for Business & Industry.

HCCC ATTENDS LGBTQA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Friday, Nov. 6, Hudson County Community College sent a group of 11 staff and students to the 13th annual LGBTQA Leadership Conference hosted at Montclair State University. The conference attracted over 200 participants from over 25 educational institutes. The theme of this year's conference was "The Future of Our Movement: Beyond Marriage Equality." Panels and workshops at the conference focused strongly on the intersection of identities that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer individuals experience. Topics included Growing up Queer and Latina, Trans Issues as Feminist Issues, Understanding the Coming Out Process, as well as sessions about mental health, self-care, and political advocacy.

Student leader Hamza Saleem had this to say about the conference: "The Leadership conference was a great experience. It exposed students to different problems and challenges LGBT [people] face every day in their lives. I was very happy to see that schools are starting to realize that this



Staff and students who represented HCCC at the 13th Annual LGBTQA Conference held at Montclair State University.

is important, and their legal obligation, to affirm LGBTQA youth. The most exciting part for me was that we talked about how there are issues beyond marriage equality. People at the conference were so energetic, I am glad I got to be part of it."

Each year, the conference is hosted by a different school. The 14th annual conference is scheduled to take place right in our very own backyard, and is being hosted by New Jersey City University. We welcome you to join us next year.

"WORK THE RUNWAY" DRESS FOR SUCCESS FASHION SHOW

Pictured from left: Edward Gotia (HCCC Peer Leader), Hamilton Diby (SGA Freshman Senator), Dominic Shepard (HCCC Peer Leader/ BAC Member), Professor Homer Phanor, and Christopher Canela (HCCC Peer Leader).



On Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, the Center for Academic and Student Success presented its second annual "Work the Runway" Dress for Success fashion show. Partnered with Suits for Success, Inc. and Hudson County Community College's Business and Accounting Club, the event enabled attendees to learn the appropriate dress code for an interview. Attendees were granted a first-hand look at the standards of dressing for success as models from CASS and the Business and Accounting Club

proudly strutted their stuff on the runway. Suits for Success, Inc. provided the audience with an in-depth presentation that pinpointed exclusive information which employers consider within the first few seconds of meeting a potential employee. Tyrla Cummings, Suits for Success Incorporated, Program Coordinator, elaborated on the importance of "Presenting Your Best Self" as she cultivated the audience with the "Do's and Don'ts" of dressing for success.

CHEMISTRY CLUB AT HCCC



Dr. Azhar Mahmood, Chemistry Club advisor, is seated. Standing: Leticia Genao, George Floris, Oliver Pavot, Julio Rivas and Tristan Thompson.

Chemistry Club has been established at Hudson County Community College since Fall 2015. Dr. Azhar Mahmood is the advisor of the club. The students meet on a weekly basis every Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 168 Sip Avenue, Room 106. Different aspects of chemistry, new developments, concepts, research, etc. are discussed.

Students are given challenging problems to solve. They are encouraged to work within a group and individually to solve the problems. Mostly they end up solving the problem as a team. It gives the students a chance to use their intellectual capabilities in a more relaxed manner and environment.

The whole objective of having a chemistry club is to instill a love of chemistry, prepare them for more complex problems, and make sure that the students are ready to face the challenges of higher education in the coming years. Students from all classes are welcome.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – BEST PRACTICES 2016

Each year, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presents the Best Practices Conference. This event brings together academic and administrative staff from all departments throughout the state's 19 community colleges. The conference presents the "best of the best" teaching, institutional, and student services practices that are driving success throughout our sector.

The 2016 conference will be held on Friday, April 22. Proposals are due by Friday, Dec. 11. Please see the announcement at MyHudson for additional information and the proposal form.

Please contact Marsha Stoltman of The Stoltman Group at (609) 588-8703 should you have any questions regarding the 2016 Best Practices Conference

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 *Simpatico*, the large jazzy work by **Serena Bocchino** installed on the first floor of 168 Sip Avenue, you might enjoy visiting an exhibit of her work at Gallery W Contemporary Art in Bernardsville, NJ through Jan. 9, 2016.

Martha Wilson, whose work is installed at 2 Enos Place (Building J), has a new show at P.P.O.W., 535 West 22nd Street in New York City, called *Martha Wilson Mona/Marcel, Marge*, through Dec. 22. "I'm looking at age and the status of women," Wilson says, "but we are still in the same absurd state that we were in, in the '70s ... This is my current response to the predicament that we find ourselves in when born female."

