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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT NAMED TO 2021 NJBIZ EDUCATION POWER 50

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) is proud to announce that HCCC President Dr. Christopher M. Reber has been named to the *NJBIZ* Education Power 50 List for 2021. The list recognizes education leaders who are responsible for managing New Jersey higher education organizations, making policies that affect the institutions, or who are directly responsible for imparting knowledge to students, apprentices, and the community at large. This year’s list honors the ways educators, and colleges and universities, demonstrated resiliency and forward thinking in navigating the pandemic and ongoing public health emergency.

The *NJBIZ* profile notes: “...Reber gained wide attention when the school cancelled the debt incurred by 2,000 students over three semesters during the pandemic.” In an August interview, Dr. Reber told *NJBIZ*: “The number one goal we have is to try to avoid students dropping out. Because of the nature of our student body, the likelihood [is high] that if they stop now, they’ll never come back to us or to any higher degree.”

Under Dr. Reber’s leadership since the COVID-19 pandemic began HCCC has supported food pantries on the Journal Square and North Hudson campuses; distributed more than 1,100 Chromebooks and laptop computers as well as 50 Hot Spots; made more than 5,500 reheatable meals prepared by the College’s Culinary Arts Institute available to the College and Hudson County communities; offered courses, programs and services remotely and online; launched a COVID-19 vaccine incentive program that provided \$100 to 3,000 students who demonstrated they were fully vaccinated; partnered with the North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC) to

administer COVID-19 vaccines on the HCCC North Hudson and Journal Square campuses; offered financial counseling and emergency assistance to students; and much more.

“I am honored to be recognized by *NJBIZ* and acknowledged with my esteemed colleagues,” Dr. Reber stated. “I share this honor with everyone at HCCC – trustees, students, faculty and staff. As our students often say, ‘Hudson is Home.’ We are a family and work together to ensure a culture of care that supports all of our members and our neighbors in the community is fully realized at all times.”

Dr. Reber became the eighth president of HCCC in July 2018, and has made student success, and equity, diversity and inclusion the hallmarks of his administration. Prior to arriving at HCCC, Dr. Reber served as president of Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) near Pittsburgh, PA. Earlier in his career, he served for 12 years as Executive Dean of Venango College of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. His career also includes 18 years at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he served as the Chief Development, University Relations and Alumni Relations Officer; and as Chief Student Affairs Officer. He also led continuing and cooperative education programs at Lakeland Community College near Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Reber holds a bachelor’s degree from Dickinson College; a master’s degree from Bowling Green State University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a post-graduate certificate from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education.

The *NJBIZ* profile on Dr. Reber and the other *NJBIZ* Education Power 50 may be viewed at <https://njbiz.com/2021-njbiz-education-power-50-z/>.

HCCC ASSISTS COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH FOOD INSECURITY

Numerous studies have demonstrated that food insecurity is linked to both physical and mental health. Hudson County Community College’s Culinary Arts Institute began preparing and serving meals in the spring of 2020 during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and has continued to do so to assist members of the College community with food insecurity.

“We will continue to provide meals for Hudson Helps, which not only benefits others, but reminds us of our obligation to help those closest to us,” said Dr. Ara Karakashian, Interim Associate Dean, Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management.



The Culinary Arts Institute has prepared over 6500 meals to date for the College community as part of the College’s Hudson Helps initiative. Pictured are food items prepared by CAI during the week of September 15.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES *INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY* 2021 HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY (HEED) AWARD



Hudson County Community College students are pictured at an induction ceremony of the College's chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society for two-year colleges.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has received the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The annual award recognizes colleges and universities in the United States that demonstrate outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. HCCC is one of just eight community colleges among the 101 award recipients.

"This significant national recognition is another point of pride made possible by the leadership and support of the College's Board of Trustees, and the engagement and outstanding dedication and contributions of the entire HCCC family," said HCCC President Dr. Christopher M. Reber.

"The HEED Award process consists of a comprehensive and rigorous application that includes questions relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees – and best practices for both, continued leadership support for diversity, and other aspects of campus diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. "We take a detailed approach to reviewing each application in deciding who will be named a HEED Award recipient. Our standards are high, and we look for institutions where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being done every day across their campus."

Hudson County Community College serves one of the most ethnically and racially diverse communities in the United States. In 2019,

Dr. Reber established the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI), a team of 40 students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and external community members. PACDEI, through collaborations and partnerships, has played an essential role in the organic development of an inclusive institutional climate. At the time of PACDEI's inception, HCCC administered a College-wide climate survey. The survey results informed the development of four Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) overarching goals that served as the foundation of PACDEI's comprehensive DEI Action Plan. These DEI goals are interwoven in the College's updated Mission, Vision, and Values statements, and the Board of Trustees' Goals, Academic Master Plan, 2021-24 Strategic Plan, and Student Success Action Plan.

In July, the College established the HCCC Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Yeury Pujols was appointed the College's inaugural Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In addition to leading and supporting the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – which also includes Accessibility Services, Cultural Affairs, and oversight of Title IX operations – Mr. Pujols is charged with promoting an institutional climate that embraces and celebrates differences while championing equitable and inclusive practices, policies, and procedures in all activities for all community members. This includes working with various HCCC offices and divisions to establish guidelines and practices for recruitment and hiring, search committee policies, promotion considerations, and succession planning; creating clear and transparent processes for safety, security, and incident reporting that are free of intimidation

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDED \$3 MILLION TITLE V GRANT TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



A delegation from Hudson County Community College attended the 2018 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' (HACU) Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Pictured from left are Suleiry Matos; Avery Tan; Veronica Gerosimo, Director of Student Activities; David Martinez; and Dr. Christopher Reber, HCCC President.

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has been awarded a \$3 million, five-year Title V grant from the United States Department of Education (USDOE). The grant will enable the College to expand educational opportunities and promote the academic attainment of students, with a focus on Hispanic and Latino students, who comprise slightly more than half of the College's student population.

The College's transformational "The Golden Door/La Puerta Dorada" project aligns with the overarching priorities of the College's new strategic plan – ensuring student success, and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. The project includes the development of an English as a Second Language (ESL) Pathway Academy, which will revamp the ESL curriculum offerings to better align with English-language learners' needs; the redesign of student support services through the development of an ESL Resource Center; and the implementation of a Faculty/ Staff Professional Development Program with curricula that address equity, inclusion, and the educational needs of adult English-language learners.

