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AWARD-WINNING ABC NEWS CORRESPONDENT AND JOURNALIST DEBORAH ROBERTS TO DELIVER THE KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2018 COMMENCEMENT

Planning for the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) 41st Annual Commencement Ceremonies is well underway, and ABC News' Deborah Roberts has agreed to deliver the keynote speech to the Class of 2018.

The event will take place on Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark, NJ.

Deborah Roberts is an award-winning correspondent and highly respected journalist who joined the ABC News program *20/20* in 1995. Since then she has served as substitute anchor on *Good Morning America* and *ABC World News Weekend*. During her tenure at ABC News, she has reported from Africa on the HIV/AIDS crisis and orphans, and has received Emmy Awards for her reporting on the California wildfires, an Ethiopian American woman's journey back to Africa to find her mother, and for her work on ABC's millennium coverage. Ms. Roberts also earned a Clarion Award for her reporting on abuse within the Amish community.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, she began her career at WTVM-TV in Columbus, Georgia and then went on to work at WBIR in Knoxville, Tennessee where she was highly regarded for her reporting on the Tennessee state legislature. She also worked at WFTV, the ABC affiliate in Orlando, Florida as Bureau Chief, Field Anchor for NASA and

Co-Ancor for the weekend news.

Ms. Roberts' network news career began at NBC News. There, she covered stories as General Assignment Correspondent for the Atlanta and Miami bureaus and later for *Date-line NBC*. She also reported from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War; and was awarded an Emmy for her coverage of the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.



Deborah Roberts

In June 2016, Ms. Roberts and her husband, NBC weatherman Al Roker, published *Been There, Done That*, a collection of their own life lessons, real-life stories and family anecdotes.

Additional details on the HCCC 2018 Commencement is available on the College's website at www.hccc.edu/commencement.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES BUSINESSES TO BOOST THEIR VISIBILITY AT APRIL JOB FAIR

In the digital age of business development, face-to-face communication through job fairs continues to be one of the best and most inexpensive ways for companies to recruit top talent, and the benefits are plentiful. A job fair improves brand awareness and public relations, and assists in the hiring process. It supplies opportunities to gain access to dozens of candidates in just a few hours. In-person communications with potential hires at job fairs provides the chance for initial screenings before first rounds of company interviews.

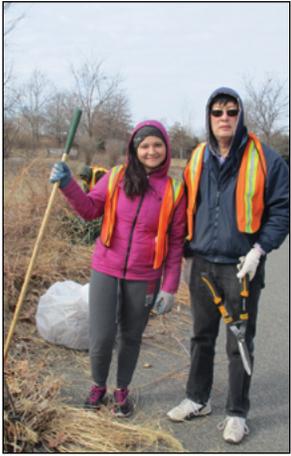
Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has scheduled the second annual Job Fair on Tuesday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the College's Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City. All size companies are invited to participate. The event will be open not only to HCCC students and graduates seeking employment, but also to the entire community. Last year's Hudson County Community College Job Fair attracted more than 1,000 job seekers and 90 companies.

The 2017 HCCC Job Fair participating companies represented healthcare, education, banking and finance, insurance, logistics, computer programming, retail sales, social services, technology, real estate, U.S. armed forces, and STEM were among 90 vendors. They included New York Life Insurance Company, Mack-Cali Realty, Whole Foods, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Newark, AmeriCorps VISTA, Accredited Health Services, the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, Women-Rising, PSE&G, Flyte Tyme Limo, Immigrants United Federation, and Quality Freight Management.

Company registration for the College's April 2018 Job Fair is \$75 until April 16, and \$100 for on-site registration. To be included in the printed program booklet, companies must be registered no later than March 23. Amenities include a recruitment table, wireless access, private employer lounge with breakfast and lunch for two representatives, and one complimentary parking space at Impark Parking Garage, 130 Sip Avenue (directly across the street from the

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Cledys Diaz (left) and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on Feb. 3.



On Jan. 20, Abderahim Salhi (left) and Prof. Ted Lai volunteered in the gardening program at Liberty State Park.



Veronica Martinez (left) and Karla Levine volunteered in the Garden State Episcopal Community Development food pantry at the Church of Incarnation in Jersey City on Jan. 20. (Photo courtesy of Veronica Martinez)



Front row from right: second from right, member Juan Cacho and Lindy Pagan's friends John and Andrew. Back row from right: alumna Jacqueline Santana, members Cledys Diaz, Melanny Zerna, Bianelly Tellez, and Lindy Pagan. The group volunteered at the Garden State Episcopal Community Development food pantry at the Church of Incarnation on Jan. 19.

