

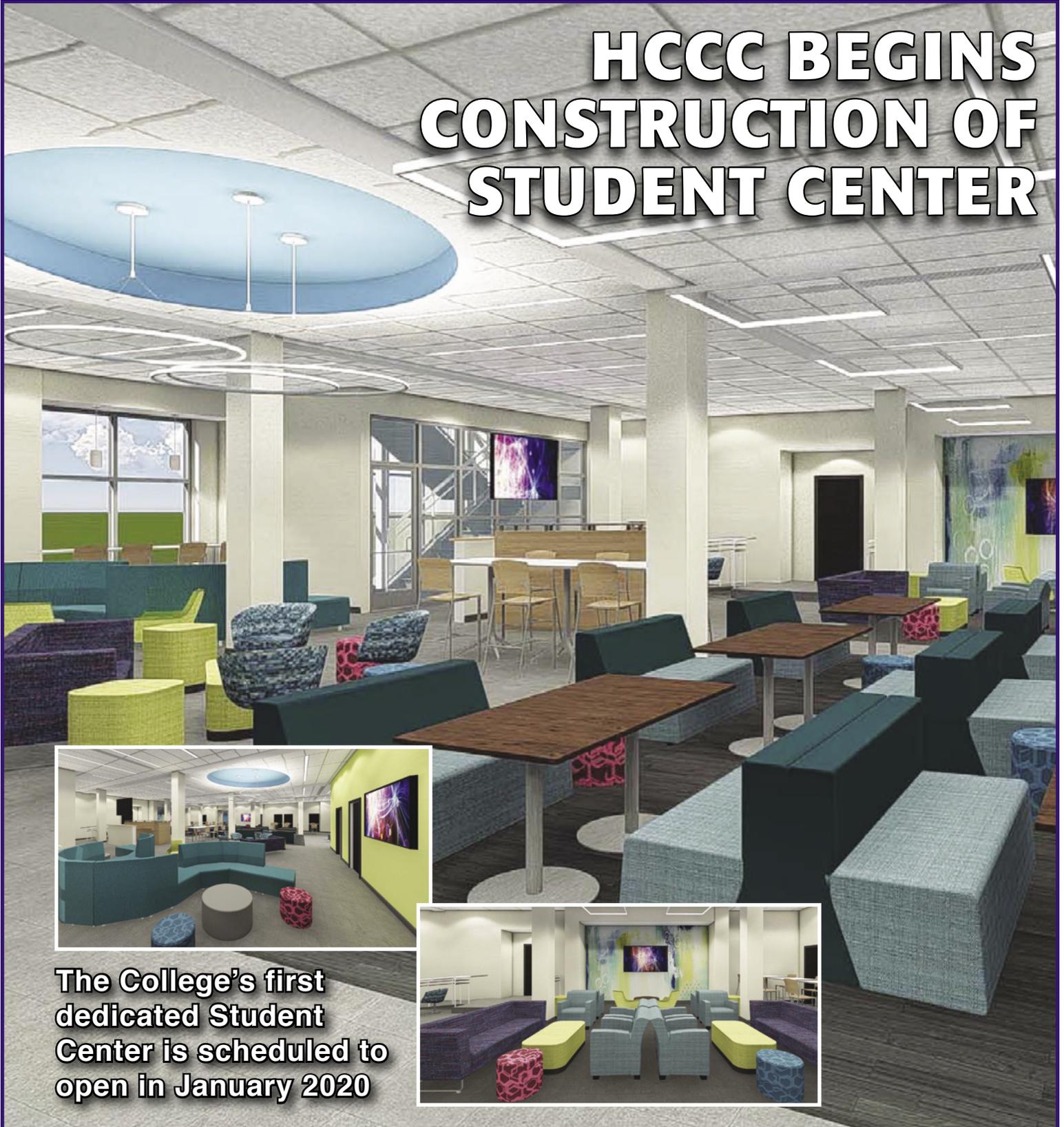
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From the Editor's Desk

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HCCC BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT CENTER

At its January 2019 meeting, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees approved funding for construction of a new Student Center.

The Student Center will be located at 81 Sip Avenue on the HCCC Journal Square Campus in Jersey City. That location is owned by HCCC but has been off-line since the Fall 2017 opening of the College's new, state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building. The construction work will include complete demo/renovation of the approximately 26,000 square-foot, two-story building which has a mezzanine level and basement. Plans call for the installation of new HVAC systems, sprinklers, elevators, emergency generator, and a direct, indoor connection adjoining the Student Center to the neighboring HCCC Gabert Library. The existing roof will also be replaced. Work on the building will begin this month.

"This is yet another step the College is taking in the creation of state-of-the-art, urban campuses that afford our students the very best in technology, safety, and convenience," said HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert, Esq.

The College's capital improvement program began more than two decades ago when the College owned just one building. In the time since HCCC has constructed nearly a dozen award-winning buildings that comprise the comprehensive Journal Square Campus in Jersey City and the North Hudson Campus in Union City.

"This is Hudson County Community College's first dedicated Student Center building," said HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber. "This new facility will provide students with a place to study, to relax, and to interact with one another, sharing ideas and building relationships. We are excited and very proud to begin working on this project and look forward to opening its doors and welcoming our students early next year."

Dr. Reber said the building is designed to accommodate students and their needs. The first-floor plans include a student lounge, sandwich-and-refreshments café, security command center, and an indoor pass-through to the Gabert Library. The second floor will house offices for Student Life, Student Government, and student organizations, as well as a multi-purpose room for events and meetings, and an open lounge. The lower level

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YEAR UP NEW YORK ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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

"In partnership with Hudson County Community College, Year Up New York will provide opportunity youth in northern New Jersey with the skills and experience to enter careers at top companies in the region," said John Galante, Year Up New York Executive Director. "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. "We are excited to enter into this partnership with Year Up New York as participating students will gain an added advantage from hands-on skills development, internship experiences, stipends, and coaching, and area businesses will have access to more highly educated and well-trained talent."

Year Up New York 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 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). A recent 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 has provided more than 2,600 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

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HCCC STUDENT LEADERS ADVOCATE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

It was just a three-day trip, but in some ways, it may be one of the most memorable and consequential trips Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Student Government President Rhoda Alaribe has made.

Ms. Alaribe accompanied HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, Trustee Vice Chair Bakari Lee, Esq., Trustee Pamela Gardner, Vice President for Development/Special Assistant to the President Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, and Alumni Trustees Alexandra Kehagias and Hamza Saleem to Washington, D.C. for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit (NLS).