HCCC President Dr. Christopher M. Reber stated that, "The Golden Door/La Puerta Dorada" project will have a positive, enduring impact on student retention, graduation and the success of all HCCC students. It is a transformational project that is squarely focused on the College's Mission, Vision and Values."

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MILESTONES

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Jazmene Mosley

Five Years
Lisa Dougherty
Jenny Henriquez

10 Years
Miryam Hernandez
Shameka Jennings

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year
Anthony Campo
Chimere Diaw
Katherine Sorto

Five Years
Adita Singh

RETIREMENTS

Gilda Darias-Hershberger, Customer Service Coordinator (effective Dec. 31, 2021)

Rosie Soy, Associate Professor, English (effective Sept. 1, 2021)

NEW HIRES/TITLES

Deliana Acosta, Social Worker (Grant-funded), effective September 27, 2021

Joseph Caniglia, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, effective September 15, 2021

Angel Cardenas, PC Technician, effective September 15, 2021

Delfin Ganapin III, Program Assistant, effective September 15, 2021

Mackenzie Johnson, Academic Counselor (Grant-funded), effective August 23, 2021

Richard Remoura, Academic Counselor (Grant-funded), effective August 23, 2021

Alyssa Rupnarain, Academic Counselor (Grant-funded), effective August 23, 2021

Elizabeth Ryan, Academic Counselor (Grant-funded), effective August 23, 2021

Jennifer Valcarcel, Director, Transfer Pathways, effective September 20, 2021

Appointment of Temporary Full-Time Faculty
Judith Flinch Instructor, Nursing (Non-tenured)
August 16, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Faculty and Staff Professional Development Workshops and Trainings

Virtual Offerings for October 2021

Tuesday, October 5 - *Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop*

Presenter: L. Williams | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m0043a41e5cf9aa069f6ce8fd78e0ff3b>
Meeting number: 2630 329 6374 | Password: JdUAVxtx233

Thursday, October 7 - *Goal Setting and Professional Development Planning for Employee Performance Management Workshop*

Presenter: L. Williams | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb8b624849bf42fe52c2b3f1c0037f261>
Meeting number: 2631 152 0503 | Password: G7QkypJ6CB9

Friday, October 8 - *Management Orientation*

Presenter: A. Krupitskiy | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mcc7002b1e87bdb47adc72ca33a976298>
Meeting number: 2632 553 0680 | Password: 8ehXTiMZA38

Friday, October 15 - *Practicing Exceptional Customer Service*

Presenter: J. Caniglia | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m241d1eea6b68b892f21f427b1b759f7f>
Meeting number: 2632 585 6536 | Password: 4B5mjRPRHD9

Tuesday, October 19 - *Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop*

Presenter: L. Williams | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mbf28f4b8edc58f2e961b288d80e089a6>
Meeting number: 2633 049 6987 | Password: sDEW7mEps25

Wednesday, October 20 - *Time Management*

Presenter: S. Daughtry | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=me07a390c7f86f98ab578c42fe53d076a>
Meeting number: 2630 777 5195 | Password: Time

Monday, October 25 - *Understanding Diversity and Inclusion at Work*

Presenters: Y. Pujols and L. Williams | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m334edf6ffa283b1f1de0badb99068691>
Meeting number: 2634 060 4005 | Password: 7rnQKrmwp57

Friday, October 29 - *Navigating Difficult Conversations with Employees*

Presenter: A. Krupitskiy | 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2709c9ab635a435cb72949f7c3de1e52?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=me064e308c86c49dd150532c72daa887f>
Meeting number: 2630 005 5869 | Password: NXzTMaHe973

Please check the HCCC Portal and Email for Updates

MODIFICATION TO STAFFING TABLE

Connie Silletti-Cafaro, From CTE Career Coach (Grant-funded) to Perkins Equity Coordinator (Grant-funded), Effective September 15, 2021

Gilda Darias-Hershberger, From Customer Service Coordinator to Customer Service Manager, Effective September 15, 2021

Alexa Riano, From Executive Administrative Assistant to Senior Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees, Effective January 1, 2022

Jennifer Oakley, From Executive Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant, Effective January 17, 2022

Marcella Williams, From Executive Secretary to Executive Administrative Assistant, Effective January 1, 2022

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPOINTS NICOLE BOUKNIGHT JOHNSON VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) has selected Nicole Bouknight Johnson to serve as the College's inaugural Vice President for Advancement and Communications, effective September 20, 2021.

"The College sought a leader with stellar capital campaign and fundraising experience who shares a strong belief in the College's Mission, Vision, and Values. Following a national search, we found that leader in Nicole Bouknight Johnson," said HCCC President, Dr. Christopher Reber. "We look forward to Nicole's leadership for expanding philanthropic and grant funding in support of our students and the College's Mission. We are confident that Vice President Johnson will contribute significantly to promoting and sustaining best practices in everything we do."

The Vice President for Advancement and Communications is a new position at HCCC. Ms. Johnson will report directly to President Reber, serve as a member of the President's Cabinet and President's Executive Council, and provide leadership and support for the HCCC Foundation. She will also oversee the day-to-day operations of the College's Office of Communications and Grants.

Ms. Johnson, who grew up in northern New Jersey, realized the power and importance of education as a child, and has dedicated her career to helping open the doors of educational opportunity for people of all backgrounds. She holds a Master of Science degree in College Student Personnel from Miami University (Oxford, OH), and a Bachelor of Science degree in Consumer Economics from University of Maryland at College Park. In addition, she is an alumna of the American

Express Leadership Academy – the prestigious academy for nonprofit executives of promise.

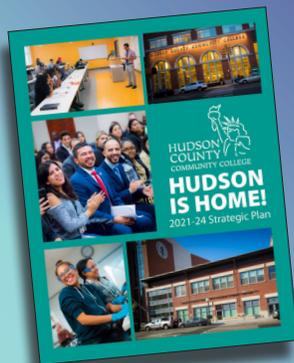
Nicole Bouknight Johnson has 20 years of experience in all facets of fundraising, a strong history of organizational leadership, and an authentically demonstrated and sustained allegiance to enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Prior to joining HCCC, Ms. Johnson served as National Director of Development and Communications for A Better Chance (New York, NY), the nonprofit organization that assists in opening doors to the nation's premier, college preparatory schools for talented students of color. She was also the Director of Individual Giving for New York Academy of Medicine (New York, NY), Director of Development for the Foundation of University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (New Brunswick, NJ), and Director of Major Gifts and Prospect Research for Ethical Culture Fieldston School (New York, NY).

