

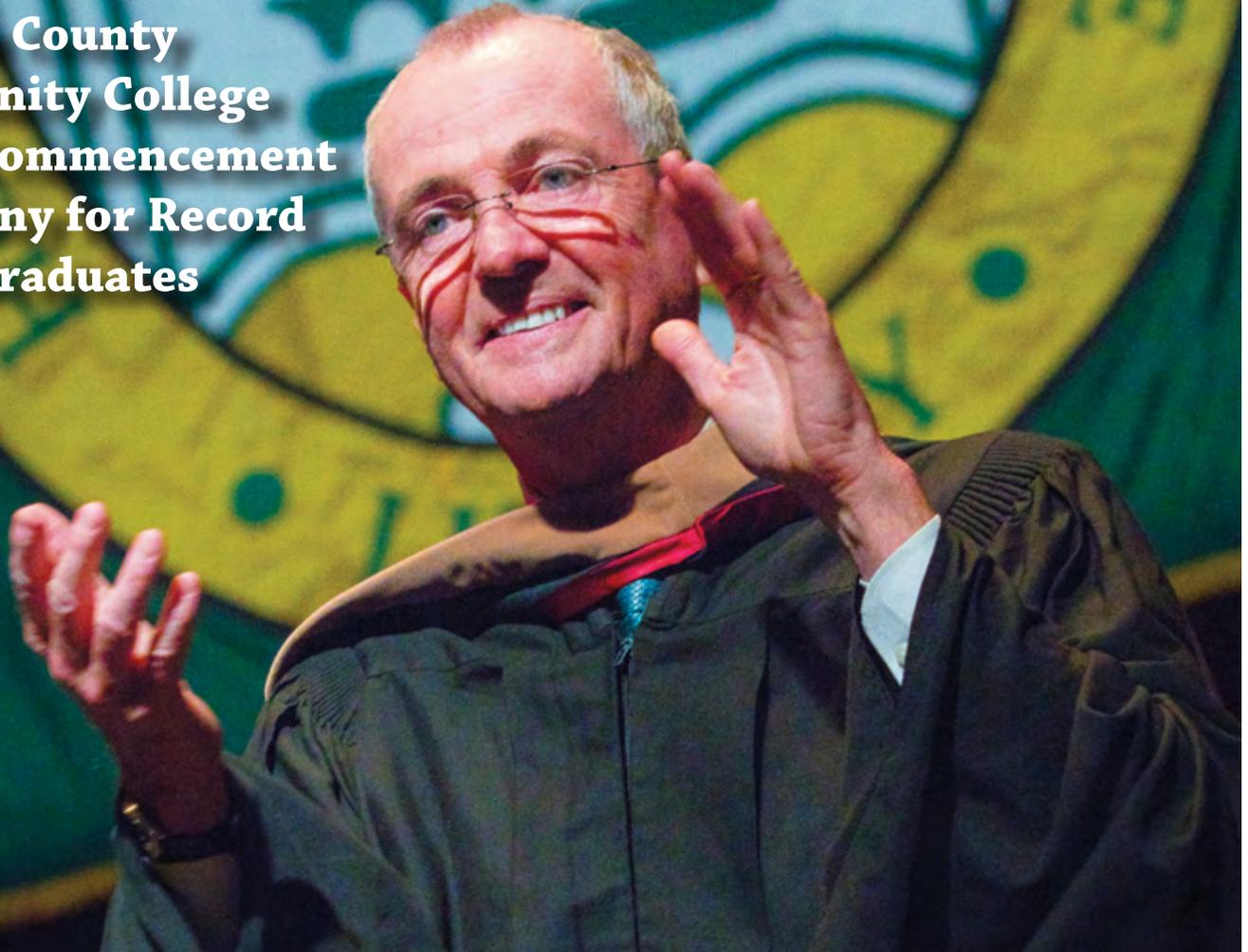
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Holds Commencement
Ceremony for Record
1,383 Graduates**



COMMENCEMENT 2019





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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FOR RECORD 1,383 GRADUATES

On Thursday evening, May 30, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) honored its Class of 2019 with a joyful Commencement celebration at New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark, NJ. The event marked the 42nd Commencement celebration in the College's 45-year history.

Clad in green caps and gowns, the soon-to-be graduates processed into the NJPAC theater and were greeted with rousing applause from family, friends, elected officials, the College's Board of Trustees, the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors, and the College's administrators, faculty and staff.

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Pictured from left: Dr. Chris Reber, Hudson County Community College President; Deborah Acevedo, Valedictorian of the 2019 graduating class; and Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey at the 42nd Annual Commencement ceremony.

EASTERN MILLWORK, INC. HOSTS CEREMONY MARKING THE LAUNCH OF THE HOLZ TECHNIK ACADEMY AND THE PARTNERSHIP WITH HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Clockwise from left: New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy (third from left) with, from left, Holz Technik Academy Program apprentices Amber Gutierrez, Amar Arslanovic, George Martinez, Isaiah Montalvo, and Paul Weeks; David Gill, Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany; Jersey City Mayor Steven M. Fulop; New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy; and Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise.

On Wednesday, May 15, Eastern Millwork, Inc. (EMI) hosted a ceremony in its Jersey City headquarters celebrating the launch of the apprenticeship program and its partnership with Hudson County Community College (HCCC)

and the resulting Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Advanced Manufacturing. The program will provide employment opportunities for students and expand advanced manufacturing business capacity in Hudson County.

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YEAR UP NEW YORK | NEW JERSEY TO LAUNCH NEW SITE AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



John Galante (seated, left), Executive Director of Year Up New York | New Jersey, and Dr. Chris Reber (seated right), President of Hudson County Community College, sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with HCCC to launch a new Year Up site at the College. The first class of students will begin January 2020. Pictured standing from left are Byron Ward, Regional Director of Corporate Engagement; Elaine Perez, Senior Director of Operations and Strategic Planning; Annie Martinez, Senior Director of Program, all of Year Up New York; Heather DeVries, Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Academic Assessment; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Matthew Fessler, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment; and Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, all of HCCC.

