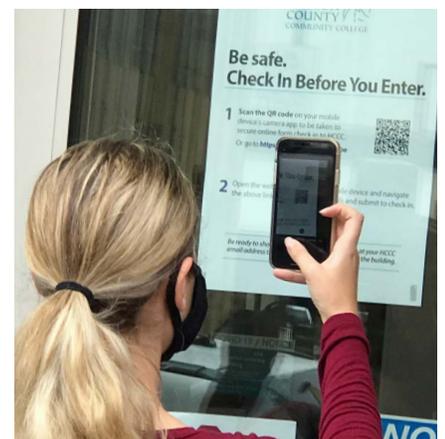


# HCCC Happenings

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## HCCC RETURN TO CAMPUS UPDATE





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## RETURN TO CAMPUS UPDATE



*Enforcement of social distancing. Left: Display of maximum occupancy in a given space. Center: Elevator signage reminding occupants to remain six feet apart. Right: Disposable covering for the computer keyboards in the open labs.*



The Fall 2020 regular term begins on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Quick Term (12-week) courses begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, and Online B begins on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. The Fall 2020 schedule can be accessed at [www.hccc.edu/](http://www.hccc.edu/) schedule.

Students in need of support services such as financial aid, bursar, testing, and registration will be able to access these services on-ground by making an appointment. In-person appointments are limited, so students are encouraged to use remote services. All student support services will continue to be offered remotely. Students can find a complete listing of terms and other important information in the Fall 2020 Enrollment Guide, <http://www.hccc.edu/enrollmentguide>.

Students, faculty, and staff who are participating in on-ground teaching and learning or who will be utilizing on-ground services should plan to arrive to campus a few minutes early in order to complete the Screening Process and must remember their HCCC ID card. The Screening Process has two components: a health survey and a temperature screening via one of the College's thermal mirrors. All individuals seeking access to 870 Bergen Avenue (F Building) should enter and proceed through the Screening Process at 263 Academy Street (STEM Building).

1. Complete Smartsheet survey via the link or QR code on this page, or the paper survey, which is available at each Security Desk;
2. Receive clearance email (2-3 minutes later);
3. Show clearance email and HCCC ID card to Security;
4. Proceed to the Thermal Mirror;
5. If green, proceed to your destination;
6. If red, wait 15 minutes and try again.

Posters with the QR code and link to the Smartsheet survey will also be displayed across campus. The Smartsheet survey can be completed as early as 6 p.m. the night before an individual is coming to campus, and paper-based surveys will remain available for those who need them. Individuals will have to complete either the paper-based survey or Smartsheet survey each time they enter a different building for the purposes of contact tracing.

The Return to Campus (RTC) Task Force, along with its working groups, will continue to meet throughout the fall semester. The RTC Task Force encourages all members of the College community to continue to check their HCCC email accounts and the Return to Campus Webpage, <http://www.hccc.edu/returntocampus>, for important information. Please share questions, concerns, and information with the RTC Task Force [return@hccc.edu](mailto:return@hccc.edu).

**Student Chromebook Loans/Community Concerns:** Coronavirus Concern Form: [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?HudsonCountyCC&layout\\_id=5](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?HudsonCountyCC&layout_id=5)

**Faculty Requests for Webcam/ Document Camera:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/505f7e6a3a984f24a171a3ae3837950f>

**Faculty Requests for Laptop Loan:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/1389208c10b047d9b50fa18878f64084>

**WebEx/ITV information and training:** <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/its/Pages/WebEx-Resources.aspx>

**Employee Assistant Program – (833) 848-1764** or [eap.ndbh.com](http://eap.ndbh.com) (log in using your existing company code. Username: hccc; Password: guest)

**ON THE COVER:** *Observing safety protocols for on-campus visits and studies, including face masks, hand sanitizing and thermal-mirror temperature checks (top, left), and social distancing (bottom, center).*

**For information about online, remote, and on-ground learning and the College's plans to return to on-ground operations, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to visit the Return to Campus Task Force web page - <http://www.hccc.edu/returntocampus/>**

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESTIGIOUS RUTGERS HONORS LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Recent Hudson County Community College (HCCC) graduates Yoshira Domenech and Mario Perales have been accepted into the Rutgers University Honors Living-Learning Community (HLLC) program. Rutgers HLLC is nationally recognized as a model for honors education programs.

“We are very proud of Yoshira and Mario, as they have earned the honor of participating in this groundbreaking honors program,” said HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber. “The Rutgers HLLC program will provide them with the information and opportunities to become our future’s best leaders.”

Yoshira Domenech relocated to Weehawken from Charlotte, North Carolina. Ms. Domenech is the second member of her family to attend HCCC; a cousin is a Culinary Arts graduate. “My aunt’s

advice to study at HCCC was the best advice ever,” she says. While Ms. Domenech began her HCCC studies as a Criminal Justice major, she opted to pursue an Associate in Fine Arts degree after an assessment indicated that she has genuine talent rooted in the arts and in art direction. A Dean’s List honoree, Ms. Domenech’s art work – primarily acrylic on canvas paintings – has been featured in the College’s biannual student exhibitions. She states that the Cultures & Values class she took at HCCC has informed her passion for social justice issues. Ms. Domenech earned her HCCC degree in December 2019. She is looking forward to being a Rutgers HLLC scholar, and plans to use her art to bring awareness to issues confronting the community.

Mario Perales is a California native and competitive swimmer who worked as a lifeguard after

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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MIDDLE STATES UPDATE



- Hudson County Community College has successfully submitted the Annual Institutional Update (A.I.U.) to the Middle States Commission. The A.I.U. requires institutions to provide key data indicators each year, including but not limited to enrollment, financial information, and, importantly, measures of student achievement. The College provided three Context of Performance statements related to student success:

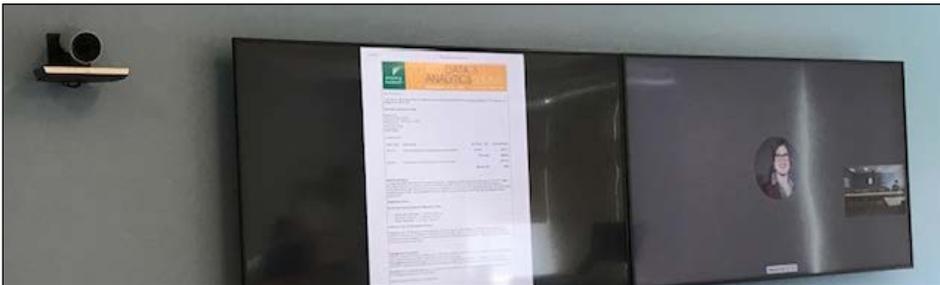
- Revised IPEDS 150% and 200% Graduation Rates

- A summary of HCCC’s Achieving the Dream action plan, highlighting the use of data to measure student success

- An expanded set of student success metrics using the Voluntary Framework of Accountability standards

- Dr. Eric Friedman, Executive Vice President and Provost, and the College’s Accreditation Liaison Officer, will attend a Presidents and Provosts virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 15. Topics of interest include: Changes at MSCHE, including a review of the strategic priorities for the Commission under its new leadership; the political environment in relation to the accreditation landscape regulatory changes that went into effect on July 1, 2020; updates regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and a discussion of results from the recent MSCHE membership survey.