"My unique blend of experience meets the moment, allowing me to provide a relatable, visible presence as a community ambassador for Hudson County Community College," Ms. Johnson said. "I look forward to working in partnership with Dr. Reber, the College's faculty, students, and staff, the HCCC Foundation Board of Directors, and representatives from public and private institutions to successfully fulfill the goals of this office."

Strategic Plan 2021-14: Hudson is Home!



TO VIEW:
<https://www.hccc.edu/about/mission/vision/strategic-plan.html>

PROFESSIONAL NOTES



On Sunday, Sept. 26, Dr. **Andrea Siegel** presented a TEDx talk on the TEDxBergen Community College channel about how the Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection can serve as a national model for community college art collections.

The talk is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW6V7rvLFOI>.



Congratulations to **Ted Lai**, Professor of Mathematics, on the pin he received from Phi Theta Kappa acknowledging his 25 years as advisor to Beta Alpha Phi Chapter! The pin was presented to him by HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber at the College's Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

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OUT of the BOX PODCAST



Tune in to our monthly podcast for a timely discussion about education, people, programs, events, issues, and solutions that affect those who live and work in Hudson County.

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

To listen, visit www.hccc.edu/outofthebox

SAVE THE DATE



TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, October 28
 12 p.m.

In-person at:
 Culinary Conference Center
 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room
 Jersey City, NJ

Virtual at:
<https://tinyurl.com/TownHall-Oct>
 Meeting number: 2634 695 5847
 Meeting password: OctTH2021

Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,600+ works is installed in the public areas of ten campus buildings. The entire College is an educational art museum. This Collection 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 Recognition

Thank you to Reverend Lisa Bellan-Boyer, Anne Hutchinson, Magda Salvesson, and Cathleen Sova for the donations of fine art books. Thank you to Tom Scudder for the donation of the light box.

All of the art you see around campus is made possible by the unseen and unheralded hard work of our maintenance crew under the supervision of Mark Murray, and our facilities crew, under the supervision of Julio Maldonado. Thanks to all for their help.

Artist News

Maya Lin, whose work is installed on the first floor of the Gabert Library, recently published an article in *ARTnews* about how art can lead us to a sustainable future.

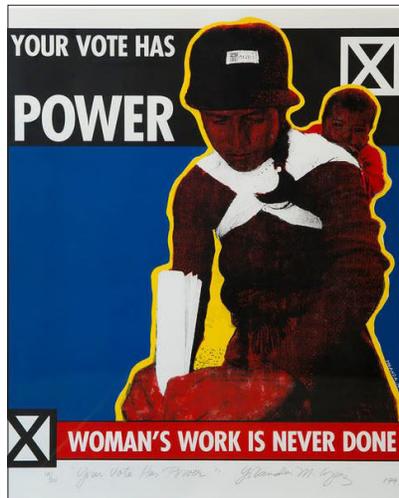
She says, "In my work I find myself intrigued with trying to forge a connection back to the natural world—to maybe get you to pause and listen and take a closer look at what is all around us, things you may not have looked at or listened to since you were a child." She seeks to raise awareness about what we are losing from the natural world and also to emphasize what can be done to help protect/restore species and habitats as well as reduce climate change emissions. She has started a non-profit organization called, What is Missing? (whatismissing.org) to "raise awareness of the ongoing sixth mass extinction, focusing attention on species and places that have gone extinct or

We welcome anecdotes and information about how the art collection benefits our community. If you have enjoyed using the art collection in your teaching, your studies, or your everyday life, please let us know! Contact ASiegel@hccc.edu and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

To make a monetary gift in support of the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicole Bouknight Johnson, Vice President for Advancement and Communications at (201) 360- 4069 or njohnson@hccc.edu

To donate artwork, find detailed information here: www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/index.html

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools? Go to www.hccc.edu/community/arts/foundation-art-collection/category-collection-search.html



"Your Vote Has Power" by Yolanda Lopez (1997). Lithograph on paper, 32 x 24 inches. Thank you to Benjamin J. Dineen and Dennis C. Hull for the generous donation of this work.

will most likely disappear within our lifetime if we do not act to protect them. Critical to the foundation's mission is not just making you aware of what we are losing, but emphasizing that by protecting and restoring habitats and reforming our land use practices we can effectively 'save two birds with one tree'—both protect species and reduce emissions."

One part of the website asks visitors to "share a personal memory of something they have witnessed diminish or disappear from the natural world. In so doing, they become a part of this growing online collective memorial, and perhaps also reconnect to nature." You are welcome to share here: <https://www.whatismissing.org/share-a-memory>

If an artwork is built after the artist is dead, is the artwork still by that artist? Christo, whose work is installed on the first floor of 2 Enos Place, died last year. He was famous for temporarily wrapping huge and well-known places in fabric.

Last week, French President Emmanuel Macron, unveiled a "Christo." The entire Arc de Triomphe, a 164-foot-high Parisian war monument, was wrapped in 270,000 square feet of silver-blue recyclable polypropylene.

Christo made all his art in collaboration with his wife Jeanne-Claude (under his name, Christo). They had dreamed of covering the monument in fabric since renting an apartment nearby in the 1960s. The completion of Christo's vision for this site was overseen by Christo's nephew Vladimir Javacheff in coordination with the Pompidou museum and French authorities. (The Pompidou's name will also be on HCCC's former Pathside

Building in Journal Square, when a museum opens across the street in a few years.) But is still it a Christo installation?

Rest in Peace **Yolanda Lopez**, whose work, "Your Vote Has Power," is installed on the third floor of the Gabert Library.

Talking about another work by the artist, Curator Jill Dawsey, of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, says, "Yolanda turns this image into a figure seen as rebellious and with unbridled joy and that's key to her legacy and what she put into the world." One of her most famous works is her 1978 poster titled "Who's the Illegal Alien, Pilgrim?" The black-and-white print shows a man in Aztec headdress, who points a finger like Uncle Sam, as he crushes paper notes labeled "Immigration Papers." The artist's work is in many major museum collections, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Her first solo museum exhibit will open posthumously October 16, at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego.

