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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF A NEW CONSORTIUM TO BOOST BUSINESS GROWTH

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees voted to become a founding member in the Hudson County Consortium for Business Growth and Development. The Consortium includes the County of Hudson's Office of Business Opportunity, the Hudson County Economic Development Corporation, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Small Business Development Center at New Jersey City University, and the College.

The Consortium will design, plan, and deliver educational programs that will best serve the needs of Hudson County's entrepreneurs, as well as its start-up, early-stage, and mature businesses, thereby fostering overall business growth and development in Hudson County.

According to the Consortium's Memorandum of Understanding, its goals include: leveraging strengths and resources and promoting business success through education; collaborating, supporting, and encouraging one another in furthering the achievement of individual's and the Consortium's goals; continually using feedback to refine and shape programs and initiatives; and supporting the Hudson County Office of Business Opportunity in helping businesses become eligible for certification and gaining access to County, State, Federal, and private-sector procurement opportunities.



At the April 10, 2018 meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, Eric Friedman, Ph.D. (second from left), Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented to Maria Nieves (second from right), President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, a plaque recognizing her for her collaborative efforts with the College. They are pictured with William J. Netchert, Esq. (left), Chair, HCCC Board of Trustees, and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President.

"As a Consortium, we believe that our combined efforts will lead to a better allocation of organizational funding and

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES TO FEATURE RENOWNED ABC NEWS JOURNALIST MARTHA RADDATZ

The entire Hudson County community is invited to get firsthand accounts of the career of an acclaimed global reporter as Hudson County Community College (HCCC) concludes its 2017-2018 Lecture Series.

The featured speaker is an ABC News Chief Global Affairs Correspondent and Co-Author of ABC's This Week Martha Raddatz on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The event is open to the general public and begins at 12 p.m. The lecture 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 now for the Martha Raddatz event at <http://www.hccc.edu/tickets>.

A veteran foreign policy and conflict zone reporter, Martha Raddatz's career features exclusive coverage – which is also detailed in her bestseller *The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family* – of the Sadr City, Iraq "Bloody Sunday" ambush in 2004 which turned the U.S. mission from peace-keeping to fighting insurgents. She was the only television reporter allowed to cover a 10-hour combat mission in an F-15 fighter jet over Afghanistan in 2004. Her other exclu-

sives include reporting on the discovery of former al Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's laptop in 2005, his killing during a U.S. air strike in 2006, and details of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden in 2011.

Ms. Raddatz served as ABC News' Chief White House Correspondent during the second term of President George W. Bush's administration.

She earned Peabody and Emmy awards for her coverage of presidential campaigns and September 11 terrorist attacks. Ms. Raddatz has reported from the Pentagon, the State Department, the White House, as well as Africa, Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Philippines, Haiti, Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, and Southeast Asia.



PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



Members of Beta Alpha Phi Chapter at PTK Catalyst with Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs (back row, left); Glen Gabert, Ph.D., HCCC President (back row, second from left); and Prof. Theodore Lai, chapter advisor (back row, right).



Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, receives the Distinguished College Administrator Award at PTK Catalyst.



Pattie Van Atter, Middle States Regional Coordinator (left), presents members of Beta Alpha Phi Chapter with the Five Star Chapter Development Gold Chapter Awards. Pictured from left: Abderahim Salhi, Fatima Osman, Bianelly Tellez, Christine Tirado, Mario Martinez, and New Jersey State President Elda Pere (Bergen Community College).



Professor Theodore Lai (left) is presented with the Regional Coordinator Award by Pattie Van Atter, Middle States Regional Coordinator.



Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty & Staff Development, is presented with the Regional Coordinator Award by Abderahim Salhi. Christine Tirado accepted the award for her at the convention.

HCCC Recognized at PTK Catalyst 2018

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) will recognize 27 college administrators with Distinguished College Administrator Awards during PTK Catalyst 2018, the Society's annual convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, April 19-21.

The Distinguished College Administrator Awards are presented to college vice presidents, deans, or directors serving at postsecondary institutions who have demonstrated a strong level of support for the PTK chapters on their campuses.

Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, was nominated by Beta Alpha Phi Chapter for his efforts to make Phi Theta Kappa the best it can be at Hudson County Community College. His award was presented during PTK Catalyst

2018, the Society's annual convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, April 19-21.

Beta Alpha Phi Secretary Cledys Diaz, who was selected as a 2018 Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, was recognized on stage as a part of the group of Coca-Cola Scholars.

Middle States Regional Convention, March 16-17

On March 16, Bianelly Tellez, Fatima Osman, Christine Tirado, Abderahim Salhi, Mario Martinez, Juan Cacho, and Prof. Ted Lai attended the Middle States Regional Convention at the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Resort in Galloway, NJ. The chapter – collectively and individually – won the following awards:

- Victoria Paredes: Chapter Hall of Honor and Distinguished Chapter Member
- Bianelly Tellez: Chapter Officer Hall of Honor
- Juan Cacho: Chapter Officer Hall of Honor
- Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development: Regional Coordinator Award
- Abderahim Salhi: Campaign Manager Certificate (Christine Tirado was a candidate for regional office)
- Distinguished Officer Team Award
- Five Star Chapter
- Middle States Gold Chapter
- Reach Awards
- Theodore Lai: Continued Excellence for Advisors Award and Regional Coordinator Award

LEAP PLUS



Pictured from left: Eric Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator; Jason Bing, Chief Academic Officer at Jersey City Public Schools; and Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

On Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11, the LEAP Department hosted a meeting with 68 students and their parents from the LEAP Plus Program. The LEAP Plus students are from Jersey City public high schools and are enrolled in the pathway program to earn an Associate Degree in one of the following disciplines: Environmental Studies, Computer Arts, Business Administration, and Criminal Justice. LEAP Plus students have already taken up to nine college-level credits in core general education classes. As they enter their sophomore and junior years, students will continue in their pathways, taking major-specific coursework. By senior year, LEAP Plus students will be taking a full course load at the HCCC campus, and will graduate HCCC at the same time they earn their high school diploma.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Eric Friedman congratulated students for "taking advantage of this phenomenal opportunity." Jason Bing, Chief Academic Officer of Jersey City Board of Education, noted that this was the biggest cohort of its kind in the state of New Jersey and commended students and parents for a tremendous retention rate. "Every student that has entered the program is still a part of it," Bing noted.

Jennifer Rodriguez, LEAP Coordinator, Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Cathie Seidman, Coordinator of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Salim Bendaoud, Interim Associate Dean of STEM, each presented information on specific major pathways in the LEAP Plus Program.

INTRODUCING ...



LORI MARGOLIN, DEAN OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Margolin most recently served as the Senior Vice President for the Northern New Jersey Division of Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and New Jersey, where she managed numerous programs and services. Other work experience includes being a Senior Director at the Human Resources Administration for the City of New York, and private sector experience at American Express managing staff training, marketing, and quality assurance.

She has developed numerous strategic alliances with educational institutions, employers, government agencies and other non-profit organizations which have resulted in programming to address workforce needs. In her various roles, she has also initiated and coordinated grant applications and led the implementation of grant-funded projects. She is a member of multiple County Workforce Development Boards (Passaic, Hudson, and Bergen Counties), the Harrison Business Improvement Council, the Aging Advisory Committee for Rutgers School of Social Work, and she chairs the Hudson County/Jersey City Disability Advisory Committee.

Ms. Margolin holds a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania with coursework in The Wharton School, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Brooklyn College. The Dean's portfolio will include The Center for Business and Industry (workforce development), Continuing Education, the Culinary Conference Center, and Evening/Weekend/Off-Site Programs.

