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From the Editor's Desk

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HELD 20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 7

The Board of Directors of the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Foundation hosted the Annual Holiday Gala on Thursday, December 7. The event was held in the College's Culinary Conference Center – 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. Proceeds from the event, which raised \$186,500, will provide scholarships for deserving students.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the fundraiser, and the theme was “An Evening in Italy: A Gala Dining Experience.” As they arrived, guests were presented with a “passport” to guide them through the exquisite cuisine offered in the program kitchens of the College's Culinary Arts Institute (CAI). Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, main dishes, side dishes, and desserts representing the various regions of Italy – Venice, Emilia Romagna, Tuscany, Piedmont, Lazio (Rome), and Campania – which were served in six different rooms. All of the delicious cuisine was prepared by the College's Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) chefs/instructors and students, and served by CAI students.

One of the evening's primary highlights was the presentation of the Hudson County Community College
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On Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, the Hudson County Community College Foundation held its 20th Annual Holiday Extravaganza. The annual Distinguished Service Award was presented to Landmark Hospitality President Jeanne Cretella (center). Pictured with Cretella from left are HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D.; William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees; HCCC Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone; and HCCC Foundation Chair Mandy Otero.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH D. SANSONE, APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS CHIARAVALLOTI

College (HCCC) President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. announced that Joseph D. Sansone, the College's Vice President for Planning and Development and Assistant to the President will retire effective Feb. 28, 2018.

Dr. Gabert said the Board of Trustees has named Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., to succeed Mr. Sansone. He began work at HCCC as Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President Designate on Dec. 1, 2017, and will assume full responsibility for that office on March 1, 2018.

Mr. Sansone is a lifelong resident of Hudson County. He attended Rutgers College and is a graduate of The American Institute of Banking. His career, which spans more than 50 years, began at First Jersey National Bank in Jersey City (which was later acquired by Natwest Bank), where he held senior positions in retail banking. Mr. Sansone worked for ChaseMellon Shareholder Services for several years as a Vice President of Correspondence and Lost Securities.

In 2001, Mr. Sansone joined Hudson County Community College as Executive Director of the College Foundation

and was also named Vice President for Development and Assistant to the President. He is and has been active in several community and professional organizations, including Hudson Hospice, Rotary Club of Jersey City-Daybreak, the American Conference on Diversity, Securities Information Center of the SEC Lost Securities Program - New York, Institutional Advancement Affinity Group of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, Destination Jersey City, Northeast Jersey Bankers Association, West Hudson/South Bergen Optimist Club, Pavonia Girl Scout Council, Hoboken Salvation Army, and Hoboken Kiwanis.



Joseph D. Sansone
Vice President for Planning and Development and Assistant to the President

HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq. said: “Joseph Sansone has been tireless in his efforts on behalf of the College's students. Under his leadership, the HCCC Foundation has flourished and grown in a way that benefits all the people of Hudson County and especially our Hudson County Community College students. I know

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Pictured from left: Juan Cacho, Ana Polanco, Roger Zerna, Melanny Zerna with her brother Roger Zerna and friend Fabrizio Vega, alumna Ana Polanco with her daughter Melanie, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the Hoboken Jingle Bell 5K Run on Dec. 16.

Juan Cacho, Leticia Perez, Bianelly Tellez, Melanny Zerna with her brother Roger Zerna and friend Fabrizio Vega, alumna Ana Polanco with her daughter Melanie, and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered at the Hoboken Jingle Bell 5K Run. Funds and toys were collected for the Hoboken Boys and Girls Club.



Mario Martinez volunteered at the Hudson CASA Coordinated Entry Program for the Homeless, Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation on Dec. 1. He helped to sort donated coats for the homeless.

MIDDLE STATES UPDATE



Paula Pando, Ed.D. (second from right), Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student & Educational Services, shares the status and current results of Middle States and Hudson County Community College on Dec. 13, 2017.

HCCC STUDENT UNION... COMING SOON! CONSTRUCTION TO START EARLY IN 2018



HCCC TO OFFER COURSES IN HARRISON



Seated from left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, HCCC, and James P. Doran, Ed.D., Director of Personnel/Human Resources/Compliance and Crisis Management, Town of Harrison. Standing from left: Luis R. Sosa Santiago, Coordinator of Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs, HCCC; James Fife, Mayor of Harrison; Daniel Choffo, Harrison Business Administrator; Michael Pichowicz, Assistant Business Administrator, Town of Harrison; Cynthia Baumgartner, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent, Harrison Public Schools; and Peter Santana, Director of Adult Education for Hudson County Schools of Technology.