If you like the **Jacob Lawrence's** work on the third floor of the Gabert Library, you might enjoy learning more about one of Lawrence's most celebrated works, "Struggle: From the History of the American People," which was made of 30 painted panels in the 1950s. The work was on exhibit at the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC last month, and reviewed in *Art in America* (a link to the article is below). In "Struggle," Lawrence tackles how historically complicated the relationships are between people of different races in the United States. His subject was pivotal moments from the American Revolution and the early decades of the republic between 1770 and 1817. Each panel was titled, often quoting pamphlets and letters from that time. For example, the story commences with a panel titled *...Is Life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?* —Patrick Henry, 1775 (1955). This quote came from a lawyer advocating for the freedom of the American colonies from British rule. The paradox of legal slavery existing in a "democratic" society, is summarized in the title of Panel 5, *We have no property! We have no wives! No children! We have no city! No country!* —petition of many slaves, 1773 (1955). According to *Art in America*, "The cited petition was written by an enslaved Massachusetts man known only as Felix. His words electrify Lawrence's imagery, a brutal and chaotic collision of bodies, rifles, and bayonets that does not represent a specific revolt, but stands for the many slave rebellions that took place" during that period. To learn more about this wonderful work, go to: https://www.artnews.com/art-in-america/aia-reviews/jacob-lawrence-struggle-phillips-collection-1234604052/#recipient_hashed=9b01866d4c508c57bc09ce61d07b94f3127e1c37f127adb0839b54f077114d85

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Join the Department of Cultural Affairs for another month of art, interviews and music on the 6th Floor of the Gabert Library.
For more information to RSVP for programs or to visit the gallery, email: mvitale@hccc.edu



Poet David Mills: New York and New Jersey Slavery and the Colonial Settlers
Bergen Square Day, October 23, 11:00 a.m.
RSVP: mvitale@hccc.edu

David Mills is an internationally recognized poet who has been featured on ESPN and RCA Records. Mr. Mills will perform live/read from his bestselling, groundbreaking poetry collection, *Boneyarn*, the first-ever book of poems about slavery in New York City and New Jersey for Bergen Square Day on Hudson County Community College's Journal Square Campus. New York City holds the oldest and largest slave cemetery in the United States—the African Burial Ground—which was open from 1712 to 1795 and is located in Wall Street's shadows. Fifteen thousand enslaved and free Blacks, some Native Americans, and poor whites are buried there. Mills creatively "excavates" the tragedies and triumphs of New York's enslaved and free Black community. He writes about those who toiled as cooks, childhood chimney sweeps, sailed the Atlantic, fought in the Revolutionary War, maintained African traditions when burying the dead, helped build the "wall" where Wall Street gets its name, and regrettably were dehumanized in life and sometimes desecrated in death. The collection also includes a suite of poems dedicated to Jupiter Hammon; born into slavery in New York, Hammon was the first Black poet published in North America.

Mr. Mills holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College and an MA from New York

University—both in creative writing—as well as a BA (cum laude) from Yale University. He's published four poetry collections: *Boneyarn*, *The Sudden Country*, *The Dream Detective*, and *After Mystic*. His poems have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *Colorado Review*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Jubilat*, *Callaloo*, *Obsidian*, *Brooklyn Rail*, *Diode Journal* and *Fence*. He has received fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts, Breadloaf, The American Antiquarian Society, the Lannan Foundation, Arts Link and a Henry James and Hughes/Diop fellowship. He lived in Langston Hughes' landmark home for three years. The Juilliard School of Drama commissioned and produced a play by Mr. Mills. He wrote the audio script for MacArthur-Genius-Award winner Deborah Willis' curated exhibition: *Reflections in Black: 100 Years of Black Photography*, which showed at the Whitney and Getty West Museums. He has also recorded his poetry on ESPN and RCA Records.

October 2, 11 a.m.

Art of Yoga at Dineen Hull Gallery

Hosted by Mindful Play Yoga
Free hour-long yoga session with Jamie Wilson Murray for the Jersey City Artist Studio Tour. RSVP: mvitale@hccc.edu. For more tour information, visit: www.jcast.com

October 23, 11:00 a.m.

Poet David Mills Performance
Offsite: Bergen Square Day

David Mills is an internationally recognized poet who has been featured on ESPN and RCA Records. Mr. Mills will perform live/read from his bestselling, groundbreaking poetry collection, *Boneyarn*, the first-ever book of poems about slavery in New York City and New Jersey for Bergen Square Day. For more information, visit www.bergensquareday.com

November 12 – 14

Art Fair 14C

Off Site: Mana Contemporary

Interested in meeting artists and supporting the arts in your community? Volunteers are needed to represent HCCC at the most successful art fair in New Jersey. For more information, visit: www.artfair14c.com

JC Fridays, December 3, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Atrium of 6th Floor, Gabert Library
Reception for HCCC Student Exhibit and the solo exhibits of Eileen Ferara, Jeremiah Teipen, and Laurie Riccadonna.



JCAST Schedule:

Friday, October 1

Gallery hours: 12 to 4 p.m. Masks Required.

Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11 a.m.

Art of Yoga at Dineen Hull Gallery

Hosted by Mindful Play Yoga.

Free hour-long yoga session inspired by works in the gallery with Jamie Wilson Murray for the Jersey City Artist Studio Tour.

Masks and mat required.

RSVP: mvitale@hccc.edu.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1 p.m.

Public Hour-long Guided Tour of gallery

exhibits with Director, Michelle Vitale.

Weekend gallery visits are limited to these two programs.

Masks and RSVP required: mvitale@hccc.edu

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EOF SCHOLAR DAGOBERTO MENDEZ ATTENDS MATHEMATIC IMMERSION PROGRAM



HCCC student and EOF scholar Dagoberto Mendez (right) with Tejal Parekh, MSW, EOF Counselor.