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, 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

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Adriana Calixto,
Program Assistant, Academic Affairs

Heather DeVries,
Director of Curriculum

Lotta Sanchez,
Library Associate, Technology

Natalie E. Vasquez-Bodkin,
Head Tutor, North Hudson Campus

CHANGE OF TITLE

Chastity Farrell,
Interim Assistant Director, Continuing Education
and Workforce Development to Assistant Director,
Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Catherina Mirasol,
Interim Director, Continuing Education and
Workforce Development to Director, Continuing
Education and Workforce Development

JOBS

Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:

Accountant

Accounts Receivable/Bursar Clerk

Adjunct Positions (Fall/Summer 2018)

Admissions Recruiter

Assistant Registrar

Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences

Associate Dean of STEM

Biology and Chemistry Lab Technician

College Lecturer, Health Sciences (Revised)

College Lecturer, Nursing

College Librarian Archivist PT

*Community Education Instructors PT
(multiple positions)*

Custodial Worker

Dean of Libraries

Director of Health Related Programs

Director of Purchasing

DSS Coordinator Advisor

EOF Office Assistant (PT)

*EOF Summer Program English Instructor
(2 positions)*

EOF Summer Program Mathematics Instructor

EOF Recruiter

Help Desk Manager

Instructor, Accounting

Instructor, Romance Languages

Librarian FT

Library Associate PT

Perkins Coordinator PT

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.

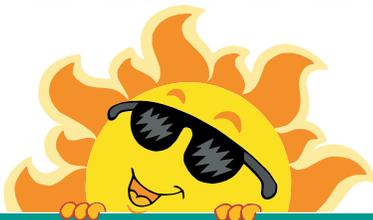
MILESTONES

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

One Year
Knight Ambubuyog

10 Years
Felicia Allen
June Barriere
Jose Lowe

20 Years
Sabrina Bullock
Nelida Mojica
Yvette Ramos



**SUMMER HOURS
BEGIN ON
MAY 14, 2018**

ENROLLMENT SERVICES NEWS

STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Dr. Paula Pando, Senior Vice President of the North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Support Services welcomes the team and sets the tone for the day.



The Student Affairs Division wearing their new HCCC polo shirts - a thank you for their hard work during Spring 2018 registration!



Student Affairs Division

On Wednesday, March 28, the entire Division of Student Affairs participated in a day of professional development. The theme for the day was "First Time to the Finish Line," with a focus on supporting our students as they pursue their ultimate goal of graduation. Paula Pando, Ed.D., Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services, welcomed the team by expressing their important role in student success, and challenging them to do more to get our students to the finish line. To kick off the day, Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, led the group in a teambuilding exercise.

Highlights from the agenda included Dean of Student Services Michael Reimer's overview of Hudson County Community College's progress in adopting Guided Pathways and a preview of the new Student Center. Dean of Enrollment Lisa Dougherty led the team in a breakout session, during which the groups came up with ideas to support students through some of the obstacles they face.

Special guests included Jerry Trombella, Ph.D., Dean of Research & Planning, who presented the results of a student survey that he sent to students who did not register for the spring semester. John Marlin, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction, provided updates on the new arts and sciences organization and gave a preview of new academic programs on the horizon. Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Chris Wahl shared information on our transfer partnerships with New Jersey City University, Rutgers University, Saint Peter's University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The afternoon agenda included important updates about our upcoming summer and fall registration period. The team also received updates and training from Assistant Director of Advising, Bekki Davis; Executive Director of Financial Aid, Sylvia Mendoza; Director of Testing, Dee Franco, and Director of Admissions, Matthew Fessler. It was a great day full of team building, learning, and fun, including a photo booth, car races, trivia games, and prizes!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT



Pictured from left: Director of Admissions, Matthew Fessler with faculty members Kathryn Buckley (chair of the Development and Planning Committee), Lauren Drew, and Andrew Bishop.



Students filling out scholarship applications with assistance from faculty members (clockwise) Lauren Drew, Andrew Bishop, and Kathryn Buckley.

On Thursday, April 5, the Enrollment Services Office, English faculty, and the Development and Planning Committee of the All College Council partnered to host an Early Bird Registration/Dollars for Scholars event. The event was designed to give HCCC Fall 2018 applicants early access to registration and to assist them with scholarship applications and essays. Three members of our English faculty – Kathryn Buckley, Lauren Drew, and Andrew Bishop – volunteered their time that day to assist applicants with their essays. More than 40 new students attended the event, 28 students registered, and 25 students applied for either Hudson County Government or HCCC Foundation Scholarships.

This was the first time HCCC held an event like this and the team is already planning similar events for the future. Students can view and apply for HCCC and outside scholarships by visiting www.hccc.edu/scholarships.

For information about the College Placement Test (CPT), including this month's schedule, please visit the Testing & Assessment website at <https://www.hccc.edu/testschedule>.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PRESENT THE COLLEGE'S 2018 HERITAGE AWARD TO HUDSON PRIDE CENTER

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will recognize Hudson Pride Center with the College's 2018 Heritage Award. This is the first time a non-profit, community-based organization has been presented with the Hudson County Community College Heritage Award.

The presentation will take place as part of the College's 41st Annual Commencement Ceremonies on Thursday, May 17 beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The multitalented actor Christopher Jackson, who originated the role of George Washington in the Broadway blockbuster "Hamilton," will be the keynote speaker at the event.

A pillar of Hudson County's LGBTQ community since 1993, Hudson Pride Center provides leadership in social justice advocacy and a lifeline for marginalized groups. Located at 32 Jones Street in the Journal Square area of Jersey City, Hudson Pride Center is the largest and only full-service LGBTQ center in New Jersey. The organization provides a home, an array of resources, a safe space, and voice for the LGBTQ community. Its allies and volunteers advocate for physical, mental, social and political well-being of the LGBTQ community in Hudson County.

Hudson Pride Center is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and the communities it serves through its commitment to social and economic justice. Providing professional training and education, the organization effects changes in attitudes and behaviors among all who work with the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities. Hudson Pride Center assists governmental entities in conducting needs assessments to identify unintentional, yet pervasive gaps in care and community marginalization. Mobilizing its volunteer and client base in response to calls for action on social is-

suess affecting the LGBTQ community, the organization advocates for rights, non-discrimination legislation, and HIV funding.



The wide array of services, programs and services provided by Hudson Pride Center at no cost to clients include social and educational groups for youth and seniors, support groups for individuals, links to health HIV education and treatment services, PrEP counseling, LGBTQ-focused community programming and events, mentoring, career development, and more.

The HCCC Heritage Award was instituted 25 years ago to honor community members who have made significant contributions to the College, its students, and families. Past recipients include: Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise; President of Lindenfelser Associates, Aerospace Consultants and former Kearny Mayor and Councilperson Kenneth H. Lindenfelser; SILVERMAN principal Paul Silverman; former HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Abigail Douglas-Johnson; Union City science teacher Nadia Markar; Pastor and Overseer of Mt. Sinai Full Baptist Church Mother Jacqueline Mays; United Way of Hudson County President Daniel Altilio; Hudson County business leader Raju Patel; retired Jersey Journal publisher Scott Ring; former New Jersey City University President Dr. Carlos Hernandez; Director of District Redesign & Leadership at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform/Brown University Marla Ucelli; and last year, Joseph D. Sansone, the now retired HCCC Vice President for Development and Assistant to the President.

'HAMILTON' ACTOR CHRISTOPHER JACKSON TO DELIVER THE KEYNOTE SPEECH AT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 2018 COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION



Legacy is a recurring theme in the Broadway musical "Hamilton," and fitting for Hudson County Community College's 41st Annual Commencement ceremonies, where Christopher Jackson will deliver the keynote speech to the Class of 2018.

The College's Commencement ceremonies will take place on Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ PAC) in Newark, NJ.

An American actor, musician, composer, and lyricist, Christopher Jackson originated the role of President George Washington in the blockbuster Broadway musical, "Hamilton." He was nominated for a Tony in 2016.

The 42-year-old multitalented thespian grew up in Illinois and attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. He performed on Broadway in "In the Heights," "The Bronx Bombers," "After Midnight," "The Lion King," "Holler If Ya Hear Me," and "Memphis." Mr. Jackson's Off-Broadway credits include "Bronx Bombers," "The Jammer," "Lonely, I'm Not," "In the Heights," and "Cotton Club Parade."

The versatile actor has also appeared on TV and film. His credits include "Oz," "A Gifted Man," "Person of Interest," "Gossip Girl," "Fringe," "Tracers," "Nurse Jackie," "The Good Wife," and "Afterlife." He currently stars in the hit CBS drama series "Bull" where he plays Chunk Palmer, a stylist who prepares defendants for trial.

Mr. Jackson was the Composer/Songwriter for "Sesame Street," and with six Emmy nominations, he won for his song, "What I Am." He was a co-music supervisor and writer for The Electric Company (PBS). He recorded an original Lin Manuel-Miranda song for the film, "Moana."