HCCC ANNOUNCES NEWLY TENURED FACULTY



Antonio Acevedo Instructor of History

Tony Acevedo began teaching history at Hudson County Community College full-time in the Fall 2013 semester, and he has been Program Coordinator since Fall 2015. Tony received his B.A. from California State University, San Marcos and his M.A. from San Diego State University, both in History. Tony has taught the Western Civilization survey courses, Introduction to U.S. History, and recently created a course in Latin American History. Teaching at HCCC has also brought him many opportunities to develop his craft outside the classroom, from regularly presenting at national conferences to participating in fellowships through the NEH and Teachers College, Columbia University. Tony has also sought to shape the future of the College by participating in several committees and task forces, including the Cultural Affairs Task Force, the Task Force to Revise the Liberal Arts-General Major, the Decennial Self-Study, and the Steering Committee of the All College Council.



Joseph Gallo Instructor of Theatre Arts

Joseph Gallo has an M.F.A. in Playwriting from Ohio University. He first joined HCCC as an adjunct in 2007, and went on to create and develop the Theatre Arts: Liberal Arts Option for the College before being hired full-time in 2013. He helped raise \$45,000 from the HCCC Foundation towards the purchase of equipment for a Black Box Studio Theatre Classroom, which he hopes the College will build sometime in the near future. He is the recipient of the 2016 Kennedy Center Prize for Innovative Teaching in Theatre, and in February 2018 received the New Jersey Council of the Arts Fellowship for Playwriting.

He is the author of the critically acclaimed one-actor play, *Long Gone Daddy*.



Dr. Jerry Lamb Instructor of Criminal Justice

Dr. Jerry Lamb joined Hudson County Community College faculty in 2013, working in the Criminal Justice Program. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Criminal

Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. He also holds a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Bernard Baruch College and earned his Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Educational Leadership.

In addition, to being heavily involved in the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program as a mentor and speaker, he has been very committed to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. His most significant contribution to the College is his long-term mentoring of criminal justice students until they achieve their career goals. His goal is to establish a strong online Criminal Justice program that meets the needs of students seeking to earn a degree that prepares them to attend a university.



Dr. Azhar Mahmood Instructor of Chemistry

Dr. Mahmood earned his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island in 2000, and did post-doctoral research at the Center for Advanced Proteomics at Rutgers-Newark. He joined HCCC in Spring 2012 as a chemistry instructor, and became a full-time faculty member in 2013.

An outstanding classroom teacher, he enjoys interacting with students and helping them reach their goals. He has been instrumental in developing the new Construction Management program, which launched in Fall 2018.

He currently is part of the Mentor-Connect program, in which he is writing a National Science Foundation grant proposal to help build the program.



Lester McRae Instructor of Accounting

Lester McRae joined the faculty in August 2013 and is an Instructor and Coordinator of Accounting at the College. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of New Jersey. He received his B.S. in Accounting from New Jersey City University and his MBA in Finance from Pace University.

Prior to joining Hudson County Community College, McRae served as Controller for the New Jersey division of LeFrak Properties, and he owned and operated a tax preparation and accounting business. He has experience in the areas of Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Internal Auditing, and Tax Accounting.

He is a 2018 recipient of the Johnston Communications Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Among the activities that he is involved in are advising the Business and Accounting Club, preparing students for the Rutgers Business School business case competition for community colleges, and improving the accounting curriculum. He was also actively involved in reactivating the Alumni Association.

He is a member of the AICPA and the Teachers of Accounting at Two Year Colleges.

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, 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

NURSING PROGRAM "GOES RED" IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY



Hudson County Community College's Nursing Program wore red to celebrate National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 2.

National Wear Red Day, observed on the first Friday in February, is a day when many people wear red to show their support for the awareness of heart disease.

HCCC FOUNDATION EMPLOYEE COURTESY SERVICE AWARD

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

Eligible employees include full-time employee of HCCC with a minimum of one year of service.

Any member of staff may nominate an employee for the award. Nominations must be in writing and express why the employee exhibits stellar service and give specific examples. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year as acts of kindness are performed. Nomination forms are available on the portal and must be submitted by March 29.

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

Please send nomination forms to: Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President, (201) 360-4009, nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306.