Hudson County Community College's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) had the opportunity to send Dagoberto Mendez to attend the Mathematic Immersion Program (MIP) at Stevens Institute of Technology. The Mathematic Immersion Program is a three-week long summer program coordinated by the Stevens Technical Enrichment Program and Stevens' EOF staff. MIP strives to improve students' understanding and application of mathematics and build their confidence.

Dagoberto Mendez was selected to join this remote program. According to Dagoberto's own words, "I recommend joining MIP if you struggle with math, not only do they assist you with math, but they also [prepare you] for your career and becoming a leader... If you ever struggle with math and are willing to put in the time for your education, by all means join!"

HCCC Fall 2021 OPEN HOUSE

A choose your own adventure event!

Find your passion this fall at HCCC's Open House where you will have access to explore different academic programs and their buildings in person!

Join us to:

- **Explore** our campus on your time, meet faculty, and tour departments that interest you
- **Meet** with Financial Aid and find out if you are eligible for free tuition
- **Complete** an Admissions application (\$25 app fee will be waived)
- **Engage** with different students and support services
- **Speak** with students, faculty, alumni, and staff

WHERE: Your check-in and starting point will be at our new Student Center located at **81 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ** (next to HCCC's Journal Square Gabert Library)

WHEN: **Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

HOW: **Registration is required!**
Go to <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-OH> to register now!

www.hccc.edu/openhouse

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



At the Everything about Downtown Festival – helping the Friends of Liberty State Park in downtown Jersey City – on Saturday, Sept. 18.



At Liberty State Park on Saturday, Sept. 4: Heinrich Novak (left) and Walid Achkir (both are Engineering Science majors).



Congratulations to Marlene Andalia on her selection as a NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar. NCAS an interactive online learning opportunity highlighted by a three-day experience at NASA; students nationwide are chosen to participate through a competitive process.



Phi Theta Kappa and the Environmental Club participated at the Bayonne Nature Club Cleanup at the 16th Street Park on Saturday, Sept. 18.

HCCC HOLDS HYBRID FALL CONVOCATION



A student panel discussion, “Learning and Succeeding During the Pandemic,” moderated by Antonio Acevedo (left), Assistant Professor, Humanities, and featuring Angel Beebe, Student Government Association President (Chemistry Major); Yasmeen Abdelaziz (Occupational Therapy Assistant Major); and Mario Justo Gonzalez (Theatre Arts Major).



Dr. Christine Harrington delivers the keynote address, “Engaging Students with Meaningful and Culturally Affirming Assignments.”



2004 HCCC alumna La-Trenda S. Ross (left) with HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, following her presentation, “Creating Momentum for Your Success.”



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber provides comments during Convocation.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29. Hudson County Community College held its annual Convocation, based on the theme, “Faculty and Student Engagement: A Commitment to Success.” The program was held in person at the Culinary Conference Center, but members of the College community were able to view and participate via ITV from the North Hudson Campus or virtually via Webex.

SAVE THE DATE



**Phi Theta Kappa
International
Honor Society**

**Beta Alpha Phi Chapter
Induction Ceremony**

**Sunday,
November 7, 2021
2:00 p.m.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM CERTIFICATE

DEVELOPING SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES

Each 4-week social justice course is designed specifically for criminal justice professionals seeking to strengthen agency-community partnerships, in addition to allowing knowledgeable practitioners to enhance their existing social justice skill set.

All courses are virtual and classes will be held live, on Zoom.

Students may register for individual courses or they may enroll in all 4 courses to qualify for the "Social Justice Program Certificate."

Courses Include:

Historical Perspectives in the Criminal Justice System

Saturdays, October 9, 16, 23
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Keith Stith
Chief of Detectives, Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, (Ret.),
Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice, HCCC
Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice, Monmouth University

Race, Gender, and LGBTQ+ in Law Enforcement

Thursdays, October 28, Nov 4, 11, 18
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Bob Dowd
Chief of Police, North Bergen Police Department, (Ret.),
Managing Partner, Roberts & Associates, LLC
Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice, NJCU

Social Justice: Reimagining Structures and Services

Saturdays
January 8, 15, 22, 29
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Keith Stith

Restorative Justice in America's Criminal Justice System: A Social Justice Paradigm

February 1, 8, 15, 22
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: TBA



Program Benefits:

- Flexible Course Offerings in Virtual Format
- Saturday or weekday evening sessions
- Experienced instructors with combined 5 decades of experience
- Certificates available after course or program completion
- Year-Round Courses

Program Tuition:

Each individual course is \$325
Enroll in all 4 courses & receive a 10% discount: \$1170

Register online at:

www.tinyurl.com/hcccjustice or call: 201-360-4224

Contact Information:

For Group Registration please contact:
Chastity Farrell at cfarrell@hccc.edu or 201-360-4262

For questions about the program curriculum please contact:
Richard Walker at rwalker@hccc.edu or call 201-360-4791

STOP BY AND MEET the New Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus



and the North Hudson Administrative Team

Enjoy interacting with your colleagues
and have some special treats!!!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4800 Kennedy Blvd.
Multi-Purpose Room, N203



**HUDSON
HELPS**



Single Stop™

Your Gateway to Benefits

INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, October 26
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Zoom: Meeting ID: 851 8808 9749
Passcode: 7WXgs0

Single Stop benefits screener and One-on-One Financial Counseling is here!

Learn more on how this screener can connect you to a
multitude of resources here in Hudson County!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
SingleStop@HCCC.edu
or visit www.hccc.edu/gateway-innovation/

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES INSIGHT INTO DIVERSITY 2021 HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY (HEED) AWARD

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and respectful of confidentiality; and building community and a sense of belonging for students by advancing their academic development, professional growth, and personal transformation.

“These activities will promote and expand an institutional culture in which every person is celebrated, every voice is encouraged to contribute to shaping our institutional climate, and an equity

mindset is infused and embedded into every part of the College,” Mr. Pujols stated.

HCCC has also been selected to receive the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2021 Equity Award for the Northeastern United States. That award will be presented on October 14, 2021, at the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California.

Complete information about Hudson County Community College may be found at www.hccc.edu. Additional information about the 2021 HEED Award is available at insightintodiversity.com.