Mona/Marcel/Marge
by *Martha Wilson*



To donate to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact **Joseph Sansone**, Vice President for Development, Hudson County Community College Foundation, 70 Sip Avenue, 4th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306, Jsansone@hccc.edu, (201) 360-4006.

3RD ANNUAL STUDENT LEADER THANKSGIVING LUNCH GOBBLE CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Dr. Paula Pando, Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs, and Antonio Talamo, Counselor, pose with the student winners of the third Annual Student Leader Thanksgiving Lunch Gobble Contest.

This year's lunch brought together over 120 first-year students, student leaders, and advisors for a time of networking and fun. Students and staff recognized at the event that there are many things we all have to be thankful for this year.

BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING CLUB VISIT SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday Nov. 4, the Business and Accounting Club accompanied by Professor Royal Ross and Professor Lester McRae visited Saint Peter's University and spent almost the entire day with them. While there, the students were given a tour of the campus, attended a class, spent time in the trading room, and were allowed to ask questions about the various majors to a panelist of seven professors, including the chairs of the Business Administration and Accounting departments.

Presentations were also given by former Hudson County Community College students, and HCCC students were also allowed to interact with Saint Peter's University students. The students were impressed and enlightened about what they learned about Saint Peter's.



LECTURE SERIES

On Thursday, Oct. 29, actor, producer, and author Sean Astin made an appearance at Hudson County Community College. Astin is best known for his film roles as Samwise Gamgee in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Mikey Walsh in *The Goonies*, and the title character in *Rudy*.

For additional photos from this event, please visit www.digiproofs.com, password 102915HCCC.



Sean Astin (right) with HCCC Associate Dean of Sean Astin addresses a capacity crowd at the Culinary Humanities, Dr. John Marlin.



Sean Astin addresses a capacity crowd at the Culinary Conference Center's Scott Ring Room.



Sean Astin (in foreground) poses for a "selfie" with Dr. Paula P. Pando (rear, center), Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs, and her children, from left, Jacob, Luke, and Isabella.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Wil Haygood, the Pulitzer Prize nominated journalist and author of *The Butler: A Witness to History*, spoke at Hudson County Community College. Mr. Haygood was also associate producer of the film version of his best-selling book, *The Butler*.

For additional photos from this event, please visit www.digiproofs.com, password 111915HCCC.



Wil Haygood is (left) introduced to Michael Reimer (right), Dean for Student Services, along with his children: Aiden, 6, Abby, 8 and Mikayla, 11.



Wil Haygood discusses his career before members of the College and general communities.



Wil Haygood (second from right) pictured with, from left, Dr. Paula P. Pando, Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs; Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus; and Vivyen Ray, Executive Director of Human Resources. Dr. Pando is holding a copy of Mr. Haygood's newest book, "Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America."

DIVERSITY CELEBRATES SECOND PUBLICATION

On Oct. 14, a celebration of the ESL student publication, *Diversity*, was held in the Scott Ring Room at the Culinary Conference Center to honor ESL writers. The magazine publishes work from students of all six levels of the ESL writing program (Levels 0-5). Students took pride in reading their published work in front of a large audience, including classmates and current and former professors. Their writing was projected behind them as they read their work aloud. This enabled all students to understand and appreciate the writing as it was spoken.

Students shared work which was humorous, heartfelt, and inspiring. One of the funniest moments was when Samia Djellali, currently in ESL Writing Level III, shared the story of an annoying neighbor who often comes over to ask if she has any leftover dinner. Yamerly Martinez, currently in ESL Writing Level III, shared these words of wisdom: "When you make a mistake in

life, you should stop and think twice, not to make the same error."

The audience was very impressed when Patricio Barahona read his argumentative essay on raising the minimum wage, titled "A Fair Salary." Patricio is one of the many students who have successfully exited the ESL program, and he is currently enrolled in College Composition I.

The event is an opportunity for instructors to praise students for their hard work and commitment. Not only does the publication encourage writers as they master the English language, but it also provides models as guidance for students as they progress through the ESL levels. *Diversity* is published by a team of ESL instructors: Dr. Shannonine Caruana, Maria Schirta, and Johanna van Gendt.



Pictured from left: Prof. Maria Schirta, Rogerd Austin, Nawal Rafla, Triza Aboelyamen, and Prof. Linda Miller.

The ESL department would like to thank the Office of Student Activities for providing gifts to acknowledge student writers. Back issues of the magazine can be found here: <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/academicaffairs/divisions/dadss/tutoring/Pages/Diversity--%28An-ESL-Student-Writing-Magazine%29.aspx>

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Installation of steel beams on the STEM Building taking place in early November.