RETIREMENT

Glen Gabert, Ph.D. (effective June 30, 2018)

Carmen DeJesus (effective March 31, 2018)

Mercy Martinez (effective March 1, 2018)

NEW TITLE

Salim Bendaoud, Ph.D.,
Interim Associate Dean, STEM

MILESTONES

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

20 Years
Lidia Fernandez

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accountant

Adjunct Positions (Spring 2018)

Admissions Advisor

Assistant Registrar

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

College Lecturer, Nursing

College President

Community Education Instructors PT (multiple positions)

Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Dean of Libraries

Director of Purchasing

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 HR Office Assistant

Part Time Perkins Coordinator

Student Financial Aid Assistant

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.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

for Best Practices 2018 Conference
Friday, April 20, 2018
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ

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 Annina Nosei for the generous donation of artwork by Tracey Moffat and Heidi McGrath, and the donation of over 50 historic fine art catalogues. We hope to install the artwork later this year.

Artist News

If you like the work by **Kiki Smith** installed on the second floor corridor at the North Hudson Campus, you might enjoy this short film about the artist, as she discusses her process. It was made by the Tate Museum in England. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AT7jKNlgbBI>

If you like the work by **Joan Snyder** installed on campus on the fourth floor Academic Affairs reception area at 70 Sip Avenue, and at the student lounge area of the Nursing Program in the Cundari Center, you might enjoy exploring the artist's new website: <https://www.joansnyder.net/>

Notes from *Faraway Places*: **Mickalene Thomas**, whose work is exhibited both on the first floor of 168 Sip Ave. and on the first floor of the Journal Square Library, has been commissioned to create a massive work of art for the new Los Angeles Metro Line Leimert Park Station. While this part of the line is scheduled to open in 2019, the entire Los Angeles railway system is being expanded in preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympics. Over 650 artists have made public art for this project. By the time the expansion is completed, Los Angeles will have the largest railway system in the country after New York City.



This work of art, *Women Partisans under Arrest, Warsaw 1943* by **Johanna Vogelsang**, was part of a group of donated works addressing problems caused by Totalitarianism, from World War II to the present. As **George Santayana** wrote in 1905, "Those who forget their past are condemned to repeat it." The artist was committed to tackling difficult historical subjects because she believed that facing the past could help prevent future atrocities. The works are being installed on the third floor of 2 Enos Place over the next few weeks. They raise critical educational questions about the nature of social responsibility, and the necessity of social action to preserve and protect human dignity, decency, and life itself.

If you like Andy Warhol's work, there's a new exhibit called "People Are Beautiful," up the river at Vassar College's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center through April 15. The exhibit focuses on Warhol's changing ideas of beauty and glamour. The title comes from something Warhol said about his own cinematographic work: "The lighting is bad, the camerawork is bad, the projection is bad, but the people are beautiful." Closer to home, a print in the HCCC Foundation Art Collection from Warhol's own collection can be seen on permanent exhibit at the second floor Dean's reception area at the Culinary Conference Center.

Few people are aware that Warhol was a practicing Catholic. Art historian John Richardson, in a eulogy to Warhol, said the artist "took consider-

able pride in financing his nephew's studies for the priesthood. And he regularly helped out at a shelter serving meals to the homeless and hungry... The knowledge of this secret piety inevitably changes our perception of an artist who fooled the world into believing that his only obsessions were money, fame, glamour ..."

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.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES TO FEATURE AWARD-WINNING ACTOR B.D. WONG

The entire Hudson County community is invited to get firsthand accounts of the career of an award-winning actor as Hudson County Community College (HCCC) resumes its 2017-2018 Lecture Series.

The next featured speaker is actor **B.D. Wong** of HBO's *Oz* on Thursday, April 5, 2018. The event is open to the general public and begins at 6 p.m. It will be held in the HCCC Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City – just two blocks from the Journal Square Transportation Center. Tickets are required, and can be secured at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>.

A versatile film and television actor, **B.D. Wong** is likely best known as psychiatrist **Dr. George Huang** on *Law & Order: SVU*, and as prison priest **Father Ray Mukada** on HBO's *Oz*. He has also appeared in *Mr. Robot*, *Gotham*, *Jurassic Park*, *Jurassic*

World, *Father of the Bride*, and more than 20 films. In the ambitious one-man musical, *Herringbone*, he played the roles of nearly a dozen characters at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, McCarter Theatre, and La Jolla Playhouse. Mr. Wong earned Tony, Theatre World, Clarence Derwent, and Drama Desk awards for his work in the Broadway production of *M. Butterfly*. He produced and directed *The Yellow Wood* for the NYMF and Cindy Cheung's "Speak Up Connie" at the All for One Festival. He is currently developing a new musical, *Heading East*.