Continuing to expand its proven workforce development program, the nonprofit Year Up New York | New Jersey announced that it signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Hudson County Community College (HCCC) to launch a new Year Up site at the College, with the first class of students starting in January 2020.

The signing took place on May 16, 2019, at HCCC. Dr. Chris Reber, President of HCCC, and John Galante, Executive Director of Year Up New York | New Jersey, signed the MOU.

"In partnership with Hudson County College, Year Up will continue its work closing the opportunity divide in Northern New Jersey, providing hundreds of young adults with the opportunity to enter careers in business or technology and work towards their associate's degrees," said Galante. "Starting with our first class in January 2020, our goal is to serve 250 young adults at HCCC by 2022."

"Hudson County Community College is committed to building strong relationships that benefit our students. We are dedicated to educating and empowering our students — and all Hudson County residents and businesses — by providing the education, information, resources, and

support that will assist them in achieving long-lasting success," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "This partnership with Year Up New York | New Jersey will provide 40 HCCC students with corporate internships in business administration, cybersecurity, and other related disciplines, and that number is expected to grow over time."

Year Up is free for participants and includes a weekly financial stipend. Students at the HCCC site will be co-enrolled in Year Up and the College, and will earn college credits throughout the year. They will spend the first semester learning technical and professional skills, followed by a semester-long internship at a company like Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and BNY Mellon.

Currently, Year Up New York | New Jersey provides job training to talented and motivated youth, ages 18-24, without college degrees at campuses in downtown New York (Wall Street) and at Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC). Last year, a federally-sponsored Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education (PACE) evaluation of Year Up showed a 53% increase in initial earnings for young adults randomly assigned to Year Up compared with similar young adults in a control group — the largest impacts on earnings

reported to date for a workforce program tested in a randomized controlled trial.

Since 2006, Year Up New York | New Jersey has provided more than 3,040 young adults with in-demand skills, creating a pipeline of diverse, motivated talent for more than 50 of the city's leading businesses in areas such as Accounting, Business Operations, Cyber Security, Investment Operations, IT, Client Services and Anti-Money Laundering/Fraud Compliance. Year Up New York | New Jersey now serves more than 450 young adults each year, with 90 percent of graduates employed or attending college full-time within four months of completing the program, earning average starting salaries of \$40,000/year. Learn more about Year Up New York | New Jersey by visiting us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Year Up

Year Up is an award-winning, national 501(c)3 organization that enables motivated young adults ages 18-24 to move from minimum wage to meaningful careers in just one year by providing the skills, experience, and support they need to reach their full potential. Through a one-year, intensive program, Year Up utilizes a high-expectations, high-support model that combines marketable job skills, stipends, coursework eligible for college credit, and corporate internships at more than 250 top companies. Its holistic approach focuses on students' professional and personal development to enable young adults with a viable path to economic self-sufficiency and meaningful careers. Year Up has served more than 24,000 young adults since its founding in 2000, and will serve more than 4,700 young adults in 2019 across 25 U.S. cities including Arizona, Baltimore, Bay Area, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Greater Atlanta, Greater Boston, Greater Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, the National Capital Region, New York City, Puget Sound, Rhode Island, South Florida, Tampa Bay, and Wilmington. Year Up has been voted one of the "Best Non-Profits to Work For" by *The NonProfit Times* for eight consecutive years, and rated a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator for twelve consecutive years, placing them in the top 1% of tracked organizations.

To learn more, visit <http://www.yearup.org>, and follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.

HUDSON ELC MEETING

On Tuesday, May 7, the Hudson County Employer Legislative Committee (ELC) hosted a regular meeting at Hudson County Community College's Culinary Conference Center. New Jersey State Assemblyman Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti (31st District) gave the keynote address.

Pictured from left: HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber; Kevin O'Connor, Director of External Affairs, SUEZ North America and Hudson County ELC Chairperson; Maria L. Nieves, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Eric M. Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, New Jersey State Assemblyman for the 31st District and HCCC Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President; and Frank Robinson, Vice President, Government Affairs & Grassroots, New Jersey Business & Industry Association.



INTRODUCING



DR. CHRISTOPHER CONZEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SECAUCUS CENTER

Dr. Christopher Conzen has been named Executive Director of Hudson County Community College's new Secaucus Center at the Frank J. Gargiulo Campus of Hudson County Schools of Technology (HCST). Dr. Conzen began working in this new position on May 20, 2019.

Dr. Conzen has more than 15 years of experience in higher education administration and leadership, overseeing academic programs, policies, and initiatives that focused on promoting student growth and achievement. Most recently he served as Assistant Dean for Student Services and Administrative Affairs at Montclair State University. He was also Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Lim College, and Director of Campus Activities and Student Leadership Development at the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College.

Dr. Conzen holds a Doctorate of Education with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from Nova Southeastern University, and a Master's in Education from the University of Maryland College Park. He was named Community College Professional of the Year by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Adjunct Faculty-Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
Administrative Assistant for Human Resources
Admissions Recruiter
Associate Director of Counseling and Wellness
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer, English
College Lecturer (Radiography)
College Lecturer, STEM
Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)
Coordinator, Workforce Academy (PT)
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)
Customer Service Assistant PT
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Head Tutor – Math, Science, & Business
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Human Resources Benefits Manager
Instructor, Academic Foundations Math
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
Instructor, English (3 Positions)
Instructor of Environmental Studies
Librarian (PT)
Librarian
Patient Access Representative Technician Instructor (PT)
Per Diem BLS and CPR Instructor
Perkins Grant Coordinator
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Vice President for Advancement and Communication

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

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njhrec.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.