'TURN A PROFIT' PROJECT RESULTS IN SCHOLARSHIP



Adjunct Professor Natalie Behman with her Introduction to Business Class holding a \$454 check made out to HCCC.

HCCC THEATRE ARTS STUDENTS EXPERIENCE "SCHOOL OF ROCK"



Pictured from left: HCCC Theatre Arts students, Pam Coronado, Josh Loreto, and Gerson Checo.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Dr. Paula Pando, Vice President for North Hudson Campus and Student Affairs and Joseph Gallo, Coordinator of Theater Arts took Hudson County Community College students to a preview performance of School of Rock on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre. The show is an adaptation of the 2003 hit film starring Jack Black.

AJNA INDIAN DANCE AT NHC



The Ajna Dance Company gave an interactive presentation on Indian dance at the North Hudson Campus on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Professor Natalie Behman is an adjunct professor for the Academic Foundations - English department, and the Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management division at Hudson County Community College.

Professor Behman recently funded a project, which she produced for the students in her Introduction to Business class. Her personal investment of \$100 served as seed money for a scholarship she created for the Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management division at HCCC. The project was titled "Turn A Profit." Her students were put into teams and given \$20 per team in hopes of learning how to turn a profit.

All of the students signed a contract stating that they would take the \$20 loan and buy products that they would then sell. The teams worked extremely hard and became very competitive throughout the three weeks. They all strived to make the most money for a good cause. They learned that turning a profit, with just \$20 to invest, was not as easy as they thought, but attainable nonetheless. The daily issues that they encountered allowed them to experience what it is like to be a business owner.

The students were innovative in how they went about acquiring products to buy and re-sell. The teams sold water, costume jewelry, candy, and baked goods. Throughout the project, students kept a live journal via discussion boards on Blackboard. They kept Professor Behman aware of their triumphs and struggles.

As a class the teams made a \$454 profit in three weeks time from the original \$100 loan funded by Professor Behman.

MAIL ROOM & COPY CENTER ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS

The Mail Room & Copy Center located at 25 Journal Square will be extending its hours of operation starting Monday, Nov. 30 through Monday, Dec. 7 to accommodate the increase in demand during the final exams.

Hours will be as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 30 through Monday, Dec. 7: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- (Saturday & Sunday): Closed

The Mail Room & Copy Center will resume regular hours of operation (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015.

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS



Professor Allison Friars with the Greater Bergen CDA Head Start students.



Greater Bergen CDA Head Start students utilizing the Early Childhood Education Lab.



Technology Instructor Craig Schlosser sharing current available technology information with Hudson County small business owners.



Hudson County business owners during the Technology Module of the Small Business Workshop Series.



On November 12, Dean Ana Chapman-McCausland (clockwise, top) hosted "Coffee & Convo", where departments throughout the College were invited to meet the Non-Traditional Programs staff over coffee and treats, as well as learn about current programs and initiatives, win a free Community Ed class and play the NTP Trivia Game for a chance to win lunch for 4 at Culinary Café.



Michelle Richardson, Director of Hudson County Parks & Community Services pictured with Small Business Workshops Series Instructors Stephanie Burroughs from Stephanie Speaking LLC (to her left) and Steven Gomez, Executive Director of Greater Newark Enterprises Corporation (to her right).

Center for Business and Industry

On November 13, students from the Greater Bergen Child Development Associate (CDA) Head Start program visited the Journal Square campus and class was held in the Early Childhood Education Lab. In doing so, students were able to get a feel for a college campus since their classes are currently being held onsite at the Nelson Avenue Head Start location with the use of laptops from CBI's mobile computer lab.

The Small Business Owners workshops, which CBI partnered with the Hudson County Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise (OMWBE) to offer, ended on November 21. The free 39-hour courses included modules on technology resources, procurement opportunities, and access to capital. Students of the program will have their graduation on December 9.

On November 23, Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment (CPHE) Cycle 21 students held their graduation at the Culinary Conference Center. Speakers included Sr. Roseanne Mazzo, Executive Director of WomenRising Inc., Ana Chapman-McCausland, Dean of Non-Traditional Programs at HCCC, program instructors Ilene Singh (WomenRising) and Victor Moruzzi (HCCC), as well as Keisha Brewer, a former student from Cycle 20 and Auria Matias, Letillia Oliver and Laurnet Coleman, graduating students from CPHE Cycle 21.

Of the 13 students who began in Cycle 21, 11 successfully completed the program, six are already employed in hospitality and three are in the process of beginning their new careers. CPHE has been a successful partnership between WomenRising and CBI, thanks to the support and funding of Jersey City Employment and Training.