The annual event, which took place February 11 to 13, 2019, focused on communicating critical community college priorities with members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Delegations representing thirteen of New Jersey's community colleges, as well as New Jersey Council of County Colleges President Dr. Aaron Fichtner, Vice President Linda Lam, and Events Assistant/Events Coordinator Jessica Britt were in attendance. More than 1,000 community college students and administrators from all across the United States were present, and the HCCC delegation was the largest from New Jersey.

The NLS was seen as an opportunity to expand relationships with New Jersey's members of Congress, and to advocate strengthening Pell grants, investing in education and workforce development, supporting "Dreamers," and reauthorizing the Higher Education Act.

The HCCC delegation prepared for their visits to Capitol Hill by participating in pre-Summit conference calls with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, studying the biographies of the elected officials with whom they would be meeting, and assembling packets with information on



Pictured from left: Hamza Saleem, 2017-2018 Alumni Representative; Congressman Albio Sires, 8th Congressional District of New Jersey; Rhoda Alaribe, Student Government Association President; and Alexandra Kehagias, 2018-2019 Alumni Representative.

the student delegates and the federal support being sought for Perkins and Pell funding.

"Our students are wonderful, and Rhoda, Alexandra, and Hamza did a phenomenal job of making the case for HCCC and the New Jersey community colleges," Dr. Reber said.

A biology student who began taking classes at HCCC in 2016 and will graduate in May, Ms. Alaribe was born in Nigeria and raised in England. Her plans for the future include becoming a Pediatric Geneticist, and she hopes to continue her education at either Yale University, Brown University, Loyola University, or Duke University.

"It was an honor to be asked to attend the Summit, and it was enlightening to learn how much goes into developing legislation," Ms. Alaribe stated. She related that in meeting with Congressman Albio Sires and Senator Robert Menendez, she and the members of the HCCC delegation expressed their gratitude for the Congressman's and Senator's efforts on behalf of higher education,



U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (second from left) meets with students leaders during the ACCT National Legislative Summit.

and spoke with them about HCCC students. "We let them know that we need increased funding to assist students and that some of our students are working two and three jobs, raising families and attending classes," she said. "We stressed the fact that our students are from all over the world. We related that we are passionate about the fate of students who are undocumented and how unfair it is that our DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) students are living in such a precarious status when the United States is the only country they know as home."

Ms. Alaribe credits the leadership, opportunities, financial assistance and academic support she has experienced at HCCC for making her the person she is today. "Because of HCCC, I have pushed ahead further than I ever thought I could go. The students are amazing, and everyone has been so helpful and encouraging," she stated.

HCCC ATTENDS 2019 ACHIEVING THE DREAM CONFERENCE



Pictured from left: Denise Rossilli, Instructor, Human Services/President, All-College Council; Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Elizabeth Nesius, Associate Dean, English & ESL; Lisa Dougherty, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dr. Jerry Lamb, Instructor, Criminal Justice; and Heather DeVries, Director of Curriculum.

An 11-member delegation from Hudson County Community College recently attended DREAM, the 15th Annual Conference of Achieving the Dream (ATD) in Long Beach, California. DREAM is Achieving the Dream's annual convening, bringing together more than 2,000 influential policy-makers, investors, thought leaders, and practitioners from colleges throughout the country to talk about emerging strategies for critical issues.

The College recently became one of four colleges to join the 2019 cohort of the ATD national network.

Achieving the Dream leads a growing network of community colleges across America committed to helping their students – particularly low-income students and students of color – achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity.



SAVE THE DATE

Middle States Team Visit

Sunday, March 31 – Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Middle States Update

- The HCCC Decennial Self-Study was submitted to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education on Feb. 14, 2019. A digital version and hard copies of the document were mailed to the Visiting Team members. The Final Self-Study can be accessed at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/msdss/>
- The agenda for the Site Visit has been modified to include two Open Forums during the Team Visit. The fora are scheduled in Jersey City on Monday April 1 at 3 p.m. and at the North Hudson Campus on Tuesday, April 2 at 11:15 a.m.

- Faculty and Staff Information Sessions about the Self-Study have been scheduled during the month of February and March. During these sessions, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, Accreditation Liaison Officer Dr. Eric Friedman, and the Co-Chairs, Ellen Renaud and Cathie Seidman, will summarize the key points of the document and respond to questions.

- The dinner to welcome the Visiting Team is planned for Sunday, March 31 at 6 p.m.

NEW HIRES/ NEW TITLES

Zakia Hmamou,
Instructional Technologist

Knight Sanchez Ambubuyog,
Assistant Director of EOF

Amy Keavey,
Librarian

Anna Krupitskiy,
Vice President for Human Resources

Alexandra Plante,
Librarian/College Archivist

Ellen Renaud,
Interim Director of Library Instruction

Royal Ross,
Admissions Recruiter

Burl Yearwood,
Associate Dean, STEM Division

TITLE CHANGES WITH INCUMBENTS

David Clark,
Assistant Dean of Student Services to
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Lisa Dougherty,
Dean of Enrollment to
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment

Jennifer Feliz,
Human Resources Specialist to
Human Resources Administrator

Matthew Fessler,
Director of Admissions to
Associate Dean of Enrollment Services

Darlery Franco,
Director of Testing and Assessment to
Assistant Dean of Testing and Assessment/
Multiple Measures Coordinator

Veronica Gerosimo,
Director of Student Activities to
Assistant Dean of Student Life and Leadership

Sylvia Mendoza,
Executive Director of Financial Aid to
Associate Dean of Financial Aid

Vivien J. Ray,
Chief Human Resources Officer to
Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Academic Lab Coordinator
Adjunct Faculty-Sociology and Anthropology
Adjunct Positions (Fall/Summer 2018)
Adjunct Positions (Nursing and Health Sciences)
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Clinical Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Medical-Surgical Theory Instruction
Adjunct Faculty – Psychiatric Clinical Instruction
Advisor PT
Associate Director of Advisement and Counseling
Certified Nurse Aide Instructor
Clinical Nurse Specialist
College Lecturer, Nursing
Community Education Instructors
PT (multiple positions)
Counselor
Custodial Worker
Customer Service Assistant PT (2 positions)
Digital Marketing Services Manager
Director of Institutional Research
EOF Counselor
Head Tutor - Math, Science, & Business
Hemodialysis Technician Instructor PT
HR Office Assistant PT
Instructor, Accounting
Instructor, English (2 positions)
Instructor for the Center for Business & Industry
Learning Management System Administrator
Sign Language Interpreter (PT)
Transitional Program Lecturer

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

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

Applicants for instructor and adjunct positions must submit transcripts.