PROMOTIONS OF FULL-TIME FACULTY, ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

From Instructor to Assistant Professor:

Antonio Acevedo, History
 Joseph Gallo, Humanities
 Jerry Lamb, Criminal Justice

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Salim Bendaoud, STEM
 Claudia Delgado, Math
 Velino Joasil, STEM
 Catherine Sweeting, English

From Associate Professor to Professor

Jeremiah Teipen, Fine Arts

Sabbatical Recommendations, Fall 2019

Linda Miller, Professor of ESL,
 August 2019 - December 2019

Jeremiah Teipen,
 Professor of Fine Arts,
 August 2019 - December 2019

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

TITLE CHANGES WITH INCUMBENTS

Angela Tuzzo - Assistant Director,
 Student Activities to Associate Director,
 Student Life and Leadership

Tera McGee - Secretary, Student Activities
 to Program Assistant, Student Life and Leadership

NEW HIRES/ NEW TITLES

James Cox,
 Director of Library Patron Services

Devlyn Courtier,
 PC Technician

Yelena Landa,
 College Lecturer/Clinical Nurse Education
 Specialist (effective 8/1/19)

Robert Kahn, Learning Management
 System Administrator (effective 6/1/19)

MILESTONES

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

One Year
 Upasana Sethi-Pagan

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOINS ACHIEVING THE DREAM

Recently, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) announced that it has joined Achieving the Dream (ATD), a network of more than 220 colleges in 43 states dedicated to improving student success. As an ATD Network institution, HCCC will innovate to implement, align, and scale cutting-edge reforms, work with ATD coaches to build institutional capacity, and connect with peers to foster learning and share information.

"Joining ATD will assist Hudson County Community College in moving to the next level of excellence," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "In working with ATD, we look forward to continuous improvement in the College's capacity to address our students' diverse interests and needs, and participating with them in achieving their academic goals and their lifetime dreams."

"The strength of local and regional economies, our ability to rebuild the middle class, and the possibility that a new generation will achieve their goals depends on community colleges," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. "Colleges that join the ATD Network show an exceptional commitment to becoming the kind of institution that will lead the nation into the future."

ATD offers a capacity-building framework and companion self-assessment that allow colleges to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement across seven institutional capacities in areas such as leadership and vision, teaching and learning, and data and technology. ATD's approach integrates and aligns existing college success efforts and offers valuable support in preparing for accreditation, fostering conversation about goals, and making bold, holistic, institution-wide changes because initiatives that don't reach most of a college's student body have not shown strong results.

A team from Hudson County Community College will meet with leaders from 15 other colleges in Phoenix, Arizona in June to plan the launch of their ATD work. The work at HCCC will initially focus on identifying and developing key performance indicators that reflect the College's progress in achieving its strategic goals for student success in both instructional and non-instructional endeavors.

ATD Network colleges report data using metrics that answer critical questions about who attends college, who succeeds in and after college, and how college is financed. To advance goals of social mobility and equity, the metrics provide



information on how low income and other underserved students fare. These metrics are categorized into performance metrics, efficiency metrics, and equity metrics at points during the student experience from access through post-college outcomes.

As colleges in the new cohort progress, they may apply to participate in initiatives supported by philanthropic funding and managed by ATD. These initiatives help incubate new ideas that help colleges refine practices based on evidence of what works and allow ATD to disseminate knowledge to the broader network and the field. New initiatives address the challenge of engaging adjunct faculty more deeply as key members of colleges' workforces and implementing degree programs using open educational resources (OER).

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT SARRA HAYOUNE AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLARSHIP

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) student Sarra Hayoune is one of just 61 national recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive national scholarship will provide Ms. Hayoune with up to \$40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete her bachelor's degree.

In addition to the monetary award, Ms. Hayoune will receive comprehensive educational advising from Foundation staff to guide her through the process of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for her career. The Foundation will additionally provide opportunities for internships, study abroad, and graduate-school funding, as well as connection to a thriving network of nearly 2,500 fellow Cooke Scholars and alumni.

"Our recent 'Persistence' report highlights the vast potential, and achievements, of community college transfer students — who go on to outperform their non-transfer peers at selective four-year institutions," said Seppy Basili, Executive Director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "In an era where many high-achieving students often begin their higher education journey in community college, the Foundation is committed to enabling these transfer students to pursue their academic dreams at the nation's top colleges and universities."

Nearly 1,500 students applied for the 2019 Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Foundation evaluated each submission based on academic ability, persistence, leadership, and service to others. The recipients selected represent 18 different states, have a median household adjusted gross income of \$28,000 and an average GPA of 3.93. This year's cohort of Cooke Transfer Scholars has applied to the nation's most selective institutions.



In April, Ms. Hayoune took her place on the stage at the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Centennial Convention in Orlando, Florida as one of just 50 students in the United States to be named a PTK Silver Scholar and a member of the 2019 All-USA Academic Team. She was selected for the honor from more than 2,000 applicants and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

In 2018, she was named a Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. She has also been awarded a Research & Development Council of New Jersey 2018 Merit Scholarship, and Garden State S-STEM 2017 and 2018 Scholarships.

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Each session is hosted by **HCCC President, Dr. Chris Reber** and features special guests and HCCC students.



ENROLLMENT NEWS

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADDS NEW, FULLY ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2019 SEMESTER

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

“We are committed to making higher education accessible and affordable for everyone,” said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. “Thanks to our fully online degree programs, obligations to work and family will not be obstacles to earning a degree – one can learn anytime and anywhere that is convenient. These programs are ideal, whether students plan to pursue a career or transfer to a baccalaureate program.”

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

Students who enroll in the College’s fully online courses pay in-County tuition rates regard-

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THIRD ANNUAL FEDERAL WORK STUDY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Federal Work Study students from the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF Program) with Rosa Perez, EOF Secretary (second from left).

The Office of Student Financial Assistance hosted the third annual Federal Work Study Appreciation Luncheon on April 17 in the Banquet Room of the Culinary Conference Center. The luncheon honored all who participated in the program, both students and supervisors. The

ever-popular build your own tacos was the food theme along with the presentation of certificates and prizes. The winners of three baskets filled with important items from the bookstore, gift cards and other school items awarded to Tatiana Enamorado, Shelly Ann Rosa, and Abdellah Amrhar.



Pictured from left: Ana Moran, Student Financial Assistance Specialist; luncheon raffle winners Tatiana Enamorado, Shelly Ann Rosa, and Abdellah Amrhar; and Christine Petersen, Associate Director, Student Financial Assistance.