Pictured from left: Peter Santana, Director of Adult Education for Hudson County Schools of Technology; Luis R. Sosa Santiago, Coordinator of Evening, Weekend and Off-Site Programs, HCCC; Cynthia Baumgartner, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent, Harrison Public Schools; Michael Pichowicz, Assistant Business Administrator, Town of Harrison; James Fife, Mayor of Harrison; Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, HCCC; Daniel Choffo, Harrison Business Administrator; and James P. Doran, Ed.D., Director of Personnel/Human Resources/Compliance and Crisis Management, Town of Harrison.

Hudson County Community College and the Harrison Board of Education are pleased to announce the launch of a special partnership that will facilitate Off-Site classes at Washington Middle School in Harrison, NJ for Harrison community members.

This strategic initiative advances the College's mission by facilitating high quality college-level educational opportunities to the residents of Hudson County. The College has a longstanding tradition of offering college-level courses at different locations across the county, including Bayonne High School,

Kearny High School, and Union City High School. Thanks to this new partnership the College will be able to bring higher education to residents of Harrison in their own location.

Washington Middle School is located on North 5th Street in Harrison, New Jersey.

"This partnership will provide the people of Harrison with the ability to take Hudson County Community College courses in their hometown. I know that our joint endeavor will be tremendously successful" says Cynthia Baumgartner, Ph.D., Interim Superin-

tendent of Harrison School District.

"Bringing college programs to where the students are is key for us as we expand the footprint of the community college. HCCC offers classes through its campuses in Journal Square and Union City, but also through off-site locations and online classes; students can move forward regardless of their geographic location. The administrative team in Harrison has made this launch seamless," said Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at HCCC.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 WEBINARS

The College's Employee Assistance Program, E4Health, has scheduled a series of webinars designed to assist employees and their families in various topics. Each webinar will take place each month, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and repeating from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://www.helloe4.com/> and enter username hccc and password guest.

- Wednesday, January 24: Communicating Effectively
- Wednesday, February 21: What to Look out for as Our Loved Ones Age
- Wednesday, March 21: Substance Abuse and Your Loved Ones
- Wednesday, April 25: Quality Time for the Time-Pressed Family
- Wednesday, May 23: Working with Millennials
- Wednesday, June 20: Taking Care of Your Skin
- Wednesday, July 25: Identity Theft Protection and Self-Help
- Wednesday, August 22: Bullying
- Wednesday, September 26: The Many Faces of Mental Health
- Wednesday, October 24: Healthy Aging
- Wednesday, November 28: Family and Personal Budgeting
- Wednesday, December 19: Turning the Table on Bad Habits

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR 2018

The Internal Revenue Service has published new standard mileage rates for business expenses. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2018, the standard mileage rate for the use of your personal vehicle for business travel will be:

54.5 cents per mile for business miles driven in 2018; up 1 cent from the rate for 2017.

Please use this rate for completing travel expense reports when using your personal vehicle for college business related travel during 2018.

Note: This does not apply to your regular travel commute from home to work.

SAVE THE DATES

COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street

ALL-COLLEGE FACULTY ORIENTATION

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center - 161 Newkirk Street

Orientation for all full-time and part-time faculty, deans, directors, coordinators, counselors and other staff members.

For more information contact:

Academic Affairs Division (201) 360-4010

HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2018

- Monday, January 1, 2018: College Closed – New Year's Day
- Tuesday, January 2, 2018: College Open; Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday, Faculty - Holiday
- Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King's Birthday – College Closed
- Friday, February 16: Presidents' Weekend. Classes in Session – Administrative offices closed
- Monday, February 19: Presidents' Weekend – College Closed
- Friday, March 30: Good Friday – College Closed
- Monday, May 28: Memorial Day – College Closed
- Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day – College Closed
- Monday, September 3: Labor Day – College Closed
- Monday, October 8: Columbus Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Tuesday, November 6: Election Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Monday, November 12: Veteran's Day – College Open. Floating Holiday
- Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23: Thanksgiving – College Closed
- Thursday, December 20: College Closed – Given for Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 21: College Closed – Given for Christmas
- Monday, December 24 – Monday, December 31: College Closed for Winter Break
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019: College Closed – New Year's Day
- Wednesday, January 2, 2019: College Open; Administrators and Staff – Floating Holiday, Faculty - Holiday