Mr. Wong's memoir, *Following Foo: The Electronic Adventures of the Chestnut Man*, recounts the highs and lows that he and his former partner endured on the road to parenthood, and the difficult days following the premature birth of his twin boys via surrogate mother. The White House invited him to participate in a conversation on fatherhood and male mentorship. An advocate for the

Trevor Project's "It Gets Better" campaign, Mr. Wong has been honored for his support of the LGBT community at the annual Marriage Equality Gala. He is a recipient of the GLAAD Davidson/Valenti Award.



B.D. Wong

HCCC EXHIBITION CELEBRATES LGBT EXPERIENCE VIA BROADWAY COSTUME DESIGN

Hudson County Community College Department of Cultural Affairs invites the community to view the exhibit, "Out on Broadway: A Visual Legacy." The exhibition, which has been curated by renowned designer James E. Crochet, celebrates the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender experience in theater and features, characters, and costumes from some of Broadway's most memorable shows. The exhibition may be viewed through Friday, March 2 at the College's Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery in the HCCC Library Building at 71 Sip Avenue in Jersey City



Show: Cabaret
Title: Emcee Costume
Worn by: Alan Cumming
Costume Designer: William Ivey Long



Show: La Cage aux Folles
Title: Birdland Gowns (Charles James-Inspired)
Costume Designer: William Ivey Long



Show: Follies
Title: Loveland Showgirl (Fourth Cavalier)
Costume Designer: Gregg Barnes

TWILIGHT TUESDAY: NAI NI CHEN



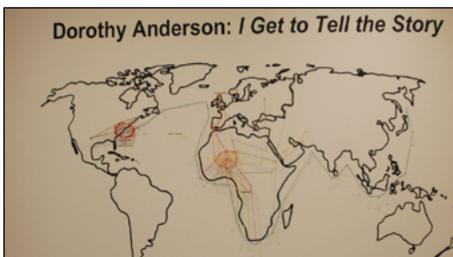
Nai-Ni Chen displays a ribbon dance displayed during the Lunar New Year celebration on Feb. 13.

MEET THE ARTIST



On February 2 artist David Nicolato (left) met with students and community members to discuss his work and artistic inspirations.

PROF. DOROTHY ANDERSON TRACES FAMILY HISTORY IN EXHIBIT, 'I GET TO TELL THE STORY'



Map of the world. Since the focus of the exhibit is tracing Prof. Anderson's family history (including those captured and forced into the slave trade) there are a number of "hubs" that have formed on difference points on the map.



Prof. Dorothy Anderson (in front of map of left) discusses her exhibit, "I Get to Tell the Story" to visitors of the Benjamin J. Dineen, III & Dennis C. Hull Gallery.



The two prominent places from Africa are Mali, in the northwest (where Prof. Anderson's family originates) and Cameroon, in central Africa.

In commemoration of Black History Month, Hudson County Community College History Professor Dorothy Anderson, in partnership

with the Department of Cultural Affairs, has mapped one family's ancestry and diaspora affected by historic events in an exhibit, "I Get to Tell the

Story." The family's lineage was unveiled periodically since the installation on Feb. 1.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Chef Sami Khouzam and students at Continuing Education's Pasta Friday Night Dinners class on February 2.



Chef Marissa Lontoc and students at Continuing Education's Valentine's Day Date Night Friday Night Dinners class on February 9.



Chef Luci Brasil and students at Continuing Education's Mini Pies Family Culinary class on February 3.



Scenes from Continuing Education's Valentine's Day Date Night class on February 9.



Chef Tonja Webb and students at Continuing Education's Wine Tasting Basics workshop on February 10.



Jenna Firshein (left), Editor-in-Chief and Writer of "Growing in Jersey City" covered Continuing Education's Pasta class for her popular blog. Wendy Paul (right) of New Jersey City University and the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce.