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FALL 2021

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Facilitator: M. Whelpley

Creating Open Pedagogy through the Usage of OER

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m2210741f1fdf419f4b06f4e77b4f33bd>

Meeting number: 132 194 4982

Password: oerhudson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Facilitators: P. Roberson- L. Bogart

Tools to Combat Plagiarism

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb80a5db645c28940ba3df9287da33ae0>

Meeting number (: 1322 26 0038

Password: 6wgTSVNm85

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Facilitator: K. Stith

Know Your 4th Amendment Rights

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mbeee2d0b12965c9681cf7ebd0fb15f73>

Meeting number: 1322 39 1118

Password: dqEgJxcv423

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Facilitators: P. Roberson -S. Daughtry

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Informational and Recruiting Session

<https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mc6cbdc79e2b63d2ab5663ac3d8521103>

Meeting number: 1324 33 3108

Password: WSR6gsvrb77

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation
proberson@hccc.edu | 201-360-4775

Get Connect-ED with HCCC!



Hudson County Community College has implemented Connect-ED, a text- and voice-messaging emergency-alert system in the event of a crisis or emergency that poses an immediate and life-threatening danger to the College community.

Connect-ED is HCCC's response to a federal law which requires disclosure of pertinent information about campus crime and security. The system will allow the College to send time-sensitive notifications by phone, email and/or text message.

Users may access the College's web site, www.hccc.edu/emergency, and click on the Connect-ED link to register their contact information such as home, work, and cell phone numbers.

Free and Confidential

HCCC will provide this emergency service free of charge to students and employees – there is no charge to sign up. However, mobile service providers may charge a fee for incoming messages depending on an individual's plan.

Personal information entered into the Connect-ED system will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

For information about Connect-ED, visit <https://www.hccc.edu/administration/communications/emergency-notification.html>

Stay informed and get Connect-ED today!



New Mask Protocol Effective August 8, 2021:

MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS.

Masks are available at security desks in all HCCC buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Your safety is important to us!

HCCC WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK ON GROUND



HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber (second from left) greets students (from left) Zeel Patel, Sarde Gumalo and Yuribel Mateo on Wednesday, Sept. 1, the first day of the Fall 2021 semester.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDED \$3 MILLION TITLE V GRANT TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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Dr. Reber noted that the project was the outcome of several years of work by HCCC faculty, staff, and students. “Great things continue to happen thanks to the dedication and caring of our HCCC family,” he stated.

Recently, HCCC received the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The annual award recognizes colleges and universities in the United States that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. HCCC is one of just eight community colleges in the nation to be named a “2021 Top College for Diversity.”

The College has also been selected to receive the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2021 Equity Award for the Northeastern United States. That award will be presented on October 14, 2021, at the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California.

Mental Health Resource for Our Students: TalkCampus

What is TalkCampus, and how can it help?

Online global mental health support network

Peer-to-peer support

Access to instant, any time 24/7

College Students who have participated in peer support has been linked to:



An increased ability to cope and feel less alone



Higher levels of self-esteem and confidence.



A greater sense of well-being and resilience.



TalkCampus is a team of volunteers who are trained in active listening and providing support online. They have safeguards in place to monitor in real-time crisis and will launch interventions as needed. If they detect that a student is in crisis, they will launch platform interventions and escalate support in real-time. TalkCampus will have direct communication with HCCC Mental Health Counseling & Wellness.

As an added benefit, HCCC students can volunteer & get training on how to be a peer support buddy.

Access TalkCampus 24/7:
<https://www.talklife.co/udson-county-community-college>

If you have any questions, please contact Doreen M. Pontius, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. at 201.360.4229 or email mentalhealthcounseling@hccc.edu



TALKING CROSSWALK SIGNALS AT HCCC



The City of Jersey City has completed installing “talking” crosswalk signals at the following Journal Square locations: Sip Avenue between the Gabert Library and 70 Sip Avenue; Sip Ave at Newkirk Street by the Culinary Plaza Park; and Bergen Avenue and Academy Street. The signals will assist the visually impaired members of our community. These new controls are also touchless and can be activated simply by waving at the button.

HCCC PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Rina Renea Derricotte (second from left), a student in Hudson County Community College's Practical Nursing Program, who has received a scholarship from Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services. Pictured from left at a presentation ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 22 are, from left: Dr. Christopher M. Reber, HCCC President; Shannon Maurer, HR Specialist, Preferred Home Health Care; Daena Engalla, BSN, RN, Clinical Supervisor, Preferred Home Health Care; and Gerri Kiefer-Necklen MSN, RN, CCRN-K, Director, Practical Nursing Program at HCCC.

Where can you enjoy a great meal, help students achieve their educational aspirations, and grow your business?



The HCCC Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management program was ranked number six in the U.S. by Best Choice Schools.

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION'S DINING SERIES

occurs at 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ on 7 Fridays from noon to 2 pm:

October 8	November 5
October 15	November 12
October 22	November 10
October 29	

Your \$860 subscription affords you and up to three guests: appetizer, entree, and dessert courses, and non-alcoholic beverages for 7 weeks. Seating is limited to 4 diners per table.

100% of your gift will benefit HCCC scholars.

For more information, please contact Mirta Sanchez at msanchez@hccc.edu or (201) 360-4004.

Thank you for supporting the educational aspirations of our students through your Dining Series subscription.

Bon Appetit!



COVID-19 Guidelines are in place for the protection of our students, faculty, staff, and guests. HCCC requires face masks and social distancing and our health and sanitizing protocols exceed CDC & NJ requirements.

WHAT A SUCCESSFUL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM DOES

On June 17, 2021, the Jersey City Police Department swore in Denzell Leitch, Samuel Rodriguez, Gabriel Josue, Hector Sosa all former students of Hudson County Community College, Criminal Justice Program. This year HCCC's Criminal Justice program signed an articulation agreement with the Hudson County Public Safety Academy under the leadership of Mark Miller. Denzel Leitch and Hector Sosa were the first class to graduate from the newly formed police academy.

As the Criminal Justice Program continues to grow, the emphasis on highly educated recruits has become a well-deserved discussion. The need for police to have a minimum requirement of an associate's degree ensures that police have a better understanding of crime and community policing theories. In addition, it will usher in a more developed, socially skilled, critical thinking officer that is mature and has a better appreciation for differences and conflict resolution.

What makes Hudson County Community College unique is that our students are prepared to earn both their associate's in Criminal Justice and their bachelor's degree by understanding and practicing the fundamentals of writing, speaking, and engaging. Furthermore, the opportunity to have mentors that champion and support students long-term is why our program has increased its enrollment over the last eight years.