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Tim Brown
Christine Cacnio

Five Years
Denise Rossilli

25 Years
Ellen Renaud

30 Years
Marcella Williams

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

- Accountant*
- Adjunct Positions (Spring 2018)*
- Assistant Director of Admissions (Revised)*
- Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences*
- Associate Dean of STEM*
- Associate Dean of Student Success*
- College Lecturer, ESL*
- College Lecturer, Health Sciences (Revised)*
- College Lecturer, Honors*
- Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)*
- Counselor*
- Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development*
- Dean of Libraries*
- DSS Coordinator Advisor*
- Head Tutor for North Hudson Campus*
- Instructor, Accounting*
- Instructor, Chemistry*
- Instructor, English*
- Instructor, Environmental Studies*
- Instructor, Mathematics*
- Instructor, Physics*
- Instructor, Romance Languages*
- Library Associate Technology*
- Part Time Customer Service Assistant (2 positions)*
- Part Time EOF Recruiter*
- Part Time HR Office Assistant*
- Part Time Library Associate Technology*
- Student Financial Assistance Specialist*

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

**Hudson County
Community College
Human Resources Department
81 Sip Avenue, Mezzanine Level
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.

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.

Donor Acknowledgement

Thank you to artist Judy Mensch for the generous donation of three works of art.

Artist News

Anne Kullaf's work was recently donated to the Foundation Art Collection. We hope to install it early next year. In the meantime, work by her students will be on exhibit through Jan. 15 at the Art Center of New Jersey in Summit. The show is called "Show Me What You See: The Students of Anne Kullaf."

Kerry James Marshall has just unveiled his largest work, a 132' x 100' mural at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street in Chicago. The mural honors 20 women who have helped shape Chicago's vibrant cultural offerings, including actors, directors, patrons of the arts, activists, museum founders, artists, poets, cultural workers, journalists, editors, dancers, choreographers, and TV personalities. Closer to home, the Foundation Art Collection's Kerry James Marshall work can be found on the second floor of 2 Enos Place.

If you like the **Agnes Martin** work in the North Hudson Library, you might enjoy taking a trip to Pace Gallery, 32 East 57th Street in New York City. Martin's work will be installed with new works by Richard Tuttle through Jan. 13. Tuttle and Martin were lifelong friends.



The teacher in this photograph (ca. 1945) is alleged to be Elinor Victoria Fuerst, co-author of *Fundamentals of Nursing*, one of the major 20th century nursing textbooks. This image and many others from the Hudson County Community College -- CarePoint School of Nursing history are on permanent display in the Cundari Building, 870 Bergen conference room (119). The exhibit features historic photographs related to the nursing school from the late 1800s to the present.

If you're feeling like you need a moment of the summertime, you might enjoy a trip to the Hudson River Museum, where **Sylvia Sleigh's** masterpiece *Invitation to Voyage* is installed through Jan. 14. The work depicts a summer picnic by the Hudson River, where many of Sleigh's friends took part. In a moment of true inspiration, the curators put the two parts of the painting -- each 35 feet long and 8 feet high -- across from each other, and provided visitors with beach chairs like the guests in the paintings have. Visitors to the museum almost feel like guests at that gorgeous summer picnic, with none of the risk of poison ivy.

For more information: <http://www.hrm.org/exhibits/Sylvias/sylviasl.html>. The HCCC Collection's work by Sleigh is slated for Journal Square installation in 2018.

The Art Collection at Hudson County Community College has grown to over 1,000 works! For an up-to-date finding guide of all works installed on both campuses, please visit: www.hccc.edu/foundationartcollection.

GRANT IMAHARA OPENS HCCC 2017-18 LECTURE SERIES



Grant Imahara describes a myth that was researched twice on episodes of "MythBusters:" that a car balanced on the edge of a cliff can topple over if a bird perches on the front end. The myth was "busted" both times.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, Grant Imahara, former host on Discovery's "MythBusters" and animatronics engineering expert, was the first speaker in Hudson County Community College's 2017-18 Lecture Series. Imahara is co-host of the



Grant Imahara (center) with John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction/Science (left) and Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student & Educational Services.

Netflix original series, "White Rabbit Project." Previously, he was a modelmaker and animatronics engineer at George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, where he worked in movie special effects on 11 feature films.

