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**Hudson County Community College
North Hudson Campus
Executive Director, Yeury Pujols,
Recognized by Save Latin America**



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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YEURYS PUJOLS, RECOGNIZED BY SAVE LATIN AMERICA

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, Yeury Pujols, was honored at Save Latin America's "Los Tres Proceres Antillanos" Gala. The event was held on Friday, January 31, 2020 at the Chart House in Weehawken, NJ. HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber delivered the keynote speech.

Save Latin America (SLA) is a Union City-based nonprofit organization that works to conserve Hispanic identity, values, and traditions. SLA provides educational, health, social, and economic development services to the people of Hudson County. The annual "Los Tres Proceres Antillanos" Gala celebrates the work of Save Latin America, and the critical importance of education. The "Los Tres Proceres Antillanos Award" was inspired by Puerto Rico's Eugenio Maria de Hostos, Cuba's Jose Marti, and the Dominican Republic's Juan Pablo Duarte. This year's honorees exemplify educational excellence and include John Melendez, Ph.D., a Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at New Jersey City University (Puerto Rico); Silvia Abbato, the Superintendent of the Union City Public Schools (Cuba); and Mr. Pujols (Dominican Republic).

"Save Latin America and Hudson County Community College are engaged in complementary work. Work that promotes the public good, work that empowers the community, and work that

increases the human potential," Dr. Reber said. "I congratulate our esteemed colleagues, Dr. John Melendez, Silvia Abbato, and our gifted and valued colleague, Yeury Pujols, for their recognitions, which are all so well deserved."

Dr. Reber noted that Yeury Pujols' life story mirrors that of many Hudson County Community College students and members of the community. Mr. Pujols emigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic when he was 13 years old, and struggled with English as a Second Language courses throughout high school. Language and other obstacles challenged his academic achievements. His mother was a single parent who worked long hours to pay for food and rent, and at the age of 13, Yeury began working to help his family make ends meet.

In time, Yeury enrolled at Hudson County Community College, working 40 hours a week during his entire HCCC experience. As a result of his perseverance and commitment, he excelled in his studies, and was awarded an Associate of Arts degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from New Jersey City University, and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Seton Hall University.

Mr. Pujols returned to HCCC 14 years ago as a counselor, and, as one of the College's exceptionally

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ON THE COVER: Julio "Gaby" Acevedo, NBC and Telemundo reporter (in the background); Dr. Eric Friedman, HCCC Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Christopher M. Reber, HCCC President; Yeury Pujols, HCCC Executive Director, North Hudson Campus; Johnny Torres, Executive Director, Save Latin America; and Antonio Ibarria, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, Save Latin America.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PODCAST SPOTLIGHTS HOW 'HUDSON HELPS' ELIMINATES BARRIERS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) students who face hardships that force them to drop out now have a lifeline of resources through "Hudson Helps." The College's "Out of the Box" podcast <https://www.hccc.edu/outofthebox/HudsonHelps/> details how the initiative addresses non-academic factors that keep students from completing their education.

It is estimated that approximately 50 percent of community college students nationwide experience food insecurity and 15 percent endure homelessness, according to the United States Government Accountability Office. The HCCC "Hudson Helps" program provides food, emergency financial assistance, referrals, counseling, clothing, and more.

"The characteristics of our diverse urban student body place our students at particular risk for challenging life circumstances that are

significant barriers to their degree completion. The College community is focused on student success and how we can help more students finish their programs. But if you don't know where your next meal is coming from, or you don't have a place to sleep, academic support services aren't enough," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber.

The "Hudson Helps" podcast includes information about a new emergency funding program, and how it has helped students. Information is also provided on making donations.

The "Hudson Helps" podcast is part of the College's monthly "Out of the Box" series that launched last year. Discussions featuring guest speakers focus on programs, events, issues, and solutions that affect the people of Hudson County. Links to all of the College's podcasts may be found at: <https://www.hccc.edu/outofthebox/>

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR ANTONIO ACEVEDO EARNS NATIONAL FACULTY DISTINCTION AWARD

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) proudly announces that Antonio Acevedo, Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor of History, is the recipient of the 2020 Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).



Named in honor of former AACC President Dale P. Parnell, the designation was established to acknowledge individuals for teaching excellence and making a significant difference in the classroom. Recipients must demonstrate a passion for their students and the classroom; show a willingness to support students in and out of the classroom; participate on college committees; and go above-and-beyond what is required to ensure their students achieve academic success.

“We are so proud of Professor Acevedo. He is an outstanding teacher and scholar. His work exceeds all of the criteria,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “Professor Acevedo is respected nationally as an historian and educator. He is valued by his colleagues and admired by his students and members of the greater Hudson County community. He embodies the student-centered, transformational spirit of Hudson County Community College.”

Antonio Acevedo has been teaching at HCCC since 2013. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, San Marcos, and a Master of Arts degree in History from San Diego State University. He has made academic presentations at venues throughout the United States, including the annual meetings of the American Historical Association, the Community College Humanities Association National Conference, and the Northeast Regional Conference for History, Humanities and Social Science Educators. He was also a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar in Switzerland and Italy; and was a MetroCITI Fellow at Teachers

College, Columbia University, where he developed pedagogical projects to improve education at diverse, urban colleges.