An advocate for the organization Autism Speaks, he lives with his wife and children in New York.

Graduating Students: Tell Us Your Story!

Hudson County Community College's Communications Department needs your help in identifying unique and exceptional graduate student stories to use in publicity for the upcoming Commencement ceremony as well as future marketing materials.

HCCC's Communications Department will be pitching these stories to media during the Commencement season and would be pleased to hear from students willing to be interviewed.

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

#HCCCGrads2018



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 Rodriguez Calero for the gorgeous donated print. Thank you to Annina Nosei for the donation of the Heidi McFall pastel and oil on paper, *Bobby and Kim in Ruidoso, New Mexico* (2004).

Artist News

If you like the **Miriam Schapiro** work on display on the second floor of the Cundari Building at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy a trip to the Museum of Arts and Design at Columbus Circle in New York City through Sept. 9, 2018. The exhibition is called "Surface/Depth: The Decorative after Miriam Schapiro," and includes 29 collage paintings by Schapiro in conversation with 28 works by nine contemporary artists. What does it mean for art to be having a conversation? The idea is that Schapiro influenced many artists, and by placing her work with the artists, the viewer can compare the works and draw connections, which are almost like con-

versations. Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Pay what you wish!

If you like **Joan Snyder's** print work on view at the College in 70 Sip Ave. and the Cundari Center, you might enjoy her exhibition, "Joan Snyder/Selected Prints 1975-2018," which has been extended through May 24 at Anders Wahlstedt Fine Art, 548 West 28th Street, Suite 636, New York.

If you like the **Andy Warhol** work on exhibit in Associate Dean Paul Dillon's reception area on the second floor of the Culinary Arts Institute, you might enjoy the current exhibit of Warhol and Robert Indiana's works at the Woodward Gallery in NYC through May 25. You can see the exhibit online at woodwardgallery.net. The theme of the show is "Hope." Robert Indiana, who has been making art for nine decades, said, "After living through the Great Depression, witnessing 9/11 and observing the tone of the time, I don't believe

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by **Rodriguez**

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Pigment Print with

Silkscreen, 30" x 22".

This recently donated

work is the Collec-

tion's second work by

the artist. We hope

to install this print

later this year. If

you'd like to see her

work in person, take

a look at Vision-

ary in the fourth

floor lobby area of

the Journal Square

Library Building.



we can oversaturate the world with HOPE. Can you foresee a time that HOPE will not be needed?"

HCCC FOUNDATION CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS



Pictured from left: Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President; Monica McCormack-Casey, Secretary, Hudson County Community College Foundation; and Glen Gabert, Ph.D., President of HCCC. The HCCC Foundation's North Hudson Scholarship Committee held a Mardi Gras fundraiser on Thursday, March 1 at Hijos y Amigos de Fomento in Union City. (Photo courtesy of Richard McCormack)



Monica McCormack-Casey (center), Secretary, Hudson County Community College Foundation, with students from HCCC's Culinary Arts Institute, at the Foundation's North Hudson Scholarship Committee Mardi Gras fundraiser on March 1. (Photo courtesy of Richard McCormack)

HCCC FOUNDATION UNDERGOES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



Mandy Otero (center), Chair of the Hudson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors from 2016 to 2018, receives a token of appreciation from incoming Chair Richard Mackiewicz, Jr., Esq. (left), and Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for Planning and Development/Assistant to the President.

HCCC FOUNDATION, NORTH HUDSON COMMITTEE HONORS SUPPORTERS AT UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Hudson County Community College North Hudson Foundation, represented by Mandy Otero, Chair of HCCC Foundation Board of Directors; Monica McCormack-Casey, Secretary of HCCC Foundation Board of Directors; and Mirta Sanchez, Assistant to the Vice President, awarded faculty and clubs of Union City High School with certificates in their devotion to education and charitable donations throughout the years. Those awarded are: UCHS Principal Ryan Lewis; Mirta Serret, Arts Department; Tania Alvarez, Singers; Victoria Delgado, Christian Club; Patrick Sheehy, Urban Culture Club; Francis Benway, History Club; and Alice Jarvis, Science Club.



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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS AN ‘EYE OF THE STORM’ ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION

The Hudson County Community College’s (HCCC) Department of Cultural Affairs is proud to host a panel discussion with the artists that participated in the 2018 Wonder Women Project presented by *_gaia*.

The Wonder Women Residency Project’s mission is to engage underrepresented artists who are eager to participate in a collective dialogue about agency, gender, art, and social change. This year’s Wonder Women Project “Eye of the Storm” was organized and curated by Doris Caçoilo and Eileen Ferara. Artists participating in the eleventh edition of the residency project met at the Dineen Hull Gallery, from January 28 through March 4, to explore the ever more crucial issues of climate change and current environmental challenges. Women have always been at the forefront of the

fight to achieve environmental protection policies, shifting the narratives most crucial to affecting this progress. Wonder Woman 11 culminated with a group exhibit at the NJCU Harold B. Lemmerman Gallery, which is on view until May 11, 2018.

On May 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. the Wonder Women Residency participants will present a panel discussion at HCCC’s Dineen Hull Gallery on current social issues and other topics brought forth by the works created for “Eye of the Storm.” Panelists will include Doris Caçoilo, Sharon De La Cruz, Eileen Ferara, Tamara Gubernat, Deborah Sperry, and Linda Streicher.

The residency program is presented by *_gaia* a collective of women artists and activists dedicated to promoting activism through art practice,

collaboration and study. For questions or more information about *_gaia* and the Wonder Women Residency Project, visit www.gaiastudio.org.

The Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Gallery is closed Sundays and holidays. To view other upcoming events at the Gallery you can visit www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs.

Admission is free and open to the public. More information may be obtained by contacting the Gallery at galleries@hccc.edu, or by phoning (201) 360-5379.

HCCC & NJPAC COLLABORATE FOR ‘TWILIGHT TUESDAY’ PRESENTATION ON ALVIN AILEY DANCE COMPANY



NJPAC teaching artist *Theara Ward* interviews with JCI-TV about her experience with the *Alvin Ailey Dance Company* and her experience in the industry.



Theara Ward talks to students, staff, and community members about dance and instructs them on how to express oneself through dance.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TEACHER AS ARTIST
Celebrates the Creativity of Educators in Hudson County

ANTONIO NOGUEIRA

MARCH 15 - AUGUST 2
Curated by Michelle Vitale

Work by Antonio Nogueira will be featured at both the Journal Square and the North Hudson Campus libraries from March 15 to August 2.

HCCC’s Art Department offers a “Gallery Management Class” this fall at the Dineen Hull Gallery



Class begins on Tuesday, Fall 2018 6 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

For more information, email Professor Laurie Riccadonna at Iriccadonna@hccc.edu or Department of Cultural Affairs Director Michelle Vitale at mvitale@hccc.edu.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) held its Fifth Annual Girls in Technology Symposium on March 29 at Hudson County Community College's new STEM Building. Young women from eight Hudson County high schools participated in the daylong event, featuring a roundtable discussion with women working in technology, a Liberty Science Center live surgery demonstration, a coding activity hosted by Girls Who Code, and cyber-security and environmental technology activities presented by HCCC's Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Department.

Participating schools consisted of Bayonne, Dickinson, Hoboken, Kearny, Liberty, Muftahul Uloom, North Bergen, and Union City High Schools.

Interim Associate Dean, STEM Division Dr. Salim Bendaoud, gave the welcoming address, and Student Essay Winner Mariam Kamerji of North Bergen High School presented her speech.

The Women Working in Tech Roundtable featured Barbara Bory - STEM Innovation at Liberty Science Center, Adrienne Crosby - Campus Operations Specialist and Information Systems & Technology at University of Phoenix, Melissa Dunkerley - Technical Account Manager at VMware, Johanna Torres - Technologist at JP Morgan Chase, and Sue Weston - Engineer at CIO Magazine.

Hoboken High School won the student "Technology: Past, Present & Future" display contest.

CEWD thanks their generous sponsors for making this day possible: SILVERMAN, VMWARE, Adrienne Crosby, and Mona Lisa Pizzeria in Annandale, New Jersey.



Scenes from the Girls in Technology Symposium on March 29 at HCCC's STEM Building.