HCCC HOLDS ANNUAL REPORT OUT

Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director of Advisement & Counseling, discusses "A Guided Pathways Advising Concept" during the Nov. 30 "Report Out." The Center for Academic & Student Success is embracing the Guided Pathways concept of meta-majors for new student advising. Meta-majors support student success by providing structure and narrowing choices.



On Thursday, Nov. 30, Hudson County Community College hosted a "Report Out" event at the Culinary Conference Center. This event provided an opportunity for College employees to learn about programs and services making an impact at HCCC. Some of the programs for which updates were provided were social media initiatives in admissions; occupational training programs and partnerships; the chartering of SALUTE National Honor Society for Veterans on campus; and a weekend program for nursing students.

LEARNING COMMUNITY DAY, FALL 2017



By Syeda Jesmin, LC Coordinator

The Learning Community program held its twelfth Learning Community Day on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017 in the Culinary Conference Center. In Spring 2010, the Learning Community (LC) program introduced this event, mainly to showcase LC students' best work from their LC classes and recognize selected LC students for their academic achievement. The event has always been well attended and well acclaimed by members of the Hudson County Community College community.

In the Poster Session for LC Students Best Work Showcase, LC students presented on a wide

area of topics: Milgram's Experiment, 1492 -American Indians, Split - Bipolar Disorder, The Robbers Cave Experiment, Healthy Food for Kids, and much more. The LC Poster Session turned into a lively interactive event as all attendees were encouraged to view the posters, interact with the presenters, and finally select the Best Poster by voting for one. For their enthusiastic participation, each attendee earned a chance to win a prize in a raffle draw at the end of the program.

At this bi-annual LC event, selected LC students were given awards for their remarkable performance in their LC classes. Two students from each Learning Community were nominated by their respective LC faculty based on their class performance

in both the linked LC courses. This semester, 14 students from seven Learning Communities were nominated in one of the two categories: Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement. Each of these nominated students was given a Certificate of Recognition and a small gift, collected from Vice-President Joseph Sansone's Office.

Following the award ceremony, a raffle draw was held for all who completed the Best Poster Evaluation sheets. Raffle winners received small gifts, donated by the Student Activities office. Learning Community Program thanked all who attended the program as well as all who supported the program.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Paula Pando, Ed.D. (left) and Paula Roberson, Ed.D. at the Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

Students from an ESL Learning Community take a tour of Ellis Island.

Pictured from left: Medical Coding students Malisha Jermainous, Maria Martinez, and Jocelyn Ramirez.

Coordinator of Theatre & Film Joseph Gallo (left) presents the Fall 2017 HCCC Playwriting Award to Yantezz Seabrook for her play Family Blood.

The Human Services Club collected sock donations in October. Following the project, titled "Socktober," the socks were delivered to the Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation to benefit its clients.

Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student & Educational Services, and Paula Roberson, Ed.D., Assessment Coordinator, attended the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. in December 2017.

The students in the Human Services Club ran a sock drive in October. They brought the donations to Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation to distribute to the population they serve.

During the fall semester, students from one of the Learning Communities went on a field trip to Ellis Island in New Jersey.

A learning community connects two or more interdisciplinary courses around a common theme and provides an integrated curriculum; a cohort of students takes these two or three linked courses together for a semester. The theme of this ESL Learning Community, that linked an ESL Reading and Discussion III course to the college level course, Speech, was "Exploring American Identity"

which focused on such topics as immigration in the early 20th century. As a form of experiential learning, the field trip to Ellis Island, a historical site through which millions of immigrants entered America in the early 20th century, provided these ESL students a unique opportunity to not only revisit the content of their LC classes but also reflect on their own immigrant experiences.

This is yet another way Learning Communities help students improve on their academic achievement and personal development. The field trip was funded by the Office of Student Activities.

Hudson County Community College recently had its Medical Coding cohort – the first group of medical coders to complete the program.

Mandy Otero, Chairman of the Hudson County Community College Foundation, is a longtime target shooter, specializing in .22 caliber smallbore and in .17 caliber air rifle. At the 2017 indoor sectionals, he won the 2017 NRA Open Conventional Position Smallbore Rifle Indoor Senior Championship, the 2017 NRA Open Metric Position Smallbore Rifle Indoor Senior Championship, and the 2017 NRA

Open 3 Position Precision Air Rifle Indoor Senior Championship.

By winning three of the four National Indoor Senior Championships, Otero became the number one Indoor Senior Shooter in the country.