CBI & Partners Second Annual Veterans Resource and Job Fair took place on October 29 at the Culinary Conference Center. Forty-four employers and resource providers were in attendance and veterans from all over Hudson County were given the opportunity to meet and interview with a variety of prospective employers, attend career workshops and gain information from numerous benefit and service providers. In addition, veterans were able to get their DD-214's, obtain peddlers licenses and receive free flu shots from the VA Healthcare table. Also provided to the veterans, on October 19, a week prior to the fair, were preparatory workshops on Converting Military Skills to Work Experience for a Resume and Interview Tips and Networking, as well as access to free, professional attire from the Veteran's Closet.

Hudson County Executive, Thomas A. DeGise, opened the fair by welcoming everyone present. Veteran James Hale won a raffle prize of lunch for four at the Culinary Café.

Ken Ancrum, one of many veterans who attended the fair, commented that the most prominent problems for veterans today is "not realizing what is available to them." Ancrum went on to remark, "This was the best event for vets that I have attended. The number of employers was more than what I expected."

The Veteran Job and Resource Fair and preparatory workshops were made possible by CBI's partnership with the Hudson County Offices of Veteran Affairs and Disability Services, the Center for Business and Industry, and Catholic Family & Community Services.



Mayelin Torres (standing), Coordinator for Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs, at the Weekend College Information Session on November 7, where attendees learned about programs offered. County employees can take classes for free!



Scenes from CBI & Partners' Second Annual Veterans Resource and Job Fair.

See page 10 for more photos

Faculty Development Seminar Call for Participants

**Application Deadline:
Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

Faculty are invited to apply for the Spring 2016 Faculty Development Seminar. This seminar will provide a unique opportunity for faculty to explore the research and ideas that inform our teaching with colleagues from different disciplines. In keeping with the traditional seminar format, faculty will be active participants, leading discussions and developing a seminar project.

Seminar Details:

- six 2-hour sessions
- eight faculty participants
- 1.5 credit compensation
- Open to full time faculty only

Obligations of Participants:

- prepare for and attend all sessions
- keep a weekly reading journal
- facilitate part of one session
- design a project based on ideas from the seminar
- present on the project at end-of-semester event

Seminar Facilitator: Sean Egan

**Schedule: Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
from February 12 to March 18, 2016**

Reading: The primary text will be *What the Best College Teachers Do* by Ken Bain, but it will be supplemented with additional readings and materials.

Outline of Session Topics

- 1 Intro to the seminars: Requirements, Background on HCCC and Community Colleges
- 2 Our Students
- 3 Learning Theories
- 4 Classroom Practices
- 5 Standards and Accountability
- 6 Teaching and Values

To apply, submit an online application at the following site: <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/academicaffairs/faculty/facultystaffdev/Pages/Faculty-Development-Seminar-Spring-2016.aspx>

If you have questions contact Sean Egan at segan@hccc.edu or 201-360-4672



Scenes from CBI & Partners' Second Annual Veterans Resource and Job Fair.

Join Us for an Information Session

FDU at HCCC

Thursday, December 17, 2015

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Room L518
Jersey City, NJ 07306**

Lunch will be served.

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Petrocelli College now offers classes in Journal Square at Hudson County Community College for those pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS) with specialization in Public Service Administration, Sports Administration, Communications, Political Science/Pre-Law, English, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and Leadership and Administration.

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PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Professor Theodore Lai (left) and Dr. Azhar Mahmood volunteering at the Fountain of Salvation Church, packing 1,000 holiday meals on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26.



Professor Theodore Lai (left) and Dr. Azhar Mahmood volunteering in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on Nov. 28.



Artwork from the 21st Annual New Jersey Book Arts Symposium held at Rutgers University.

The following students recently graduated from the joint Respiratory Care program between Hudson County Community College and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing – School of Health Related Professions: **Melanie Alvarez, Edgar Ardila, Anthony Castillo, Melissa Hodgkinson, Andre Lopez, and Karina Mishechko.**

GIA Publications, Inc. recently published *Music! Words! Opera!*, a series by Librarian **Clifford J. Brooks**, for kindergarten to grade 12 audience. This series uses the basic human instinct for telling stories to introduce students and teachers to a whole new world of creative expression through opera. Titles in the series include *Hansel and Gretel*, *Aida*, and *Create Your Own Opera*.