One-hundred people attended this fun event! The Federal Work Study Program is a government subsidized employment program designed to assist students in financing their education. Students, if qualified, may receive an award per year. Two hundred and eleven students in 45 different departments participated in the program this year.

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Sylvia Mendoza (left), Associate Dean of Financial Aid, and Ana Moran, Financial Aid Specialist, present the Skull Candy Headphone prize to Gina Luna, a FAFSA Completion Raffle winner. This is the first of eight prizes awarded to students for completing their 2019-2020 FAFSA.

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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS

GRADUATION SALUTE



Hudson County Community College held Graduate Salutes at the North Hudson Campus on April 24 and at the Journal Square Campus on May 2, allowing members of the Class of 2019 to purchase their caps and gowns, receive their Commencement tickets, and engage with College departments.

LAVENDER GRADUATION



The College held its first Lavender Graduation on May 1. The event is an annual ceremony conducted to honor LGBT students and acknowledge their accomplishments and contributions to the College.



GRADUATION FORMAL



The Class of 2019 danced the night away at a Graduation Formal at Liberty House on May 21.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The College held its annual Student Achievement and Excellence Awards on April 29, recognizing students for their academic achievement and service.

GRAD BBQ'S



2019 graduates started the celebrating early at Graduate BBQs held at North Hudson on May 14 and Journal Square on May 20.

SGA GRAD PARTY



HCCC's Student Government Association held a Class of 2019 Party on May 24. The entrance fees and nonperishable items collected will benefit the College's Food Pantries.

SEVEN HCCC GRADUATES RECOGNIZED FOR THE 2019 EOF GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Pictured from left: Jose Lowe, Director of EOF; Rosa Perez, EOF Secretary; 2019 EOF Academic Achievement Award recipients; Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; and Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director of EOF.



Pictured from left: Rosa Perez, EOF Secretary; Dean-drah Cameron, Vice President of EOFSA (EOF Students Alumni Association of New Jersey); and Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director of EOF.

On Friday, April 5, 2019, the Educational Opportunity Fund Board of Directors and the New Jersey Higher Education Office honored seven Hudson County Community College students who have earned exceptional academic achievement during their tenure at Hudson County Community College. The recognition was held on the campus of Florham Park at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Each year, EOF campus programs from New Jersey are invited to identify graduating EOF students for recognition. This year, the HCCC EOF program named Ms. Destiny Villafane, Ms. Adita Singh, and Ms. Iqra Usmani as recipients of the



Pictured from left: Knight Ambubuyog, Assistant Director of EOF, 2019 EOF graduate Abderahim Salhi; and Jose Lowe, Director of EOF.

Academic Achievement Award for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.20-3.49.

Ms. Marilyn Acevedo, Ms. Rushika Kapadia, and Shaima Alghazali received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 – 3.99. Ms. Kissarne Pang earned the Distinguished Scholar Award for maintaining a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Ms. Marilyn Acevedo received the award of Outstanding Achievement for best exemplifying the spirit and intent of the EOF program at HCCC.

SPRING 2019 LEARNING COMMUNITY DAY



Students receive Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement awards for consistent performance in their LC courses at Learning Community Day.

The Spring 2019 Learning Community Day, held on May 6, was once again a successful event.

Although there were fewer Learning Communities compared to the past, there was still a good turnout of more than 70 attendees. Besides LC students, LC faculty and LC Academic Coaches, students and faculty from non-LC classes, and the deans from different divisions attended the event to support LC students.

The traditional poster session was replaced by another interesting item – LC Student Presentations, which provided an opportunity to our LC students to present their work orally to the audience. Students presented their best work from their LC classes, such as essays or group projects, and they also volunteered to share their LC experiences; all these were well received by the audience.

On LC Day, outstanding LC students were recognized, nominated by their LC faculty, for their exceptional class performance in all the linked courses of a Learning Community. This semester, eight students from four Learning Communities received these special awards in one of the two categories: Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement. Each of these students received a Certificate of Recognition and a small gift.

PSI BETA INDUCTION CEREMONY



On Saturday, May 4, HCCC's chapter of Psi Beta national honor society inducted 10 new members. To qualify for membership, students must complete a college psychology course with a grade of B or higher, as well as 12 units of college coursework with a cumulative college GPA of 3.25 or higher, or achieve a GPA within the top 35% of GPAs at the College. The Hudson County Community College chapter was founded in 2001.

TOWN HALL with President Reber

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street,
Banquet Room
Jersey City, NJ



HCCC faculty, staff, and students are welcome and invited to bring their own brown bag lunch. (Beverages, plates, and napkins will be available.)

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

NSLS INDUCTION



On Friday, May 10, the Hudson County Community College chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) inducted more than 30 new members.

Membership into NSLS is by invitation or nomination. To qualify for induction, members must attend Orientation, Leadership Training Day, three Speaker Broadcasts and three Success Networking Team meetings.

HCCC HOLDS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FOR RECORD 1,383 GRADUATES



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Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise offered congratulations to the Class of 2019 and invited them to work with him and the College to make the future brighter for everyone in the County. Mr. DeGise then introduced New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, who delivered the keynote address.

Governor Murphy launched the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) program in January. Thanks to that program, over 740 HCCC students received CCOG awards totaling nearly \$800,000.

The College's 2019 Heritage Award was presented to WomenRising. Sr. Roseann Mazzeo, S.C., the nonprofit organization's Executive Director, accepted the award. Hudson County Community College collaborates with WomenRising in the highly successful Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment program, which provides job training and placement in the hospitality industry.

Another highlight of the evening was Jersey City resident Deborah Acevedo's valedictory speech. Ms. Acevedo graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade-point average. She will attend New Jersey City University with a full scholarship.

In addressing the graduates, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber said: "Our society needs professionals like you, who possess skills for leadership and accomplishment; a dedication to service; caring for others; a genuine concern for the environment and for sustainable living; and an understanding of the importance of embracing collaboration and diversity, across and within communities."

With 1,383 graduates, the Class of 2019 is the largest in Hudson County Community College's history.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTION CEREMONY



On Sunday, April 28, the College's chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society for Two-Year College Students, inducted nearly 70 members into Omicron Epsilon Chapter. The chapter was founded in 2013.