In July, at the NRA 3 position Nationals in Bristol, Indiana, he placed second senior in all events. At the ASSA 3 position Nationals also in July in Connecticut, he was first senior, making him the number one position senior in the U.S. for 2017.



Mandy Otero, HCCC Foundation Chair, with awards he won during NRA competitions in 2017.



*An Evening
in Italy*





HCCC FOUNDATION HELD 20TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA CELEBRATION

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2017 Distinguished Community Service Award to Jeanne Cretella, President – and with her husband Frank, Co-Owner – of Landmark Hospitality. Landmark owns and manages several distinguished venues, many of which are historic, landmark sites. These include The Liberty House Restaurant in Jersey City; Stone House at Stirling Ridge in Warren, NJ; the famed Ryland Inn in Whitehouse Station, NJ; Hotel Du Village in New Hope, PA; The Logan Inn in New Hope, PA; and Landmark Destination Weddings. An off-premise catering division, Crave, operates on-site at venues such as The Boathouse at Mercer Lake in West Windsor, NJ, Mana Contemporary Café in Jersey City, and the Prallsville Mills in Stockton, NJ; Crave specializes in running events throughout the tri-state area.

Believing strongly in the importance of embracing the communities where Landmark does business, Ms. Cretella established a corporate giving program, “Help Us Give” (H.U.G.) in 2001. Through H.U.G., she and Landmark Hospitality have hosted ongoing community events to aid local organizations. The efforts of H.U.G. have been recognized by American Express and the National Restaurant Association. In addition, The Liberty House was awarded the “Good Neighbor Award” for the State of New Jersey, the Governor’s Diamond Award on Tourism, and Ms. Cretella received the Gold Plate Award for outstanding service in the industry and community from the New Jersey Restaurant Association.

Ms. Cretella serves as a director of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board, the Sandra and Glen Cunningham Foundation, and Dress for Success. She is also a member of Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham’s Women’s Advisory Group, and is the first two-year Chair of the New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association. As one who believes in education being a key tool for future success, Ms. Cretella has devoted much of her time to working with schools around the state dedicated to students with autism. She has successfully spearheaded partnerships with restaurants to provide students with disabilities with real work experiences.

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation giving tax-exempt status to contributors. Since the Foundation was established in 1997, it has provided over \$2,650,000 in scholarships. The HCCC Foundation also established the Foundation Art Collection ten years ago to coincide with the initiation of the College’s Fine Arts studies program. Presently, the Collection includes over 1,000 paintings, lithographs, photographs, sculptures, and other works by nationally acclaimed artists which are displayed throughout all the buildings on the College’s Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Community Education's Accelerated ESL students pose with their certificates of completion.

Continuing Education

Winter/Spring Website and Catalog

Community Education is pleased to announce the launch of its new website and Winter/Spring 2018 Course Catalog! You will now find information on all of CE's programs and events at www.hccc.edu/communityeducation. For 2018, CE has launched several new programs such as The After School String Ensemble, Arts programming for adults and kids, Business Branding, Mobile Video, Infographics, an array of family Culinary courses, and much more!

For more information on CE programs, please contact communityed@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4224.

Accelerated ESL Courses

Community Education completed its Fall Accelerated ESL Courses on Dec. 11. Instructor Joe Huynh led non-credit students through two levels of ESL in one term, and students succeeded in achieving their goals of communicating in English at a faster pace. Winter/Spring Accelerated ESL courses will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Journal Square Campus. The price for each program is \$319.

For more information on CE's Accelerated ESL courses please contact obolanos@hccc.edu or call 201-360-5336.

All New Culinary Courses

CE has all new culinary classes starting in January! Classes include Friday Night Dinners and Valentine's Date Night for those looking to spend a fun evening cooking with friends and loved ones, Culinary Workshops for those seeking a more professional, yet laid back, culinary experience, and Family and Kids Culinary courses, including a special Easter class, for those looking to spend quality time with their kids while learning something

new. You can secure your spot in these classes by registering early at www.tinyurl.com/hcccuculinaryspring2018.

For more information on CE's Culinary Programs, please contact cfarrell@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4262.