On Oct. 24, HCCC Library staffers **Oliva Montero, Jennie Pu, and Carol Van Houten** attended the annual BookFest @ Bank Street, produced and hosted by Bank Street College of Education. Luminaries from the children's

literature community took part on lively panel discussions and shared fascinating (and often hilarious) insights on a wide range of topics. On the panel "Teachers as Writers, Artists and Mentors," author Elizabeth Bluemle pointed out if you don't grow up reading, writing will be an uphill battle. On the issue of diversity in children's literature, author Christopher Myers questioned the "reliability model" in diversity, expounding further that we needed to stretch beyond demographics and explore different storytelling modes. Panelists of "Young Women in the (Plot) Driver's Seat" asked how we could better guide boys to "girl books," such as by making covers that don't repel boys. Jennie Pu participated in a breakout session on diversity in YA Fantasy in which she and other librarians discussed three pre-selected teen titles including Jennie's new must-read, *Shadowshaper*, an fast-paced urban teen fantasy set in Brooklyn. The closing keynote speaker was Rita Williams-Garcia, author of *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, who talked about the children of the Black Panther movement who inspired her

books. It was a full and wonderful day of thought-provoking discussions from some of the brightest minds in children's literature.

The 21st Annual New Jersey Book Arts Symposium, which Librarian **Cynthia Coulter** attended, was held on Friday, Nov. 6 at Rutgers-New Brunswick. All the artwork had books as theme or foundation, whether the artist took a pre-existing book and carved, painted, twisted, and manipulated it into another form, or the artist created a book of their drawings, collages, found objects, images, and more. Artists presented their pieces and discussed materials they used, work habits, progression of ideas, and the creative process. Sometimes text was used, sometimes not. Sometimes spoken words were used along with the displays. Creations were wide ranging, and sometimes it was difficult to see the book theme in the finished piece. But, hearing the artists speak about their works was illuminating and inspiring, and helped to explain how books are art and sometimes art can be books.

Dr. Azhar Mahmood and Professor Theodore Lai volunteered in the Fountain of Salvation Church packing of one thousand holiday meals for the needy in Jersey City and Hoboken on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26.

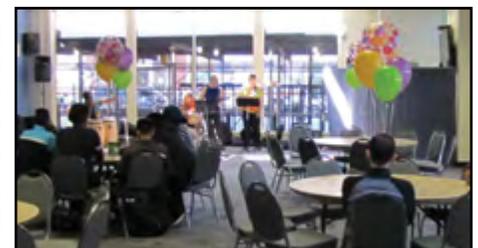
Dr. Azhar Mahmood and Professor Theodore Lai volunteered in the Friends of Liberty State Park Gardening Program on Nov. 28.

ESTAMOS AQUI GRAND OPENING



On Friday, Nov. 13, Hudson County Community College held a reception to mark the opening of the *Estamos Aquí (We Are Here)* exhibit. The artwork will be available for viewing on the third floor of the Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., through Jan. 7.

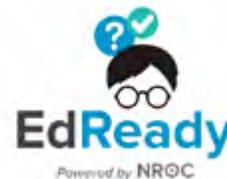
The *Estamos Aquí* exhibit features prints and artwork from the Latino/Chicano perspective. The portfolio of prints expresses the celebrations, sorrows, challenges, and personal experiences of the artists.



On Thursday, Oct. 15, Hudson County Community College closed Hispanic Heritage Month with a performance by *Tropicante*, a band which performed music from several Latin American countries.



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Before taking the CPT:

- Review, Brush-up, Study!!! See below for free study resources
- For special testing accommodations, contact Disability Support Services' at 201-360-4157 in advance.

On day of CPT:

- Make sure you eat and rest well
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- Walk-ins accepted for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions; Appointment required for 5 p.m. sessions

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December 2015

Terms: Winter/Spring 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	2 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	3 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	4 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
7 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	8 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	9 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	10 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	11 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
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21 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM	22 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM NHC 9:00 AM	23 Journal Sq. 9:00 AM	College Closed 12/24/15 to 1/1/16	
<p>TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus) : 71 Sip Avenue, Lower Level Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus) 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City</p>				

College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/multiple choice
3. Arithmetic: untimed/multiple choice
4. Elementary Algebra: untimed multiple choice

Writing Proficiency Test

*90 minutes

The WPT is required when Eng 101 transcript is older than 10 years; this exam is handwritten.

English as a Second Language placement test

*Approximately 2.5-3.5 hours

1. ESL Reading Skills: untimed/multiple choice
2. ESL Language Use: untimed/multiple choice
3. ESL Listening: untimed/multiple choice
4. ESL Essay: 1 hr. timed/handwritten essay
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JOURNAL SQUARE MAJOR EXPLORATION FAIR

On Oct. 1, 2015, students participated in a Major Exploration Fair and had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the five major divisions across Hudson County Community College. The event gave students a chance to explore their major options and be sure they are in the major that best fits their interests and skills. Additionally, faculty from each of the departments provided information on the types of careers and post-graduate degrees that they could pursue with the completion of their Associate's degree here at HCCC. With the accompaniment of Culinary's delicious baked goods, it was the ideal place for a HCCC student to be.