“I am deeply committed to our students, many of whom are ‘non-traditional’ students. They continually inspire me to be a better teacher – to help them succeed in their studies, become lifelong learners and better world citizens,” Professor Acevedo said. “My concern is that students become critical and independent thinkers.” To that end, he challenges his students to ask questions and examine issues from several perspectives; analyze evidence; formulate arguments; and distinguish unreliable versus credible information. To assist students, he works with the HCCC Library staff and conducts workshops on independent research.

Professor Acevedo has played an integral role at HCCC in revising curricula; establishing the College’s Cultural Affairs program; collaborating with colleagues to provide students with greater resources and opportunities; advising and assisting students inside and outside of the classroom; and coordinating and serving as Lead Editor for the College’s most recent Middle States Decennial Self-Study Report. He has served as advisor to members of the HCCC Honors Student Council and assists with their community outreach initiatives, including their work on behalf of “Suits for Success.”

HCCC FACILITIES FULLY RECYCLING

As of Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, all HCCC buildings operate on 100% recycling. All classroom and office regular trash cans have been replaced with recycling receptacles stations located in common areas convenient to building occupants.



Recycling is an important and simple step to build a greener community by reducing energy consumption, decreasing pollution and landfill waste. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact Ilya Ashmyan, Executive Director, Facilities Operations, at iashmyan@hccc.edu or 201-360-4693.

FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE COURTESY SERVICE AWARD

NOTIFICATION:
Through a gift from the Hudson County Community College Foundation, as many as two cash awards of \$500 can be made each year to recognize employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding service to Hudson County Community College students and employees.

- THOSE ELIGIBLE:**
- Full-time employee of HCCC
 - Minimum of one year of service

NOMINATIONS:
Any member of staff may nominate an employee for the award. Nominations must be in writing and express why the employee exhibits stellar service and give specific examples. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year as acts of kindness are performed.

Nomination forms must be submitted by March 27.

AWARD NOMINEES:
All nominees will receive an acknowledgement from the HCCC Foundation.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:
Winners will be determined by a committee appointed by the College President. Winners will be announced at our Annual STAR (Special Thanks and Recognition) Luncheon.

SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO:
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**Watch Hudson County Community College’s Newest Video Podcast
at hccc.edu/outofthebox.**





Out of the Box



Learn About Hudson Helps!

The College community is addressing students’ needs beyond the classroom by providing vital resources and comprehensive information through “Hudson Helps.” Dr. Reber talks with HCCC Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Lisa Dougherty, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. David Clark.

Hosted by **HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber**, and featuring HCCC students, faculty, and special guests.

There’s more online! Watch previous videocasts and discover more about people, programs, events, issues, and solutions from Hudson County Community College.

Go to www.hccc.edu/outofthebox.

FAREWELL TO VIVYEN RAY



On Friday, Jan. 3, the Human Resources Department held a farewell reception for Vivyen Ray, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations. Ms. Ray has become Vice President for Human Resources and Labor Relations at County College of Morris. The College thanks Ms. Ray for her contributions and wishes her every success.

DEI CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS FORUM



On Friday, Jan. 31, the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion held the first of three forums to discuss publically the results of the Climate Surveys undertaken in the fall. Council Co-Chairs Lilisa Williams and Yeurys Pujols led these discussions. Additional forums will take place in February in Journal Square and at North Hudson.

CHANGE OF TITLE

Lori Byrd
From College Lecturer To
Assistant Director, Nursing Program

Lisa Ciekiewicz
From Program Coordinator To
Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator

Chastity Farrell
From Assistant Director, Continuing
Education & Workforce Development To
Associate Director, Continuing Education
& Workforce Development

Naya Stephanie Garrido
From Apprenticeship Coordinator To
Apprenticeship Coordinator, Healthcare
(Grant Funded)

Miriam Masias
From College Lecturer To
Simulation Lab Coordinator

NEW TITLES

Ellen Renaud, Director of Library Instruction

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Amy Keavey
Royal Mainor

10 Years
Nydia James
Elana Twersky-Winslow

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

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accessibility Services Director
Adjunct Faculty – Developmental
English and Reading
Adjunct Faculty – English Composition I and II
Adjunct Faculty – ESL
Adjunct Faculty – Human Services Program
Adjunct Faculty – Nursing
Adjunct Faculty – Radiography Program
Adjunct Faculty – Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Faculty (Three Positions Needed)
Advisor (PT)
Apprenticeship Coordinator -
Advanced Manufacturing
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor (PT)
College Lecturer / Clinical Nurse Specialist –
Practical Nursing
College Lecturer / Clinical Specialist Medical-Surgical
College Lecturer, Radiography: Didactic/Clinical
College Lecturer, English
College Lecturer (Radiography)
Custodial Supervisor
Dialysis Technician Instructor (PT)
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Institutional Effectiveness Coordinator
Instructional Designer
Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
Instructor, Exercise Science
Librarian (PT)
Library Associate – Technology
PC Technician (PT)
Senior Accountant
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Skills Lab / Tutors (PT) (Two Positions)
Social Worker Counselor (PT)
Testing Assistant/Proctor (PT)
Vice President for Advancement and Communications

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.

BAYONNE EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY



Pictured from left: Royal Mainor, HCCC Recruiter; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, HCCC; Renae Bush, Head of Guidance, Bayonne School District; and Janine Nunez, HCCC Recruiter.



Renae Bush, Head of Guidance, Bayonne School District, addresses eighth graders attending Bayonne public schools.