For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at www.njherc.org, the *Higher-EdJobs.com* website at www.higheredjobs.com, www.latinoshighered.com or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions, please visit the "Jobs @ HCCC" page at www.hccc.edu.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



Rhoda Alaribe, President of Hudson County Community College' Student Government Association, delivers a Student Report to the HCCC Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

MILESTONES

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

One Year
Cellestine Mabeya

15 Years
Robert Gioia
Kevin Taylor

20 Years
Maribel Alvarado-Bikai
Janine Nunez
Mei Xie

INTRODUCING...



Anna Krupitskiy, Vice President for Human Resources

Anna Krupitskiy has been named Vice President for Human Resources, a new leadership position at the College.

Born in Ukraine, Ms. Krupitskiy emigrated to the United States when she was a child. She earned Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Public Administration degrees from Pace University. She also holds a Master of Law degree from University of Essex in the United Kingdom, and a Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School.

Ms. Krupitskiy served as Director of Faculty Appointments at City University of New York, Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) since 2015. In that position she oversaw appointments, tenure, promotion, and academic leave for more than 550 full-time faculty members and was responsible for ensuring compliance with university guidelines, collaborative governance policies and collective bargaining agreements.

Prior to joining BMCC, Ms. Krupitskiy worked in education and corporate sectors. At Pace University, she served as a Human Resources Faculty Specialist, Employee Relations Manager, and Graduate Assistant in Human Resources, Labor and Employee Relations. Earlier in her career, she was a Legal and Compliance Staff Attorney and Business Analyst for private companies.

Ms. Krupitskiy began working in her new role on March 1, 2019.



Dr. Burl Yearwood, Associate Dean of STEM

Dr. Yearwood discovered his love of science while growing up on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Alabama, and Ph.D. in Organometallic Chemistry from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He conducted post-doctoral research at the University of Kentucky. A member of the American Chemical Society, his interests have included the examination of the preparation of precursors for the production of semi-conductors, as well as the combination of chemicals in marine paints. Dr. Yearwood's current research involves the analysis of environmental toxins in Newtown Creek River, a federal Superfund site located in Long Island City, New York.

Prior to accepting the position as HCCC Associate Dean of STEM, Dr. Yearwood was the Chairperson of the Natural Sciences Department at LaGuardia Community College (a member college of the City University of New York). His department included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy and Environmental Science. Working with faculty and staff, Dr. Yearwood aided in the development, implementation and assessment of programs and curriculum. He also worked in the recruitment, appointment, evaluation and professional development of faculty. Early on, he taught Chemistry at LaGuardia.

Dr. Yearwood served on several committees at LaGuardia, including the Assessment Leadership Team and Committee to Align the Division of Academic Affairs and the Division of Student Affairs. He was the Vice-Chair of the LaGuardia Senate, the college's shared governance body.

Prior to his tenure at LaGuardia Community College, Dr. Yearwood taught Chemistry at St. Louis Community College.

NEWLY TENURED FACULTY

The criteria for tenure include excellence in teaching, in scholarly achievement, in service to the College and community, and in the fulfillment of professional responsibilities. Applications for tenure are reviewed by a Tenure Review Board, and recommendations are forwarded through the Executive Vice President to the President for approval and presentation to the Board of Trustees. The following are recommended for tenure effective Academic Year 2019-2020:



Salvador Cuellar, Instructor of Psychology

Salvador Cuellar began teaching Psychology at HCCC as an adjunct instructor in the spring of 2012. He was hired as a full-time, tenure-track Instructor of Psychology in January 2015. Sal earned his associates degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from CUNY and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology from New York University. He earned a Master of Education in Human Development and Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Of special note, Mr. Cuellar served in the United States Navy from 1995 to 2000.

Sal's commitment to HCCC's students is evident; he has served as the faculty representative for Psi Beta—the Psychology honor society—as an adviser for the Music and Psychology Club, has organized Psychology Week, and he was key in forming the HCCC Alumni Association (and he is currently an Executive Board member). Additionally, he is active on the All College Council as Chair of the Space and Facilities Committee.

One of his academic specialties is understanding and managing stress. He has delivered a professional development workshop at HCCC on managing stress in the workplace. In his psychology classes, he appropriately illustrates the experience of stress to his students by starting class with an unannounced pop quiz—and then uses that experience to discuss the science behind stress and forms of stress relief.



Robin Singer, Instructor of Early Childhood Education

Robin Singer joined HCCC as a tenure track Instructor of Early Childhood Education in January 2015 after working as an adjunct instructor for the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and her master's degree from Teachers College at Columbia University. Currently she is pursuing a Ph.D. at Montclair State University in Teacher Education and Teacher Development.

While working as an adjunct instructor, she developed the Child Development Associate certification coursework which creates an immediate pathway to employment for dozens of students each year. Robin has served as Chair of the ACC's Student Affairs Committee and was a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. She is a member of the CDA Advisory Board and Jersey City Public Schools Early Education Advisory Board in addition to participating on the Project Leap Task Force.

As an active scholar, Robin has presented her research on active learning with Angela Pack at the Tristate Best Practices Conference. She has also presented on the CDA LEAP program at both Middlesex Community College and Princeton University. Her presentation at the National Association of Community Colleges Teacher Education Conference was well received. Recently, Robin created and updated several of the education department's courses and was instrumental in revising programs to meet the new 60-credit limit.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the HCCC FOCUS and how we can help you reach your goals!

During the Open House you will learn about HCCC's:

Flexible Learning Environments
Outstanding Academic Programs
Cost Effective Education
Unlimited Transfer and Career Opportunities
Supportive Student Services



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

Discover our newest programs:

Homeland Security, Addictions Counseling, Medical Billing, Exercise Science, and Construction Management.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

(10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

JOURNAL SQUARE CAMPUS

Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk St., Jersey City
 (two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Station)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

(10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check in!

NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

4800 Kennedy Blvd., Union City
 (adjacent to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Bergenline Avenue Transit Station)

Apply to HCCC at the Open House and have your \$25 application fee waived!
 RSVP Today at www.hccc.edu/openhouse or contact admissions@hccc.edu

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 CENTER

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includes office space for the College's Security, Facilities and Custodial Services Departments, and storage space.

The HCCC Board of Trustees approved a revised budget for the project at a cost not to exceed \$8,232,378. Di Cara | Rubino Architects of Wayne was awarded the \$90,000 contract for architectural and engineering services, and APS Contracting, Inc. of Paterson was awarded the \$6,097,000 contract for renovation. The project will be financed with Chapter 12 funding, a state program for county colleges.