After School String Ensemble

The String Ensemble at Hudson County Community College is an advanced ensemble composed of experienced student players who seek to deepen their knowledge of music and develop their artistic skills alongside peers. Led by Izabella Cohen, Master Strings Instructor and Violinist, this elite program concentrates on advanced technical and expressive skills in chamber and full ensemble settings. Students receive weekly rotating group instruction with emphasis on technique development, musical expression, and collaborative playing. Public concerts are given to enhance learning and reward accomplishment. The String Ensemble is open to all strings (violin, viola, cello and bass). Membership is highly selective. Placement is determined through auditions with and at the discretion of the instructor.

The String Ensemble will run for 10 weeks from Jan. 30 through April 24 at the Journal Square Campus. The price is \$350 per student. Auditions will begin the week of Jan. 15.

For additional information on the After School String Ensemble, please contact communityed@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4224.



CE's Dec. 3 Holiday Dessert Favorites class with Chef Luci DeSalles.



CE's Dec. 10 Winter Wonderland Cookies class with Chef Luci DeSalles.

REGISTER NOW!

www.hccc.edu/communityeducation

GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE



HCCC Goldman Sachs College Collaborative Pod with Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development (Left) and Peter Cronrath, Instructor of Business (Right) at Saint Peter's University.

The Hudson County Community College Pod of the Goldman Sachs College Collaborative has been busy at work as we neared the end of the semester! On Nov. 17, 2017, students traveled to the Jersey City office of Goldman Sachs for the first time. The group heard from Nyron Latif, Partner, Goldman Sachs who engaged with the group about the importance of leveraging your adversity into strength and resilience, and being able to communicate effectively by being clear, precise, articulate, and confident. Brian Gaffey, Vice President, Goldman Sachs also spoke to students to kick off the session.

HCCC student Sarra Hayoune said in reflection of the program, "Personally, it was eye-opening to hear about Mr. Latif's life experiences. I came out of the meeting thinking that human beings could survive any situation through adaptation. I am looking forward to hearing from leaders



HCCC Goldman Sachs College Collaborative Pod at Goldman Sachs, Jersey City office.



Goldman Sachs College Collaborative members hear from Brian Gaffey, Vice President, Goldman Sachs.



Rahul Thakkar presents his work about the first case study internally to the HCCC Pod and Chevon Hunter, Senior Analyst, Compliance, Goldman Sachs.

with great personalities like Mr. Latif throughout this program!"

HCCC students dove right into their first case challenge with their coaches Chevon Hunter and Alex Biedermann and Faculty Mentor, Peter Cronrath. They had the opportunity to continue to collaborate on Dec. 1, 2017 at Saint Peter's University, which hosted the group at the McMahon Student Center. Students heard from Eugene J. Cornachia, Ph.D., President, Saint Peter's University and College Collaborative Alumna Anica Bustamante, currently a senior at Saint Peter's University.

In a hands-on session, students were led through time management exercises by Sharon Foreteia, Vice President, Goldman Sachs, and had the opportunity to network with their peers and coaches as they learned strategies about how to use their time effectively to be successful in the College Collaborative and life.

Later this month, students will be visiting New Jersey City University. Look for Goldman Sachs College Collaborative updates in HCCC Happenings as students continue to progress through this year's dynamic program.

For further information, please contact Aparna Saini, Director of Career Development at asaini@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4221, Journal Square, 70 Sip Avenue (Building A), Third Floor.

CAREER CORNER

Each month we'll be answering your questions about Career Development.

Submit your questions to be featured here!
career@hccc.edu

Q: How do I prepare ahead of time for the HCCC Job Fair in April?

A: There are many ways to prepare for our upcoming Job Fair on April 17, 2018. You can start by scheduling an appointment with an advisor to review your resume or practice a mock interview. For the fair itself, you should bring multiple copies of your resume, have an elevator pitch, and make sure to wear professional attire. It also helps to research the companies there and come prepared with questions. Lastly, you should save the date and follow us for updates about the fair, @Hudson Career on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



Contact us to learn more:
career@hccc.edu | 201-360-4184



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71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level
Jersey City NJ 07306
(201) 360-4190/4193/4194
Website: www.hccc.edu/testing
Email: testing@hccc.edu



College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

Welcome to HCCC! The CPT is a computerized assessment used to assist with English/Math course placement. Take the CPT **seriously!** Depending on your scores, you may have to register/pay for additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward a degree. The Writing Proficiency test is also part of the general CPT schedule.

You may be exempt from the CPT, if you have college-level transfer credit, qualifying ACT/SAT scores or Accuplacer scores from another institution. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/testing

Academic Success begins with preparation for the College Placement Test (Accuplacer)

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
- Bring photo ID, College Wide ID #, pen, and pencil
- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time
- Walk-ins accepted for all sessions.