About 200 Bayonne eighth graders and family members attended an information session led by Renae Bush, Head of Guidance, Royal Mainor, Janine Nunez, and Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. They learned about the HCCC—Bayonne High School Early College Academy, which will

provide a cohort of 30 students an opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts while attending Bayonne High School. Students will begin freshman year earning 10 credits, and by senior year, they will be spending much of their school day on the HCCC campus finishing the 60-credit program. Students will graduate HCCC with an as-

sociate degree several weeks before they graduate from Bayonne High School. While the opportunity to get a jump start was exciting to all in the room, parents seemed most enthusiastic about the cost: the Bayonne school district will be sponsoring the tuition for participating students!

YEAR UP NEW JERSEY AT HCCC STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH JERSEY CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

On Thursday, January 16th, Year Up hosted over 45 community partners and HCCC faculty and staff at their Welcome Reception in partnership with HCCC's Office of Enrollment Services to celebrate the launch of Year Up New Jersey (YUNJ). At this event, YUNJ recognized Ms. Vivian Brady-Phillips for her visionary role in bringing Year Up to New Jersey and connecting the organization with HCCC. Ms. Brady-Phillips currently serves as the Executive Director of the Jersey City Housing Authority (JCHA). Prior to joining JCHA, Ms. Brady-Phillips served as a Deputy Mayor of Jersey City. While in this role in 2017, Ms. Brady-Phillips met with Year Up staff members—Ryan Overton, Director of Recruitment & Admissions, and Ty Nguyen, an Account Director on Year Up's Corporate Engagement team, along with Newell Chavis, Director of Client Development for Risk Strategies Company who serves as a mentor and volunteer on Year Up's Leadership Council—and helped plant the seed for what is now a flourishing partnership between Year Up, HCCC, and JCHA. In addition, Year Up's Recruitment Manager for New Jersey, Michael Strom, served a nine-month LEE public policy

fellowship at the Jersey City Housing Authority before joining the Year Up team.

Ms. Brady-Phillips and her Chief of Staff, Allison Strobel, have been long time champions of Year Up and continue to connect YUNJ to local community leaders. Additionally, JCHA teamed up with YUNJ to send mailers directly to all young adults in eligible ages at all public housing and housing choice voucher program sites. Since October 2019, YUNJ has hosted various training on the topic of "professionalism in the digital age" to support young professionals in the community.

Year Up is proud of this growing partnership with HCCC and JCHA and welcome other community organizations to join its efforts. Year Up is committed to serving more young adults in the great state of New Jersey but this work cannot be done alone!



Ms. Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director, Jersey City Housing Authority, addresses attendees at the Year Up HCCC Welcome Reception.

For more information about how to collaborate and help connect more students to meaningful careers, please contact Ryan W. Overton, Director of Recruitment & Admissions for Year Up - New York | New Jersey, at (917) 624-0831 or ROverton@YearUp.org.



SAVE THE DATE! COMMENCEMENT 2020

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020
12 p.m., Red Bull Arena Harrison, NJ

ENROLLMENT NEWS

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC, greets incoming students at a Jan. 22 New Student Orientation at the North Hudson Campus.



Yeury's Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, welcomes new students.



Security Officer William Spates (left) and Security Sergeant Madeline Catano share safety-related handouts and giveaways.

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE



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

Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS
 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City
 (near the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail
 Bergenline Avenue Transit Station)

Saturday, April 25
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS
 Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk St., Jersey City
 (near the Journal Square PATH Station)

Apply to HCCC at the Open House and have your \$25 application fee waived!



RSVP Today at
www.hccc.edu/openhouse
 or contact admissions@hccc.edu

STUDENT CENTER



First Floor of the Student Center.



Second Floor of the Student Center.



Site of the future Student Center Café. The café will be operated by Flik Hospitality and include healthy meal options.

HUDSON ONLINE SPRING 2020

Earn credits and your degree online while at home!
 Over 60 online courses, 20 Hybrid courses, and 6 degree programs fully online
 – Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts - History, and Liberal Arts - General !

ONLINE B Session: Friday, March 20 to Monday, May 18

REGISTER NOW!



To view the classes currently available, please visit www.hccc.edu/schedule and click on the "Online" option. For more information, please contact Admissions at (201) 714-7200 | enrollment@hccc.edu

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



Briana Espinosa, Courage Lahban, Denis Noseka, Christian Rodriguez, Adoum Allamine, Dr. Fatima Tat and Prof. Ted Lai at Liberty State Park on Saturday, Jan. 11.



Beta Alpha Phi Chapter and the College's Educational Opportunity Fund Program collaborated to perform community service at Public School No. 24 in Jersey City during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (Monday, Jan. 20).



Selisha Mohammed and Misona Ishilda participating at Hunger Free Bayonne on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Vanesa Freire, Selisha Mohommed, and Prof. Ted Lai, Beta Alpha Phi Advisor, volunteered in the Friends of Liberty State Park on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 21. In the afternoon, Selisha delivered 25 holiday bags to refugees and asylees throughout Bayonne and Jersey City. Vanesa and Prof. Lai went to volunteer in Hunger Free Bayonne in the afternoon.

Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Semifinalists

In January, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced the semifinalists for its highly selective Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Schol-

arship. Through this award, the Foundation supports high-achieving community college students as they transfer to some of the best four-year institutions in the country to complete their bachelor's degrees.