Dr. Jerry Lamb's mentees (left to right) Samuel Rodriguez, Denzell Leitch, Dr. Jerry Lamb and Gabriel Josue.

The Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice is offered in person at the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City and North Hudson Campus in Union City; the program is also offered fully online. For more information, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/programs-courses/academic-pathways/social-science/criminal-justice-as.html>

CALENDAR

Friday, October 1

Last day to file Degree Audit Application for December 2021 Graduation

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

Jersey City Arts & Studio Tour at Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave., 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Facemasks are required.

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Hispanic Music Trivia Night, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7401385>

Saturday, October 2

Art of Yoga, 11 a.m., Dineen Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave. Hosted by Mindful Play Yoga; RSVP to mvitale@hccc.edu. For more tour information, visit: www.jcast.com

Public Guided Tour of Gallery exhibits with Director, Michelle Vitale, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis C. Hull Gallery, 71 Sip Ave. Facemasks and RSVP required: mvitale@hccc.edu

Monday, October 4

Research Strategies Workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96135571941?pwd=NmkzckFRYTl2cnkvVUxtbytJUGxNz09;MeetingID:96135571941;Passcode:897024>

Tuesday, October 5

Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m0043a41e5cf9aa069f6ce8fd78e0ff3b;MeetingNumber:26303296374;Password:JdUAVxtx233>

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Wednesday, October 6

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Faculty & Staff Wellness Fair 2021, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Scott Ring Room, 161 Newkirk St.

Breakfast Bar Express, 10:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

What We're Reading: Book Recs from the Libraries, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Join at <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

Thursday, October 7

Faculty & Staff Wellness Fair 2021, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multipurpose Room N203

Goal Setting and Professional Development Planning for Employee Performance Management Workshop, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb8b624849bf42fe52c2b3f1c0037f261;MeetingNumber:26311520503;Password:G7QkypJ6CB9>

HCCC Open Mic Lounge: Hispanic Heritage Month, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7387486>

Creating Open Pedagogy Through the Usage of OER, 4 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m2210741f1fdf419f4b06f4e77b4f33bd;MeetingNumber:1321944982;Password:oerhudson>

Friday, October 8

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

"Our Stories Untold" featuring Karen Galli, 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/e94b3b43f66b4d5897d202255f1344ea?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m2803c5c0c5d49454984d353dd0565799>

Management Orientation, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mcc7002b1e87bdb47adc72ca33a976298>

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Trivia Night: Netflix Trivia, 6 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Monday, October 11

Columbus Day – Classes in session

Tuesday, October 12

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Hispanic Small Business and Entrepreneurship Panel, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7387492>

Snackivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Student Center

Thursday, October 14

A Conversation on Cuba, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7387497>

Paint Night: Frida Kahlo, 5:00 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Student Center, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, RSVP: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7390511>

Monthly Download, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/93419569960?pwd=bzF5WGvkd3hNcnpBUVdUN0ZKbU1Fd09;MeetingID:93419569960;Passcode:966780>

Friday, October 15

Tools to Combat Plagiarism, 11 a.m. Join at [https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb80a5db645c28940ba3df9287da33ae0;MeetingNumber\(accesscode\):1322260038;MeetingPassword:6wgTSVNm85](https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mb80a5db645c28940ba3df9287da33ae0;MeetingNumber(accesscode):1322260038;MeetingPassword:6wgTSVNm85)

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

Practicing Exceptional Customer Service, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m241d1eeab6b68b892f21f427b1b759f7f;MeetingNumber:26325856536;Password:4B5mjRPRHD9>

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Monday, October 18

Virtual Business Alumni Speaker Panel, 11 a.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/ewinslow>

Tuesday, October 19

Implicit Bias Screening Committee Workshop, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mbf28f4b8edc58f2e961b288d80e089a6>

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96209918829?pwd=d3J1TWVZYXRnUE90K1RNcVRPVHhZz09;Passcode:114482>

Wednesday, October 20

Win It Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Breakfast Bar Express, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Time Management, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=me07a390c7f86f98ab578c42fe53d076a;MeetingNumber:26307775195;Password:Time>

What We're Reading: Book Recs from the Libraries, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Join at <https://www.twitch.tv/hccclibrary>

What Does Being Hispanic Look Like? Featuring Carlos Andres Gomez, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7391343>

Documentary Screening and Discussion: "Afro-Latino Travels with Kim Haas", 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/7387534>

Thursday, October 21 – Wednesday, October 27

Midterm exams/advisement period

Thursday, October 21

N&HS Students - The Library's Value Proposition, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=ma54f28b1737ab7b5bd9b0689141d7697f>

Fall Fest, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Student Lounge

CALENDAR

Libraries Virtual Story Time, 4 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/95871339517?pwd=bFptcWlyZXJOaXBIU3B4Qm42Qk9Hdz09; Meeting ID: 958 7133 9517> Passcode: 742581

Friday, October 22

Know Your Fourth Amendment Rights, 11 a.m. Join at [https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mbeee2d0b12965c9681cf7ebd0fb15f73; Meeting number \(access code\): 1322 39 1118; Meeting password: dqEgJxcv423](https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mbeee2d0b12965c9681cf7ebd0fb15f73; Meeting number (access code): 1322 39 1118; Meeting password: dqEgJxcv423)

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

Safe Space Training: The Basics, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Libraries Open Mic, 4 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96140590756?pwd=bEp0L1c1TFk3TmVzMExLZlFJVVJiZz09; Meeting ID: 961 4059 0756; Passcode: 245150>

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

Trivia Night: Halloween Trivia, 6 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Saturday, October 23

Fall Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center, 81 Sip Avenue. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/HCCC-OH>

Fall Fest, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Culinary Plaza Park, 161 Newkirk St.