## READY FOR A CLOSEUP: ITV COMES TO HCCC



ITV (Inter-network TeleVision) received plenty of attention during College Service Day on Aug. 26. During the general session in the morning, Chief Information Officer Patricia Clay and Yeury Pujols, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus, announced the installation of the ITV technology at select locations across campus. In the afternoon, Clay co-facilitated on ITV and WebEx with Diana Perez, Academic Lab Manager; Kelly Garay, Senior Lab Assistant; and Paola Valcarcel, Academic Lab Coordinator.

**The goals of procuring the ITV technology on campus were:**

- To increase enrollment by allowing residents of northern Hudson County to take courses previously not offered at the North Hudson Campus;
- To increase the number of academic programs offered at NHC by adding courses offered in this modality;
- To increase the success of new and special cohort courses by allowing students from both campuses to register; and
- To decrease course cancellations by registering

students from both campuses’ in traditionally low enrolled courses.

The ITV technology will also facilitate large meetings on campus without requiring staff from the Journal Square Campus to travel to the North Hudson Campus, or vice versa.

Some courses will be piloted during the Fall 2020 Quick Term. ITV spaces will be available for faculty teaching synchronous remote courses. ITV technology will also be available for recordings.

ITV has currently been installed in classrooms (Room 418 at the Gabert Library and Room 504 of the North Hudson Campus); meeting rooms (70 Sip Ave., Room 418 and North Hudson Campus, Room 703A); and conference spaces (in the Culinary Conference Center, the Scott Ring Room, Banquet Room and Johnston Room; and the Multipurpose Room at the North Hudson Campus). Installation at the STEM Building Multipurpose Room is scheduled during the Fall 2020 semester. For more information regarding ITV, please consult the ITV Telepresence WebEx Guide at <https://bit.ly/3IHANcd> and check HCCC email for additional training opportunities.

## HCCC Is Freezing Tuition

### for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

**The College is committed to helping students achieve their goals while exercising care and concern for their well-being.**

**Tuition and Fees for 2020-2021 academic year will remain at the same levels currently in place for 2019-2020.**

***We Are Still Here for You!***

## MILESTONES

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

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

*Karla Aybar*

*Lisa Bogart*

*Christopher Chavarria*

*Anthony Deschamps*

*Ruthann Kelman*

*Carmen McGuire*

*Stephanie Sergeant*

*Iqra Usmani*

*Sharon Wilson-Harriott*

Five Years

*Paula Roberson*

*Devlyn Courtier*

10 Years

*Kevin Eng*

20 Years

*Mildred Vera-Matich*

### PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

One Year

*Abdoulaye Diallo*

*Elissa D'Aries*

*Tiffany Marzano*

*Nelson Lovera1*

*Dexter Santos*

*Maria Tejada*

*Diego Villatoro*

Five Years

*Gabrielle Reeves*

*Selena Suarez*

*Heather Tabora*

## NEW TITLES

*Christopher Conzen,*

*Executive Director, Secaucus Center to Executive Director, Secaucus Center and Early College Programs*

*Heather DeVries,*

*Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs to Associate Dean, Academic Affairs*

*Jennifer Rodriguez,*

*Coordinator, LEAP Programs to Coordinator, Early College Programs*

## NEW HIRES

*Elisabeth Barnum,*

*Apprenticeship Program Coordinator, Health Programs, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (Grant-Funded Position)*

## PROFESSIONAL NOTES



Congratulations to **Dr. Gretchen Schulthes**, Assistant Director, Advising & Counseling, on successfully defending her dissertation on Aug. 19. Her Ph.D. is in Counseling from Oregon State University, and her dissertation focused on strengths-based and career-oriented variables and their impact on Hispanic undergraduate persistence.

**Katie Sweeting**, Associate Professor of English, collaborated with **Sophia Mitra**, Associate

Professor of English at Union County College, to facilitate a two-day workshop engaging with Indian faculty on Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29. The workshop, "Engaging Students in an Online Environment" Global Perspectives," was presented by Srikrishna College's Department of English. More than 2,300 faculty worldwide have viewed the presentation, available at <https://youtu.be/JtWJddK5SUA>.

## FALL 2020 COLLEGE SERVICE DAY RECAP

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, Hudson County Community College's Office of Faculty & Staff Development held College Service Day and All College Faculty Orientation for Fall 2020. Due to the ongoing pandemic, both events were held virtually.

Nearly three hundred members of the College community (276) attended the day's event. According to Lilisa Williams, Director of Faculty and Staff Development, this was one of the largest attendances for a CSD.

In addition to numerous updates on College operations and teaching methods, HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber delivered a State of the College address (available online at <https://www.hccc.edu/stateofthecollege>).

The All College Council also held its first meeting for the 2020-2021 academic year.

To view recordings and other resources from CSD, please visit the College Service Day page at MyHudson, <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/college-service-day>.

## RETIREMENT

*Thomas Hsieh,*

*Professor, Chemistry (effective July 1, 2020)*

*Timothy Peacock,*

*Assistant Professor, English (effective Aug. 31, 2020)*

*Chandridat Persaud,*

*Professor, English and ESL (effective Aug. 31, 2020)*

## HCCC Remote College Placement: You Have Options!

When enrolling at HCCC, students can choose from three options to determine their college placement:

- College Placement Exemptions**  
You may be eligible for college-level course work by submitting qualifying High School transcripts, SAT, ACT, TOEFL, and AP scores.
- Online College Placement Test**  
You can take the College Placement Test through Examity's online proctoring services.
- Directed Self-Placement**  
You will review course descriptions/expectations followed by a brief questionnaire. At the end of questionnaire, you will select preferred course placement.

For more details and instructions go to [www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement](http://www.hccc.edu/remoteplacement)

**We are still here for you!**



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

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CABINET ACCEPTS INVITATION TO FIELD-TEST NEW EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

Recently, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) President Dr. Christopher Reber accepted an invitation on behalf of the College's leadership team to be part of a cohort of just 13 Achieving the Dream (ATD) colleges who will experience and test a new executive leadership curriculum.