This year's 456 semifinalists were chosen from a pool of nearly 1,500 applicants attending 311 community colleges in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April. Selected scholars will receive financial support for up to

three years, comprehensive educational advising, and the chance to connect with fellow Cooke Scholars.

Cooke Transfer Scholars are selected based on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership. Students must be currently enrolled community college students or recent graduates residing in the United States.

Congratulations to Hudson's own Abdellah Amrhar, Mohanad Mohamed, Abderahim Salhi, and Nghia Vo, who were named as semifinalists!



TOWN HALL with President Reber

**Thursday, February 13
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Culinary Conference Center,
Jersey City

**HCCC faculty, staff, and students
are welcome!**

Light Refreshments will be served.

UPDATE ON HCCC'S COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

The ATD Dream Team is proud to announce that eight students will join the delegation of HCCC faculty, staff, and administrators attending Achieving the Dream's annual DREAM 2020 Conference. On January 31, 2020, Dr. Sheila Dynan, co-chair of HCCC's ATD Dream Team, met with the students to assist them in preparing for the experience. The DREAM conference is an annual convening of the ATD network, which includes member colleges and community college experts. HCCC's students will have the opportunity to engage with other community college students, educators, and leaders around topics like campus climate, equity, and high impact practices related to student success during keynote, spotlight, and concurrent sessions.

Student delegates include Alcia Batchelor, Koral Booth, Crystal Newton, Suri Hidalgo, Hillary Kouevi, Tyler Sarmiento, Kailyn Segovia Vazquez, and Abou Traore. Abou and Suri will also participate in ATD's Pre-Conference Equity Institute on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. DREAM 2020 will convene in National Harbor, Maryland on February 18-21, 2020.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's
March 2020 Visit:
March 5 and 6**

**Curious about the ICAT Survey
and the Capacity Café Results?**

Attend a February Town Hall Meeting!

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 the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop for the generous donation of the print by Cecelia Caldiera.

ARTIST NEWS

If you like **Robert Herman's** work on view on the fourth floor of the STEM Building, you might enjoy seeing more of his work at the Museum of the City of New York's new exhibit, "Collecting New York's Stories: Stuyvesant to Sid Vicious." The exhibit highlights recent acquisitions with the purpose of illuminating "the compelling and layered identity of New York and its stories." The museum is located on 1220 5th Avenue at 103rd Street.

Valeri Larko, whose work is on exhibit on the STEM Building's fourth floor, will be participating in a group show called "The Bronx Does It Better," at Wallworks, 15 Canal Place, The Bronx, New York through Feb. 21. One does not need to buy in to the premise to enjoy the work. For more information, go to <https://www.wallworksny.com> or call (917) 825-9342.

If you like **Susan Rothenberg's** work on display on the lower level of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy her new show at Sperone Westwater at 257 Bowery in New York City through Feb. 29. Rothenberg is widely credited for bringing "painting back from the dead" in the 1970s. Art critic Peter Schjedahl wrote of her 1975 exhibition that Rothenberg did this by painting using symbolic imagery during an art period characterized by abstraction and minimalism. He wrote that her work had "powerful vulnerability or vulnerable power."



Susan Rothenberg, Puppet Series #1 S. P. 8/8 (2008), 1 Color Mezzotint.

How does the community use the Art Collection?

Professor Nicole Rizzuto teaches HIS 210, the History of Western Civilization up to 1500 at our North Hudson Campus. On the fourth floor are over a dozen collaged portraits by artist **Johanna Vogelsang**. These works explore a conspiracy theory related to the assassinations of the President John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X, and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Last semester, while the professor and students waited in the hall before class, her students often looked at the art and asked questions. Professor Rizzuto was able to discuss modern conspiracies with them, and look at conspiracies from historic perspectives. Vogelsang's art led to discussions of the Pisonian Conspiracy in Ancient Rome and

conspiracy theories that led to antisemitism in medieval France and Germany. Thank you to Professor Rizzuto!

Did you know that art can help people stay out of jail?

A New York City program called "Project Reset" allows people arrested for minor offenses – fare beating, painting graffiti, shoplifting, and trespassing, among others – to avoid jail or court by enrolling in an art course at the Brooklyn Museum. Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said of the program, "It requires individuals to view and discuss a piece of art with people they don't know... They're asked to create their own art, to think and find meaning in that art." Participants have fewer re-arrests and new convictions, and longer times to re-arrest and conviction, compared to individuals who have not taken part in the program. One participant, who was initially arrested for shoplifting, said, "It helped to make me feel human in a system that often criminalizes people for like the smallest of things, bad choices, wrong place wrong time."

If you'd like to explore the art of Paris, this new website has over 100,000 images of art works in Paris museums for free: <http://parismuseescollections.paris.fr/en>

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the art collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the art collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

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, or (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.

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools?

Go to www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections

FOUNDATION

Spring 2020



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

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Membership includes lunch in Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute on eight Fridays during the Spring 2020 semester: February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, April 3, April 17, and April 24.
- Service hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Cost of membership is \$995 per table for a maximum of four guests.
- Meal includes: appetizer, entrée, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages available include beer and wine by the glass or bottle and must be paid by cash or credit card at the time of service.