The Student Center is the latest of numerous construction projects undertaken by HCCC that have transformed the Journal Square area. These include the 72,000 square-foot Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center; 14,000 square-foot Cundari Center (home to HCCC Nursing and Health Sciences); the Association of College and Research Library award-winning, 112,000 square-foot Gabert Library; and the spectacular, six-story, 70,070 square-foot STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building. All of the College's capital improvement endeavors have been completed with appropriated capital. As a result, the College does not carry any capital debt, and not one dollar of student tuition is utilized for debt.

REAL MONEY

Derrick Laster of H&R Block presented the latest installment of the Office of Student Financial Assistance's financial literacy series on tax returns on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The next "Real Money" presentation on money management will take place on Wednesday, March 6.



FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, March 6 - Budgeting and Money Management

11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Gabert Library, Room 518

By the time you leave this session, you will learn how to create a budget and the benefits of it, and how to use student loan money wisely.

Wednesday, April 3 - Student Loans: Borrowing and Repayment

11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Gabert Library, Room 518

By the time you leave this session, you will learn about all federal loan types and alternative educational loans, as well as the various repayment options available.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL EMAILS

The College community is reminded to use caution with attachments and links from unknown senders in managing their HCCC email accounts. Users should not open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email.

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HCCC HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW STUDIO ARTS CLASSROOM/THEATER



Pictured from left: Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Vice President for Development/Assistant to the President; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President; Joseph Gallo, Instructor/Coordinator, Theatre Arts; Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, and Mandy Otero, Past Chair of the HCCC Foundation (2016-18).

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Studio Arts Classroom at the Gabert Library. The 825-square foot classroom is also a 40-seat, black-box theater with state-of-the-art lighting, sound booth, film/screen

Smart Board, prop closet, and other features to accommodate teaching and producing small-scale performances.

The HCCC Foundation contributed \$45,000 to develop the Studio Arts Classroom.

YEAR UP NEW YORK PARTNERSHIP

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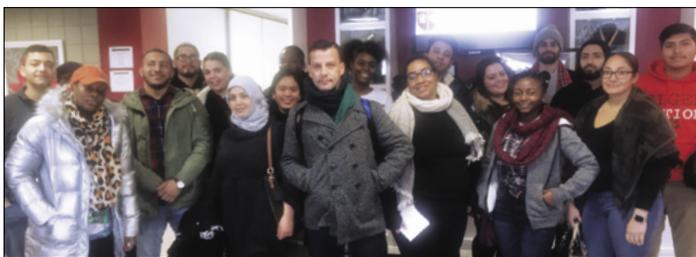
now serves more than 400 young adults each year, with 90 percent of graduates employed or attending college full-time within four months of completing the program, earning average starting salaries of \$38,000/year. Learn more about Year Up New York by visiting us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Year Up

Year Up is an award-winning, national 501(c)3 organization that provides talented and motivated young adults ages 18-24 with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education. Through a one-year, intensive training program, Year Up utilizes a high-support, high-expectations 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 19,500 young adults since its founding in 2000, and will serve more than 4,000 young adults in 2019 across 21 U.S. cities in Arizona, Baltimore, Bay Area, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Greater Atlanta, Greater Boston, Greater Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, National Capital Region, New York City, Providence, Puget Sound, South Florida, 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: @YearUp

HCCC STEM STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CROSS-CAMPUS PEER MENTORING EVENT



Delegation of HCCC students at the first GS-LSAMP/NNJ-B2B Cross-Campus Peer Mentoring (CCPM) meeting.

Hudson County Community College students attended the first GS-LSAMP/NNJ-B2B Cross-Campus Peer Mentoring (CCPM) meeting at Rutgers University-Newark on Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.

The CCPM program is designed to help community college students to make a smooth and successful transition from their two-year colleges to bachelor's degree programs in STEM fields at the four-year academic institution of their choice.

HCCC has currently 35 students participating in the mentoring program.

HCCC FOUNDATION ASSISTS CULINARY STUDENT ON INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP

The Hudson County Community College Foundation recently raised funds to help Veronica Garnett, a Culinary Arts major at the College, travel to and work an externship in Senegal.

"I am very excited and looking forward to representing HCCC overseas," said Ms. Garrett.

She will be working at The Senegalese American Bilingual School in the capital city of Dakar. The school's six kitchens feed nearly 1,000 students daily. Not only will she learn how to cook traditional Senegalese food in mass quantities, she will utilize her experience as a registered dietitian to be in contribution. She will assist the school in revising their menus, conduct nutrition workshops, support the kitchen staff in implementing modern cooking techniques, and much more.



Pictured from left: Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President, delivers a Foundation check to Veronica Garnett for her ventures in a study abroad program taking place in Senegal.

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection, which includes artworks in media from painting and sculpture, photographs, American craft pottery, and ephemera, reveals aspects of America's and New Jersey's rich artistic and cultural history from the Hudson River School period to today. In recent years, the College's acquisition efforts have focused on strengthening its American and New Jersey modern, and contemporary collections.

Each month, this page in HCCC Happenings provides updates on artists whose work is in the collection, and new additions to the collection.

ARTIST NEWS

Serena Bocchino, whose work *Simpatico* is installed on the fifth floor of the STEM Building, will be participating an exhibit curated by Andrea McKenna called "Slow Fast" at Art House, 262 17th Street, Jersey City through April 6. Go check it out!

An exhibition of **Robert Mangold's** works from 1967 to 2016 will be on view at Galerie Greta Meert in Brussels, Belgium through April 6. Closer to home, you can see works by the New York artist in both the North Hudson and Journal Square Libraries. If you're intrigued by his work, you might also enjoy this short film about him: <https://bit.ly/2V5RfoZ>

If you like the **Gordon Parks** work on view on the fourth floor of 70 Sip Ave. (Building A), you might enjoy these images from his recent show "Gordon Parks: The New Tide, Early Work 1940-1950" at the National Gallery in Washington, DC. <https://bit.ly/2ELPCyA>

Thanks to the generosity of the Dineen-Hull gift, the Foundation Art Collection has several works by noted American artists, **Kiki Smith**. The artist spent many of her formative years in New Jersey, so these Collection works are slated for



**Gordon Parks,
Place de la
Concorde,
Gelatin Silver Print
(1951/2002).**

installation soon in the STEM Building, which is devoted to New Jersey art. Smith's mother, an opera singer, was working in Germany when she was born, and she has recently donated over 800 prints to the great Munich art museum, the Staatliche Graphische Sammlung München, which will be on view there through May 26.