Achieving the Dream is a national educational reform network whose work has had a transformational impact on the colleges with whom they partner. The ATD mission focuses on helping higher education institutions build equity and capacity in their student success initiatives by using data to inform practice.

In her invitation, ATD President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Karen A. Stout wrote: "Over the past year, Achieving the Dream has worked closely with the Aspen Institute and other higher education organizations to develop a curriculum designed to help increase the capacity of senior leadership teams to scale and accelerate student success efforts, across all sectors of higher education. The working hypothesis driving the development of the curriculum – funded by the Gates Foundation – is that high-performing leadership teams are an essential component of student-success oriented transformation and that both presidents and leadership teams can take concrete steps to increase this essential organizational capacity."

The program will include three virtual sessions – one exclusively for participating ATD college presidents, and two for college leadership teams.



*Eight HCCC students attended the DREAM 2020 conference. Seven are pictured here with HCCC Academic Advisor and DREAM 2020 Conference Participant, Jenny Henriquez. Pictured from left: Koral Booth, Katricia Colon, Suri Hidalgo, Alcia Batchelor, Crystal Newton, Tyler Sarmiento, Hillary Kouevi, and Jenny Henriquez.*

"My colleagues and I are dedicated to fostering an environment that promotes student success. It is an honor to be part of this national test program, which we are certain will benefit our students, instructors and staff," Dr. Reber said. He noted that the curriculum was developed through a process of interviews with presidents and senior college leaders as well as a document review that included ATD college leaders.

Hudson County Community College joined the Achieving the Dream Network in 2019. In becoming an ATD member college, HCCC has adapted a laser-like focus on improving key student success metrics in the areas of student engagement, retention, persistence and completion.

## HCCC'S DREAM TEAM SHARES STUDENT SUCCESS ACTION PLAN

On August 18 & 19, 2020, HCCC's Student Success Dream Team hosted two open fora for the college community during which the details of HCCC's Student Success Action Plan were shared. Thank you to all those who participated! Between the two sessions, nearly 100 members of the college community attended. For those who were unable to attend, a recording of the open forum on Wednesday, August 19 as well as a PDF of the slide presentation will be made available soon.

In 2019, HCCC partnered with Achieving the Dream, which is a national organization with a proven track record of helping community colleges provide equitable outcomes for students and improve key student success metrics such as retention and completion. HCCC's first year of engagement with Achieving the Dream required an intensive exploration of our data. The results of this data exploration informed the development of HCCC's Student Success Action Plan. The complete Student Success Action Plan is available for viewing at: [https://www.hccc.edu/achieving\\_the\\_dream/](https://www.hccc.edu/achieving_the_dream/)

The next phase of HCCC's student success work requires engagement from the entire HCCC com-

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
for Dr. Fifield and Dr. Garcia's  
Year 2 Visits!  
October 13 & 14, 2020  
March 11 & 12, 2021

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES NEW THREE-YEAR ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN



At its August 11, 2020 meeting, the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees approved the Academic Master Plan 2020-23. The Academic Master Plan (AMP) is intended to define strategic direction for the academic branch of the College for the next three years. It will also provide essential building blocks for the College's next Strategic Plan.

The approval of the new AMP represents the culmination of a year of intensive and collaborative work. In concert with a Core Planning Group comprised of faculty and administrators from across Academic Affairs, Dr. James Davy facilitated the process using an appreciative inquiry approach. In November 2019, 50 participants from across the College engaged in an exploration of strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results in interactive SOAR fora. At the January 2020 College Service Day, the entire College Community had an opportunity to review the emergent strategic directions and to define related initiatives. Dr. Davy used the results of this session to draft

the plan, which was shared with the College in the spring. The planning committee once again convened in late April and early May to refine language of the plan, assign responsibility for individual initiatives, and identify key action steps.

The AMP includes three overarching strategic directions: (1) Advancing a Culture of Care through a Strong Focus on Equity, (2) Advancing a Culture of Student Success and Completion through Faculty Engagement, and (3) Advancing a Culture of Student Success and Completion through Collaborative Pathways and Partnerships. Each strategic direction includes supporting initiatives such as redesigning ESL and Developmental Education Programs (Strategic Direction 1); supporting the development of new faculty from onboarding through tenure review and beyond (Strategic Direction 2); and elevating the availability of academic service learning, internships, apprenticeships, and partnerships (Strategic Direction 3).

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# Foundation Art Collection

The Hudson County Community College Foundation Art Collection of 1,300+ 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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Thank you to James White for the generous donation of a dozen limited-edition prints by Robert Kipniss.

## ARTIST NEWS

For those of you who are familiar with Gordon Parks's work through the Foundation Art Collection piece, *Place de la Concorde*, which is an elegant street scene of Paris at night, it may come as a surprise that he is best known for his portraits of Americans and his portrayal of social injustice here. The Museum of Modern Art is featuring an online-accessible show of his work for Life magazine. Called "The Atmosphere of Crime," this series of photographs challenged stereotypical images of delinquency, drug use, and corruption. He called the camera his "weapon of choice" to attack issues including racism, poverty, urban life, and injustice. To check it out, go to <https://www.moma.org/calendar/exhibitions/5235>

A few weeks ago, the National Gallery of Art in Washington made history by buying its first painting by a Native American artist -- Jaune Quick-to-See-Smith. When asked why it took them so long to acquire contemporary artwork by the First Peoples, the artist said, "Good question .... Because of popular myth-making, Native Americans are seen as vanished. It helps assuage the government's guilt about an undocumented genocide, as well as stealing the whole country." She continues,

"It's like we don't exist, except in the movies or as mascots for sports teams, like the Washington Redskins or the Cleveland Indians." The artist cites the current political climate making possible this purchase, "My painting is caught in a perfect storm: Black Lives Matter, the death of George Floyd, COVID-19, the presidential election, the Standing Rock Sioux temporarily winning a stay on the pipeline and add to that the Supreme Court saying the Creek Indians do exist and their treaty is valid. ... These are possible reasons that caused my painting to be purchased." There are many great contemporary Native American artists. You can read more about this here: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/jul/29/jaune-quick-to-see-smith-native-american-art>

If you like the gorgeous Donald Teskey print on the second floor of the Nursing program in the Cundari building at 870 Bergen, you might enjoy viewing some of his recent works about the shoreline and the ocean. It's like taking a virtual trip to the beach! [https://www.ifpdaviewingrooms.org/ifpda-viewing-room/fractured-shoreline-by-donald-teskey?mc\\_cid=4fe71f7beb&mc\\_eid=d702b76d2a](https://www.ifpdaviewingrooms.org/ifpda-viewing-room/fractured-shoreline-by-donald-teskey?mc_cid=4fe71f7beb&mc_eid=d702b76d2a)

Did you know that the arts bring almost 22,000 jobs and over \$662 million dollars of economic impact to New Jersey each year? Downloadable Arts Impact Infographics, created by Keep Jersey Arts Alive, are available at <https://www.artpridenj.org/arts-impact-infographics>.