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

DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
presents

TEACHER AS ARTIST: THE ART OF COLLECTING CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF EDUCATORS IN HUDSON COUNTY



February 4 – June 3
Curated by
Michelle Vitale
Various locations on
the College campus

Special Guided Tour
with Professor Joseph
Gallo: **February 24,**
2-3:30 p.m.,
Dineen Hull Gallery

JC Fridays Reception:
March 6, 4-7 p.m.,
Dineen Hull Gallery
Atrium

For the upcoming semester, DOCA celebrates HCCC professors of excellence, who inspire and are inspired by the art of collecting. Collections from Dorothy Anderson, Joseph Gallo, and Carrie R. Xiao will be on display. Join us for the JC Fridays Reception on JC Fridays – March 6 from 4 to 7 pm in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave. 6th Fl. Light refreshments will be served.

Beloved history Professor Dorothy Anderson illuminates and educates with this special collection that focuses on the art and culture of African diaspora will be on display in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, including examples of slave contracts. Anderson created Hudson County Community College's first and only course on Black History

Professor Joseph Gallo founded the HCCC's Theatre Arts Program and is the current coordinator of the Theatre & Film Department. This vibrant member of our HCCC community shares highlights from his extensive Broadway Playbill collection, featuring over 250 Playbills in the Dineen Hull Gallery and both campus libraries.

Fascinated by her grandmother's traditional Chinese folk art, accounting Professor Carrie R. Xiao shares her collection of paper creations with the HCCC community in the Gabert Lobby on the sixth floor.

For up-to-date program and event information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

SPECIAL FEATURE AT DINEEN HULL GALLERY FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO MARCH 6.

Playbill® acquaints theatre audiences with the actors, designers, and producers of productions before the curtains rise. The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs invites the community to explore and enjoy the 250-issue Playbill collection of Assistant Professor Joseph Gallo in the "Teacher as Artist: The Art of Collecting" exhibition, opening Tuesday, February 4, 2020. On February 24, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, join Professor Joseph Gallo for a special guided tour in the gallery. The guided tour is free and open to the public.

The collection represents Broadway and Off-Broadway shows that Professor Gallo has attended, including 122 alone from Lincoln Center Theater, and a Playbill from his own play *My Italy Story*. The compilation exemplifies his base of knowledge and appreciation for the theatre, with each Playbill® signifying a unique theatre experience.

Joseph Gallo is a tenured Assistant Professor at Hudson County Community College, where he founded and developed the College's Theatre Arts program, and serves as Coordinator of Theatre & Film. Since the program's inception in 2012, more



Assistant Professor Joseph Gallo poses with a Playbill from his own play "My Italy Story."

than 1,200 students have taken field trips to see plays, musicals and dance productions on Broadway, off-Broadway, and in Hoboken.

A recipient of the Kennedy Center Prize for *Innovative Teaching in Theatre*, Professor Gallo received his Master of Fine Arts degree in Playwrit-

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Image credit: Eric Jiaju Lee, *Blue Rain*

Hudson Presents...

February 4 – March 6
Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Avenue, 6th Floor
Opening Reception: February 4, 4-7 p.m.

A point of pride at the College is the HCCC Art Department, led by Professors Laurie Riccadonna and Jeremiah Teipen. Join us on February 4 for the opening reception of Hudson Presents. The exhibition celebrates the artistic expression of HCCC faculty from the Art and Computer Arts Department. Light refreshments will be served.

Featured Artists Chris Bors, Eun Young Choi, Anna Ehrsam, Danielle Friedman, Ben Galaday, Dahye Kim, Franziska Lamprecht, Eric Jiaju Lee, Michael Lee, Hajoe Moderegger, Katie Niewodowski, Jon Rappleye, Laurie Riccadonna, Monika Sosnowski, Jeremiah Teipen, Woolpunk

DOCA RESIDENCY
THINKING IN
FULL COLOR
Pop-Up Performances
in Dineen Hull Gallery



February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Steph Dinsae and Nicole Cañete

February 25, 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Rescue Phoenix and Nancy Méndez-Booth

All events are FREE and open to the public.

For up-to-date program and event information, please visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy Panel

The Hudson County Workforce Leadership Academy held a recent Local Leaders Panel at HCCC's Culinary Conference Center. Pictured from left are Michelle Richardson, Executive Director, Hudson County Economic Development Corporation; Hugh Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Vivian Brady-Phillips, Executive Director, Jersey City Housing Authority; Roseann Mazzeo, S.C., Executive Director, WomenRising; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Dr. Aaron R. Fichtner, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges; and Lori Margolin, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at HCCC.



Holiday Market

On Dec. 14, 2019, Continuing Education hosted its fourth annual Holiday Market at the Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery.

The event featured over 25 local small business vendors, a magic show for kids and art workshops, including a recycling activity presented by volunteers from the Learning Community Charter School. Jamie Rudolph of Rising Tide Capital played Santa for the day and the NJ Port Authority sponsored the event.

In addition to the event, this year CE has launched a Holiday Pop Up online, which features over 50 local small businesses you may still support. The site will be up until the end of February and can be found at www.hccc.edu/holidays



Scenes from CE's intro to digital photography weekend workshop on Jan. 25 and 26.

Photography Course

Jersey City-based Photographer, William Ortega, led students on a field trip to various locations in NYC that were used as a backdrop while learning professional photography techniques. Locations included the Oculus, a favorite among photo artists, Chinatown, to capture celebrations of the Lunar New Year, and a photography museum for inspiration. In class students learned lighting techniques using flash, how to edit their photos with software, and sequencing images to communicate more effectively.