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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.



Congratulations to HCCC graduate and former Foundation Art Collection work study student, Yamika Garcia, (right) on being depicted in the lead article in ArtDaily.com on May 15, 2019.

"OUT OF THE BOX" PODCAST

If you are interested in a discussion about the Foundation Art Collection, check out this episode of HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber's recent "Out of the Box" podcast featuring Coordinator Andrea Siegel and Assistant Darius Gilmore: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hCxF3MbyM>. This video was featured last month on the RAAMP website. RAAMP (Resources for Academic Art Museum Professionals), a project of the College Art Association.

ARTIST NEWS

Daniel Buren's work is in the Foundation Art Collection and we hope to install it later this year. In the meantime, if you've never been to the High Line – a free New York City park built on an abandoned 1.45-mile-long stretch of railway tracks running from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street on Manhattan's West Side – now might be a great time to go. One of the most art-filled parks in New York City, the High Line includes many exhibitions such as *En Plein Air*, a group show that features Daniel Buren's art now through March 2020. His work can be seen soon after walking in from the 34th Street entrance. Hint: LOOK UP! So take a PATH train to 34th Street and walk west to the 11th Avenue park entrance, and you are there!

Congratulations to HCCC graduate and former Foundation Art Collection work study student, Yamika Garcia, on being depicted in the lead article in ArtDaily.com and *The Art Newspaper* in May. Yamika now works as an art handler at Sotheby's and can be seen on the right holding the record-breaking Monet painting that sold for over \$110 million in May. <http://artdaily.com/news/113568/-110-7-million-Monet-masterpiece-makes-auction-history-at-Sotheby-s-New-York#.XNwXV1JKjcs> and <http://time.com/5589418/claude-monet-haystack-auction/>

Franc Palaia, whose work is installed on the second floor of 119 Newkirk (Building I), has curated the Wilderstein 5th Annual Sculpture Biennial at the Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck, New York, on view through Oct. 31, 2019.

If you like the Robert Rauschenberg picture about the Statue of Liberty on the sixth floor of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy this short film featuring his son, photographer Chris Rauschenberg, speaking about his father's work. He says, "The camera taught my father and taught me: Look at these ordinary objects and don't disregard them. Let's bring the whole world into a painting." Chris also addresses the odd issue of what a picture "means," when he says, "Whatever it meant the day he finished painting, it does not mean it's going to mean the same thing a year later or 55 years later. His work keeps interacting with the real world." It could be argued that great art continues to interact with the world, long after it leaves the artist's studio. Here's the short film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmFZ4_y3_ME

What good can art do? You may be familiar with Jonathan Togovnik's photography on the fourth floor lobby of the Gabert Library.

More of Torgovnik's work was recently featured in a New York Times article, "Rwanda's Children of Rape Have Come of Age." <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/30/opinion/rwandas-children-of-rape-have-come-of-age>. In 2007, an article with earlier photographs of these children appeared in *Stern* magazine in Germany. At the time, Torgovnik was interviewed by an editor who asked what could be done for the children? Torgovnik said that all the mothers wanted their children to have an education so they could develop skills and provide for themselves

in the future. Within a few weeks, the readers of *Stern* magazine contributed almost \$250,000 to help the mothers and the children's education. Since 2007, hundreds of these children have been able to get an education. Many have now graduated from secondary school, and some have enrolled at university.

What good is creativity in general? The BBC recently studied over 50,000 people and found "being creative can help avoid stress, free up mind space and improve self-development, which helps build self-esteem." The study also found: "emotional benefits from taking part in even a single session of creativity." Likewise, trying something new is quite good for well-being.... By the way, no need to worry about talent. The study found, "It's not about being good at it – it's genuinely the taking part that counts." For more information, check out: https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-48188508?mc_cid=363670ec82&mc_eid=c1337f3b6d

If you like comedienne Whoopi Goldberg, you might be interested in her thoughts about collection art: "To be able to surround yourself with the things that move you, or make you take a deep breath or things that make you go, 'Oh Yeah. That's right. That's important.' I do it on a daily basis. I love it." To see the whole interview, go to <https://www.phillips.com/Video/default?VideoID=306>

BY THE NUMBERS...

Of the **1,200+** works in the Foundation Art Collection, **969** were donated.

Nationwide, less than **5%** of artwork on museum walls is by women. Here at HCCC, about **50%** of artwork on the walls is by women.

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

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SPRING STUDENT ART EXHIBITION



HCCC art students view their own and their peers' works at the opening of The Spring Student Art Exhibition.

From May 3 to May 17, the Dineen Hull Gallery exhibited the works of Hudson County Community College's own art students. The Spring Student Art Exhibition was curated by Marjorie Contreras and Maria Gomez.

Participating students of this show included Ulices Apolo, Alex Cortina, Jose de la Rosa, Daisy Guaman, Priscilla Guzman, Stephanie Lopez, Angel Matute, Tricia McLean, Alexandria Naipaul, Susanah Outar, Jose KJ Peralta, Fatima Pestana, Margerit Raof, Esreny Source, Chacerye N. Suarez, Royjames Tapia, and Migdalia Valdes.

The exhibition opened with a reception on Friday, May 3 and closed on Friday, May 17 with a reception and artist talks.

PROFESSIONAL NURSE DAY CELEBRATION



(Top) Pictured from left: Catherine Sirangelo, Associate Dean, Nursing & Health Sciences; Dr. Benjamin Evans, Assistant Professor, Felician University and speaker; Carol Fasano, Director of the Nursing Program.

On Tuesday, May 7, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Nursing & Health Sciences Division co-sponsored a Nurse Professional Day. Benjamin Evans, DD, DNP, RN, APN, delivered a keynote address on "Men in Nursing." Dr. Evans is an Assistant Professor at Felician University's School of Nursing, and Graduate Department. His talk addressed the historical contributions of men in nursing, gender communication differences, and workplace diversity issues.

The day also included a College Day Fair. Colleges and universities in attendance included Bloomfield College, Caldwell University, College of St. Elizabeth, Felician University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, and Saint Peter's University.