In the video referenced below, Smith says, "The reason to make things is to have an experience of the process." She says her art making is for her, a form of "celebration" of being alive. Here's a short film about her from the Tate Museum in London. <https://bit.ly/1g7comk> You can find a longer interview with her on YouTube: just enter her name in the search engine.

BY THE NUMBERS...

Of the **1,242** 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.

We have **491** works by New Jersey artists.

The Collection includes artwork by people who have many different cultural backgrounds.

For example:

There are **48** works by artists of the African diaspora;

60 works by Asian or Asian-American artists;

11 works by Egyptian-American artists;

47 works by Hispanic or Hispanic-American artists;

60+ works by Italian-American artists, and

49 works by Native American artists.

Thanks to our **116** donors who have given us art, art books, frames, Plexiglas boxes, and other related materials.

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

CHEF JESSE JONES HIGHLIGHTS HCCC FOUNDATION POP-UP DINING FUNDRAISING EVENT



Chef Jesse Jones (center) with members and officers of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors and dinner guests during a Pop-Up Dining fundraiser on Feb. 8. Pictured at center left is William J. Netchert, Esq., Chair of the HCCC Board of Trustees. Pictured at center right is Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Ed.D., J.D., Vice President for Development/Assistant to the President.

Chef Jesse Jones returned to Hudson County Community College for a pop-up dining event – a five-course fundraiser – featuring his signature "Southern cooking with a country French twist" and wine pairings. The service took place on Friday, Feb. 8 at the HCCC Culinary Conference Center located at 161 Newkirk Street in Jersey City.

Jesse Jones has worked nationally and appeared in cooking competitions, demos, and fundraisers. His technique has been enjoyed by celebrities including John Legend, "Sunny" Hostin, Tyler Perry, and Michelle Williams, and has been featured on many television programs. Known for his charisma and natural storytelling talent, Chef Jesse is the author of *POW! My Life in 40 Feasts*, a memoir and cookbook.

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



FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM:

- Membership includes lunch in Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute on eight Fridays during the Spring 2019 semester: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, April 5, April 12, April 26, and May 3.
- Service hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Cost of membership is \$995 per table for a maximum of four guests.
- Meal includes 4-course luncheon and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages include a full bar charged at a nominal rate.

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

DEPARTMENT OF
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OPENING CEREMONY FOR “NOTES & TONES: JAZZ INFLUENCES ON THE EFA ROBERT BLACKBURN PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP” EXHIBITION



Essey Klempner, “Notes & Tones” exhibition curator, with Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President.



The Ladybugs performed two live jazz sets during the “Notes & Tones” Exhibition Opening Reception, which was recorded by WBG0 and broadcast on air.



Student looking at the work on display at the “Notes & Tones” Exhibition Opening Reception.



Okambi Pounds (Artist), Karl McIntosh, Director of the Dorsey Gallery, Essey Klempner, Program/Exhibitions Manager of the EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop EFA, Otto Neals (artist), and Justin Sanz, Workshop Manager from the EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop.



Kayt Hester (artist) and Professor Katherine Niewodowski with students from the HCCC Experience Art Class.



Masking tape artist Kayt Hester installing a portrait of the Peters Sisters, authors of the WWI book “War Poems,” for the “Back to Black” popup exhibit.

JERSEY CITY WRITERS

**DOCA RESIDENCY
JC Writers Writing Bootcamp**

For Spring 2019, Jersey City Writers, a community group of over 1,200 writers, will lead a prose and poetry writing residency at HCCC. JCW will offer a writing bootcamp that is open to HCCC students and staff, as well as local writers.

Advanced sign up is strongly encouraged. Programs will be held in the Dineen Hull Gallery Atrium, 71 Sip Ave., 6th Fl., unless otherwise noted. Photo I.D. must be shown when entering the HCCC campus.

Sign up for the JCW Writing Bootcamp on Meetup at www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group. For additional information or questions, contact Jim DeAngelis at jim.j.deangelis@gmail.com. All events are FREE and open to the public. For up-to-date program and event information, please visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

MARCH (NEA Big Read Focus: *Station Eleven*)

Sunday, 3, 2-4 p.m.: Fantasy & Sci-Fi Bootcamp
Sunday, 10, 2-4 p.m.: Dystopian Fiction Bootcamp
Wednesday, 20: Genre Night: Literary Reading, Apple Tree House, 298 Academy, St.
(Three slots will be set aside for 3/3 & 3/10 residency attendees.)

APRIL (Poetry Month)

Thursday, April 4, 6-8 p.m.: Poetry & Prose Open Mic
Sunday, 7, 2-4 p.m.: It Doesn't Have to Rhyme!
Sunday, 14, 2-4 p.m.: How to Recite on the Mic
Thursday, 25, 6-9 p.m.: 2nd Annual Jersey City Poetry Festival: Poetry Reading

HOOK THE BOOK



Roxy Arrojo from the Educational Arts Team, gives a presentation on Feb. 7 during a “Hook the Book” workshop held in conjunction with Jersey City’s citywide participation in the 2019 Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. The NEA Big Read seeks to inspire conversation and discovery by showcasing a diverse range of contemporary titles that reflect many different voices and perspectives.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Students learned how to make pesto ricotta stuffed burrata from scratch and prosciutto, tomato and basil pin-wheels in CE's Fresh Mozzarella class with Chef Sean Wilson on Feb. 9.



In CE's Gourmet Vegetarian class on Feb. 23 with Chef Garima Kothari, students made their own vegetarian burgers and fresh guacamole, cassoulet of winter vegetables with cannellini and herbed breadcrumbs, and pumpkin spiced quesadillas with fresh salsa.

NEW! March CE Program Highlights



Folkloric Dance with Kennedy Dancers

Learn traditional folk dances from professional dancers for fun and fitness! Workshops include Italian Folkloric Dance: The Tarantella, Middle Eastern Folkloric Dance: The Cane Dance, and Mexican Folkloric Dance: Las Chiapanecas. Then join us on April 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at HCCC's Dineen Hull Gallery for a panel discussion on the culture of dance and a professional folkloric dance performance.