If you are interested in registering for the next photography weekend in Spring please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu for more details!

www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation

7TH ANNUAL GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please email cfarrell@hccc.edu

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STUDENTS, FACULTY
& STAFF WELCOME!



Scenes from CE's Cuts of Meat class with Chef Sami Khouzam on December 15. In this hands-on workshop students learned how to break down and debone, cut, season and prepare various meats like a pro. To register for an upcoming culinary class visit www.hccc.edu/continuingeducation

LATINO FAITH-BASED COALITION ADVANCE PARTNERSHIP IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO RECRUIT STUDENTS TO HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Hudson County Community College officials held a meeting and reception with Latino ministers throughout Hudson County in development of a strategic partnership to devise strategies that will encourage young Latinos to apply to HCCC.

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY



Susannah Wexler, Instructor, English (left) received one of two Philip Johnston Awards for Excellence in Teaching. She is pictured with, from left, Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; and Dr. João Sedycias, Dean, William J. Maxwell College of Arts & Sciences, New Jersey City University. Missing from photo: Salvador Cuellar, Instructor, Social Sciences, who also received a Johnston Award.



Christine Tirado, Beta Alpha Phi President, and Peer Leader Tyler Sarmiento at the Academic Master Plan breakout session.

Keith Stith, Chief of Investigations,
Hudson County Prosecutor's Office
Richard Walker, Criminal Justice Lecturer,
Hudson County Community College

Co-Founders of the
Urban Policing Institute (UPI)
PRESENT A SEMINAR WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Robert J. Dowd,
Chief, North Bergen
Police Department

*"21st Century Policing
in Urban Communities"*

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
263 Academy Street,
STEM Building, Room 103
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Please join HCCC staff, faculty, students, and Hudson County law enforcement officers to examine the many nuances of policing in urban environments. Chief Dowd, a seasoned law enforcement executive with over two decades of experience, will discuss former President Obama's 21st Century Police Task Force Report, a groundbreaking measure to address the following: building trust and legitimacy; community policing & crime reduction; technology & social media; officer safety & wellness; and policy & oversight.

This event is interactive. Feel free to ask questions about present-day policing and solutions.

Please RSVP to
rwalker@hccc.edu or
(201) 360-4791
by February 10, 2020

SAVE LATIN AMERICA

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talented, committed and productive employees, has been promoted several times since. He serves on the Advisory Board of Save Latin America's "Reaching Our Dreams" program, and is often a panelist on Juventud Educaoriana forums. Mr. Pujols served as an advisor to the HCCC Key Club, which organizes community fundraisers, food drives and more, and presently, he is the co-chair of the HCCC President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Mr. Pujols' life and work philosophies are the cornerstones of how he prepares students to be self-sufficient, lifelong learners. "One may not know all the answers. I don't have all the answers, but to empower others, one must be proactive and help students find the answers despite obstacles," Mr. Pujols said.



GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION of the STUDENT CENTER

81 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey,
Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

SPECIAL FEATURE

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ing from Ohio University. He works professionally as an actor, producer, director, and playwright-in-residence at Mile Square Theatre in Hoboken.

Professor Gallo will conduct a special guided tour of the collection on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Dineen Hull Gallery. JC Fridays Reception with light refreshments will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium.

The HCCC Department of Cultural Affairs welcomes Hudson County community members, organizations, businesses, and school groups to enjoy special programs at the College. Groups of 6 to 30 visitors are invited to a FREE 45-minute tour of the current exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. Tours may be scheduled by contacting Director Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.com or 201-360-4182.

The HCCC Dineen Hull Gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Additional information on offerings is available at www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



NIGHT AT THE RACES Trotter

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

Meadowlands Racing &
Entertainment Center

Starting at 6 p.m.

Post Time 7:15 p.m.

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For more information, contact:

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VDI – “VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE” IS HERE

For the past year, we have been preparing to install new, state-of-the-art Virtual Desktop Infrastructure stations throughout our campus. From these stations, students can access programs previously available only in the STEM Building. VDI has the advantage of sharing and distributing the computing experience and lowering the cost per student significantly. For our technical staff, it allows a more centralized, efficient computing experience that is easier to maintain. When critical updates for Windows or a program are released, our technical staff can simultaneously update every desktop. Recently, ninety VDI stations were installed in the Gabert and North Hudson Campus libraries. Today, a STEM student who needs specialty software, like IDLE Python or SQLite, can work on that classwork from any library station. VDI allows the college to focus on the student experience and, therefore, student success. I thank my colleagues in Information Technology Services, Academic Computing, and the Libraries who worked together to produce a desktop experience that our students need.

LOGGING IN

STEP 1:

Write your username in the “username” section without including @live.hccc.edu

STEP 2:

Write your password in the “password” section and your desktop will display

How to Switch from Windows to STEM Image

Please be aware that it is possible to switch from windows to STEM image or vice versa.



*The purpose of having both images (Windows and STEM) is that you will be able to use the available programs.

STEP 1:

Right, click on the left side of the computer to display the vertical bar.

STEP 2:

Select this option located at the vertical bar of the computer. (Second option in the vertical bar)

OneDrive Mapper (login)

*Applies to NON-STUDENTS users only

For non-student users after “logging in,” the system will ask to introduce the password again. In this case, the user only needs to rewrite the password and you will be able to use the computer.

