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Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Newsletter

Did You Know That April Is National Community College Awareness Month?

The Career and Transfer Pathways office celebrated *Community College Awareness Month* with events that emphasized the community college experience and highlighted the inspiring stories of individuals who have thrived within it.

Community College Awareness Month

April marks the nationwide celebration, "Community College Awareness Month," an initiative celebrated throughout the country highlighting the critical role community and technical colleges play in providing students with access to affordable postsecondary education, economic mobility, and workforce training. This month is dedicated to highlighting these institutions and in response, the Career and Transfer Pathways office hosted events such as "Ride Your Own Trail" in the Journal Square and North Hudson Campus to raise awareness of the national campaign and to honor and celebrate students' unique journeys and pathways to success.

Career and Transfer Fairs

Students had the opportunity to attend two Career and Transfer Fairs this semester, one at the Journal Square Campus and another at the North Hudson Campus. The fairs allowed them to:

- Engage with employers and transfer colleges
- Explore majors, industries, and career paths
- Ask questions and build real connections
- Enjoy free professional headshots

CTE Awareness Month Recap

February was CTE Awareness Month, and in celebration, the Career and Transfer Specialists from the Career & Transfer Pathways office hosted several targeted tabling sessions that addressed the gender gap in CTE career fields. Students participated in fun and educational trivia games with giveaways for all four schools, prompting excellent discussions with our HCCC students.

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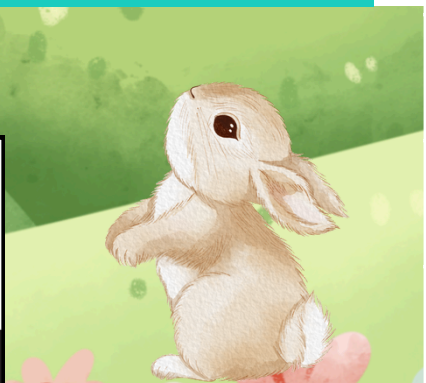
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MESSAGE TO THE 2026 GRADUATES

HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
50 YEARS of Excellence
FIFTY AND FORWARD!

MISSION STATEMENT: Hudson County Community College provides its diverse communities with inclusive, high-quality educational programs and services that promote student success and upward social and economic mobility.



MEET THE TEAM

We would like to introduce you to the Career & Transfer Pathways Team! We're here to support your career development and transfer planning through one-on-one meetings, classroom presentations, and campus resources. Join us for career & transfer fairs, workshops, and events with employers and four-year college/university partners. Students can book one-on-one appointments on EAB Navigate 360 and faculty can request classroom presentations.



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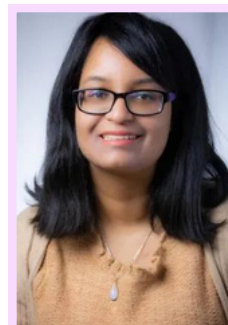
Kim Hosmer
Career & Transfer Specialist

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education (CTE) combines academic knowledge with practical, hands-on training in high-demand careers that range from healthcare and technology to skilled trades and hospitality. Hudson County Community College's CTE programs are designed to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce or to further their education in specialty areas.

PATHWAYS TEAM

The Career and Transfer Pathways team coordinates and promotes college-wide initiatives such as Community College Awareness Month, National Transfer Week, Handshake outreach, and career readiness workshops. In addition to large-scale programming, the team provides individualized, one-on-one support to help students navigate their career and transfer goals. Our work supports students across a range of academic pathways, including those who plan to transfer or continue their education before entering the workforce, ensuring holistic guidance at every stage of their journey.



Diana Sanchez
Career & Transfer Coach



Crystal Newton
Career & Transfer Coach

CAREER & TRANSFER AMBASSADORS

MEET OUR STUDENTS

We're excited to introduce our dedicated Career & Transfer Ambassadors, also known as our Federal Work-Study students! Our student leaders play a vital role in supporting their peers through the career and transfer process. From helping students navigate our website, making appointments through EAB Navigate, and assisting with events, they ensure that fellow students have the tools they need to succeed. Keep an eye out for their engaging presentations on our upcoming YouTube channel and our current Instagram, as they continue to enhance the student experience with creative and informative content. This also includes some of our flyer & newsletter designs!

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Biology (Science and
Mathematics) A.S.



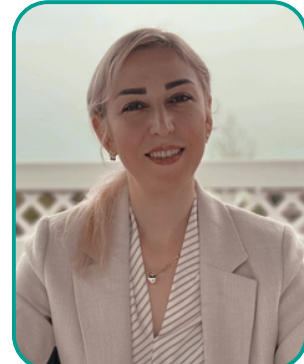
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Business
Administration A.S.



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Mohammadimajd**

English (Communication
Studies Option) A.A.



Ruth Suarez
Early Childhood
Education (Liberal Arts)
A.A.