The HCCC Foundation Art Collection work above is called "What Is an American?" by Jaune Quick-to-See-Smith. Created in 2001, it is a limited edition print with lithography, chine colle, and hand coloring. It is 69" x 39". Thank you to the late Benjamin J. Dineen III and Dennis Hull for the generous donation of this work

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](mailto:ASiegel@hccc.edu) and tell us the story of how the art collection works for you.

To make a donation to the Foundation Art Collection, please contact Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti, J.D., Ed.D., Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President at [nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu](mailto:nchiaravalloti@hccc.edu), or (201) 360-4009.

For detailed information regarding donating artwork, please visit <https://www.hccc.edu/foundationart/>

Would you like to explore the Foundation Art Collection using our new online searchable tools?

Go to [www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections](http://www.hccc.edu/FoundationArt/Collections)

Here is your opportunity to invest in the future of our community, one in which your generosity will be doubled and make a phenomenal, life-changing impact at an unprecedented time of challenge.



**National Giving – Hudson County Community College (HCCC) will match your donation, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000.**

Your tax-exempt donation to the HCCC Foundation Giving Match Drive will help HCCC students complete their education and make transformational changes in their lives.

You may donate at [www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor](http://www.hccc.edu/FoundationDonor)

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Lyndi Pagan, HCCC Studio Art graduate painting is in the Collection of HCCC President Dr. Christopher Reber.

## Exhibitions

### Dineen Hull Gallery Turns Five | Flickr SEPTEMBER 13

HCCC's Dineen Hull Gallery opened its doors to the public on September 13, 2015. The Department of Cultural Affairs pays tribute to all involved through our favorite moments over the years.

### Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album Free Virtual Gallery Tours OCTOBER 1 - 22

Presented by The President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA. As an amateur photographer, Otto Frank had a single theme: his daughters, Anne and Margot. Nothing we see in Mr. Frank's photos reveals the horrors the family will soon endure. The exhibition consists of over fifty reproduced photographs, many of which are seldom on public display. On October 1 DOCA celebrates the Jersey City Art & Studio Tour weekend with a fabulous night of music and art. Pianist Angelica Sanchez will perform live from the gallery for the opening of Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Letters from Anne to Martin theatrical performance will be virtually presented on October 22 in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA. For more information on free virtual gallery tours and the *Letters from Anne to Martin* virtual performance, email: [galleries@hccc.edu](mailto:galleries@hccc.edu).

### Electoral Electric Flickr | YouTube NOVEMBER 2 - 20

Curated by Michelle Vitale. Politics as usual? Black Lives Matter Movement, COVID-19, and gun control issues swarm the 2020 Presidential election and are key topics for battleground states. "Electoral Electric" artists create digital homages to top election discussion. Artists include Tricia McLaughlin, Orit Ben-Shitrit, John Sims, among others.

### Student Art Exhibit Flickr | Webex DECEMBER 1 - 18

Curated by Laurie Riccadona & Jeremiah Teipen. The HCCC Art Department offers a wide variety of classes in computer and fine arts taught by professional artists living in the New York metro area. HCCC celebrates the artistic talents of our community with a bi-annual student exhibition in the Dineen Hull Gallery. At the end of each semester, the HCCC Art & Studio Departments celebrate the creativity of our students with a curated exhibition and student portfolio presentation. On December 18, join both departments with live WebEx portfolio presentations. Presentations will begin at 10 a.m. Celebrate the end of the fall season with us!

## COMMUNITY INTERVIEW SERIES WEBEX

*These are the people in your neighborhood...*

SEPTEMBER 11, 6 P.M., JC Fridays  
QUINN WILLIAMSON  
Founder, *Watch That Negro Magazine*  
[www.watchthatnegro.com](http://www.watchthatnegro.com)

OCTOBER 13, 10 A.M.  
SUMMER DAWN REYES  
Founder, In Full Color  
[www.infullcolor.org](http://www.infullcolor.org)

NOVEMBER 10, 11 A.M.  
FRED FLEISHER  
Artist & Veteran  
[www.fredfleisher.net](http://www.fredfleisher.net)

DECEMBER 4, 6 P.M., JC Fridays  
ANGUS VAIL  
Founder, Container Globe  
[www.thecontainerglobe.com](http://www.thecontainerglobe.com)

## Programs

WEDNESDAYS • SEPT. 9, OCT. 14,  
NOV. 11, DEC. 9, 10 A.M.

Mindful Play Yoga | Facebook

"Wellness Wednesdays" explores mindfulness yoga practice with Jamie Wilson-Murray of Mindful Play Yoga.

[www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga](http://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga)

FRIDAYS • SEPT. 11, OCT. 16,  
NOV. 13, DEC. 11, 10 A.M.

Young Masters Art Classes | Facebook

"Young Masters Fridays" online arts enrichment programs for children and families with Kristin J. DeAngelis.

[www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass](http://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass)

OCTOBER 1, 6:30 P.M.

Tune In to HCCC Music Series | Webex

DOCA celebrates JCAST with a fabulous night of music and art. Pianist Angelica Sanchez will play an online performance for the opening of Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The 30th annual Jersey City Art & Studio Tour weekend features arts galore across visual, performance, kids-focused activities, curated tours and more!

[www.thejcast.com](http://www.thejcast.com)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

JC Poetry Festival

This year's theme, Futurology, will focus on how poets and the poetry they create determine what's next. For more information visit:

[www.jerseycitywriters.org](http://www.jerseycitywriters.org)

OCTOBER 22, 12:30 P.M.

Letters from Anne to Martin | Webex

A special virtual performance of *Letters from Anne to Martin*, will be presented in partnership with the Anne Frank Center USA.

NOVEMBER 12, 11 A.M.

Electoral Electric Exhibition Artist Talk | Webex

Michelle Vitale, Director of Cultural Affairs, will sit down with artist and political activist John Sims to discuss his artistic process and more.

DECEMBER 18, 10 A.M.