Dates: Mondays, March 25 - April 8

Times: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Price: \$40 for all three classes or \$15 each

Register at www.tinyurl.com/FolkloricWorkshops



Famous Women in History: Reflection & Expression Through Doll Making with Angel Hugs 4 All

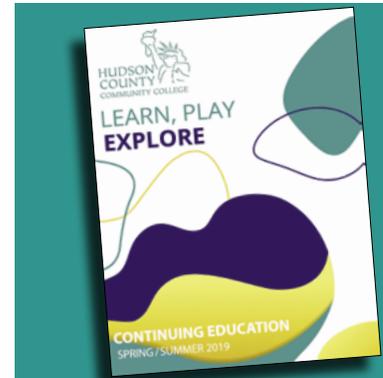
Join Angel Hugs 4 All, Continuing Education, and the Office of Student Activities for this special family workshop in celebration of Women's History Month. In this hands-on crafting class students will learn how to create dolls that represent their favorite women in history, including their own personal heroes. The instructor will give a brief lecture about Women's History Month, which will include bios of some trailblazing women. Students will learn how to reflect on and express their thoughts and feelings through the creative process of doll making. Some famous dolls that can be made include Frida Kahlo, Malala Yousafzai, Maya Angelou, Amelia Earhart, and more. Students are encouraged to bring their own images of women they would like to celebrate. All materials are included.

Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

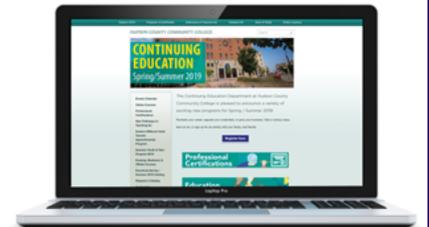
Price: \$5 per student

Register at www.tinyurl.com/WomensHistoryDolls



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for new programs and events!

6th Annual Girls in Technology Symposium



Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City
March 28, 2019
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information contact:
cfarrell@hccc.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES KICKED OFF SPRING 2019



Student Activities kicked off the semester with “Welcome Back” events on both campuses, including a Welcome Back Breakfast, School Supplies Giveaway, Hot Cocoa Bar, Empanadas in the Evening, and Personalized Snow Globes.



Kicking off Black History Month at the North Hudson Campus, the Office of Student Activities held their SOOULFEST event on Monday, Feb. 4 to celebrate African American Culture through food, music and education. Peer Leader Jeremy and Office of Student Activities Federal Work Study Event Assistant Ossali served up the food to students, faculty and staff. (photo SOULFEST2)

As part of the kick-off to Black History Month, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) hosted “Love Thy Skin You’re In” with guest speaker Ayana Iman on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Ayana Iman is a Certified Professional Life Coach and public speaker who focuses on personal development, storytelling, and transformation. She shared her story, which was rooted in goal setting and succeeding while overcoming adversity. She worked with and encouraged students to really look at their goals and how they want the trajectory of their lives to be. The event wrapped up with delicious soul food, so that those in attendance of one of OSA’s Wellness Wednesday events fed their souls and also their bellies!



PIZZA WITH THE PRESIDENT



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber met and conversed with students at four “Pizza with the President” events during February.

INVOLVEMENT FAIR AT NHC



The Office of Student Activities held Involvement Fairs on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the North Hudson Campus and on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the STEM Building. These events allowed students to sign up for clubs they may be interested in joining and meet with club officers.

ITS HOSTS DATA PRIVACY WORKSHOP



Patricia Clay, Chief Information Officer

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Information Technology Services (ITS) hosted a Workshop in honor of Data Privacy Day.

Chief Information Officer Patricia Clay facilitated the workshop, “Your Personal Information is Like Money: Value it. Protect it.” Clay reminded attendees of the pitfalls of keeping personal information private and provided some few key strategies to keep what’s private, private.

Data Privacy Day is an international effort held annually on Jan. 28 to create awareness about the importance of respecting privacy, safeguarding data and enabling trust.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President (right) and Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, HCCC Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President (left) were present at New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy’s Budget Address. Governor Murphy’s budget calls for expanding free community college.

Pictured from left: State Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham; Dr. Nicholas Chiaravalloti, HCCC Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President; Dr. Chris Reber, HCCC President and Assemblywoman Angela V. McKnight.



NURSING PROGRAM GOES RED ON FEB. 1



Dean Carol Fasano, staff and faculty of the Nursing Program participated in National Wear Red Day on Feb. 1. National Wear Red Day, observed on the first Friday in February each year, brings greater attention to heart disease awareness as the leading cause of death for Americans.

An article by Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, “Looking under the Hood: The Role of Urban Community Colleges as Economic Engines,” was published on *The EvoLLLution*, an online newspaper focused on higher education, on Feb. 13. The article is available for reading at <https://bit.ly/2S1J3En>

Congratulations to the **Communications Department** on its recent Bronze Award in the Social Media category in the Sixth Annual Education Digital Marketing Awards. The Education Digital Marketing Awards recognizes the best educational websites, digital content, electronic communications, mobile media, and social media.

Ferdinand O. Orock, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics, STEM Division, a member on NJEA Human and Civil Rights Committee, attended the group’s monthly meeting in Trenton on Feb. 25.

Keith Perkins, Adjunct Instructor of English, will have a short story published in the April 2019 edition of *Adelaide Magazine*. <http://adelaidemagazine.org/>

Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs, is a featured artist in an exhibit at the Montclair Art Museum, “New Directions in Fiber Art.” The exhibit consists of works created in the array of traditional and contemporary fibrous materials and methods and is open through June 16.

Board Member Featured in American Accordionists’ Association Newsletter Foundation Board Member, **Joseph Napolitano, Sr.** was featured in the newsletter for his extensive achievements in music.

At the age of 18, Joseph Napolitano became a student of Louis Del Monte, “Accorgan” player from the *Lawrence Welk Show*. From there he became a Certified Teacher Member of the American Accordionists Association and the Accordion Teacher Association of New Jersey. He was a music instructor at Snyder High School in Jersey City, NJ; Hackensack High School, Hackensack, NJ; Master School of Music, Jersey City, NJ; as well as Louis Del Monte Accordion School.

As a composer and musician, he became a member of ASCAP and has had a number of songs published, including his work in the movie *Die Hard 2*. He has been a keyboard player for a number of singers and groups including Tony Orlando, Madonna Ciccone, Dr. Hook, Jay and the Americans, and Duprees.



Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs, at the opening at the Montclair Art Museum.

HCCC RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Invites you to join us for our

SPRING INFORMATION SESSION

To find out more information about becoming a RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST.