Continuing Education and Workforce Development

The Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development is pleased to announce the third cycle of the Supply Chain Management Program at Hudson County Community College, which began on February 6, 2018. The program, which came to HCCC in 2016, initiated in 2014 as part of a national consortium that included three colleges in New Jersey. At that time, the program offered eight modules in Supply Chain Management and for each module, enrollees acquired eight national certification through the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP). The current program at Hudson County Community College offers four modules out of the eight modules. These modules include: Supply Chain Management Principles, Warehousing Operations, Transportation Operations, and Customer Service Operations. Two grants from the State Department of Labor are funding the current program: Ready to Work and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Through both grants, students are required to find work at the end of the program. One unique opportunity offered at Hudson County Community College is that students matriculated in the Business program at HCCC who take the Supply Chain Management Program can articulate these for a total of 3 credits each module. Currently, the Cycle 3 class has a student who was referred by the Business Department at HCCC. He will acquire 9 credits in Supply Chain Management Program, which he can transfer to a four-year college.

For more information about the Supply Chain Management Program, please contact Aileen Vega at (201) 360-5383.



Students from Cycle 3 of the Supply Chain Management Program. Left to Right: John Parker, Albert Shin, Liaqet Bhatti, Joseph Tangalin, LaMarquis Patten, Wilson Roque, Prof. Stuart Rosenberg, Maria Pusateri, Geronomo Raganit, Hugo Gonzalez, Shahariar Khan, Douglas Ferrell, and Anabel Damacela.

Center for Business and Industry

The twenty-third cycle of the Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment (CPHE) started a new phase in its program. The cycle focused on front of the house positions in the hospitality industry. The program included the following courses: Introduction to Hospitality, Diversity in the Workplace, Food Sanitation (ServSafe), Front Office Operations, and Product Identification & Purchasing. After completing the program, CPHE Cycle 23 students have found entry-level positions in hotels and other service businesses.

Our CPHE Cycle 23 students came from many different backgrounds, but they had a singular goal: to help each other find employment. Each day, they not only applied themselves to their studies, they shared their resources with each other. Because they cooperated as a team instead of competing as individuals, they not only have new jobs, they now have new friends. The network that the CPHE Cycle 23 students have formed will serve them well for years to come.



HCCC's Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development and WomenRising celebrate the 23rd cycle of Community Partnerships in Hotel Employment program on January 29, 2018.

REGISTER NOW!



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SEN. CORY BOOKER MEETS WITH ACCT STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS



United States Senator Cory Booker (D-N.J.) (center) pictured with ACCT (Association of Community College Trustees) Student Trustee Advisory Committee members, Zachery Trinidad from Union County College (left) and Hamza Saleem from Hudson County Community College in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 11. (Photo courtesy of Union County College)

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOES TO WASHINGTON



Members of Hudson County Community College's Cabinet visited with the Hon. Albio Sires (second from left), U.S. Representative for the 8th Congressional District of New Jersey in his Washington, D.C. office. Pictured with Sires from left are Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President; Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President; and Gregory D. Ratcliff, partner of Dr. Gabert.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Congratulations to Joseph Gallo, Coordinator of Theatre Arts & Film, who received a 2018 New Jersey Council of Arts Playwriting Fellowship in a ceremony held at Mana Contemporary on Tuesday, Feb. 13. This is the second major award to be bestowed on Gallo in his field in the last two years.

HCCC HOSTS HUDSON COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING



Pictured from right from the Hudson County Workforce Development Board: John R. Fugazzie, Executive Director; Lourdes Valdes, Chair; and Laura Skolar, Interim Vice Chair.



Michael Prilutsky, Chief Operating Officer of Jersey City Medical Center.



This is the first Patient Technician class led by Dr. Sirhan Abdullah (background, center). In this class, students learn EKG, phlebotomy, basic life support, HIPAA, and OSHA regulations. If anyone is interested in signing up to become a patient care technician, please contact Samaya Yashayeva at the Center for Business & Industry at (201) 360-4239.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, the Hudson County Workforce Development Board convened at the Culinary Conference Center at Hudson County Community College for its quarterly meeting. The meeting was hosted by Eric M. Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President at HCCC who also provided the welcoming remarks.

After calling the meeting to order, Lourdes Valdes introduced the new Commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Robert Asaro-Angelo, and the guest speaker, Michael Prilutsky, the Chief Operating Officer of Jersey City Medical Center, which is now part of RWJBarnabas Health. Mr. Prilutsky represented the private sector and spoke at length about how JCMC is providing numerous community programs that benefit Hudson County residents. His focus during the talk was on "what is the end result for working people in the county?" He discussed JCMC's dedication to economic stability, educational needs, and neighborhoods and the built environment. They have recently committed to a working greenhouse project that will employ local residents and provide freshly grown healthy foods to county residents.