Scenes from CE's Cake Decorating class on March 10 with Chef Luci Brasil.



Scenes from CE's Sushi class on March 23 with Chef Kim Fong.



Scenes from CE's Artisan Breads class on March 25 with Chef Marissa Lontoc.



Scenes from CE's Easter Goodies class on March 31 with Chef Luci Brasil.

HCCC IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF A NEW CONSORTIUM TO BOOST BUSINESS GROWTH

HCCC HONORS DEAN'S LIST ACHIEVERS AT MARCH 22 RECEPTION



Members of the Division of Academic Affairs with students who qualified for the Fall 2017 (full-time) and calendar year 2017 (part-time) Dean's Lists in a reception on March 22.



Mishel Encalada (center) is congratulated by Eric Friedman, Ph.D. (left), Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services Division.



Dean's List achievers Aminah Choudhary (second from left) and Jacqueline Garcia (second from right) with Heather Devries, College Lecturer (left) and Christopher Wahl, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Seven hundred thirty students were placed on the Hudson County Community College Dean's List based on their outstanding academic performance during the Fall 2017 semester. This is an honor that is bestowed upon full-time students who have completed 12 or more college-level credits and achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA and no "F" grades for the semester. The part-time students who earned 12 credits within a calendar year and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher without any "F" grades are also eligible for this honor.

These students were recognized for their hard work and achievement at the Dean's List Celebration Event on March 22, 2018 in the Atrium on the sixth floor of the Library Building. This is the first time that an event was held for students who were placed on the Dean's List. The students who attended the event received a Certificate of Achievement. Dr. Eric Friedman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. John Marlin, Dean of Instruction, gave encouraging speeches and light refreshments were served. The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant Vice Presi-



Sherya Patel (left) and Ngoc Yen Nhi Vo (right) are congratulated by Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services Division.

dent for Academic Affairs, Deans, Directors, and other administrators were delighted to mingle with the students and congratulate them on their commendable effort and commitment to achieving their educational goals. We wish them continued success in their studies at Hudson County Community College.

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staffing resources, more efficient and effective outreach and access to diverse and underserved business opportunities," the Memorandum of Understanding reads.

"Hudson County Community College – and our Center for Business & Industry – has previously worked with all of the founding members of the Hudson County Consortium for Business Growth and Development, but this formalizes that partnership and reinforces our commitment to furthering Hudson County businesses' growth and success," stated HCCC President Glen Gabert, Ph.D. He said that in the past, the College has co-sponsored a number of business-growth forums, as well as certification, contracting, procurement and accessing capital seminars, and technology and financial literacy classes.

About the College: Hudson County Community College is an award-winning, comprehensive, urban college with state-of-the-art campuses in Jersey City and Union City, NJ. Fully accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education, it is the largest higher education institution in Hudson County with an unduplicated head county of almost 12,000 students. The College offers more than 60 degree and certificate programs, including its signature Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management (which is ranked number eight nationally), Nursing & Allied Health (ranked number four in new Jersey), STEM and ESL programs. To ensure success from registration through graduation, HCCC guides students in a nationally acclaimed program of tutoring, mentoring, and extensive financial aid/scholarships opportunities. HCCC offers cultural enrichment programming to the community free of charge. The HCCC Center for Business & Industry is the area leader in developing and delivering educational classes and programs for the County's businesses, organizations and individuals.

HONORS TRANSFER TALK



Diana Kim, Admissions Manager for the School of General Studies at Columbia University, talks to students about the transfer process and specifications needed to be accepted into the School of General Studies at Columbia University.

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Dr. Azhar Mahmood (center) with participating students at the Jersey City Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health STEM Showcase on March 12.



Dorothea Graham King received the 2018 AFTNJ Local Hero Award.



Dayneesa McMillan, Assistant Controller, and Sirhan Abdullah, M.D., Instructor, Nursing & Health Sciences, at the NAPE (National Alliance for Partnership in Equity) conference.



Hudson County Community College was well represented at the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Best Practices Conference, which took place on Friday, April 20 at Middlesex Community College.



The Business and Accounting Club held an event, "Careers and Opportunities in the Field of Public Accounting," in April.



Jeremiah Teipen, Coordinator/Associate Professor of Computer Art, at the Pierro Gallery, where he participating in the "tech (in)dependent" exhibition.

Hudson County Community College's May 2017 Practical Nursing graduates had a 100% passing rate on the NCLEX – PN. This is the second cohort in a row to achieve this honor!

Eric M. Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been selected to provide the keynote address at Drew University's Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society induction and ceremony on Wednesday, May 2. AKD, the international sociology honor society, was founded at the University of Southern California in 1920. There are 500 chapters of AKD at colleges and universities in the United States as well as chapters in China, Finland, and other countries. Each year, AKD celebrates new inductees with a ceremony and a distinguished guest speaker.

Dr. Paula Pando, Senior Vice President for North Hudson Campus & Student and Educational Support Services has been named to the Board of Directors for the United Way of Hudson County. The United Way encompasses a global network of non-profit organizations operating in 48 countries and a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people's lives. She was also featured in an article about the Aspen Presidential Fellowship by the ECMC Foundation. The article is available at <https://bit.ly/2HTtYU5>

The Business and Accounting Club sponsored an event on April 18 on "Careers and Opportunities in the Field of Public Accounting." **Prof. Chuck Fong**, who is an adjunct instructor and has 20+ years of comprehensive experience in both domestic and international settings, was the speaker. The students were very interested and asked many questions. Professors **Lester McRae** and **Elana Winslow** are the Club advisers.

Sirhan Abdullah, M.D., Instructor, Nursing & Health Sciences, and Dayneesa McMillan, Assistant Controller, recently attended the NAPE (National Alliance for Partnership in Equity) conference. The mission of NAPE includes equity and diversity in career technical education.

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management, was one of two keynote speakers at FoodBiz, an event produced by NJBIZ, on April 24. The event features tastings from New Jersey food and beverage entrepreneurs as well as information sessions including speakers and panel discussions.

On Friday, April 13, the 2018 AFTNJ Local Hero Award was presented to **Dorothea Graham King**, Administrative Assistant, Institutional Research and Planning at the 2018 AFTNJ Annual Convention for her dedication and commitment to Local 6026.

2017 valedictorian **Reyhan Lalaoui** is working on her senior Honors thesis at Saint Peter's University. She writing about the importance of cultural and geographic representation in media aimed at young adults. "My hypothesis is that if you see yourself shown positively in the media, it will give you a better self-image," she says. To complement this thesis, she is writing, directing and producing the pilot episode of her own web television series, set in Jersey City. Please visit www.countyfilms.com for more information. (Editor's Note: For more information about Reyhan Lalaoui, please see the "Alumni Corner" on the back page of this issue.)

Jeremiah Teipen, Coordinator/Associate Professor of Computer Art, is participating in "tech (in)dependent," an exhibit at the Pierro Gallery, second floor of the Baird Community Center,

5 Mead Street, South Orange through May 19. The exhibit features artists who have been inspired by and/or use technology in their art. Additionally, along with Sheena Collum (South Orange Township President), Matt Hale (Associate Professor of Public Administration, Seton Hall University), Melissa Kopecky (Director, South Orange Public Library), Alan Delozier (South Orange University Library and South Orange Historical Preservation Society) and moderated by Stephen Schnall (South Orange Township Trustee), Teipen will participate in a symposium on "Citizenship in the Digital Age" on May 6, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gallery.

On March 12, **Azhar Mahmood**, Ph.D., Instructor, STEM represented the STEM Division of HCCC and served as a judge at the Jersey City Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health STEM Showcase. This event offers opportunities for local students to present independent research to STEM professionals.

Sylvia Mendoza, Executive Director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance received the Administrative Capability Credential from NASFAA, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators on April 7, 2018. This is one of 17 Credentials that you can achieve through NASFAA to demonstrate your excellence in a particular area of Financial Aid. Financial aid administrators can prove their knowledge, show their expertise and boost their professional development by earning these credentials. Upon receiving the credential, your name and credential are listed under NASFAA University on the NASFAA website.

Christine Petersen, Associate Director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance received the gavel to assume her role as President of NJAS-

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Jenny Bobea, Transitional Program Coordinator, reports on the Academic Support Services Bridge Program accomplishments at a recent Deans' Council.