ARTIST TALKS



Professor of Fine Arts Jeremiah Teipen welcomes the audience and introduces art student presenters.



Stephanie Lopez discusses her technique and selected works.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Students learned how to make Chorizo and Shrimp Skillet, Patatas Bravas, Ham Croquettes, Albondigas, Tortilla De Patatas, and Tomato Bread during Continuing Education's Tapas & Sangria Date Night class with Chef Sean Wilson on March 24.



Students learned how to wrap, fill, and cook tasty dumplings and wontons at Continuing Education's Dumplings and Wontons workshop with Chef Kim Fong on May 4.

RESOURCES TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Thursday, June 13 | 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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\$289

Cooking I

Recommended Ages: 9-15
July 29 to August 1
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$289

Theater I

Recommended Ages: 7-14
August 19 to August 22
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$225

Baking II

Recommended Ages: 9-15
July 29 to August 1
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$289

Cooking II

Recommended Ages: 9-15
August 12 to August 15
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Theater II

Recommended Ages: 7-14
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July 15 –
August 29

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES HONORS THE STATE'S TOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARS



Beta Alpha Phi advisor Prof. Theodore Lai (left) with Abderahim Salhi (center) and Sarra Hayoune at the New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) honored 38 talented, innovative and dedicated community college students and their families at its 25th annual New Jersey Community College Scholars Celebration on Wednesday, May 8, at the New Jersey State Museum.

“Our 19 community colleges provide life changing opportunities to over 325,000 students each year, and these 38 students are accomplished academic scholars and community leaders on our campuses,” said NJCCC President Aaron Fichtner, Ph.D.

“Each year, we invite New Jersey’s top community college students and their families to celebrate their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities as members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at their local community colleges,” said NJCCC Chair Phil Linfante, Ph.D.

In addition to honoring statewide student achievement, Phi Theta Kappa and the Coca-Cola Foundation have awarded five scholarships to outstanding New Jersey students as part of the All-USA Academic Team competition.

As a member of the Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team and the New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, Abderahim Salhi of Hudson

County Community College received \$7,250 in scholarships from Phi Theta Kappa and the Coca-Cola Foundation.

“In 2018, I joined Phi Theta Kappa excited by the opportunities they promised and quickly learned that being part of this honor society would help me in more ways than I could ever imagine,” Abderahim said.

Sarra Hayoune of Hudson County Community College received a \$1,250 scholarship for being named a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar.

In addition, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has awarded two outstanding New Jersey students with prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarships. Sarra Hayoune of Hudson County Community College and Won Joon Kang of Bergen Community College will each receive up to \$40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete their bachelor’s degrees. In addition, the students will both be eligible for up to \$75,000 in scholarships for graduate school.

The 2019 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members include Hudson County Community College students Sarra Hayoune and Abderahim Salhi, both of Jersey City.

In addition, 21 of New Jersey’s four-year colleges and universities have offered over \$1 million in scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa students transferring to their institutions.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized and encouraged scholarship among community college students for 101 years while promoting the academic integrity of the community college associate degree. Students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are invited to join Phi Theta Kappa.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges joins the leadership of trustees and presidents to serve a resource that strengthens and supports the state’s 19 community colleges.

PTK ALUMNI NOTES

Congratulations to the following Hudson County Community College PTK alumni on their recent graduations!



Jennifer Amakwe, M.D.

Dr. Jennifer Amakwe, M.D., University of Alabama School of Medicine. She enrolled at this medical school after earning her D.M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.



Shannon Gallagher

Shannon Gallagher, M.A., New Jersey City University



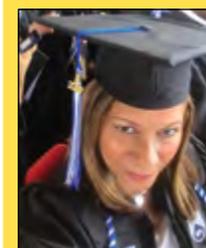
Hugo Iglesias

Hugo Iglesias, Bachelor of Science in Physics, Saint Peter’s University



Lauren Lopena Judd

Lauren Lopena Judd, MBA, New Jersey City University



Mary Mercado

Mary Mercado, Bachelor of Science, Saint Peter’s University

PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY



Abderahim Salhi (at podium), 2018-19 Beta Alpha Phi President, delivers greetings at the chapter’s Phi Theta Kappa induction on May 5. Seated from left are Dr. Jerry Lamb, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice (master of ceremonies); and speakers Rene Hewitt, Past Vice President of Leadership, Beta Alpha Phi; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President.



The 2018-2019 Beta Alpha Phi executive board is congratulated by the 2019-2020 officers.

HCCC HEALTH FAIR



Pictured from left: Kersure Gulliner, Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, Magret Shamoni, Nursing Home Therapist, Staten Island; Sokhna Sow, Jersey City Medical Center – Jersey City, Trinitas Medical Center-Elizabeth; Samir Ray, Jersey City Medical Center – Jersey City, University Hospital – Newark; Kathleen Smith-Wenning, Director of Health-Related Programs; and Melanie Yao, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

On Thursday, May 2, Jersey City Medical Center respiratory therapists and former students and alumni of the Respiratory Therapy Program at Rutgers School of Health Professions stopped by to volunteer at HCCC's Health Fair.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Sgt. Stephen Tischio (left) and Senior Parole Officer Tamahine Rivera discuss their careers in parole with the Ethics in Justice class on May 7.

Richard Walker's CRJ 230 *Ethics in Justice* students listened to a classroom presentation provided by two State Parole Officers at the North Hudson Campus on May 7. The parole officers addressed various topics that included: the ethical principles of New Jersey Parole officers; dilemmas facing parole officers; and the primary duties of an New Jersey parole officer. The speakers also provided an overview of New Jersey Parole as an organization. A question and answer session allowed students to make inquiries about employment in the field of parole.

FULLY ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2019 SEMESTER

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less of where they live, as long as they complete their degree studies in the fully online program.

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The A.S. in Criminal Justice degree lays the groundwork for careers in law and public safety, including law enforcement, security, loss prevention, forensic science, private investigations, legal counsel, corrections, and more.