**Darius
Petrucci-Rivera**
Theatre Arts (Liberal
Arts) A.A.

CLASS OF 2026

FROM



TO



Career & Transfer Ambassador Graduate

*FROM CAREER AND TRANSFER AMBASSADOR TO
A BUSINESS & MARKETING TRAILBLAZER*

We are proud to celebrate Ana, who is set to graduate this May and is currently on the Dean's List at HCCC. She will continue her academic journey at Montclair State University!

After more than two years as a dedicated Career and Transfer Ambassador, Ana has left a lasting impact on the Career and Transfer Pathways office. She has been a driving force behind many of our student engagement and marketing efforts, promoting significant initiatives. From co-facilitating workshops to creating engaging Instagram content and newsletter features, Ana has consistently found creative ways to connect with students and enhance our Career and Transfer Pathways programming.

Known for her strong on-camera presence, innovative ideas, and ability to thrive in fast-paced environments, Ana has played a crucial role in shaping how we engage with the student body both in person and online.

This fall, Ana will pursue a degree in Business and Marketing at Montclair State University. We are incredibly proud of her!



ANA MAYORGA

Business Administration A.S.

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FROM



TO



Career & Transfer Ambassador Graduate

*FROM CAREER AND TRANSFER AMBASSADOR TO
A COMMUNICATIONS TRAILBLAZER*

We are proud to celebrate Elham, who will graduate this May, is currently on the Dean's List at HCCC, and will continue her academic journey at Rutgers University!

During her two semesters with the Career and Transfer Pathways office, Elham has made meaningful contributions through creativity, consistency, and dedication. She has supported many of the same initiatives as our ambassador team—assisting with events, outreach, and student engagement—while also lending her voice and design to our newsletter and marketing efforts.

Elham has a talent for crafting thoughtful, engaging content that informs and inspires her peers. Whether contributing to the design of our newsletter and occasional written pieces or supporting behind-the-scenes efforts, she has played an important role in strengthening our communication with students.

We are so proud of Elham's growth and accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing her thrive in her Communications program at Rutgers University and beyond!



**ELHAM
MOHAMMADIMAJD**

English (Communication
Studies Option) A.A.

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Empowering Success: A Look Back at the HCCC 2026 Career and Transfer Fairs

HCCC recently concluded its highly anticipated Spring 2026 Career & Transfer Fairs, drawing a record-breaking crowd of students eager to "level up" their professional futures. Over two jam-packed days across the North Hudson and Journal Square campuses, students met with a diverse array of transfer representatives and employers, turning the college's multipurpose room and culinary building into hubs of networking and opportunity!



Students connected with representatives from institutions and organizations, including:

Kean University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, Saint Peter's University, Rutgers University, Bank of America, NJ Transit, Soccer Shots, Alliance Community Healthcare, and YWCA Northern New Jersey.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

HCCC went beyond traditional networking by offering a wide range of "wrap-around" professional services designed to give students a professional edge and keep them engaged:

- **"Tying Your Tie" Station**, organized by Student Life, offered a hands-on activity to help students dress for success — a vital skill for any interview.
- **Professional Headshots**: A professional photographer captured high-quality portraits of students for their Handshake and LinkedIn profiles.
- **The Party Crew**: Added flair to the event, providing custom keychains featuring live photos, giving students a unique memento.

The first event took place on Tuesday, March 24, at the North Hudson Campus Multipurpose Room, where 147 students met with more than 20 university and employer representatives. The second event was held on Wednesday, April 8, at the Journal Square Campus Culinary Conference Center, welcoming 74 students and 50 university and employer representatives.



"Tying Your Tie" Station



Professional Headshots



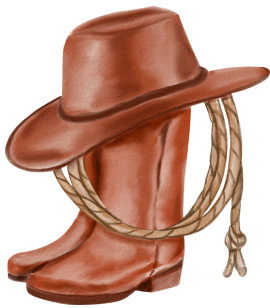
Party Crew

These events helped HCCC students build connections, learn about transfer options, and prepare for their future careers!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARENESS MONTH

For Community College Awareness Month, students had the opportunity to celebrate their unique pathways at the “Ride Your Own Trail” events on both campuses. This national celebration and our events were designed to highlight the impact and importance of community colleges and to celebrate the unique journeys of every one of our students. Community colleges enable career and economic mobility for many individuals and their families. The theme embraced a fun Western aesthetic while celebrating those who encouraged and uplifted our students along the way. In attendance were our colleagues from The Honors Program, EOF, Advisement, and The Hudson Scholars team.