Student Art Presentations | Webex

At the end of each semester, the HCCC Art & Studio Departments celebrate the creativity of our students with a curated exhibition and student portfolio presentation. On December 18, join both departments with live WebEx portfolio presentations.

For more information, visit [www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs](http://www.hccc.edu/cultural-affairs)

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 'EARLY COLLEGE' PROGRAM AFFORDS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAST-TRACK ASSOCIATE DEGREES

This Fall, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many high school juniors and seniors will be taking classes online from the safety and comfort of their homes. These students—as well as those taking classes in-person at their high schools—will get a head start on their college education through the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) "Early College" program.

The HCCC "Early College" program is open to all students living in or attending high school in Hudson County. Students enrolled in the program can earn up to 36 credits toward an Associate degree, and may even be able to substitute a college class for one of their high school classes through the state-approved Option II program. Study options include fully online, plus evening and weekend remote classes.

In addition to the option of students to take courses independently, HCCC also has agreements with 20 individual high schools that allow additional choices for students, such as dual enrollment agreements, where specific high school classes have been matched with college courses and students are able to earn college credits while taking those classes. Additionally, students at partner high schools have the opportunity to take college courses on site, either during or immediately after the school day, taught by college instructors. Finally, HCCC has entered into agreements that al-

Complete information about the HCCC "Early College" program may be obtained by phoning 201-360-5330 or emailing [EarlyCollege@hccc.edu](mailto:EarlyCollege@hccc.edu).



low students the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree upon graduating high school.

In 2020, the first of these students completed one of these programs, with 11 students from High Tech High School earning an Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Studies. As of today, 197 high school students are currently on track to eventually also earn a degree.

The HCCC Early College program not only allows high school students to get a head start on their college careers, but those participating pay just half of the in-County tuition rate – a huge savings in comparison to tuition at four-year institutions. Credits earned in the HCCC "Early College" program transfer toward baccalaureate degrees at four-year colleges and universities. This tuition break is available to all eligible Early College students, regardless of whether they attend a partner high school or not.

## FALL 2020

Earn credits and your degree  
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Over 60 online courses, 20 Hybrid courses, and 6 degree programs fully online – Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts - History, and Liberal Arts - General!

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Stay close to  
home this Fall  
– begin  
at HCCC!

Whether we are your first choice or you are considering postponing enrollment at another institution, **keep moving forward this fall at HCCC.**

- **No increase in tuition and fees** for 2020-2021 year
- HCCC Foundation and Hudson County Government **Scholarships available**
- Courses available in more than **60 degree and certificate programs**
- **Credits transferable** to four-year institutions
- **Free Tuition for Eligible Students** through the Community College Opportunity Grant
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## YEAR UP UPDATE

**Y**ear Up is a one-year career accelerator program empowering young adults to enter a career in Technology or Business. In February 2020, Year Up launched its first site in New Jersey in partnership with Hudson County Community College.

Year Up is looking to expand its impact in Hudson and surrounding counties. Build with us to expand our reach and serve more young people.

If you are want to learn more or partner with Year Up, please contact Enrollment Specialist, Harrison Bass – [Hbass@yearup.org](mailto:Hbass@yearup.org), to schedule time to meet.



Apply to Year Up, a paid one-year internship program that enables motivated young adults to move from minimum wage to a meaningful career in Business or Information Technology (IT).

**To apply to Year Up you must...**

- be between the ages of **17-26**
- have a HS diploma or GED
- enroll at HCCC and major in **Business Administration, Business Liberal Arts, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Hospitality Management or Management**
- have valid work authorization (DACA students are accepted)
- be motivated to launch a professional career in Business or IT

We're accepting applications on a rolling basis, and spots can fill up quickly!

**To learn more, sign up at <http://bit.ly/yearupjc>**



The Office of Admissions & College Enrollment  
Year Up NY/NJ at Hudson County Community College  
[admissionsny@yearup.org](mailto:admissionsny@yearup.org)  
Office: (646) 341-6800  
Cell/Text: (201) 589-1415

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES NEW THREE-YEAR ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN

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These initiatives and action items will guide the work of the Division of Academic Affairs for the next three years. As it is implemented, each initiative's action items will be regularly assessed as part of the College's commitment to continuous improvement in realizing its mission.

Importantly, the three overarching strategic directions at the core of the AMP dovetail with the ongoing work of two other initiatives at the College: The President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (PACDEI) and Achieving the Dream. When viewed together, Achieving the Dream, PACDEI, and the AMP bring into clear focus the campus-wide embrace of equity-minded student success.

The complete Academic Master Plan 2020-23 document can be viewed on the Academic Affairs Portal page: <https://myhudson.hccc.edu/academic-affairs>

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



David Figueroa (left) was the only Phi Theta Kappa or HCCC student to volunteer in the gardening program at Liberty State Park on Aug. 8.



Adoum Allamine volunteering on Aug. 18 at Building Blocks Food Pantry to cook meals for the homeless and others in need.



Alumnus Juan Cacho volunteering with Beta Alpha Phi at Rutkowski Park on Aug. 23. Cacho will graduate from NJIT in May 2021.



Walid Arckir, Pedro Moranchel, and Courage Lahban gardening at Liberty State Park on Aug. 15.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS WORKSHOPS TO PREPARE FOR REENTERING THE WORKFORCE DURING COVID-19

The Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development will present a series of online workshops to assist individuals in marketing themselves effectively and becoming ideal candidates for jobs in a variety of career fields.

In the Wednesday evening online workshops, students will learn how to put their best foot forward during this pandemic. Sessions will cover career exploration and readiness; writing resumes and cover letters that appeal to employers; resume priorities of tracking systems; and strategies for narrowing job searches.

These individual workshops will be conducted by Maria Tejada, Career Services Advisor for the College, who helps students with their career goals. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently completing her Master's degree in Counseling at Montclair State University. Her career experience also includes entry-level management and banking.

"Career Exploration" topics will include "Focus2Career;" identifying career goals; exploring skills, strengths, and interests; finding needs and resources; and researching a career path, companies, and job roles. September 16, 6 - 8 p.m., \$45.



"Career Readiness" focuses on creating a resume and cover letter, and navigating online job boards. September 23, 6 - 8 p.m., \$45.

"Using LinkedIn" concentrates on networking, information interviews, researching companies, job trends, and job boards. September 30, 6 - 8 p.m., \$45.

"Honing Your Interview Skills" explores creating an elevator pitch, identifying weaknesses and strengths, and mock interviews. October 7, 6 - 8 p.m., \$45.

"What to Expect Post Interview" topics include handling job rejection, learning how to negotiate, and managing job offers. October 14, 6 - 8 p.m., \$45.