FAA, New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for the 2018-2019 year in Atlantic City at the NJASFAA 50th Anniversary Conference March 14-16th, 2018. NJASFAA serves to promote the effective administration of student financial aid in New Jersey. This is accomplished through the education and training of financial aid administrators and by assisting students and families to obtain access to higher education. Ms. Petersen will begin her Presidency June 1, 2018.

Member of HCCC's Nursing senior class attended the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) 2018 Convention on March 28. The convention had special programs scheduled for students. Four students worked at the convention with **Carmen Pelardis**, College Lecturer faculty. The Nursing Program received very positive feedback regarding the students' participation. **Carol Fasano**, Director, Nursing Program, is a member of the NJLN Advisory Board.

As the Academic Support Services Bridge Program nears the end of its Title V grant funding, **Jenny Bobea**, Transitional Program Coordinator, reported out on the program's accomplishments at the Deans' Council. Over the years, the program has served more than 300 students who enrolled at the College with a developmental education need in at least one subject. Highlights from the program's four years under Picking Up the Pace, a collaboration with New Jersey City University to accelerate and transfer graduates, included retention and graduation rates as well as the program's role in relation to the HCCC Strategic Plan. The Bridge Program exceeded the specific goals set forth by the grant with a significant increase in year-to-year student enrollment and persistence while also meeting the College's goals of Student Excellence, Student-Centered Services, and Community Partnerships.

A poem by **Rose Grimaldi**, Adjunct Instructor, ESL/Bilingual Education, "Irreplaceable Moments," was published in *Pioneer: The Warnborough Gazette*. Grimaldi has been teaching at Hudson County Community College since 2001, teaching a variety of classes such as College Composition I and ESL Reading and Writing. She is a 2015 creative writing graduate of Warnborough College in England, and the author of a book titled *A Woman Who Loves Pandas*.

HCCC RECEIVES FOUR AWARDS AT 2018 NATIONAL TUTORING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Hudson County Community College has been a member of the National Tutoring Association (NTA) for many years. Every other year, the NTA holds a National Professional Development Conference. A significant part of this event is the awarding of recognition for several accomplishments. HCCC is no stranger to these accolades. In the past, HCCC's ADJ Academic Support Services Department was named the Most Outstanding Tutoring Program several times. Dr. Pamela Bandyopad-



Pictured from left: Joseph Caniglia, Assistant Professor of English; Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Academic Development and Support Services Division; Rose Dalton, Head Academic Coach; and Stev Lewis, Tutor.

hyay was named the Most Outstanding Member of the Board of Directors and Most Outstanding Officer. She also received the NTA Lifetime Achievement Award. Two HCCC tutors were named Tutor of the Year in years past. These are significant accomplishments, and the work being done at HCCC adds to the NTA's reputation around the world as the most respected tutoring association.

This year, the 23rd NTA National Professional Development Conference was held from April 13 to April 18, 2018 in Tampa, Florida, and members of the ADJ Academic Support Services Department received several awards:

Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay received the Global Impact Award for her work not only at HCCC, but also with NTA members in 17 other countries. She received this prestigious award based upon the hiring and training procedures, variety of services offered, assessment methods, expansion of the program, and the performance of the students who received services from the ADJ Academic Support Services Department. The department serves approximately 50% of the College's students. More than 90% of the students who attend tutorial sessions on a regular basis pass their respective courses. The association and other dedicated professionals across the globe know about HCCC and are modeling their tutoring programs after her fine examples for organization and training.

Joseph Caniglia received the Board Member of the Year Award. He is currently the Vice President of the NTA, a board member, and certified trainer. He modified and updated all of the NTA's tutor training workbooks and PowerPoint presentations this year.

Rose Dalton received the Academic Coach of the Year Award because the Academic Coaching Program has expanded under her supervision. She also received the Profile in Courage Award because she has not let the devastating loss of her husband who died from a terminal illness several years ago and the severe medical issues that she is currently experiencing stop her from moving forward and working hard every day to serve our students.

Stev Lewis, one of the HCCC's Tutors, also received the Profile in Courage Award because she has remained strong and true to herself despite the adversity that she continues to experience. She said that accepting her identity as transgender has been both a liberating and polarizing experience. She said that she is very fortunate to have a mother that continues to support her, a job that allows her to work in a supportive and non-judgmental environment, and support from the transgender community.

HCCC HOSTS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY LUNCHEON



On Friday, April 27, 2018 Jennifer Feliz, HR Specialist hosted the second annual Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon. The event was held in the Scott Ring Room. Administrative Assistants and Secretaries enjoyed a lunch, massages and a gift of appreciation. A special thank you to Dr. Paula Pando, Senior Vice President for the North Hudson Campus and Student and Educational Support Services for her generosity which made this luncheon possible.

HCCC HOLDS OPEN HOUSE AT NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS ON APRIL 14



Ara Karakashian (left), Assistant Professor, Culinary Arts, discusses the College's Culinary Arts Institute with a prospective student



Yeurys Pujols, Executive Director, North Hudson Campus (at left in background), moderates a panel discussion and Q&A session for Open House attendees.



Members of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Department greet members of the public during the Open House.

HCCC HOLDS TRANSFER FAIR



Debbie Gabbidon, University Admissions, from New Jersey Institute of Technology.



John Van Brunt from the Transfer Admissions Department at Kean University.

SPRING 2018 LEARNING COMMUNITIES DAY



by Syeda Jesmin, LC Coordinator

The Learning Community program held its bi-annual Learning Community Day on April 19th, in the Culinary Conference Center. The event has always been well attended and well acclaimed by members of the college community. In the first part of the program, selected LC students were recognized for their outstanding class performance in their LC classes. Based on students' class performance in their LC courses, two students from each Learning Community are nominated by their respective LC faculty. This semester, ten students from five Learning Communities were nominated in one of the two categories: *Academic Excellence* and *Academic Achievement*. Each of these award recipients was given a Certificate of Recognition and a small gift. In the second part of the program, LC students showcased their best work in the Poster Session. The presentations covered a wide range of topics, such as, Milgram's Experiment, Creative and Expressive Art Therapy, Depression, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, and many more. Since all attendees were invited to view these posters and vote for the best poster by filling out an evaluation sheet, the Poster Session turned into an interactive educational activity. For their enthusiastic participation, each attendee got a chance to enter his/her name for raffle prizes. The raffle draw was held for all attendees who completed the Best Poster evaluation sheets. Small gifts, such as HCCC T-shirts, HCCC cups, HCCC umbrellas, were given out to the raffle winners. The Learning Community Day is yet another way to celebrate the LC students' academic success.

HCCC PRESENTS EARTH DAY LECTURE



Dharmesh Patel from TechLaw Inc, presenting to current students about environmental awareness and remediation.



HCCC EOF alumnus, Reginald St. Juste, speaking about the technology used by TechLaw.

In honor of Earth Day, TechLaw Inc. of New Jersey delivered a brief presentation to the Hudson County Community College students/community on "Our Planet and the Environmental Impact We Face Today." They provided an overview from beginning to end on-site remediation before and after with some of the technology they use to produce the data, and concluded with some quality control and some of the different field of work with the environmental field. It shed light on the importance of our environment, what it takes to implement sustainable remedies in keeping the en-

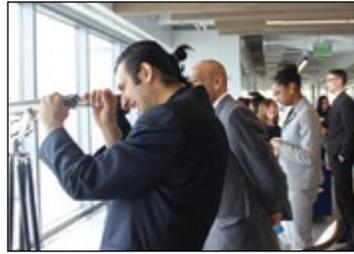
vironment clean, and about the different services they conduct for a better environment.

The presentation was held on Wednesday, April 18 in the STEM Building's Multi-Purpose Room and was well attended with 36 attendees. This event was a collaboration between TechLaw, the HCCC EOF Program, Dr. Nadia Hedhli (Program Coordinator of Environmental Studies), and the Office of Student Activities. Presenters were Mr. Reginald St. Juste (HCCC EOF Alumnus), Mr. Ian Bielecki, and Mr. Dharmesh Patel.

GOLDMAN SACHS COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE



HCCC GSLCC Cohort visits Newell Brand Headquarters



GSLCC volunteers at Ezra L. Nolan Middle School in Jersey City.