If you do not re-enter the password, you will not be able to save in ONE DRIVE. Therefore, you will need to sign in again.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB ATTENDS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF LIBERTY STATE PARK



Pictured from left: Dr. Fatma Tat, Christian Rodriguez, Khushal Dodia, Yesenia Berrios, Briana Espinosa, and Selisha Mohammed.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, Hudson County Community College’s Environmental Club attended a rally to support the Liberty State Park Protection Act and to save LSP’s Cave Point natural habitat from privatization and destruction.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM 2020

In December of 2019, Dorothea Graham-King (Administrative Assistant, Office of Institutional Research & Planning) was one of 25 members selected by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) lottery to attend the Public Education Forum 2020. The forum took place in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019.

The event was hosted in partnership with AFT National, the National Education Association (NEA), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Schott Foundation's Opportunity to Learn Action Fund, Journey for Justice, the Service Employees International Union, the Center for Popular Democracy and others. It was an important opportunity to hear directly from the 2020 presidential candidates about their views on education.

Six of the presidential candidates attended, and the forum was moderated by Ali Velshi and Rehema Ellis of MSNBC; it was also live streamed on MSNBC's website.

The speakers (presidential candidates in attendance), students and union members of the different unions all had education in the forefront of their concerns and voiced some very probing questions to the candidates. The candidates each



Dorothea Graham-King (far right) with members of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and AFT President Randi Weingarten (third from right in foreground).



Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative Assistant, Institutional Research & Planning, at Public Education Forum 2020 in Pittsburgh.

had specific plans to bring additional much needed resources to public education to address rising social issues as well as plans to make higher education affordable for potential students.

Some of the issues that students face are food insecurities and homelessness, which are some of the roadblocks. The moderators ensured that when each candidate answered a question that he or she also explained how they would carry out their

plan. This gave the audience an idea of whether or not those plans were achievable. Each indicated that there is a need for additional resources and support for public education.

There was such a strong alliance among all unions that participated. Graham-King had a chance to meet some of those union members selected by the AFT National to attend along with AFT President Randi Weingarten.

Join us for a Meet & Greet



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6:00 p.m.

Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ

\$75 per person (Includes five-course meal and wine pairings.)
Proceeds provide scholarships to deserving HCCC students.

TO REGISTER:
(Reservations are a must.) Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/2GxQjQM>
Please contact Mirra Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 2

Screening of "Groundhog Day," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Monday, February 3 – Friday, February 7

Rep Your School: Around the Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses – Spot a Student Life and Leadership staff member while wearing HCCC gear and win a prize! While supplies last.

Monday, February 3

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

"The Educational Opportunity Fund Program: A graduation and retention answer for the 21st century two-year college student" workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L518

Town Hall with President Reber, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Tuesday, February 4 – Wednesday, June 3

Teacher as Artist: The Art of Collecting featuring Dorothy Anderson, Joseph Gallo, and Carrie R. Xiao, Gabert Library, First Floor; Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor, and North Hudson Campus Library

Tuesday, February 4 – Friday, June 3

Exhibit: "Hudson Presents," Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Tuesday, February 4

Basic Computer Skills with Lotta: The Basics Explained, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Pizza with the President, 12 p.m., while supplies last, Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

3D Printing with Seto, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

New Year, New Me: Vision Boards, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Opening Reception for Hudson Presents, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

"Thinking in Full Color" presentation/Georgia Brooks Legacy Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, February 5

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

New Year, New Me: Vision Boards, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, February 6

Last day to drop ONR/Hybrid classes

Pizza with the President, 12 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Student Leader Meet & Greet, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

"Optimizing Academic Support Services" workshop, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J101

Friday, February 7

First Fri-Yays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Gabert Library Lobby, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus, Lobby

"Same Same Different" Open Dialogue, 11 a.m., North Hudson Campus

Veteran Student Social, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 70 Sip Ave.

Four Film Fridays Discussion, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Monday, February 10

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Hudson Arcade, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge,

Tuesday February 11

Implicit Bias Search Committee workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Crystal Growing Melanie, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus

"Addressing Disruptive and Dangerous Behavior in the Classroom and Around Campus" workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L518

Alumni Association meeting, 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Fifth Floor

"Thinking in Full Color" presentation, 6:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, February 12

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

Hudson Arcade, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Gabert Library Atrium, Sixth Floor

DEI Climate Survey Results Forum, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, February 13

Classes begin for Quick Term, off-campus and College Student Success courses (12 weeks, through May 18)

Chocolate Fountain, 12 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Mental Health Counseling and Wellness and Hoboken Family Planning opening, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

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

"Building Student Rapport" workshop, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L518

Valentine's Day with Alex Plante, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Showing of "The Philadelphia Story," 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Library

Chocolate Fountain, 3 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Real Money 101: Tax Return Basics, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 519

Paint Night Date Night, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L517. HCCC Student: \$10; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

"21st Century Policing in Urban Communities" seminar, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Latino Community Networking Reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Friday, February 14

Administrative offices closed – classes in session

Four Film Fridays Discussion, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

LGBTQIA and Uprising Gaming Clubs present Queer Anime Night, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Monday, February 17

Presidents' Day – College closed

Tuesday, February 18

DEI Climate Survey Results Forum, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Banquet Room, 161 Newkirk St.