The event was a great success and had a 56% increase in attendance from last year. To encourage active participation, students were given a Majors-themed bingo board. Students collected signatures from the various Deans, faculty members, and staff throughout and were entered into a raffle.



A student shows off his completed "Majors Fair" bingo sheet.

The raffle prizes included two movie tickets, a HCCC t-shirt, and a Galaxy Tablet. Congratulations to the winners, Rudy Tzompantzi who won the movie tickets; the t-shirt was won by Aenal Patel, and the winner of the Grand Prize was Norbert Chyl.

Ultimately, the Majors Fair fulfilled its overall goal of providing students with the opportunity to



A student speaks with staff from the Business, Culinary, Hospitality division.

meet with the various departments on campus to assist them on their journey here at HCCC. This event could not have been successful without the help and support of the Office of Student Activities, and the departmental Deans, faculty members, and the staff who came together on this day. A big thank you to all of you who made it possible! We look forward to seeing you in the spring for our next Major Exploration Fair. 5.31"

HCCC PRESENTS TO NATIONAL AUDIENCE AT STEMTECH 2015

On Nov. 3, Dr. Eric Friedman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Nadia Hedhli, Instructor of Biology, presented separately at the 2015 STEMtech Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Both presentations were well-attended.

The title of Dr. Friedman's presentation was "A Pathways Approach: Reimagining K-12 Relationships and Beyond." The presentation centered on a discussion of how to create meaningful pathways of bundled courses for students in STEM fields and other career areas, so that students can move away from the older cafeteria model of choosing courses that may not bear directly on their career choices. By staying on the pathway, students move towards graduation sooner and understand what they have to accomplish and in what sequence. "Our goal is not to limit choices but to provide something that hasn't been provided for many of these students before: clear, transparent blueprints towards specific career field success."

Dr. Friedman also presented on new agreements with partner schools in which students earn college credits at their high schools and may now earn most or all of a Hudson County Community College degree while still attending high school. For students who wish to enter the pathway, a clear continuum has been created at HCCC for seamless transfer into four-year partner colleges, and some of their B.A. or B.S. degree may be taken on the HCCC campus. "Clearly defined pathways lead to higher success rates,"



said Dr. Friedman. "Creating clear roadmaps and making it possible to achieve degrees at HCCC with our university partners is all about creating possibilities that students may not see on their own; it's also clear that including critical thinking skills and interdisciplinary thinking all along the way ensures a well-rounded outcome."

The title of Dr. Hedhli's presentation was "Methods of Retention and Assessment Used in Science Hybrid Courses." She specifically discussed tools used in discussion forums, written assignments, tests, and hands-on activities in lab sessions. Participants were engaged in question and answer related to how to manage instructor time in hybrid formats, how to ensure integrity of tests in hybrid classes, and how to measure retention versus traditional sections. HCCC has rolled out hybrid science courses in biology, anatomy and physiology, and other areas.

Photo on top; Dr. Eric Friedman presents "A Pathways Approach: Reimagining K-12 Relationships and Beyond" at STEMtech.

Dr. Nadia Hedhli presents "Methods of Retention and Assessment Used in Science Hybrid Courses." The STEMtech conference is presented by the League for Innovation in the Community College.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1

World AIDS Day Tabling (All Day): "Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-Free

Generation" Join HCCC as we seek to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS – we will be tabling with additional resources for students, staff and community members. Working with the federal government, World AIDS Day is a time when locations across the country set aside time to recognize the progress, the pain, and the need for pre education about this worldwide epidemic.

Instant Decision Day - New Jersey City University, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application. To RSVP, Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson Portal. For more information, please contact Advisement and Counseling at (201) 360-4150 or -4152 or advising@live.hccc.edu.

Resume Writing, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Job Searching, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Keys to Professionalism, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Wednesday, December 2

Instant Decision Day - Caldwell University, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 70 Sip Ave. Students must bring an official transcript and unless otherwise noted bring a completed application. To RSVP, Advisement and Counseling page on the MyHudson Portal. For more information, please contact Advisement and Counseling at (201) 360-4150 or -4152 or advising@live.hccc.edu.