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

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, JUNE 17

*Discovering Opportunities in Non-Traditional
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TUESDAY, JUNE 18

*Helping CTE Students Recognize the Impact of
their Mindset on Potential* - Peter Cronrath

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

*Breaking Down Barriers to Culturally Responsive
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Please visit the Faculty and Staff Development portal page for a complete listing of CTE-approved majors and programs.

Compensation for attendance will be provided for direct and eligible CTE/Perkins Program Instructors, Coordinators, and Administrators.

LEAP PROGRAM



As of May 21, 24 Union City High School students completed the 11-credit Child Development Associate certificate through the LEAP program.



On Friday, May 10, 180 guests, comprising of students, parents, high school administrators, HCCC staff and Chefs, celebrated by honoring students with certificates of participation. Eight students received certificates for outstanding work this year. Luis Grumbs, Michael Esquibal, Luis Claros, Melanie Bayas, Lina Asalieh, Anthony Lozano, Karla Romero, and Jamie Diaz stood out among their class. Chef Victor Moruzzi said that students such as Jamie Diaz “are generous and studious. Jamie is a leader in class every day. His curiosity and effort led him to be an outstanding student. He possesses the rich blend of desire, determination, and discipline to become an outstanding hospitality professional.”

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean of Business Culinary and Hospitality Management, announced that the program has expanded from 20 students to 60 students within the past six years. He believes that the high school administrations are dedicated to bringing a challenging and robust program that will benefit their students long after high school. Dean Dillon continued by saying, “students persevered and showed a lot of ‘grit’ and were able to be successful in the program.”

60 high school seniors enrolled in a comprehensive curriculum that includes culinary and hospitality management training and earned 7 to 13 college credits upon successful completing the courses. The students learned skills that will help lead them in becoming professional chefs, operate a restaurant business, and organize and structure hospitality organizations.



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Students who register on
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ADJ ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES END-OF-YEAR EVENT



The ADJ Academic Support Services Department held its end-of-year luncheon on Wednesday, May 22 in the Banquet Room of the Culinary Conference Center. The department closed the event with an award ceremony to celebrate the work of its diligent tutors and students.

Congratulations to the following:

- Writing Contest – Best Poem: Crystal Newton
- Writing Contest – Best Short Story/Memoir: Eladio Medina
- Writing Contest – Best Essay: Biyun Wu
- ESL Writing Contest: Yaime Chirino Trujillo
- 2019 IMPACT Award: Kenny Fabara
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Support Services Award: Alexis Muñiz
- Extra Mile Award: Rose Dalton
- Writing Tutor Award: Michelle Vintimilla
- English/Humanities Tutor Award: Cledys Díaz
- JSQ STEM Tutor Award: Nghia Vo
- North Hudson ASC STEM Award: Gustavo Maia De Amorim
- North Hudson ASC Writing Tutor Award: Erika Ramirez
- Academic Support Award: Stev Lewis



EASTERN MILLWORK, INC. HOSTS CEREMONY MARKING THE LAUNCH OF THE HOLZ TECHNIK ACADEMY AND THE PARTNERSHIP WITH HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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At the event, five qualified, high-school seniors were named to participate in the earn-while-you-learn, dual-education program. Apprentices will be employees of Eastern Millwork, Inc., receive a salary and full benefits, and attend HCCC and Pittsburg State University (PSU) simultaneously, earning an A.A.S. degree from HCCC, and a bachelor's degree from PSU. The 2019 Holz Technik Academy Program Apprentices are Amar

Arslanovic, High Tech High School (Jersey City resident); Amber Gutierrez, Union City High School (Union City); George Martinez, High Tech High School (Secaucus); Isaiah Montalvo, Lincoln High School (Jersey City); and Paul Weeks, Saint Peter's Preparatory School (Bayonne).

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, EMI President/Owner

Andrew Campbell, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, and Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop each delivered remarks.

Tours of EMI were conducted after the launch ceremony.

STEM SPOTLIGHT



Pictured from left: Dr. Clive Li, Mentor, and students Diana Gonzalez-Argueta, Joane Neira, Genina Perez and Andrew Simon.

STEM Community College Research Summit

Congratulations to the HCCC student team, mentored by Dr. Clive Li, who won the award for Best Poster at the STEM C2 (Community College) Research Summit at Bergen Community College on May 14. The summit is a competitive conference that promotes the intellectual and investigative development of students, faculty and staff in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields.

Liberty STEM Alliance

Dr. Clive Li, Instructor, STEM, has been selected as a co-leader of the Liberty STEM Alliance.

The Liberty STEM Alliance is a renowned community dedicated to enriching STEM opportunities in Hudson County by incorporating all voices, creating pathways, and serving as information hub. The STEM Alliance is comprised of STEM-Rich institutions, K-12 schools, out-of-school organizations, higher education institutions, and other community partners. Stakeholders include Liberty Science Center, Jersey City Public Schools, Union City Public Schools, Hoboken Public Schools, Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey City University, Hudson County Community College, Latinas in STEM and Team Walker.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) has appointed HCCC President **Dr. Chris Reber** to the Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity for a three-year term. Dr. Reber is returning to this commission after serving a previous term and taking a mandatory one-year hiatus.

Richard Walker, Criminal Justice Lecturer, attended the Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic Workshop at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland on May 23. The title of the workshop was "Community Colleges as Civic Power Plants." Some of the agenda topics included: Civic engagement and community engagement; connecting projects to enrollment, retention, equity, workforce development; and project sustainability for the college.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 3 – Thursday, August 29

Transitional Programs (Summer Enrichment, Bridge, Boot Camps)

Wednesday, June 5

NCSBN Updates for Nurse Educators presented by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Buttons at NHC, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Hudson Campus Library

Saturday, June 8

Fifth Annual Adjunct Faculty Conference, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk St. Register at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

Trip to Hersheypark, Hershey, PA. Bus will depart from Gabert Library at 8 a.m. Student Ticket: \$25; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$45 (meal voucher included). Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

Library Book Club – "Friday Black" by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 70 Sip Ave.