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The Hudson County Community College Goldman Sachs Local College Collaborative students had a busy month amidst preparing for their final case challenges! On April 13, students visited Newell Brands Headquarters in Hoboken, New Jersey. They had the opportunity to tour the facilities, and network with Newell Brand professionals. “The GSLCC has helped me grow my network, opening doors to opportunities I would have otherwise not had. The program has also developed my sense of professionalism to the point that I find myself utilizing much of what I’ve learned in my everyday life, to great effect,” said Edward Doherty, HCCC LCC Student.

The next day, the HCCC students joined their fellow Local College Collaborative coaches and cohort members from Borough of Manhattan Community College, New Jersey City University, & Saint Peter’s University to volunteer at Ezra L. Nolan Elementary School in Jersey City. The day’s activities were organized by Jersey Cares through a partnership with Community Team Works (CTW), an initiative sponsored by Goldman Sachs. Volunteers spent the day cleaning up the school courtyards, painting wall murals, designing planter pots, and creating custom tile mosaics.

Camille de los Reyes, HCCC Business Administration student, remarked “The day of volunteering was not only a fun opportunity to work with each other creatively, but also an incredibly heartwarming experience. Taking a break from the business environment to volunteer at a local middle school instilled a deeper connection amongst the mentors, coaches, and students. We were all able to come together to create something beautiful and inspiring”.

Stay up-to-date with everything GSLCC related with our monthly updates in *Happenings*. For more information, please contact Aparna Saini, Director, Career Development at asaini@hccc.edu.

HCCC JOB FAIR HELD ON APRIL 17, 2018



Director of Career Development, Aparna Saini and Job Fair Sponsor & HCCC Foundation Board Member, Lynn Smith (VP, M&T Bank).



80 organizations recruited students at the annual HCCC Job Fair.



AXA Recruiter with a job seeker at the HCCC Job Fair.



Kelly Kabeho, HCCC Business Administration student (left), assists a fellow student to navigate the event with the help of the Job Fair directory.

More than 500 job seekers gathered inside the Culinary Conference Center for the Hudson County Community College Job Fair on Tuesday, April 17 hosted by the HCCC Department of Career Development. Recruiters attended from many major industries including healthcare, education, banking and finance, law enforcement, social services, culinary arts and hospitality, and computer technology. This year’s Gold Sponsors included Liberty House (A Landmark Hospitality Venue) and M&T Bank.

The majority of students surveyed indicated that as a result of attending the Job Fair, they were more aware of career opportunities in their majors, they now know what next steps to take to seek out employment opportunities, they are more comfortable talking with employers about their interests and qualifications, and they are motivated to apply for jobs or internships related to their

professional interests. Kelly Kabeho, a Business Administration major had this to say about the event, “I was impressed with the number of employment opportunities available to me as an HCCC student. I felt prepared to attend and speak with recruiters after the 1:1 assistance I received from [The Department of] Career Development including their Pre-Job Fair Soft Skills Boot Camp.”

Events like this would not be possible without the support of the faculty and staff who encouraged students to attend. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a successful setting for career development and building pathways between HCCC and opportunities in our community. For more information about Career Development events and services for students and alumni, please contact us at career@hccc.edu or 201-360-4184 and follow us on Instagram @HudsonCareer.

HCCC COMMUNITY MEMBERS MEET A REAL, LIVE PENGUIN AND LEARN ABOUT HIS LIFE



Jennifer Lengares-Meyer of Jenkinson's Aquarium (Point Pleasant Beach, NJ) introduces 3-year-old Captain Jack to a capacity crowd during a lecture on penguins at Hudson County Community College on Monday, April 9.

With their tuxedo suits and awkward waddles, penguins are full of charm and personality.

Hudson County residents were invited to come and meet one of these aquatic, flightless birds at a "Penguin Lecture" on Monday, April 9 in the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Building. The 45-minute presentation provided an in-depth overview of the penguin habitat and concluded with a penguin visiting from Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

Although there are 18 species of penguins, habitat destruction, overfishing, and pollution has some species in endangered or threatened status. A low reproduction rate of one or two eggs per year makes continuation of their species even more challenging. Penguins spend roughly 75 percent of their time in water – feeding on fish, squid, and krill. Their dense bones allow them to dive deep for food, according to the Global Penguin Society. Crucial to the food chain, penguins are also prey to leopard seals and orcas in cold climates; and corgars, mongooses, and crabs in warmer climates.

HUMAN SERVICES CLUB ORGANIZES SUCCESSFUL TOILETRY DRIVE



Pictured from left: Annette Siciliano, Human Services Club member; Jennifer Lozada, President, Human Services Club; Karla Levine, Treasurer, Human Services Club; Veronica Martinez, Vice President, Human Services Club; and Rebecca Richardson.

Hudson County Community College's Human Services Club held a campus-wide drive collecting toiletries. Veronica Martinez, Vice President of the club, led the drive with assistance from Jennifer Lozada, President, and Karla Levine, Secretary.

On Saturday, April 14, collected items were delivered to the Hoboken Shelter. 300 bags were prepared and most have been delivered – to The Hoboken Shelter, WomenRising, Youth from Family Partners, and Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation (PERC). The remainder will be kept on campus for students who need such supplies.

"The drive was a huge success and a team effort," says Martinez. "We all worked really hard; we even got our families involved in the preparation of the bags. We will be sending thank-you letters to the hotels that donated to this big event."

HCCC SPOTLIGHT: URBAN ENVIRONMENT LECTURE



Dr. Kristen Day, Professor and Associate Dean at NYU Tandon School of Engineering, talks to a room of students, faculty, and community about her studies with urban environments & wellbeing in Chinese cities, and how urbanization has affected the environment and everyday life in China's ever-growing cities.



Nabil Marhood, Ph.D., Professor and Coordinator of Sociology/Anthropology at Hudson County Community College, served as moderator of the discussion.

Join Friends and Colleagues of President Glen Gabert in celebrating his career at Hudson County Community College and wishing him a happy retirement.



Friday, May 11
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Culinary Conference Center
161 Newkirk Street
Banquet Room, First Floor

Light refreshments will be served.

FINANCIAL LITERACY CONTINUES



The Office of Financial Assistance held two events this month in celebration of Financial Literacy Month. Budgeting Basics was the first event on April 4th with guest speaker Dinah Hendon from the Waterfront Project, Inc. Ms. Hendon spoke about budgets, the benefits, how to get started and what they can do to help. The Waterfront Project has a grant to take on financial capability counseling and coaching. The goal is to continue to empower individuals with financial education and coaching.

The second event was held on April 25th with guest speaker Peter Cronrath, a member of the Faculty from the Business Department. Professor Cronrath spoke about the risks and benefits of entrepreneurship, and how to get started. This was a new topic for our Financial Literacy events.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM RANKED #2 IN NEW JERSEY



The Practical Nursing Program at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been ranked second in all of New Jersey. The ranking was announced by PracticalNursing.org, a leading LPN/LVN advancement and ranking agency.

The ranking was based on factors representing how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. Past and present first-time NCLEX-PN “pass rates” were weighted by year. The agency analyzed 31 schools in New Jersey, ranking ten that met their criteria for analysis.

The exceptional HCCC Practical Nursing Program scored HCCC number two based on the fact that, over a five-year period, 98.83% of graduates of the Hudson County Community College Practical Nursing Program passed the NCLEX licensure test first time out. (In actuality, 100% of the last two groups of HCCC PN graduates passed the NCLEX-PN.)

Nursing is a recession-proof and rewarding career. It’s also part of the growing healthcare industry that has been adding jobs at more than three times the rate of the rest of the economy. Bureau of Labor Statistics data in New Jersey shows that on average, Licensed Practical Nurses earn \$51,270 annually.

Training students to work in nursing careers, the HCCC Nursing Program includes classes in the College’s state-of-the-art educational facility, The Cundari Center, which includes a mock hospital with interactive “patients” where Nursing Program students train. The program includes a theoretical base of general education and science courses together with nursing theory and practical course work designed to prepare graduates for the state licensure examination.

Additional information on the HCCC Practical Nursing and other health-related courses may be found at <https://www.hccc.edu/nhs/>.

HCCC OPENS PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING/EXERCISE SCIENCE LAB



A dedicated room for the newly launched Associate in Science in Exercise Science has been established at the Cundari Center (870 Bergen Avenue). The lab contains equipment that students would expect to utilize in a personal training career.