CPT Schedule:

JSQ walk in: Students can start test anytime between hours posted
 JSQ/NHC start times: Students must start test at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m

JANUARY 2018

Term: Spring 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 College Closed	2 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.	4 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>11 a.m. to 2 p.m.</u> NHC start time 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	5 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.	6
8 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	9 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>11 a.m. to 2 p.m.</u> NHC start time 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	10 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	11 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 2 p.m.</u> NHC start time: 9 a.m & 1 p.m.	12 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	13 Journal Sq. start time: 8:30 p.m.
15 College Closed	16 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 3 p.m.</u> NHC start time: 9 a.m, 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.	17 Journal Sq. start times: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.	18 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 2 p.m.</u> NHC start time: 9 a.m & 1 p.m.	19 Journal Sq. start times: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	20
22 Classes Begin Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.	23 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 3 p.m.</u> NHC start time: 9 a.m, 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.	24 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	25 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 2 p.m.</u> NHC 9 a.m.	26 Journal Sq. start times: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	27
29 Journal Sq. walk-in: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.	30 Journal Sq. walk-in: <u>9 a.m. & 3 p.m.</u> NHC start time: 9 a.m.	31 Journal Sq. walk-in: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level, Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City		

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
5. Must be eligible to take Math Placement test

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HCCC ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH D. SAN- SONE, APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS CHIARAVALLI

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I speak on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees when I say that we are very grateful to Joe, and wish him the very best.”

“For nearly 20 years, Joe Sansone has been an integral part of the College’s administration,” said Dr. Gabert. “Over the years, the Foundation has awarded more than 1,625 scholarships totaling more than \$2.65 million to deserving students. We now have a program to help incoming students prepare to succeed in their college work. Cultural enrichment programs are offered for the entire community. The Foundation Art Collection now includes more than 1,000 works of art. It has been my honor to work with Joe and we are eternally grateful for all he has done.”

“Dr. Chiaravalloti brings extensive knowledge of higher education and valuable experience in working with the people of our community to his new position at Hudson County Community College. We look forward to working with him and Joe Sansone during the transition period and the future,” Dr. Gabert stated.

A lifelong member of the Bayonne community who holds a Bachelor’s degree from The Catholic University of America, Dr. Chiaravalloti earned his law degree from Rutgers School of Law, and Doctorate of Higher Education Leadership from Saint Peter’s University. His professional academic experi-

ence includes serving for the past six years at Saint Peter’s University where he was Executive Director of the Guarini Institute for Government and Leadership, Associate Vice President for International Outreach/Community Engagement, and a Father John Corridan Fellow.

Dr. Chiaravalloti’s legal experience includes founding the consulting firm ANJ, LLC, serving as a partner in the law firm of Weiner and Lesniak, LLP, founding and serving as partner of Magis Strategies and Chiaravalloti, LLC. Chiaravalloti has served at the local, state, and federal levels of government – as Executive Director of the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority, and as State Director to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez. Since 2016, he has served as Assemblyman representing the constituents of New Jersey’s 31st Legislative District.

“Dr. Chiaravalloti’s dedication to the people of Hudson County, his appreciation of higher education, and his own background and professional experience are assets that will contribute to his new work at Hudson County Community College,” Mr. Netchert said. “We look forward to welcoming him, and to working with him in continuing the College’s important mission of providing high quality educational opportunities for all the people of our community.”



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 1
New Year’s Day - College Closed

Tuesday, January 2
College Open

In-person registration open for non-matriculating and visiting students only

Wednesday, January 3 – Thursday, January 18
Winter Intersession

Wednesday, January 3
Last day to add classes for Winter Intersession

In-person registration open for all students

Payment for Winter 2018 is due in full by 5 p.m.

Payment or payment arrangement for Spring 2018 by 5 p.m. if registered from the start of registration through Dec. 20, 2017

Wednesday, January 10
Honors: Getting in and Staying in, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Honors Classroom, Room 318, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave,

New Student Orientation, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Thursday, January 11
Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room E508. To RSVP, please email Luis R. Sosa Santiago at lsosasantiago@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4244.