Thursday, June 13

Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Wednesday, June 19

College Libraries (Journal Square and North Hudson) closed for Staff Development Day

Last day to complete official withdrawal from Summer Session I

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

Wednesday, June 26

Illuminated manuscripts discussion, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

SARRA HAYOUNE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

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An Algerian immigrant and first-generation college student who speaks Arabic, French and English, Ms. Hayoune arrived in the United States in 2014. A short while after her arrival, her son was born and her husband, Abderahim Salhi, who is also an HCCC student and the recipient of prestigious PTK scholarships, encouraged her to take ESL classes at the College. She subsequently set her sights on pursuing a degree in Computer Science and began her studies in 2016.

Ms. Hayoune used cosmological simulations to study supermassive black holes and developed a Python program to track and analyze their positions in dwarf galaxies. That project propelled her into a position as an Astrophysics Research intern at the American Museum of Natural History last summer and provided the opportunity to continue her research for the academic year. The unique experience also allowed Ms. Hayoune to present her findings at the Museum, at the 50th Anniversary of the Astronomical Society of New York, the 16th Annual Physical Sciences REU Student Symposium, and at Queensborough Community College, where she was selected to participate in a 10-week National Science Foundation (NSF) research project.

Ms. Hayoune also presented her research at the 10th Annual GS-LSAMP Research Conference in 2018 at Rutgers New Brunswick. At that conference, she was one of 22 presenters to receive the "Outstanding Poster" award. Last month she

presented her research at the Scientista Symposium at Harvard University, and she also earned first place in the prepared speech competition at the Middle States Regional Convention.

In addition to devoting time to her family, Ms. Hayoune was named to the Dean's List throughout 2017 and 2018, has been a 2018 Fellow of the America Needs You leadership program, and a participant in the 2017 and 2018 Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative. She was a member of the National Tutoring Association and served as the President of the College's STEM Club, and Vice President of the HCCC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

"All of the opportunities I have are the result of Hudson County Community College," Ms. Hayoune stated. "Hudson County Community College is my second home; my professors and mentors have opened so many doors for me."

Ms. Hayoune was awarded her degree in Computer Science from HCCC in May and will participate in an astrophysics research project at Princeton University this summer. She plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Astrophysics at Columbia University, Princeton University or Rutgers University - New Brunswick.

"We are very proud of Sarra and congratulate her on this honor," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "She is one of our brightest and most accomplished students, and one of the kindest and most caring people in the world. She is inspirational, and her success is well deserved."

ALUMNI CORNER

Dr. Joseph Segriff

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

Since I am genuinely a life-long learner in the truest sense of the term, I wanted to go back to school to expand my academic horizons to include the sciences; foremost among these would be biology, specifically biotechnology. I thought that I would start out with becoming a health services major and then moving on to become a biotechnology major.

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

While attending an anatomy and physiology I course, more specifically during our laboratory, Dr. Raffaella Pernice, the biology professor teaching the course, was instructing students how to use a stethoscope and sphygmomanometer. As Dr. Pernice interacted with me, after taking my resting heartrate, she looked at me somewhat worried, I felt, and stated, "I hope that you are taking care of this..." I was aware and made her aware that I was enduring atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat). From that point forth, I looked at Dr. Pernice as a concerned physician, not simply my biology professor. Her concern was serious and sincere.

How did you become interested in biology and biotechnology?

I have always loved school, academic activity, and wanted to become a professor from early in my youth. Studying has been and continues to be a joy and a refuge for me. Teaching is, in part, a performance art, a genuine means of intellectual empathy, and a sense of true generativity in an Eriksonian sense, whereby one conveys important knowledge to hopefully eager youth, thirsty for sincere intellectual reciprocity. I passionately gravitated toward biology and along the way was so grateful to have benefitted from the excellent professors in HCCC's STEM program, specifically my biology professors.

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

Having already earned 14 college degrees, 10 of which are graduate degrees, I really wanted to change majors and academic interests from humanities and social sciences to more physical quantitative sciences, such as biology, environmental science, and daresay, even chemistry. I am an extremely passionate educator and student who approaches my academic studies with a tenacity that is fueled by curiosity, passion, and raw, unapologetic effort. My time at HCCC has afforded me the great opportunity to switch academic directions in my career, yet still remain focused on what essentially holds the greatest intrinsic meaning for me: learning something new.

What is a typical work day for you?

I start my work day by either correcting papers or working on my own assignments. Either way, I am always busy with some academic task of some sort. Then, once out of the house, I am either taking the PATH or a bus to a class, rushing to teach somewhere or going to a class that I am enrolled in as a student. I certainly make prolific use of New Jersey public transportation.

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

A couple of summers ago, I worked on a project that I had presented for a microbiology class that I was tak-

ing at that time with Dr. Lyonel Destin. I presented a lecture on prion disease, titled, "Prions as Infectious Agents: A Multiplicity of Brain Pathologies Mirroring Viral Infections." I was fascinated by the subject matter and would like, at some future point, if possible, to engage in graduate work in virology.

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

Certainly Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner (professor of neurology and biochemistry and Nobel Prize Laureate, 1997), Dr. Michael Stone (forensic psychiatrist and professor of clinical psychiatry), Dr. Adam J. Krakowski (psychiatrist and author of medical texts on liaison psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine), and Dr. Gunther von Hagens, physician, pathologist, and public anatomist. In addition, I was deeply appreciative of the many excellent HCCC biology and history professors I had the great pleasure of learning from.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Allow the arduous job search to take care of itself. Instead of worrying about chasing dollars, choose personal and professional passion as a guide to what you will spend your time and energy pursuing. After all, if you are not intrinsically connected to what occurs in your life, then you will waste too much valuable time regretting previous choices.

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

Remain in the moment. When in class, engage in attending behaviors. Not every lecture has a rewind button, so take your studies seriously yet have fun along the way by challenging your potential and keep in mind that intellectual growth is a life-long process. As a result, take time to reflect on how far you've come from previous learning. Set high yet realistic goals and treat these goals as challenges to be achieved. Never confuse goals with dreams. Goals hopefully emanate from realistic self-assessment; whereas, a person's dreams are often influenced by the idealistic-yet-inaccurate thinking of others. Know your own limits; we all have them.

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