Thursday, March 14
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/HCCCRadSpring2019>



HCCC Radiography Program
870 Bergen Avenue
2nd Floor, Room 218
Jersey City, NJ 07306

For more information please contact (201) 360-4784.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

7 College Presidents to Receive Bennett Lifetime Achievement Awards

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) will recognize seven retiring college presidents and chancellors with the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award during PTK Catalyst 2019, the Society's annual convention, April 4-6 in Orlando, Florida.

These awards are given to retiring college presidents who have shown strong support of student success on their campuses by recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and service among high-achieving students over the course of their career. Recipients are nominated by the students on their campuses.

Phi Theta Kappa students have a 91 percent student success rate, and research has shown that strong presidential leadership and support increases the success of their chapter and the depth of the members' college experience.

The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Michael Bennett, longtime president of St. Petersburg College in Florida. The 2019 recipients are:

Dr. John Avendano, President, Kankakee Community College, Illinois

Dr. Jean Conway, President Emeritus, Eastfield College, Texas



Daryl Moreno, Lissette Villalta, Genesis Kim, and Ruth Ogega volunteering at the Chinese New Year Parade on Feb. 5.

Dr. Kenneth Ender, President, Harper College, Illinois

Dr. Glen Gabert, President Emeritus, Hudson County Community College, New Jersey



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Dr. Augusta Julian, President/CEO, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Kentucky

Dr. T. Eston "Bud" Marchant, President, Central Carolina Community College, North Carolina

David Reist, President, Highland Community College, Kansas



Alioune Gyamera, Fatima Osman, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Christopher Wahl, and Prof. Ted Lai at Liberty State Park on Feb. 9.

ALL COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWS

During the Spring 2019 semester, the All College Council will accept nominations, and hold election, for the ACC Steering Committee (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). The Council will seek nominations early this month. Please save the date for an appreciation luncheon in the spring for all members (Thursday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.).

The Council will hold general meetings on the following dates during Spring 2019:

- Thursday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m. (College Hour), Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street
- Wednesday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m., STEM Building, Multipurpose Room (tentative)

Please save the date for the Employee Scholarship Luncheon for Thursday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gabert Library, Sixth Floor Atrium.

Please also save Thursday, May 2, 12:30 p.m. for an Appreciation Luncheon at the Culinary Conference Center.

At the meeting on Jan. 22, governance recommendations regarding affordable textbook options and the College's Fresh Start Policy were approved by the Council membership. For further information, please visit the ACC portal page at <http://my.hccc.edu/acc>.

Please contact drossilli@hccc.edu if you wish to volunteer to serve in the spring semester.

TOWN HALL with President Reber

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 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 10:30 a.m. to Journal Square Campus and departing from the Journal Square Campus to NHC at 12:30 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL AND NETWORKING EVENT

Hudson County Community College Office of Student Activities, in collaboration with the Department of Continuing Education, hosted its final program celebrating Black History Month on February 28. The program— an Entrepreneurship Panel and Networking Event – highlighted African American-owned businesses from Jersey City and the surrounding area. The panelists discussed how they started their businesses, overcame obstacles, and achieved success in their industries, as well as start-up advice.



The entrepreneur panelists included Anthony "A.D." Davis, Founder, iON Performance LLC; Amber Evans, Owner & Chief Brand Stylist of Branded by Amber; Juliet Foster, Founder, J Foster Imagery and Tobias Fox, Founder and Managing Director of Newark Science and Sustainability, Inc., a community-driven,

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Djenaba Johnson-Jones, Founder & CEO, Hudson Kitchen; Dr. JahJah Shakur, Hip Hop Business Consultant; and Jermaine Pharmes, Director, Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity. HCCC Thanks all who participated in this informative and inspiring event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 1 – Friday, March 29

Women's History Month Toiletry Drive. Donations may be brought to the Office of Student Activities at 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor and the North Hudson Campus, Room 204.

Friday, March 1 to Wednesday April 17

March is Read a Book Month - Students, staff, and administrators may read a book of their choice and complete a raffle entry form to be submitted at the North Hudson Campus Library.

Friday, March 1

Nevertheless, She Persisted – banners available for signing at Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Campus Student Lounge

Instant Decision Day: Fairleigh Dickinson University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

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

"Slaughterhouse-Five" (film), 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus Library

Closing Reception for "Notes and Tones: Jazz Influences on the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Teacher as Artist Reception (Jesse Wright), 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Adjunct Faculty Appreciation Night, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Follett Room

Sunday, March 3

JC Writers Residency: Fantasy and Sci-Fi Bootcamp, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Monday, March 4

Classes begin for Culinary Cycle II

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

"Slaughterhouse-Five" (film), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Blood Pressure and Body Composition Assessments, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Wednesday, March 6

National Oreo Cookie Day, both campuses. Keep your eyes out for the OSA Snack Fairies who will be around both campuses giving out Oreos to celebrate National Oreo Cookie Day!

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

Career & Technical Education Career Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street (exclusively for CTE majors and faculty: Accounting, Business Administration, Management, Computer Science, Computer Technology, Computer

Science/Cybersecurity, Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts - Baking/Pastry, Hospitality Management)

Real Money 101: Budgeting and Money Management, 11 a.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Room 518. RSVP at <http://hcccrealmoney101.eventbrite.com>

Signing of articulation agreement with Ramapo College of New Jersey, 12:30 p.m., Mary T. Norton Room, 70 Sip Ave.

Self Defense Class, 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Thursday, March 7

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Instant Decision Day: William Paterson University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor

Career & Technical Education Career Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street (exclusively for CTE majors and faculty: Criminal Justice, Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Technology, Construction Management, Environmental Studies, Early Childhood Education, Health Sciences, Health Services, Human Services/Pre-Social Work, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Paramedic Science, Radiography, Personal Fitness Exercise Science, Studio Arts / Computer Arts)

Sandwich Making Event, 12:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge, Join us as we make sandwiches to donate to Union City's Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation, also known as PERC, a nonprofit organization that offers emergency shelter to individuals and families.