Networking & How to Create Your LinkedIn Profile, 11 a.m., 70 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room

Create Your Own Holiday Cards, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Make one-of-a-kind holiday cards for your family and friends using a variety of pens, markers, decorative paper, and art supplies.

Create Your Own Holiday Cards, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Make one-of-a-kind holiday cards for your family and friends using a variety of pens, markers, decorative paper, and art supplies.

Thursday, December 3

Career Development Center open house, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2 Enos Place

Resume Writing, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room

Tutor Meeting and Assessment, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus Tutorial Center, Room N511. Applicants must bring a resume and unofficial transcript to the assessment.

Hudson County Community College Foundation Annual Gala, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Sunday, December 6

Romeo and Juliet: State Ballet Theatre of Russia, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, show time 3 p.m. Students: \$10; Guests: \$30. Purchase tickets at <http://hcccromeoandjuliet.eventbrite.com>

Monday, December 7

Interviewing, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room

Tuesday, December 8 – Thursday, January 14, 2016

Exhibit "Pope Pius XII: Consensus or Controversy," Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

Information Session, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Register at www.hccc.edu/informationssessions.

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Keep Calm & Color, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Makerspace. Coloring is not just for kids! Take a break from finals and relieve stress by coloring creative patterns and images.

Keep Calm & Color, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Coloring is not just for kids! Take a break from finals and relieve stress by coloring creative patterns and images.

Opening and reception for "Pope Pius XII: Consensus or Controversy" exhibit, Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Job Searching, 3 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room

Makerspace Open Hours, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

VOX, Saint Peter's Prep award-winning vocal ensemble, 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. Register at <http://sppvoxcoffeehouse.eventbrite.com/>

Christmas Spectacular, Radio City Music Hall, show time 8 p.m. Students: \$29; Guests: \$47. Purchase tickets at <http://hcccradiocityshow1.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, December 9

The FATE Workshops, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street: Overview of the VB-MAPP, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Assessing Using the VB-MAPP, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration for each workshop is \$25. Register at www.thefate.org Tutor Meeting and Assessment, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Writing Center, 2 Enos Place, Room J204. Applicants must bring a resume and unofficial transcript to the assessment.

Grand Opening of Abigail Douglas-Johnson Academic Support Services Department, 10 a.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

"In Defense of Pius XII," lecture by Dr. David G. Dalin,, 11 a.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, December 10

Makerspace Open Hours, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

"In Critique of Pius XII," lecture by Dr. Susan Sessions Zuccotti, 11 a.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Tutor Meeting and Assessment, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Writing Center, 2 Enos Place, Room J204. Applicants must bring a resume and unofficial transcript to the assessment.

Keys to Professionalism, 12 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Lower Level Conference Room

Assessment Training: "Assessment for the Non-Instructional Unit," 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Room 302 (Mark Oromaner Room). The purpose of the training is to inform and guide each non-instructional unit as to why and how to conduct Unit Assessment. Please bring your unit's mission statement, goals, and objectives. Participants will be able to write a simulated departmental assessment report. Please email the Assessment Coordinator at proberson@hccc.edu if you plan to attend.

Friday, December 11

Leaders' Social, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Makerspace Open Hours, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Deadline to submit proposals for 2016 Best Practices Conference

Monday, December 14

Library Book Club: Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio by Amara Lakhous, translated by Ann Goldstein, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each session will be limited to 10 participants. Stop by the Library to pick up a book and register.

Job Searching, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Relax with Massages, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Resume Writing, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Sharpen Your Skills! (NoodleTools Citation Generator), North Hudson Campus, Room N305, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Job Searching, 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N703A

Tuesday, December 15 – Monday, December 21

Last classes and/or final exams including Off-Campus Centers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 15

Mini Facials, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus Student Lounge

Culinary Café will be open for lunch at Culinary Conference Center. Lunch Buffet served from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Relax with Therapy Dogs, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, December 16

Massage Therapy, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, December 17

Honors Student Paper Presentations, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Information session for Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS) offered through Fairleigh Dickinson University, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room 518

Massage Therapy, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Relax with Massages, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Honors Poster/Project Showcase, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Friday, December 18

Employee Holiday Reception, Casino-in-the-Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

HCCC Theatre Arts Program presents HCCC Theater Festival, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Elf the Musical, Madison Square Garden, show time 7 p.m. Students: \$19; Guests: \$35. Purchase tickets at <http://hccelf.eventbrite.com>

Christmas Spectacular, Radio City Music Hall, show time, 9:30 p.m. Students: \$29; Guests: \$47. Purchase tickets at <http://hcccradiocityshow2.eventbrite.com>

Thursday, December 24

College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve

Application deadline for Spring 2016 Faculty Development Seminar

Friday, December 25

College Closed – Given for Christmas

Monday, December 28 – Friday, January 1, 2016

College Closed through Friday January 1, 2016



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2015 JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

I am extremely proud to announce that our sponsor, Johnston Communications, is pleased to support the Excellence in Teaching Awards for this past year.