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday – College Closed

Monday, January 15 – Wednesday, February 28
Exhibition: Teacher as Artist – David Nicolato, Library, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Library

Tuesday, January 16
Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 4th Floor, 70 Sip Avenue

Wednesday, January 17
Late registration begins

College Service Day, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Thursday, January 18
New Student Orientation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square

All-College Faculty Orientation and Meeting, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Monday, January 22 – Friday, February 2
Add/Drop period

Payment or payment arrangement due at the time of registration for registrations on or after Jan. 22

Monday, January 22
Classes begin for Spring 2018 Regular Term, LEAP, off-campus classes; online/hybrid classes (15-week and Online/Hybrid Session A); 10-week College Student Success classes; Culinary Cycle I (Day) classes; and MAT 071-AMA (7-week session)

School Supply Giveaway, starting at 9:30 a.m., 25 Journal Square, B107C and North Hudson Campus, Room 204. Stop by the Office of Student Activities to pick up some free school supplies to help you start off the school year prepared. While supplies last.

Payment or payment arrangement is due by 5 p.m. if registered between Dec. 21, 2017 and Jan. 21

Tuesday, January 23
Sign Shop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, January 24
Welcome Back Waffles, 4:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

Thursday, January 25 – Friday, March 2
Exhibition: “Out on Broadway: A Visual Legacy” curated by James Crochet, Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

Thursday, January 25
Welcome Back Waffles, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Friday, January 26
Art Café, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Library Building, Sixth Floor, 71 Sip Ave.

Monday, January 29
Makerspace Open Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Avenue

Tuesday, January 30
Welcome Back Gaming, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

ALUMNI CORNER

Jocelyn Ramirez Certificate in Medical Coding



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

I was volunteering at Jersey City Medical Center in their Medical Record Department two years ago. From there, I found out that in order to become a Medical Coder, you need to go to school again to earn a certification. So I browsed the internet to look for a school near my place that offered a Medical Coding Program, and I saw Hudson County Community College.

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

My favorite memory is talking with my professors because the teachers here are so smart but very humble. I did not feel intimidated asking information from them. They are always willing to guide and assist you if you have any questions regarding the subject that you have. They want to make sure that you understand your lesson in class. I like also the people who are assisting in the library. They are very helpful whenever you need books to borrow and assist you with scanning and printing.

How did you become interested in medical coding?

I came here in America four years ago. I have my bachelor's degree already major in Mass Communication back in my country, the Philippines. Basically, Medical Coding is a change of career for me. When I came here, I got interested in health care. Since I could not find a job as soon as I wanted because I didn't have working experience in the U.S., I decided to volunteer first in the hospital and I saw their Medical Coders there and I thought that their job was cool and interesting and also hospitals need Medical Coders these days. So I decided to take this course and I am very happy I did it. I could say that this career is in demand right now.

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

My Medical Coding professor, Elizabeth Cassie, is very knowledgeable in the course. She knows her thing. She is expert in the field. My science professors (in Biology, Pharmacology, Pathology, and Medical Terminology) are excellent in teaching. Most of them are doctors. I learned so much from them, from Medical Coding to understanding about human biology, Medical Law and Ethics Compliances and Professional Practice Experience (internship). With the knowledge and training, I learned from them, I am confident enough that I am ready for my career as a Certified Medical Coder.

What is a typical work day for you?

I am new in my job and I can't work full-time yet because I am still at school and I am preparing for the certification exam. I work part-time but multitasking duty at Physical Therapy Clinic. My typical work day is doing all the clerical duties - assigning procedure codes, calling Medicare and commercial insurance companies for verification and patients' eligibility and also marketing.

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

My most memorable project is doing the Marketing because I would be able to talk to doctors/physicians face to face to offer the services that we have. Talking to this kind of people is so challenging especially if you are talking about business. They are not easy to please, and they are always busy. Their time is very important; that is why you have to talk to them like every word you say must be relevant too.

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NJCU HOSTS ACCEPTED STUDENTS DAY



On Tuesday, Dec. 5, New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosted an Accepted Students Day on Hudson County Community College's Journal Square Campus. The event was an opportunity for new students to learn more about the Dual Admission program with NJCU and for graduating students to meet with NJCU representatives to have their credits evaluated and begin a smooth transfer process.

In total, 29 HCCC students participated.

Pictured from left: NJCU staff members Ruben Acosta (Student Ambassador), Ixzally Quiroz (Student Ambassador), Sierra Williams (Student Ambassador), Arron Rodriguez (Transfer Admissions Coordinator), and Nathalie Chinboga (Transfer Evaluator).