Other speakers included Mary Cataudella, the Vice President for Human Resources at JCMC/RWJBH; Rafael Mata, Director of Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity; and Serena Singh and Arati Chaudhury, NJ Talent Network for Healthcare.

GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE



Goldman Sachs College Collaborative students from Hudson County Community College.

The Hudson County Community College/Goldman Sachs cohort is halfway through the 2017-2018 Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative program (GS LCC). The HCCC students are working with their Goldman Sachs coaches to gain a better understanding of how decisions are made in the business place and how to think like a C-Suite executive. HCCC accounting major Rahul Thakkar said, "The GS LCC has enhanced my proficiency in understanding business and management. The mentors and coaches have been providing so much insight during the learning process."

On February 23, the students met with all the cohorts from Borough of Manhattan Community College, New Jersey City University, and Saint Peters University at Fiterman Hall at BMCC. The group heard from Maribel Ledezma-Williams, Vice President, Talent Development and Lisa

Hancock, Vice President, Office of Corporate Engagement. Ledezma-Williams spoke about her career journey, bringing your authentic self to the workplace, and offered insight in navigating corporate culture norms.

"I think the best part of the program has been meeting some really inspirational and motivational individuals and hear how they have achieved their career goals, as well as working together with an amazing team", remarked HCCC business administration major, Paula Kulmala.

This month, the group will be heading to the Goldman Sachs headquarters in New York City for their next whole group session. Stay up-to-date with everything GSLCC related with our monthly updates in Happenings and by following @HudsonCareer on social media. For more information, please contact Aparna Saini, Director, Career Development at asaini@hccc.edu.

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 has Career Development been helping students prepare for the Job Fair?

A: This semester, the Career Development Center has been working closely with students in preparation for our upcoming Annual HCCC Job Fair. We have created new programming in support of HCCC students' need for professional development, giving students the opportunity to identify new skills and articulate their own professional brand. The Center also continues to offer enhanced quality services through interactive workshops and personalized 1:1 career advising.

Find all the upcoming Career Development events and workshops on the HCCC Portal. <https://myhudson.hccc.edu>

HCCC JOB FAIR

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HCCC Culinary Conference Center; additional parking is available at \$15 per vehicle.)

The HCCC Office of Career Development offers these tips to optimize a company's experience:

- Provide a presentation that job seekers would not already see on your company's website.
- Bring a list of all open positions in your company.

- Don't limit yourself. If you represent a finance company, for example, don't just seek finance professionals.

- Bring a laptop to offer job seekers a virtual tour of your company and its culture. This is your chance to make your company shine and recruit the right individuals.

For more information and to register for the HCCC 2018 Job Fair, call the HCCC Career Development office at 201-360-4184 or email career@hccc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual HCCC Job Fair
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Contact us for more information and follow us on social media for daily Career Development updates @HudsonCareer



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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.

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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 at indicated times.

March 2018

Term: Spring 2018 Online B; Summer/ Fall 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TESTING LOCATIONS: Journal Square (Main Campus): 71 Sip Avenue, Library Building, Lower Level, Jersey City NHC: (North Hudson Campus): 4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City			1 Journal Sq. walk-in: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 Journal Sq. start times: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
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College Placement Test

*Approximately 2-3 hours

1. Writeplacer: 1 hr. timed/typed essay
2. Reading Comprehension: untimed/ multiple choice
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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

CLEP Dates:

- Thursday, March 1 (9 a.m. & 1 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 14 (9 a.m. & 1 p.m.)
- Tuesday, March 20 (9 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 1

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Open Educational Resources workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave.

Resume and Cover Letter workshop, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Room 304, and 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor

Magical Girl Anime Event, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. In honor of Women's History Month and promoting self-empowerment through entertainment, join the Gaming Central Club as they show Japanese animation in which the characters are female leads.

HCCC Foundation North Hudson Mardi Gras Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Hijos y Amigos de Fomento, 522 38th Street, Union City. Tickets \$50.

Friday, March 2

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

Georgia Brooks Legacy Event and "Out on Broadway" Exhibit Closing Reception, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Indie Film Screening: Female Filmmakers, 7:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

Saturday, March 3

Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Workshop Series, AFPD Phase I, Part 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Room E510. Pre-registration required at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Meeting, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert," show time 7:30 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Students: \$20; Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$40. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, March 5

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

Mind Reader Robert Channing, 12 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Transfer Workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Room 327. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/here-to-there-getting-into-the-transfer-school-of-your-dreams-jsq-campus-tickets-43098957141>

Tuesday, March 6

Movie Screening: "Hidden Figures," North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Streamed throughout the day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Team Building Skills for New Managers & Leaders workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk St. Light refreshments will be served.