Poet David Mills Performance, 11 a.m., Bergen Square Day. For more information, visit www.bergensquareday.com

Monday, October 25

Understanding Diversity and Inclusion at Work, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m334edf; Meeting number: 2634 060 4005; Password: 7rnQKrmwp57>

Snackivity Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Journal Square Campus, Student Center

Tuesday, October 26

Meet and Greet the New Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus and the North Hudson Administrative Team, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Multi-Purpose Room (N203)

"Wanna Talk about It?" weekly discussion, 1 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/webappng/sites/hudsonccc/meeting/download/2abaa0f59a01487990e02068f098e376?siteurl=hudsonccc&MTID=m19832a16fd370dab8f91d896c834b1f1>

APA/MLA Research Paper Formatting Workshop, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m07fa4d6a5c53ef4a513bdb066e6d9082>

Wednesday, October 27

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=m00f899dca6272fa75a75a35757125793> Meeting number: 2631 279 8458; Password: idTVEmmC875

Note-taking for Writing Papers, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/96774896097?pwd=SVlRelFvTXBqMzNKOXgvejBzSzhRdz09; Meeting ID: 967 7489 6097; Passcode: 571486>

Thursday, October 28

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, 12 p.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street, Scott Ring Room, Second Floor. Join virtually at [https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mab05b83d39c737b7df0f9fc0a8c33b1b; Meeting number \(access code\): 2634 695 5847; Meeting password: OctTH2021](https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mab05b83d39c737b7df0f9fc0a8c33b1b; Meeting number (access code): 2634 695 5847; Meeting password: OctTH2021)

Book and Movie Discussion: "Fahrenheit 451," 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/98682568608?pwd=NTNWcEV5d2tla0dJQ2prNmRUZHUUU09; Meeting ID: 986 8256 8608; Passcode: 175442>

Friday, October 29

Winter/Spring 2022 priority registration opens for Veterans of U.S. armed forces and continuing Honors students

Campus Wide Trick-or-Treating, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., start at the Office of Student Life and Leadership, Journal Square Campus, Student Center, Room 212, North Hudson Campus, Room 204

ACUE Informational and Recruiting Session, 11 a.m. Join at [https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mc6cbdc79e2b63d2ab5663ac3d8521103; Meeting number \(access code\): 1324 33 3108; Meeting password: WSR6gsvrb77](https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mc6cbdc79e2b63d2ab5663ac3d8521103; Meeting number (access code): 1324 33 3108; Meeting password: WSR6gsvrb77)

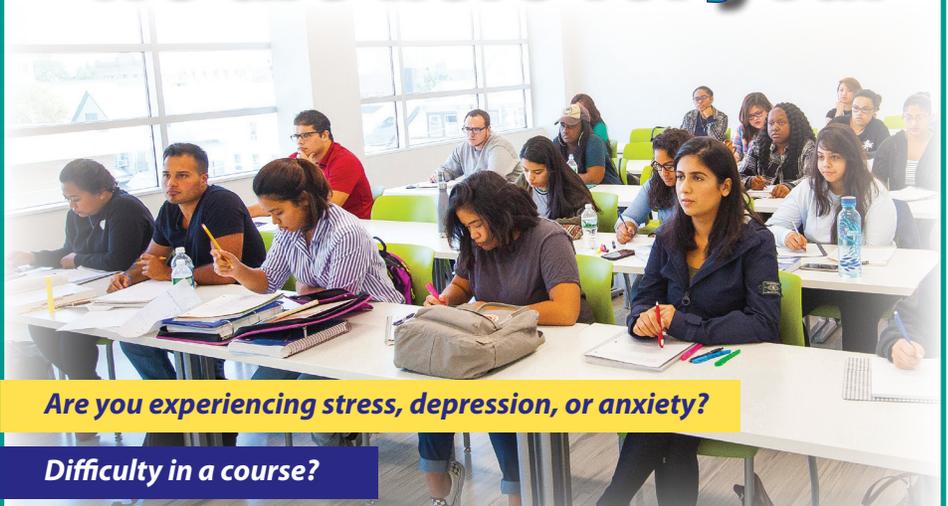
Subscription Dining Luncheon Series, 11:30 a.m., Culinary Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street

Navigating Difficult Conversations with Employees, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=me064e308c86c49dd150532c72daa887f; Meeting number: 2630 005 5869; Password: NXzTMaHe973>

Safe Space Training: Beyond the Basics, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., RSVP and Event Link: <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Video Gaming, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Makerspace (L116), Gabert Library, 71 Sip Ave.

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ALUMNI CORNER

Sofia Pazmino

Class of 2021

Associate in Science – Business Administration



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

My friends told me that HCCC is good and has a beautiful campus. HCCC is close to my home, and I didn't want to be far from home. The College helped me to improve my English language.

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

I have many beautiful memories from HCCC. One of the most important it was to meet Ted Lai. He always inspired me to be a better student and he encouraged me to get involved in various Phi Theta Kappa and club activities. PTK was the best and I had many positive experiences as a member and chapter officer.

How did you become interested in Business Administration?

I chose Business Administration because it helps you develop leadership skills. You learn to lead and motivate people, to communicate effectively, and to think critically. I want to have my own company. First, you must know what skills you will need and the qualities of a person to be a good human being in business.

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

HCCC helped me know what I want to be in my life. It helped me clarify my ideas. Moreover, it helped me open the doors to growing in my career through internships and other leadership programs. It helped me grow as a human being and a professional.

What is a typical work day for you?

Since I graduated, I have continued studying for my bachelor's degree. I completed a data analysis internship and now I am interested in pursuing more internships. HCCC helped me grow in my professional life and motivated me to seek more tools to grow to become my best. Honestly, I feel that I would not have been the same person if I had gone to another college. HCCC helps students without discriminating against language, religion, skin color, and gender.

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

The classes provided much knowledge and provided a good foundation as I applied the business knowledge during my internship. The internship gave me valuable experiences that will help me in my professional pursuits. I finished my internship successfully.

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

My teachers and my parents have been my heroes. I want to improve myself to be a better person and be the pride of my parents. Learning a new language and coming from another country is difficult but never impossible. I want to have a better future. HCCC has several ways and excellent teachers that guide you on the path to success.

What advice would you give to recent HCCC graduates?

My advice to recent graduates is to follow their dreams and never give up. Remember that there is always someone who can help us and we must seek and open new doors. Always remember where we come from and where we are going.

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

HCCC has several opportunities to become better and pursue your career. You have to look for the right people and opportunities. Students must get involved in clubs, be more active in programs, remember that the future is in your hands and depends on you. Never say "I can't", you are amazing, and you will make it.

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