Involvement Fair, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, February 19

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

More Than Meets the Eye, 1 p.m., Gabert Library, STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

NHC Art Tour with Andrea Siegel, 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Library

Thursday, February 20

Involvement Fair and Student Leader Meet and Greet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

"Being a Great vs. a Good Leader: Characteristics of Great Leaders" featuring Dr. Tony Howell, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Virtual Reality with Lotta, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Black Student Union Presents BHM Movie Night, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Friday, February 21

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

Four Film Fridays Discussion, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Queer Ball, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Off-Campus Trip: Roll Bounce, Branch Brook Roller Rink. Group leaves Gabert Library at 8 p.m. HCCC Students: \$7; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$10. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, February 22

Off-Campus Trip: Harlem Day Trip, Group leaves Gabert Library at 10 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. HCCC Students: \$15; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$25. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Culinary Food Business Career Fair, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute, 161 Newkirk St.,

Pop-Up Dining, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Monday, February 24

Muffin Monday, 9:30 a.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St.

Registered Nurse (RN) Information Session, 1 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room, 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City

Pop-Up Lecture/Guided Tour featuring Prof. Joseph Gallo, 2 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Step It Up, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Stepping is an African tradition that we now see carried out through recreation and through cultural Greek life. Come learn a step or two with the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy Street

Tuesday, February 25

NEDA Conversation, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St. Join us for a conversation with the National Eating Disorders Association during National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

"Tools for Classroom Engagement" workshop, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room N305

Book Club #1, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Bayonne Early College Academy Signing, 6 p.m., Bayonne Board of Education 669 Avenue A, Bayonne

"To Kill a Mockingbird", show time 7 p.m., Shubert Theatre. HCCC Student: \$35; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$65. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, February 26

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

All College Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., STEM Building Multipurpose Room, 263 Academy St.

Pizza with the President, 5:30 p.m., while supplies last, Gabert Library, 70 Sip Ave.

Thursday, February 27

Town Hall with President Reber, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room

Book Club: "Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Library

"Climate Change: The Impact of Climate Change on the U.S." workshop, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 263 Academy St.

"The Educational Opportunity Fund Program: A graduation and retention answer for the 21st century two year college student" workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room L518

Pizza with the President, 5:30 p.m., while supplies last, North Hudson Campus, Lobby

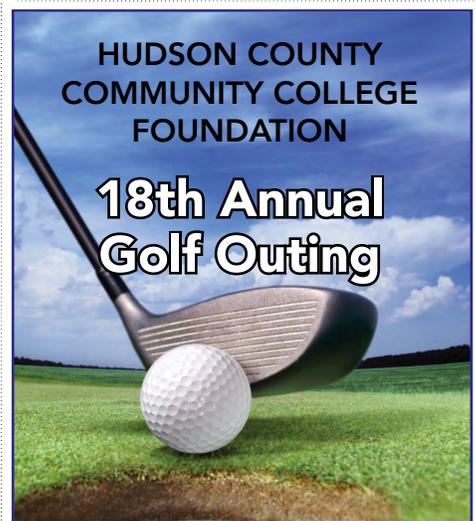
Friday, February 28

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

Four Film Fridays Discussion, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Saturday, February 29

Off-Campus Trip: Philly Day Trip – Explore Philadelphia and discover African American history in the city of brotherly love. This trip will include a visit to the National Constitution Center as well as the African American Museum of Philly. We will end the day with the exploration of the popular Reading Terminal Market! Bus will depart Gabert Library at 9 a.m. HCCC Students: \$20; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$45. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.



Monday, July 13, 2020
Forest Hill Field Club
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Continental Breakfast,
 Cocktails, Luncheon
 and Awards

Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to the growth and development of the College and students. Space is limited, so make your reservations soon!

For more information, contact:
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Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

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ALUMNI CORNER

Lisa Sambula

Class of 2013

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts

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

After working in retail and in the bar business for several years, I wanted to go to college and establish a career for myself.

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

Working in the Tutorial Center as an English tutor.

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

After working at the tutoring center, I knew I wanted to teach. There is no feeling like helping someone accomplish his/her goals.

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

My Liberal Arts courses allowed me to experience an array of classes, which helped to establish that I wanted to go into the field of education.

What is a typical workday for you?

I'm a high school English teacher, so my day consists of not only teaching, but also managing students, collaborating with colleagues, and communicating with parents.

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

I had my students do a project called "My Hood," where they had to investigate information about their neighborhood, then create a PowerPoint and poster for display. This allowed students to find out more about where they live, and be proud to share information about their surroundings.



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

The professors that I worked with as an in class tutor at HCCC.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

This is just the beginning of your journey. Take everything that you've learned here, and make it count!

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

Be proud of making the choice to not only better your life, but also make a difference in the lives of others.

GRADUATING STUDENTS:

Tell Us Your Story!

Hudson County Community College's Communications Department needs your help

in identifying unique and exceptional graduate student stories to use in publicity for the upcoming Commencement ceremony as well as future marketing materials.

HCCC's Communications Department will be pitching these stories to media during the Commencement season and would be pleased to hear from students willing to be interviewed. **Some past noteworthy stories covered by media included students who:**

- Were age 50 or older while studying at HCCC
- Had served in the military
- Had relatives on HCCC staff or of HCCC alumni
- Were family members graduating together
- "Beat the odds" (earned a degree despite an obstacle, disability, etc.)



In addition, we would be interested in highlighting inaugural classes of HCCC's newest degree and certificate programs!

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For more information please contact the Communications Department at 201.360.4060 or email at Communications@hccc.edu or visit the website at <http://www.hccc.edu/communications/submit-your-story/>