We Read to Your Kids, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Hudson County Community College Foundation North Hudson Scholarship Committee Mardi Gras Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Hijos y Amigos de Fomento, 522 38th Street, Union City

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

Tenement Museum: Meet Victoria. Group leaves Gabert Library at 3 p.m. Join us as we visit the Tenement Museum to "Meet Victoria". Victoria Confino is a 14-year-old who lived in 97 Orchard Street in 1916. This experience will educate us on the immigrant experience as she came to America from Greece. Tour her apartment, ask her questions about her life, and get a unique perspective on adjusting to life on the Lower East Side. HCCC Student: \$5; HCCC Faculty/Staff/Guest: \$15. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Sunday, March 10

Midterm Stress Relief Hiking Trip, Long Valley, NJ. Group leaves Gabert Library at 10 a.m. Take the opportunity to distress from midterms with a hike at Hacklebarney State Park, enjoying the beautiful views and nature. Bring along a lunch, as we will have a picnic in the middle of the hike. We'll provide the s'mores! Student Ticket: \$3; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$5. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

JC Writers Residency: Dystopian Fiction Bootcamp, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium. Register at <https://www.meetup.com/The-Jersey-City-Writers-Meetup-Group/>

Monday, March 11

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Functional Assessment and Foam Rollers, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, March 12 – Thursday, April 18

Exhibit: "Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure," Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Tuesday, March 12

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

Lotta and Anass Tear Apart a Computer, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Opening Reception for "Urban Crossroads: Reimagining Jersey City's Abandoned Infrastructure," 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

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

Wednesday, March 13

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

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Self Defense Class, 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Thursday, March 14

National Potato Chip Day, both campuses. Keep your eyes out for the OSA Snack Fairies who will be around both campuses giving out potato chips to celebrate National Potato Chip Day!

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

Getting the Most out of MS Office, Word and Other MS Office Applications workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy Street, Room 617

Town Hall with President Reber, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Banquet Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Banquet Room.

Understanding Your Emotional Intelligence, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., Room 512

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All College Council General Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Scott Ring Room, Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Information session for Radiography Program, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., 870 Bergen Avenue

Friday, March 15 – Thursday, March 21
Midterm exams/Advisement period

Friday, March 15

Center for Online Learning “Meet & Greet,” 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

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

Video Games with Justin, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Women Empowerment Dinner, 4 p.m., STEM Building, 263 Academy St., Multipurpose Room. Space is limited; RSVP at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17

Art Fair 14C, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency, 2 Exchange Place, Jersey City, Visit www.artfair14c.com for admission pricing.

Saturday, March 16

Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Group will leave from Gabert Library at 8:30 a.m., Join us as we visit the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Volunteers will help sort and repack food items, clothes, toiletries, and various items that are shipped. Sign-up at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Sunday, March 17

Disney Junior Dance Party! On Tour, show time 3 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$30. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Monday, March 18

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Balance and Stability Exercises, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Tuesday, March 19

Best Practices for Effective Administrative Assessment, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room

Instant Decision Day: Saint Peter's University, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Second Floor Legos, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave. and North Hudson Library

Wednesday, March 20

Student Affairs offices closed (Enrollment Services, Advisement & Counseling, Registrar, Testing & Assessment, Financial Aid, EOF, Student Activities, Career Services)

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

Therapy Dogs, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Soap making workshop, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library, Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

“Mean Girls” on Broadway, show time 7 p.m., August Wilson Theatre. Student Ticket: \$30; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$60. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Thursday, March 21

Zen Survival Session (yoga), 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gabert Library, Benjamin J. Dineen, III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor Atrium

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Karaoke, 9 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Friday, March 22

NJ Makers Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

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

Video Games with Justin, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Trip to Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ. Group leaves Gabert Library at 6 p.m. Any non-HCCC students/staff must be above the age of 10. Student Ticket: \$15; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$35. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Saturday, March 23

NJ Makers Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. RSVP at www.hccc.edu/openhouse.

Monday, March 25 – Sunday, March 31
Spring Break – No classes

Monday, March 25

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Functional Assessment and Core Workout, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gabert Library Makerspace, 71 Sip Ave.

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 7th Floor Conference Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Tuesday, March 26

Grand Opening of Food Pantry, 11 a.m., 2 Enos Place, Room J003, Lower Level

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Follett Lounge, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Aladdin on Broadway, 7 p.m., New Amsterdam Theatre. Student Ticket: \$35; Guest/Staff Ticket: \$65. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Wednesday, March 27

Last day to submit midterm advisory grades

Middle States Information Session for Staff, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, 7th Floor Conference Center, 4800 Kennedy Blvd. Pre-registration is required by contacting Jennifer Oakley at (201) 360-4002.

Thursday, March 28

Girls in Technology Symposium, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Priority Registration for Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces begins in person at both campuses. In order to be eligible, veterans must show proof of service (DD-214, Military ID or Eligibility Letter).

Sunday, March 31 – Wednesday, April 3

Middle States Evaluation Visit

Sunday, March 31

Middle States Team Welcome Dinner, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

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ALUMNI CORNER

Aminata E. Bamba-Adewumi

Class of 2004

Associate of Science & Mathematics – Computer Science



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

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) was my first college in the country after graduating from William L. Dickinson High School. HCCC was affordable and closer to where I used to live; and I did not know much about other colleges because I was still new to the country. Unfortunately, I did not receive financial aid like most new students, but I applied to many scholarships and kept a good GPA throughout my school years.

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

My favorite memories about the College was being part of the Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) Summer Program and the help that I received from the counselors. That program also introduced me to one of my various scholarship, the Nets and Devils Scholarship. In addition, I also became a member of the Student Support Services Program (SSSP). The advisors at SSSP were very helpful throughout my transitions in college.

How did you become interested in your career?

I became interested in my job as a Mathematics teacher by first working as a Mathematics tutor for the SSSP and the HCCC Tutorial Center. In addition, I was working as an office assistant in the Mathematics Office, in which I learned a lot professionally from different faculty and had wonderful mentor.

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

The professional instructions from various teachers and counselors really did guide me (as a student) in my career path.

What is a typical work day for you?

A typical work day is teaching in different campuses or universities and mentoring other students in the right path.

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

Presently, the most memorable projects were: Presenting at the 2017 NJ Makers Summit, becoming a committee member for TALE 2018, facilitating/presenting at the 2018 NJ Hackathon, presenting at NJEDGE 2019, becoming a 2018 and 2019 CODiE Judge, 2019 Webinar Presenter with the guidance of the Education Technology Leadership Program at New Jersey City University. I remember when I first came to this country and I could not speak in front of audiences because of the language barriers; but now I am able to do a presentation and teach others what I know.

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

One of my mentors from the Mathematics Department made a big impact in my professional work life.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

Keep praying and believing in yourself. Continue to pursue your dream, your education, or your goal. Do not limit yourself in life. Always aim high and never listen to the “naysayers.”

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

Get the necessary help from advisors, teachers, and/or mentors. Be nice to your instructors because you might need their guidance one day. Ask important questions, such as how to get a scholarship (if you do not have financial aid). Or how to get a tutor? Or how to look for the right job after you graduate.

Participate in different college activities because it might open the door for something great later.

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

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

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

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