For more information, contact HCCC Continuing Education and Workforce Development Coordinator Qua'Fayshia Ransom at qransom4959@live.hccc.edu. Registration is online at <https://www.hccc.edu/continuing-education/learn-from-home/>.



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## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**BUSINESS WEBINAR:**  
**RECOVERING FROM COVID-19:**  
**Workplace Health and Safety Measures**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/HCCCWebinarHealthSafety>

You will receive additional information on how to access webinar once registration is received.

## 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHOWCASE

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHOWCASE

Hosted by NJCU's Ed.D. in Community College Leadership Program



On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, the 2nd Annual Community College Showcase, hosted by NJCU's Ed.D. in Community College Leadership, took place virtually with over 1,500 registrants! Members of the Hudson County Community College were heavily engaged in this conference as attendees, presenters, moderators, and planning committee members.

When the pandemic impacted the ability to hold in-person events, and only amplified the need for such a conference, NJCU's Ed.D. in Community College Leadership Program Directors Dr. Christine Harrington and Dr. John Melendez made the decision to transition this conference to a free, virtual conference. This allowed the conference to extend its reach, promoting to educators across the country and world, with registrants representing 40 states and 6 countries.

Attendees logged onto Zoom for a full-day conference featuring 28 educational sessions, 8 breakout networking opportunities, an opening keynote from Dr. Tia McNair from the Association of American Colleges and Universities on the topic of "Are You Student Ready?", and a closing from Dr. Margaret McMenamin, President of Union County College, focused on "Managing Change in 21st Century Community Colleges."

Members of the HCCC Community were seen in the following opportunities:

Eric Adamson and Karen Galli, English Instructors, presented Otherness as Asset: Building Confidence in Community College Writing, which had over 50 attendees who learned about incorporating autoethnography into college composition course design. Attendees learned the value of self in the classroom, identified ways to incorporate

otherness as asset in formative and summative assessments, and began planning an autoethnography assignment. In all, the presentation focused on building confidence in one's otherness and writing through self-reflection, social reflection, and explorative writing.

Jenny Bobea, Associate Dean of English and ESL, served as a member of the Community College Showcase Planning Committee and as the host for four sessions throughout the day.

Lisa Dougherty, Dr. David Clark, and Dr. Chris Reber, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and President respectively, presented "Ready for the 'Whole' Student: The Evolution of 'Hudson Helps' to Provide Holistic Student Supports" to close to 70 attendees. HCCC learned through the #Real-College survey administered by the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice that 68% of HCCC students face food insecurity, housing insecurity or homelessness. In their presentation, they shared how Hudson Helps evolved from a concept and two food pantries into a comprehensive program (soon to be physical Resource Center) with wrap around student supports. The highlight of the presentation was a video testimonial from Koral Booth, 2020 graduate, who shared how various Hudson Helps resources supported her during her time at HCCC.

Veronica Gerosimo, Assistant Dean of Student Life & Leadership, moderated the Community College Leader Panel which garnered over 150 attendees. The panel featured Dr. Demond Hargrove, Vice President of Student Development at Union County College, Dr. Chris Shults Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning at Borough of Manhattan Community College, and Dr. Michael J.

Sparrow. Dean, Enrollment Management and Retention at Northampton Community College. Veronica also served as a member of the Community College Showcase Planning Committee and as the host for three more sessions throughout the day.

Yeury Pujols and Lilisa Williams, Executive Director of the North Hudson Campus and Director of Faculty and Staff Development respectively, and Co-Chairs of the President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, presented "Steps to Launching Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Your Institution. There were over 90 attendees on hand to learn the strategies, lessons learned, and steps on how PACDEI was formed at HCCC and what they could do to launch an effective PACDEI, or some other DEI group, at their institution. The attendees were encouraged to ask questions during the presentation using Zoom's famous chat room and at the end of the presentation. Yeury and Lilisa received feedback about the presentation being meaningful and well received.

Recordings of the presentations will be available online at <https://www.njcu.edu/ccshowcase>.

NJCU's Ed.D. in Community College Leadership program is a practice-focused 55-credit cohort-based online program with an annual 1-week in-person summer institute requirement that is designed to be completed by working professionals in 3 years. This program has a specific focus on social justice, equity, and public scholarship. There are currently five members of the HCCC Community in the program: Jenny Bobea and Veronica Gerosimo in Cohort 1 and Audrey Lewis, Yeury Pujols and Lilisa Williams in Cohort 2.

For more information about the Ed.D. in Community College Leadership, visit <https://www.njcu.edu/ccl>.

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Conference**

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# SEVENTH ANNUAL STAR (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION) RECEPTION RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEE MILESTONES, HCCC FOUNDATION COURTESY AWARD WINNERS, AND RETIREES



On Wednesday, Aug. 12, Hudson County Community College held a special virtual reception hosted by the Office of Human Resources to acknowledge employees who have many years of service, and have demonstrated outstanding service to students and fellow employees.

## 5 YEARS

Jenny Bobea, Associate Dean, English and ESL

Jacquelyn Delemos, Secretary,  
Humanities & Social Sciences

Heather DeVries, Associate Dean,  
Academic Affairs

Paula Jnoville, Administrative Assistant,  
Enrollment Services

Marissa Lontoc, College Lecturer,  
Business, Culinary Arts & Hospitality  
Management

Tera McGee, Program Assistant,  
Student Life & Leadership

Robin Singer, Assistant Professor  
Humanities & Social Sciences

Pegah Sorour, Administrative Assistant,  
Office of Associate Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

Veronica D'Alessandro Zeichner,  
Vice President for Business and Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

## 10 YEARS

Zuany Chicas, Payroll Officer, Controller's Office

Sean Egan, Assistant Professor,  
English & ESL

Nydia James, Assistant Grants Officer, Grants

Guerly Jean-Baptiste, Assistant Director,  
Testing & Assessment Center

Djadji Sylla-Samassa, Coordinator,  
Continuing Education & Workforce Development

Elana Twersky-Winslow,  
Assistant Professor, Business, Culinary Arts  
& Hospitality Management

## 15 YEARS

Gregory Burns, Safety & Security Manager,  
Safety & Security

Ana Cabrera-Triscritti, Secretary,  
Testing & Assessment Center

Roberto De Fina, Bilingual Counselor,  
Advisement & Counseling

TaraLyn Dugan, Communications Coordinator

Giovanni Stoduto, Facilities Worker, Facilities



## Congratulations to the 2020 COURTESY AWARD Recipients

**Irma Williams**  
Associate Registrar -  
Enrollment Services

**Gregory Burns**  
Safety and Security Manager  
Safety and Security



## 20 YEARS

Jennifer Christopher,  
Director of Communications

Dorothea Graham- King, Administrative  
Assistant, Office of Institutional Research  
and Planning