CultureFest: Women of the Nations, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

National Society of Leadership and Success Speaker Broadcast Series featuring Thaddeus Bullard, 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, March 7

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

Real Money 101: Entrepreneurship, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Follett Lounge, Culinary Conference Center. RSVP at hcccrealmoney101.eventbrite.com

Stress Management Tips for a Successful Workday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Follett Lounge, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. (Light refreshments will be served.)

Accreditation Review meeting by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 2 p.m., Cundari Center, 870 Bergen Avenue, first floor conference room

Radiography Program Information Session, 3:30 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue, Room 218

Thursday, March 8

Transfer Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Library Building, Room 327

Honors Transfer Talk, 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk St.

Lecture Series featuring Martha Raddatz, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

"Wicked" on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., Gershwin Theatre. Students: \$25; Faculty/Staff/Guests: \$50. Purchase tickets at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Friday, March 9

Instant Decision Day: New Jersey City University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Student Leadership Conference, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

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

Saturday, March 10

Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Workshop Series, AFPD Phase I, Part 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Oromaner Room, Third Floor. Pre-registration required at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Workshop Series, AFPD Phase II, Part 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room. Pre-registration required at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

NJ Makers Day: Family Day at the Makerspace, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Ave. HCCC Library is one of the sites across the state hosting a maker event to celebrate NJ

Makers Day. Bring your children and families to the Makerspace to enjoy an afternoon of creating together! All supplies and equipment will be available for use during these hours.

Monday, March 12

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

Women's History Month Coffeehouse, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Tuesday, March 13

Instant Decision Day: Montclair State University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Career & Technical Education Spring Speaker Series featuring Katherine Liseno, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Room 505. Event is limited to CTE students and faculty/staff.

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

National Society of Leadership and Success Speaker Broadcast Series featuring Scott Hamilton, 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, March 14 – Saturday, April 21

Exhibit: Selections from Carrie Haddad Gallery, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Wednesday, March 14

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

Movie Screening: "Hidden Figures," 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Streamed throughout the day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Indie Film Screening: Female Filmmakers, 12 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

Information session for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J304. To RSVP, please email Luis R. Sosa Santiago at lsosasantiago@hccc.edu or call (201) 360-4244.

Thursday, March 15 – Monday, April 30

Exhibition: Teacher as Artist: Antonio Nogueira, Library, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Campus Library

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 15

Health and Wellness Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Indie Film Screening: Female Filmmakers, 12 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor. For more information, visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

HCCC Foundation West Hudson/North Arlington "Ides of March" Fundraiser, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Tickets \$75.

Friday, March 16

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

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

Saturday, March 17

Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Workshop Series, AFD Phase II, Part 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Room E510. Pre-registration required at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/fsdevelopment>

Sunday, March 18

Trip to Museum of the City of New York. Group will depart 25 Journal Square at 10 a.m. The group will get a guided tour of current exhibitions, including "Beyond Suffrage: A Century of New York Women in Politics" in celebration of Women's History Month. Students: \$5; Faculty/Staff/Guests: \$15. Sign up at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, March 19

Spring 2018 Online/Hybrid Session B classes begin (through May 13) and MAT 073-AMB (7-week session)

Instant Decision Day: Rutgers University-Newark, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Resource Planning & Assessment workshop, 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Room 312. This workshop provides the participant with a practical overview of the importance of linking assessment data and processes to budgeting and resource allocation for institutional improvement.

Tuesday, March 20

HCCC Fashion Show, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus

Collectors Club Tour: 107 Bowers Gallery & ArtSpace, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 107 Bowers St., Jersey City

National Society of Leadership and Success Speaker Broadcast Series featuring Kathryn Minshew, 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge

Wednesday, March 21

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

Instant Decision Day: Kean University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

All College Council Appreciation Luncheon, 11 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Sandwich Making Event, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge. Sandwiches will be donated to Union City's Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation (PERC).

Thursday, March 22

PB & J Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Lunch bags will be made and distributed around Journal Square.