Nominations should be forwarded to my office through Linda Guastini at lguastini@hccc.edu.

This year's theme for the awards will be:

1. Innovation
2. Student Success

Please identify where the nominated faculty member has demonstrated excellence in one of the themed areas and provide a 250 to 500 word summary that supports your nomination.

Note: You may nominate yourself. Nominees must have completed two full years of full-time teaching at the College.

Each award carries a \$2,000 recognition, and the ceremony will coincide with College Service Day in January 2016. There will be one award in each category. Nominations must be received and acknowledged by December 11, 2015. An outside judge will make the final selections.

Please feel free to contact Linda or myself with questions.

Dr. Eric M. Friedman

Vice President for Academic Affairs

CAREER FAIR AT HCCC



On Thursday, Nov. 12, Hudson County Community College students met with prospective employers at a semiannual Career Fair. Students were able to submit their resumes, complete applications, and undergo interviews. 32 companies, organizations, and governmental agencies participated in the Career Fair.

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NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS TRANSFER FAIR



Students speak with a transfer representative from Bloomfield College.



Students line up to speak to the Montclair State University transfer representative.

To say the very first transfer fair held on the North Hudson Campus was a success would be an understatement. On Oct. 8, 140 students came through the doors to participate in what was surely the first of many transfer events to be held at the Union City campus, which recently received campus designation.

The nine schools in attendance were Bloomfield College, Kean University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College, Rutgers University-Newark, Saint Peter’s University, St. John’s University, and William Paterson University. Students were able to meet with representatives to learn about their transfer options and what the schools offered students.

College Transfer Fairs provide all students with an opportunity to research their options, whether in their first semester or last semester here at HCCC. The earlier they begin this process, the better prepared and more comfortable they can feel about the experience.

To break the ice, students were given a short questionnaire with typical transfer questions such as “Do you offer scholarships for transfer students and is

there a minimum GPA?,” and “What types of support does the school offer to transfer students specifically?” For each questionnaire students completed, they would receive a raffle ticket. Congratulations to the raffle winners Edward Gamboa, who won a pair of movie tickets, and Geordy Castellon, who won the grand prize of a Galaxy Tablet.

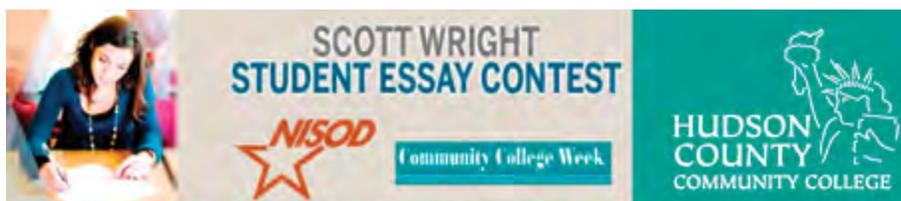
To draw students in, the event also hosted a photo booth with costumes where students could capture their fun memories. The Office of Student Activities also scheduled Dark Side of the Moo – a barbecue-themed food truck for participants to enjoy. Students could choose from items such as cheeseburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, black bean burgers, and bison sliders.

From the beautiful fall decorations to the delicious food, a good time was enjoyed by all. Much gratitude goes to the Office of Student Activities and Advisement and Counseling who helped create this fabulous event. There are already plans in the works to expand next semester’s event by inviting more schools to join us; we hope you will too!

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Community College Week and NISOD are proud to announce the annual Scott Wright Student Essay Contest in honor of Scott Wright, past editor of Community College Week (1995–2000), recipient of the 1998 Award for Excellence in Higher Education Journalism, and the reporter who brought national attention to developmental education and the unique mission community colleges possess in providing an accessible education.

Student authors are asked to describe an actual faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged him or her to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and describe how that encouragement helped him or her reach their goal.

- One winning student author will receive a \$1,000 check.
- The faculty member, staff member, or administrator featured in the winning essay will receive a \$1,000 check.
- NISOD will provide a complimentary membership to the winning student author’s college.

If you have any questions, please contact John Marlin at jmarlin@hccc.edu, or at 201-360-4650.

Submissions are due on January 29, 2016.

For complete details, please visit www.nisod.org/studentessaycontest