Abdallah Matari, Professor, Biology, STEM

Rosa Perez, Secretary,  
Educational Opportunity Fund

Catherine Sirangelo, Associate Dean,  
Nursing & Health Sciences

## 25 YEARS

Pamela Bandyopadhyay, Associate Dean, Division  
of Academic Development & Support Services

## 35 YEARS

Paul Dillon, Associate Dean, Business, Culinary  
Arts & Hospitality Management

Aura Matias, Secretary, Student Services,  
North Hudson Campus

## 40 YEARS

Maria Arroyo, Senior Accountant,  
Controller's Office

Daisy Baiza, Administrative Assistant, STEM

Theodore Lai, Professor, Mathematics, STEM

Jennifer Oakley, Executive Administrative  
Assistant to the President, President's Office

## RETIREES

Thomas Hsieh, Professor, Chemistry,  
STEM Division

Luis E. Leon, Custodial Supervisor

Youcef Oubraham, Professor,  
Computer Technology (STEM)

Chandridat Persaud, Professor,  
English and ESL Division

Timothy Peacock, Assistant Professor,  
English and ESL Division

## PART-TIME HONOREES

### 5 Years

Domonique Callens, Academic Affairs

Edward Gotia Jr., Advisement and Counseling

Ernesto Grassi, Tutorial Services

Noemi Minaya-Mendez, Continuing Education  
and Workforce Development

Keith Olkewicz, Tutorial Services

Rafael Osorio, Tutorial Services

Angline Plummer, Tutorial Services

Delia Rodriguez, Facilities

Maria Lita Sarmiento, Continuing Education and  
Workforce Development

Soamwattie Singh, Facilities

Yisela Tacsca, Facilities

### 10 YEARS

Kasandra Beltran, Business, Culinary Arts  
& Hospitality Management

Sean Chitty, Culinary Arts &  
Hospitality Management

John Dodds, College Libraries

Aries Gomes, Facilities

Dauri Abad Ramirez, Facilities

Andrea Siegel, Academic Affairs

Apolinar Velez, Facilities

### 15 YEARS

Krishna Sahadeo, College Libraries

### 20 YEARS

Maria Cortez, Student Financial Assistance,  
North Hudson Campus

### 25 YEARS

Marystella Ahmed, Tutorial Services

*Recognizing employee milestones. We appreciate you!*

# HCCC'S DREAM TEAM SHARES STUDENT SUCCESS ACTION PLAN

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munity. Six implementation teams have been developed that align with the six strategies detailed in the Action Plan. These teams are being referred to as "How Teams" as each team will be integral to how we work towards achieving our overarching student success goals stated in Priorities 1 & 2.

Each How Team will be co-led by two Dream Team members. How Team co-leads welcome volunteers from across the college community!

A brief description of each How Team, along with the names and emails of the co-leads, is below. College community members who are interested in joining a specific How Team should reach out directly to the co-leads or to Heather DeVries (hdevries@hccc.edu) and Dr. Sheila Dynan (sdyman@hccc.edu), co-chairs of HCCC's Dream Team, by September 15.

## Interested in joining in HCCC's Student Success Work?

Are you ready to help move the needle on student engagement, persistence, and completion?

**JOIN A HOW TEAM!**

### How Teams will begin their work in September.

#### HOW TEAM

##### Priority 1, Strategy 1 ("ESL")

Optimize ESL pathways to minimize attrition and help students meet their academic goals

##### Priority 1, Strategy 2 ("AFE/AFM")

Optimize Academic Foundations Pathways to minimize attrition and set students on a path towards their academic program

##### Priority 2, Strategy 1 ("Student Leaders")

Promote a culture of care by leveraging Student Leaders' roles and responsibilities

##### Priority 2, Strategy 2 ("Remove Barriers")

Remove barriers that prevent students from persisting towards their academic goals

##### Priority 2, Strategy 3 ("Hudson Helps")

Expand services provided through Hudson Helps based on students' needs, with particular attention to students' needs during and post-pandemic.

##### Priority 2, Strategy 4 ("Academic Supports")

Connect students with academic supports

#### CO-LEADS

Jenny Bobeia (jbobeia@hccc.edu)  
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## CANDID CONVERSATIONS with Men of Hudson

Sponsored by: President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI), the Office of Human Resources, and Cultural Affairs



Nicholas A. Chiaravalloti  
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Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Counsel to the President



Jose M. Lowe, M.A.  
Director  
Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF)



Velino Joasil, M.D.  
Associate Professor,  
Biology  
STEM Division



Jerry D. Lamb, Ed.D.  
Assistant Professor  
Criminal Justice  
Social Sciences Division



Christopher Conzen, Ed.D.,  
Executive Director,  
Secaucus Center for  
Early College Programs



Facilitator of the Panel:  
Lawrence Alexander  
Search Consultant,  
Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion Practice

During this program, the panelists will discuss their (male) perspectives of the pandemic, social injustice, personal and professional success.

Panel discussion will last approximately 1 hour.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/96728107270?pwd=dW5ycnliVCszR3l0V1RscGg4RUwzZz09>

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Please join HCCC President  
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graduating high school in 2013. He decided to pursue his college goals after moving to Jersey City three years ago, and began his studies at HCCC in Fall 2018. Although he was a History major, he developed a keen interest in writing and journalism, and was a contributor to *Rhapsody*, the HCCC Honors Newsletter. A member of the HCCC Class of 2020, Mr. Perales has been named to the HCCC Dean's List, and will likely major in Political Science at Rutgers.

The HLLC program was founded in 2015 as a signature initiative of the Rutgers University-Newark strategic plan to connect opportunity and excellence, and to cultivate talent that may be overlooked. HLLC offers a pathway that honors the wide array of talents, skills and knowledge that students in urban America have to offer as they journey to effecting social change and transforming the world. HLLC is committed to providing its students with the resources and opportunities necessary to be thought leaders within their fields, positive collaborators within their communities, and change agents in the world. To achieve this, students progress through their studies as a cohort, sharing core learning experiences under the guidance of a specially selected team of faculty and trained mentors. Students immerse themselves in an innovative curriculum centered on themes of "Local Citizenship in a Global World."