Dean's List Celebration, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., Stephen Sondheim Theatre. Students: \$25; Faculty/Staff/Guests: \$50. To purchase tickets, visit www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Friday, March 23

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

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

Monday, March 26 – Sunday, April 1

Spring Break – no classes

Wednesday, March 28

Planning for Professional Growth Lunch and Learn, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge. Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 25.

Thursday, March 29

Fifth Annual Girls in Technology Symposium, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St. For more information, please email Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu.

Deadline for Foundation Courtesy Service Award Please send nomination forms to: Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President, (201) 360-4009, nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu, 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306.

Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1

Easter Weekend – College closed

INVOLVEMENT FAIR



On Feb. 8, Hudson County Community College's Office of Student Activities held a successful Involvement Fair, which brought together students and various clubs around the College.

REAL MONEY 101 TACKLES TAX RETURNS

On Valentine's Day Wednesday, Feb. 14 – the Office of Student Financial Assistance welcomed Derick Laster of H&R Block, who outlined some of the recent changes in the Internal Revenue Code and some of its implications on students.

The next "Real Money 101" on entrepreneurship is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at 11 a.m.



ALUMNI CORNER

Bruce Kalman Former Culinary Arts Institute Student Contestant, *Top Chef, Season 15 (Colorado)*



Photo Courtesy of Marie Buck

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

I was accepted there as well as CIA [Culinary Institute of America], and I really liked the size of the classes, how strict the program was, and that it was incredibly hands-on, more so than writing reports, etc.

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

When we carved ice and tallow for the NYC restaurant show with Chef O'Malley and spent the night in the dining room in sleeping bags!

How did you become interested in Culinary Arts?

Aside from being a musician, it's all I've ever done; since I was 13, I cooked in all types of restaurants. It was really helpful for me to start the program with five years of practical experience under my belt.

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

Aside from cooking technique, learning proper service, and management basics, it mostly taught me teamwork, strong work ethic, discipline (big time), and I feel very well rounded as a chef because of my time at HCCC. I really enjoyed all of the instructors, they told it like it is, they treated us, in a way, as they would treat commis [junior chefs] and chef de parties in their own restaurants, and I liked that structure

What is a typical work day for you?

Now, owning multiple restaurants, plus a little TV, etc. My days are not really spent cooking anymore, or even operating the day-to-day within my restaurants. I spend the majority of my time mentoring and coaching the chefs, working on menu development, putting tighter systems in place, and a lot of time spent on promoting my brand, and the brand of the restaurants. This is how you get butts in seats. The PR brings people in, and the coached chef teams deliver the goods, which brings people back.

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

Opening Union [in Pasadena, Calif.] was definitely the most memorable project for me. I built it from scratch and to see it in so many stages, and finally where it is today, is really exciting. We are always trying to push

the envelope with the food, but that requires so much else to be focused – cost controls, organizations, adherence to systems and recipes, and so many other moving parts. It's like all the gears in a watch. If everything is clicking, it tells time really well; if not, you have to look deep inside to figure out which part is out of whack, and then get it fixed.

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

David Burke and Paul Bartolotta mostly. Working with these two amazing chefs, who have such polar opposite styles of cooking, has helped push the boundaries (Burke), while maintaining classic integrity and simplicity (Bartolotta). I also thank Bravo/Brio Restaurant Group for mentoring me on how to run a sound business; this is something a lot of creative chefs don't know how to do, and it's vital to your success.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Work with a successful chef/organization and go in lips sealed, eyes and ears wide open. The issues we face today are people, people and people. You can't run a successful restaurant without the right people, and to be successful in this industry takes time, patience and repetition. Everyone (me included) wants to jump from one thing to the next without actually mastering the first thing. You become a jack of all trades and a master of nothing that way. It's a hard pill for most cooks to swallow, but there is so much to being a great cook and a great chef. Not just knowing how to build flavor!

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

Work in a restaurant while you're going to school. This will do a few things: it will help you see things more clearly in the classroom, because you've kind of done a lot of what you're being taught, which gives you the opportunity to take it to the next level. It also helps you decide quickly if this is the career for you. It's an incredibly tough and unforgiving industry, but we do it because we love it. I especially love to make people happy – guests and staff.



Chef Bruce Kalman (center), former Culinary Arts Institute student and a contestant on Season 15 of *Top Chef*, visited Hudson County Community College on Feb. 15 to discuss his training and experiences with HCCC students. Kalman is pictured with, from left, Philip Cafasso, Interim Associate Dean, Social Sciences & Humanities, and Paul Dillion, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management.

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