DATES OF THE EVENTS:



**TUESDAY
APRIL 21,
2026**

JSQ, BUILDING G
STUDENT CENTER
12:00PM - 3:30 PM



**TUESDAY
APRIL 28,
2026**

NHC, 2ND FLOOR
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
12:00PM - 3:00 PM

WHAT WAS FEATURED:

- Free food and refreshments
- Photobooth with western-themed props (JSQ campus)
- Live DJ and music (Both Campuses)
- Metro bar experience (NHC campus)
- Opportunities to connect with campus resources and staff



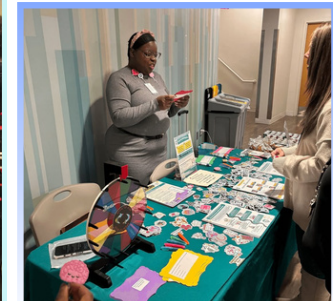
CTE AWARENESS MONTH RECAP



February marked Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Month, a national initiative that highlights the value of career-focused education and workforce-aligned pathways. Throughout the month, the CTE Career & Transfer Specialists from the School of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management (BCH), Nursing and Health Professions, Humanities and Social Sciences, and STEM, engaged students across campus by promoting career readiness, academic pathways, and transfer opportunities.

Through interactive tabling events, students explored resources designed to support their career development and future goals. This semester's theme, "The Gender Gap Is Real!", focused on raising awareness of gender disparities across various industries. Through trivia questions and conversations, students gained insight into representation in fields such as STEM, business, healthcare, and more.

These efforts encouraged students to think critically about career pathways while empowering them to pursue opportunities with confidence and awareness.



THE G I E

-  **STEM**
-  **BUSINESS**
-  **CULINARY**
-  **HOSPITALITY**
-  **NURSING**
-  **ALLIED HEALTH**
-  **HUMANITIES**
-  **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

GENDER GAP IS REAL!



SAINT PETER'S CONNECT



Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and Saint Peter's University (SPU) are proud to offer the CONNECT Program—an innovative partnership designed to make your academic journey smoother, more affordable, and more successful. CONNECT provides students with a clear and supportive pathway to transfer from an associate degree at HCCC to a bachelor's degree at SPU.

With personalized advising, dedicated Transfer Success Coaches, and access to resources at both institutions, students receive continuous guidance every step of the way. From your first semester at HCCC to your graduation from SPU, SPU CONNECT ensures that every credit counts and every opportunity is within reach.



Questions?

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HCCC | SPU CONNECT

A seamless transfer pathway from HCCC to St. Peter's University.



Why CONNECT?

- Transfer smoothly from an associate's to a bachelor's degree
- All HCCC credits transfer
- Dedicated Transfer Success Coach
- No additional SPU application or fees
- Eligible students may pay low or no tuition through NJ College Promise



CONNECT+

Select pathways allow students to accelerate into a graduate degree at SPU



Who Can Apply?

- Current HCCC students in eligible pathways
- 2.0 GPA or higher
- 0-30 HCCC credits
- Enrolled in 9+ credits per semester





SAINT PETER'S CONNECT+



What is CONNECT+?

If you are interested in a pathway that will allow you to access accelerated courses in Accountancy, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, or Psychology, CONNECT+ will allow you to complete a master's degree in any of the following once you have transferred from HCCC.

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

- ➔ Associate of Science in Accountancy to Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (Master of Science in Accountancy Track)
- ➔ Associate of Science in Biology to Bachelor of Science in Biology (Master of Science in Biology Track)
- ➔ Associate of Science in Business Administration to Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Master of Science in Business Administration Track)
- ➔ Associate of Science in Criminal Justice to Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (Master of Science in Criminal Justice Track)
- ➔ Associate of Science in Cybersecurity to Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Cybersecurity track) (Master of Science in Cyber Security Track)
- ➔ Associate of Science in Psychology to Bachelor of Psychology (Master of Science in Psychology or Master of Arts in Psychology Option)

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

The Office of Career & Transfer Pathways celebrates the graduating Class of 2026! Your journey reflects resilience, determination, and a commitment to building a strong foundation for your future.

Throughout your time at Hudson County Community College, you have taken meaningful steps toward your goals—whether preparing to transfer to a four-year institution or entering the workforce with confidence and purpose. It has been our privilege to support you in exploring opportunities, making informed decisions, and planning your next chapter.

As you move forward, remember that your path is uniquely yours. Continue to pursue your goals with intention, stay open to new opportunities, and trust in the skills and experiences you have gained along the way.

We are proud to have been part of your journey and look forward to all that you will accomplish.

Congratulations, Class of 2026—we celebrate you today and always.

#HCCCProud #ClassOf2026

Career & Transfer Pathways



Career & Transfer Pathways hope you had a wonderful semester! Here's a look back at some of the amazing events, workshops, and tabling opportunities we hosted this semester. Thank you to all the students, faculty, staff, and partners who made these moments so special!



**Wishing you all a joyful, bright, and safe summer!
- The Career & Transfer Pathways Team**





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