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, September 2 -**

**Wednesday, September 16**

Add/Drop Period for 15-Week Regular & Culinary Evening Terms

**Wednesday, September 2 - Tuesday, October 6**

Culinary Cycle I

**Wednesday, September 2 - Friday, October 23**

Online Session A

**Wednesday, September 2 -**

**Wednesday, November 18**

College Student Success Courses (10-week)

**Wednesday, September 2**

Classes begin for On-Ground, Remote and Online & Culinary Evening Sessions

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Win It Wednesday to Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>; enter to win gift card raffle by 11:59 p.m.

**Thursday, September 3**

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Friday, September 4**

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Trivia Night: General Trivia, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Saturday, September 5 - Monday, September 7**

Labor Day weekend - College Closed

**Tuesday, September 8**

Classes begin for Early College sessions ("HP")

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Meeting of Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., <https://zoom.us/j/98520650691?pwd=QjEySXJ2SnFRcmxBMXgyOWVvMENUtO9>

**Wednesday, September 9**

Last day to add ONR classes

Win It Wednesday - Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu> to enter gift card raffle by 11:59 p.m.

Mindful Play Yoga, 10 a.m. "Wellness Wednesdays" explores mindfulness yoga practice with Jamie Wilson-Murray of Mindful Play Yoga. [www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga](http://www.facebook.com/mindfulplayyoga)

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Thursday, September 10**

Virtual Welcome Desk Hours, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Friday, September 11**

Young Masters Art Classes, 10 a.m. "Young Masters Fridays" online arts enrichment programs for children and families with Kristin J. DeAngelis: [www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass](http://www.facebook.com/youngmastersartclass)

Trivia Night: General Trivia, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

"These are the people in your neighborhood..."/ JC Fridays interview featuring Quinn Williamson, Founder, Watch That Negro Magazine, 6 p.m. Free registration is now open for JC Fridays; anyone wishing to attend the event as an audience member must register in advance. Registration is available at [www.jcfridays.com](http://www.jcfridays.com)

**Saturday, September 12**

Virtual Pet Parade: Rep Your Pet, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Sunday, September 13**

Dineen Hull Gallery Turns Five!, [www.flickr.com/dineenhullgallery](http://www.flickr.com/dineenhullgallery)

**Monday, September 14**

Muffin Monday Express, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., STEM Building, Lobby, 263 Academy St.

**Tuesday, September 15**

Virtual Escape Room, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Human Services & Addictions Counseling Virtual Information Session, 5 p.m. Join via WebEx: <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e98c5238d5d5dec7f16f7237587d8beb5>

Stuff-A-Plush Grab and Go, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., North Hudson Campus, Lobby

Urban Policing Institute "Building Police-Community Partnerships in Urban Areas," 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join via [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) - Meeting ID: 969 8217 5352; Password: Ms43cd

**Wednesday, September 16**

Last day to drop ONR classes

New Student Social, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Thursday, September 17**

Stuff-A-Plush Grab and Go, 12 p.m. to 2: p.m., Culinary Conference Center, Lobby, 161 Newkirk St.

Candid Conversations with Men of Hudson, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96728107270?pwd=dWsybnliVCszR3I0V1RscGg4RUwzZz09> -- Meeting ID: 967 2810 7270; Password: 616795

Virtual Escape Room, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Friday, September 18**

Trivia Night: Hispanic Heritage Month, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu> (Co-sponsored with the Latinx American Association)

**Saturday, September 19**

Virtual Escape Room, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Monday, September 21**

Last day to add/drop Early College Fall 2020

**Tuesday, September 22**

Virtual Town Hall with President Reber, 12 p.m. Conference Call Phone: 1-888-363-4734; Access Code: 9751220#

**Wednesday, September 23 - Sunday, December 6**  
College Student Success Courses (10-week)

**Wednesday, September 23 -**

**Monday, December 21**

Quick Term ("Q") and Off-Site Sections (12-week)

**Wednesday, September 23**

All College Council General Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Join via Zoom at <https://hudsonccc.webex.com/hudsonccc/j.php?MTID=mc2c61aa1ffce3b11eac688ef18e583b5>; Meeting number: 132 042 9451; Password: DiMzVHYG836

**Thursday, September 24**

Teal Table Talk: "What the COVID?," 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Lip Sync Battle, 6 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Friday, September 25**

Virtual Student Services Fair, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

Trivia Night: Disney, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Monday, September 28**

Muffin Monday Express, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., STEM Building, Lobby, 263 Academy St.

Pizza with the President, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Log in to <https://involved.hccc.edu>

**Wednesday, September 30**

Convocation - No classes prior to 6 p.m.

## HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



### 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Forest Hill Field Club  
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## ALUMNI CORNER

### Devika Godbole Associate in Science in Nursing Class of 2020



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

As a US citizen but raised in India, I always had a dream to go back to my birth country for undergraduate and graduate studies. I chose HCCC because it is affordable, close to home and helped to build a foundation to transition to a 4 year institution. I had also heard from other friends and family that HCCC has a friendly atmosphere which would help me to assimilate in the USA and would encourage growth.

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

The favorite memory I have at HCCC is when they first released their planners. I used them thoroughly and it really helped me to be on top of my activities/plans. I would always keep those planners with me to remind me how HCCC made me punctual and as a souvenir.

#### How did you become interested in Nursing?

I always wanted to work in the medicine field. I have a passion to learn more about disease processes. Throughout college and nursing school, my interest in nursing and my commitment to the field became even stronger as I found that I also had an aptitude for the work. I believe my ability to communicate with people and to explain things clearly in both a technical and non-technical way is one of the things that makes me a good nurse. Therefore, I decided to become a nurse so that I can deal with patients and their families and helping them through what is often a difficult time for them is extremely satisfying for me.

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

I was working at Gabert Library part-time and studying full time (Nursing Major). Before I realized it, HCCC had prepared me to handle a lot more than I

could have. Working at the campus with an understanding supervisor allowed me to have a flexible schedule and focus on studying. HCCC has an amazing atmosphere because I could learn and connect with a diverse community.

#### What is a typical work day for you?

For me a typical work day includes attending classes in the morning and then immediately going to work in the afternoon. I dedicate my evenings to wind down a little bit. I sometimes do yoga or workout in my apartment and then meal prep for the next day. Depending on homework and assignments, I try to finish as they are assigned. This helps me to save time and money. I do this to ensure I am not tired and to keep my health good by eating home cooked healthy meals. I use the weekends to catch up on my favorite series.

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

Ask, Ask, Ask. Whenever you are in doubt about anything. Ask questions, build a network. Get in touch with peer leaders. HCCC is a wonderful family and they always want their patrons to succeed. They would help you find resources from helping to build resumes, time management, tutoring, career development and much more. All the best to students you are just starting their journey. Remember, sky is the limit.

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