Hudson County Community College recently opened a lab for the new Associate in Science in Exercise Science degree program and Personal Fitness Training certificate program. The Personal Fitness Training program provides a curriculum based in scientific principles and requires the development of basic skills in exercise assessment. The Personal Fitness Training certification is seamlessly transferred into the Associate Degree in Exercise Science. Graduates may sit for a number of national certifications in Personal Training.

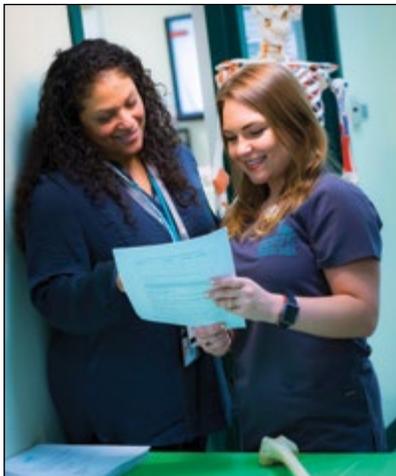
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STUDENTS COMPLETE EMERGENCY NURSING CODE SIMULATION



Professor Griselda Frane instructs her class on the devices to use during an emergency situation.

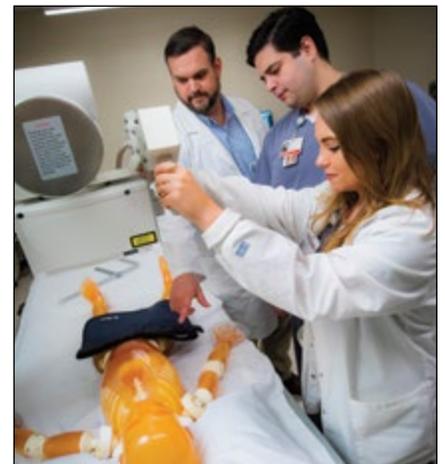
HCCC RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM ACQUIRES PHANTOM



Kathey Rodriguez (left), Administrative Assistant, Radiography, reviews the program curriculum during Information Session.



The Radiography Program recently acquired a pediatric phantom, a lifelike device used for teaching and training. It is located in Room 218A of the Cundari Center at 870 Bergen Ave.



The Radiography Program’s new pediatric phantom was made possible through a Perkins Grant. The phantom is equipment which will be used in training students.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS



Students enrolled in the Spring 2018 Ethics in the Criminal Justice System (CRJ 230) course observed the administration of justice firsthand while hearing cases at the Jersey City Municipal Court. Adjunct Professor Jim Sharrock promoted a new panel, "How to Become a Cop,"

Ethics in the Criminal Justice System (CRJ 230) students participated in a field excursion in Richard Walker's class on April 5. The students heard various cases at the Hudson County Municipal Courthouse. Students were able to discuss the processes of a municipal court, and to apply the theoretical perspectives from the textbook by observing the roles and duties pertaining to attorneys, judges, bailiffs, and defendants.

Adjunct Professor Jim Sharrock promoted a new panel, "How to Become a Cop," on April 18 in the Library Building, Sixth Floor Atrium. Sharrock, along with a panel of experts from various levels of law enforcement, provided useful tips for criminal justice students in navigating the following issues: recruitment process for local, state, and county recruits; civil service testing; academy training; local/municipal policing; and job requirements for various federal agencies. Audience members participated in a question and answer session after the presentations.

Richard Walker (Lecturer, Criminal Justice), along with Lieutenant Thomas Ferrari and P.O. Vanessa Espinoza from the North Bergen Police



Adjunct Instructor James Sharrock (right) answers a question from the audience in a "How to Become a Cop" panel discussion on Wednesday, April 18.



Student in the Police Role in the Community took a field excursion to the Bayonne Police Department on April 24.

Department, organized a basketball tournament that took place on April 19. This was a class project to help students help students connect the theoretical perspectives of community policing from the classroom sessions, to the application of a real life event. Criminal Justice students from Walker's classes played basketball against the North Bergen Police Department at the North Bergen Recreational Center. The students were assisted by Yeury Pujols (North Hudson Campus Executive Director), Sirhan Abdullah, Ph.D. (Coordinator, Health Sciences), Patrick Moore, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Psychology), and Tyquan Grant (Part-time Assistant, Division of Social Sciences). Pro-

fessor Joseph Colicchio (Associate Professor, English) was the coach for the HCCC team.

Richard Walker's Police Role in the Community (CRJ 221) class visited the Bayonne Police Department for a field excursion on April 24. The students were given a tour by law enforcement personnel that included various units to help them analyze police functions within the department. Furthermore, students observed how the relationships among officers translated into policing in the community. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and take notes as part of a class assignment.

CHI ALPHA EPSILON INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

On Friday, April 13, Hudson County Community College inducted its newest class of members into Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society (XAE). Founded at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Chi Alpha Epsilon was organized in 1989. Its purposes are to promote continued high academic standards, to foster increased communication among its members, and to honor academic excellence achieved by those students.

HCCC's chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon, Beta Nu, was chartered in 2009.

Hudson County Community College inducted its Spring 2018 class of Chi Alpha Epsilon members on April 13.



ANNUAL FEDERAL WORK STUDY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Office of Student Financial Assistance hosted the second annual Federal Work Study Appreciation Luncheon on April 18th in the Banquet Room of the Culinary Conference Center. The luncheon honored all who participated in the program, both students and supervisors. Build your own Tacos was the food theme with churros for dessert along with the presentation of certificates and prizes. The winners of two baskets filled with important items from the bookstore were Darlery Franco, Director of the Testing Center and Rahima Aslam of the Enrollment Services Department. 80 people attended this fun event! The Federal Work Study Program is a government subsidized employment program designed to assist students in financing their education. Students, if qualified, may receive an award per year. 169 students in 42 different departments participated in the program this year.



Christine Petersen, Associate Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance (right) with Raymond Miranda, Federal Work Study from the Department of Cultural Affairs.



Jose Lowe, Assistant Director of EOF (center) with Federal Work Study students from the Educational Opportunity Fund Program.



Federal Work Study students from Enrollment Services with Lisa Dougherty, Dean of Enrollment (right).

HCCC CULINARY STUDENTS WORK WITH MASTER CHOCOLATIER ERIC GIRERD



Pictured from left: master chocolatier Chef Eric Girerd and CAI students Orpha Bernal and Manuel Rodeles. Bernal and Rodeles are undergoing an externship at Chef Girerd's shop, L'atelier du Chocolat, in Jersey City during the Spring 2018 term.

by Patricia Choi

Despite famously saying “My technique is always secret,” it seems like talented students at Hudson County Community College’s Culinary Arts Institute have been able to dodge Chef Girerd’s secretive ways and were given the opportunity to work with this Master Chocolatier. Orpha Bernal and Manuel Rodeles are both Baking and Pastry seniors at the Culinary Arts Institute. These two are currently working under Eric Girerd in his sweet shop, L’atelier, located in downtown Jersey City as a part of the externship program.

Eric Girerd started at Auberge du Pere Bise Talloire, a two Michelin star restaurant in France. From there, Girerd’s career and passion has taken him all over the world. Aside from working two other Michelin star restaurants in France, Girerd has worked in Morocco, Venezuela, Japan, South Korea, New York, and now right here in Jersey City. Girerd has won several awards, the most recent being included in the Top 10 Chocolatier in North America (USA), for 2014-2015.

Along with learning how to work with chocolate, our students will be learning how to work with some unique flavor combinations Girerd’s artisan confections use. Some of the unusual flavors you will find in his chocolates come from white miso, ylang ylang, a flower found in Southeast Asia said to have a slightly floral taste with notes of spice and nectar, and tamari, a sauce similar to soy sauce. What an exciting experience for our students. We are definitely grateful to Chef Girerd for his willingness to share his knowledge, skill, and experience.

Learn about Hudson County Community College's Classes at Washington Middle School!

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Washington Middle School

1 North 5th Street

Harrison, NJ 07029

Topics for the evening will include:

- Admissions
- Financial Aid
- Off-Site Offerings at Washington Middle School

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



To inquire about or RSVP for this event, please contact Luis R. Sosa Santiago (Isosasantiago@hccc.edu) or (201) 360-4244.

HCCC'S EOF PROGRAM HONORS 2018 GRADUATES



EOF Counselor Knight Ambubuyog (left) presents certificates from the College and the State of New Jersey to De'Asia Gore.



EOF Director Tieka Harris (left) and EOF Office Assistant Viergeline Privat distribute gift bags to HCCC's graduating EOF students.



Jose Lowe (left), Assistant Director of EOF, (left) presents certificates from the College and the State of New Jersey to Mary Machado.

HCCC PARTICIPATES IN 'LATINAS IN STEM' CONFERENCE

On Saturday, March 17, a team from Hudson County Community College (HCCC) participated in the Latinas in STEM Conference held at Alexander D. Sullivan School (Public School No. 30), Jersey City.

The Jersey City Public Schools are proud to partner with the Latinas in STEM Foundation to host the Latinas in STEM 101 Conference. Latinas in STEM 101 is a series of nationwide workshops, developed by the Latinas in STEM Foundation, focused on inspiring middle and high school students (and their parents) to pursue and thrive in STEM fields.



Pictured with participants: Janine Nunez (Admissions), Joanne Neira (student at HCCC - STEM) Dr. Clive Li and Dr. Azhar Mahmood (Faculty STEM).



Joanne Neira (Student at HCCC - STEM), Dr. Clive Li, Dr. Azhar Mahmood and Dr. Ferdinand Orock (Faculty STEM), Janine Nunez (Admissions)

HCCC STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH PROJECT AT NEW JERSEY STEM PATHWAYS NETWORK CONFERENCE



HCCC student Joane Neira (left) explained her finding to New Jersey Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, Ph.D. (D-16th Legislative District) (right) on biodegradable composite material at the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network Conference in the Statehouse in Trenton. (Photo courtesy of New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN))

On Monday, March 26, 2018, Joane Neira, a student from Hudson County Community College (HCCC), presented her research project at the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network Conference in the Statehouse in Trenton.

Neira works with her mentor, Clive Li, Ph.D., College Lecturer, STEM, to develop a biodegradable (soil degradable) composite material by using mushroom stumps, an agricultural waste by-product. About 900 million pounds of fresh mushroom are produced in the U.S. every year. While harvest, only the top dome part of the fresh mushroom is collected to sell to consumers. The lower part of the mushroom called mushroom stump is discarded as a waste by-product. This research team led by Dr. Clive Li at HCCC developed a new biodegradable (soil-degradable) material by using the mushroom stump as a starting ingredient.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1

Student Achievement and Excellence Awards, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

CAI Exit Dinner, 4 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Ballroom, 161 Newkirk St.

Wednesday, May 2

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

Lecture Series featuring Martha Raddatz, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Register at www.hccc.edu/tickets.

Thursday, May 3

Decorate Your Graduation Cap, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

#TruckinThursday, 12 p.m., outside 81 Sip Ave. and outside North Hudson Campus (while supplies last)

Friday, May 4 – Thursday, May 17

Exhibition: HCCC Art Review, Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Friday, May 4

Artist Reception for Art Review Exhibition, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

“Wonder Women 11: Eye of the Storm” Artist Panel Discussion, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library Building, 71 Sip Ave., Sixth Floor

Induction ceremony for National Society of Leadership & Success, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, May 7

NHC Grad BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus

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

Tuesday, May 8

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

JSQ Grad BBQ, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Park Plaza

Decorate Your Graduation Cap, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Library, 71 Sip Ave., and North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

HCCC Foundation, West Hudson/North Arlington Committee Wine and Cheese Event, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 11

Retirement Party for HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Spring Theatre Festival, 6 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St.

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

Commencement Formal, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Liberty House Restaurant, 76 Audrey Zapp Dr., Jersey City. Students: \$20; Guests \$35. Link to purchase tickets have been sent to graduates. Tickets are required.

Thursday, May 17

Commencement, 6 p.m., New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Please be advised that due to fire regulations, all attendees, including children, must have their own ticket. Graduating students are asked to report to their division rooms for check-in by 4 p.m.

Friday, May 18

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

Monday, May 21

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

Monday, May 21

Summer Session I classes begin (through June 27)

Summer Online A classes begin (through July 1)

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – College Closed

Wednesday, May 30

Student Personnel Services Appreciation Event, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Liberty House Restaurant, 76 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City



HCCC Alumni: Get involved!

Did you enjoy your experience at HCCC?

Are you willing to contribute time?

Do you want to inspire others with your success stories?

Are you looking for career support?

If so join, socialize and network!

SOME BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Discounts on movies, shows, Culinary Conference Center, and specific discounts on available spaces in Community Education classes.

For information about the College's Alumni Association or membership benefits, please email alumni@hccc.edu.



GRAD SALUTE



In addition to the other services Grad Salute has become known for, students were also able to take their yearbook photos.



Students were encouraged to join the Hudson County Community College Alumni Association during the Grad Salute. Those who did received an Alumni t-shirt.



Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities, demonstrates a cap and gown lens available to participants on Snapchat.

ALUMNI CORNER

Reyhan Lalaoui

Class of 2017

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts – English



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

I took an unusual education path, graduating high school at 13 and beginning my college career at 14. I was super young and my parents wanted me to be close to home. Hudson County Community College was a short commute away, so we decided it was the best choice. It was a very nurturing environment, too - people really care who you are and where you're going.

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

I have this great memory of a conversation I had with a few students in one of my science classes. We had finished our assignment early and were sitting together, talking about life. The environment was so welcoming that we all ended up in this deep philosophical discussion about everything from family to outer space. The connection and openness with the other people I was studying with inspired and motivated me more than I can say.

How did you become interested in your major or career?

I've always been interested in telling stories. It's the first thing I ever wanted to do and what I aspire towards to this day. Naturally, I thought English would be a great fit, and it was. Figuring out how stories are told enables you to create your own guidelines. In essence, learn the rules so you can break them. Now, at Saint Peter's University, I've moved from the page to the screen as a Communications major. I've picked up a lot from both majors and look forward to continuing my academic path.

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

It taught me that communicating with people is a vital part of success. As the President of the English Honor Society, I was in charge of organizing events, gathering people and getting the word out. But whether you're putting together a literary magazine or talking to your professor about a grade on a test, it's all about clear communication.

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

I'm currently working on my senior Honors thesis

at Saint Peter's University. I'm writing about the importance of cultural and geographic representation in media aimed at young adults. My hypothesis is that, if you see yourself shown positively in the media, it will give you a better self-image. To complement this thesis, I'm writing, directing and producing the pilot episode of my own web television series, set in Jersey City (check out www.countyfilms.com for more details and how you can help me out!). I'm hoping to pitch it to outlets like Netflix and Hulu in the future. It's the biggest thing I've ever organized and I'm really, really excited.

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

I feel like everyone says it's their mom - but really, it's my mom! She's the smartest person I know, always has a solution before I even have a problem and motivated me throughout my entire journey. I'm a first-generation college student, so she was very passionate about putting me through school. Her support motivates me to be the person she knows I have the capability of being. Thanks, Mom. :)

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

You did it - congratulations! The best advice I can give you is to take a step back for a moment and meditate on your accomplishments. It's really easy to get caught up in the, "Okay, what's next?" mindset, but in order to get more things done, you should appreciate and acknowledge the progress you've made so far.

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

You have a brand new adventure ahead of you and lots to look forward to. If you're feeling nervous or self-conscious, remember that nobody is analyzing you as closely as you analyze yourself. The thing that I recommend the most is to look at everything like a learning opportunity, not just your actual classes. So many events in your life are teaching you things and it's up to you to listen and take those lessons to heart.

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HCCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS MEET & GREET



Members of the HCCC Alumni Association gathered for a Meet and Greet at La Isla Restaurant in Hoboken.

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Hudson County Community College Alumni Association hosted a "meet and greet" at La Isla Restaurant in Hoboken (25 12th Street). The event was the first gathering of the newly established Alumni Association of HCCC. Over 30 alumni attended the event.

The Restaurant is currently being managed by a fellow alum, Chef Omar Giner, and Robert Hernandez. A raffle was held, leading to one of the winners, Prof. Lester McRae, to graciously donate the funds and establish the first funds for the organization. A trip to Atlantic City is being planned later in the year.