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Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

## Career and Transfer Pathways: A New Chapter in Student Support

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We are excited to announce that Transfer Pathways and Career Services have merged and are now the newly formed Career and Transfer Pathways office. The merger will provide a seamless and comprehensive support system for our students as they navigate their academic and professional journeys. By combining the strengths of both offices, we aim to enhance the resources available to students, making it easier to plan their careers and transfer processes effectively. Our office is located in the A building, 3rd floor room 302.

In our new office space, students will have access to a wide range of services tailored to their individual goals. Our dedicated team is here to assist with career counseling, resume building, interview preparation, and job search strategies. Additionally, we provide comprehensive transfer advising, helping students identify potential transfer institutions, understand transfer requirements, and navigate the transfer application process. Whether you are planning your career path or considering transferring to another institution, the Career and Transfer Pathways office is your go-to resource for achieving your academic and professional aspirations.

**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.

# Introducing the Career & Transfer Pathways Team!

We're excited to introduce the newly merged Career & Transfer Pathways Team at Hudson County Community College! Our team is dedicated to supporting students, faculty, and staff in navigating career development and transfer opportunities. Whether it's providing career counseling, facilitating transfer resources, hosting job fairs, or building partnerships with four-year institutions and employers, we're here to help you succeed. From crafting the perfect resume to preparing for interviews and ensuring a smooth transfer process, our team is committed to guiding you every step of the way! Reach out to us for personalized support, workshops, and exciting career and transfer events.



**Jennifer Valcarcel**  
*Associate Dean*



**Rimsha Bazaid**  
*Career & Transfer Coach*



**Connie Silletti-Cafaro**  
*Career & Transfer Specialist*



**Imane Zehaf**  
*Career & Transfer Specialist*



**Diana Sanchez**  
*Career & Transfer Coach*

**Book appointments for career assistance or transfer support!**

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# Meet Our Career & Transfer Ambassadors!

We're excited to introduce our dedicated Career & Transfer Ambassadors, also known as our Federal Work-Study students! These student leaders play a vital role in supporting their peers through the career and transfer process. From helping students navigate our website and making appointments through EAB Navigate, to providing resources on cover letter and resume writing, 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.



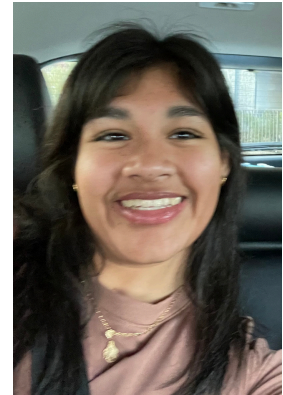
**Noor Huda**

*A.S. in Computer Science*



**Nina Maria Resurreccion**

*A.S. in Exercise Science*



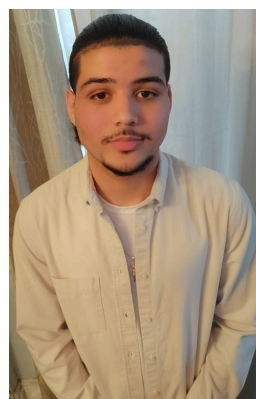
**Isabel Herrador**

*A.S. in Human Services/Pre-Social Work*



**Eman Dasouky**

*A.F.A in Studio Arts (Computer Arts)*



**Jared Portillo**

*A.S. in Business Administration*



**Ana Mayorga**

*A.A. in Liberal Arts - General*



# Star Employer: Go Foundation

For this issue of the Pathway Press, Career and Transfer Pathways has the pleasure of introducing one of our esteemed employer partners—Go Foundation.

## **Their Mission:**

Go Foundation's mission is ultimately to provide students with access to quality education through high-dosage tutoring. They envision an America where every child has the support of a tutor to enable them to realize their full human potential. Go Foundation's target audience is students considering taking a gap after finishing community college or before transferring to a four-year university to serve as a tutor and mentor. Their program is nine hours a day, Monday- Friday. If selected, fellows will be expected to assist lead teachers in classrooms, and the Go fellows' primary responsibility will be leading and supporting small group dosage tutorial sessions in English language arts and Math.

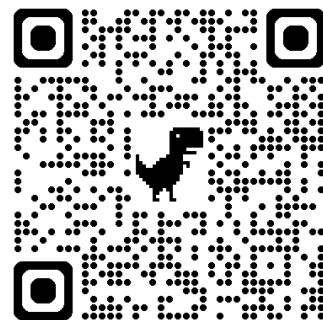
Go Foundation offers after-school programming in addition to tutorial sessions for math and English. Go Foundation provides Early intervention to aid students in k-12 settings. Go fellows will also be expected to support extracurricular endeavors as mentors to students involved in clubs and sports teams—some mentors facilitate anime clubs, step teams, sports teams, and so much more. Each school's club offerings may differ, but the premise is the same—Go fellows will serve as role models and lead extra-curricular activities after school.

## **Highlights**

The program is based on national service. It is a great way for those interested in obtaining transferable skills and hands-on experience in the classroom. It is open to all majors. If you are looking to take a gap year before finishing your degree or going into the professional field right away, it is a valuable entryway to give back to the community. Go Fellows typically end up pursuing further education and roles in social work, education, psychology and sociology.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS,  
PLEASE VISIT THE GO  
FOUNDATION WEBSITE TO  
DISCOVER FURTHER  
OPPORTUNITIES!

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# CAREER SUPPORT



OUR OFFICE PROVIDES A RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO HELP STUDENTS WITH CAREER READINESS AND JOB/INTERNSHIP SEARCH. THESE SERVICES ARE OFTEN OFFERED BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND CAREER COUNSELORS/COACHES.

**Career Counseling:** We provide 1-1 meetings and personalized guidance to help students understand their career interests, strengths, and goals.

**Job Search Assistance:** We help students search and find job openings, prepare resumes, and write cover letters.

**Interview Preparation:** We offer mock interviews, interview coaching, and feedback to improve performance in job interviews.

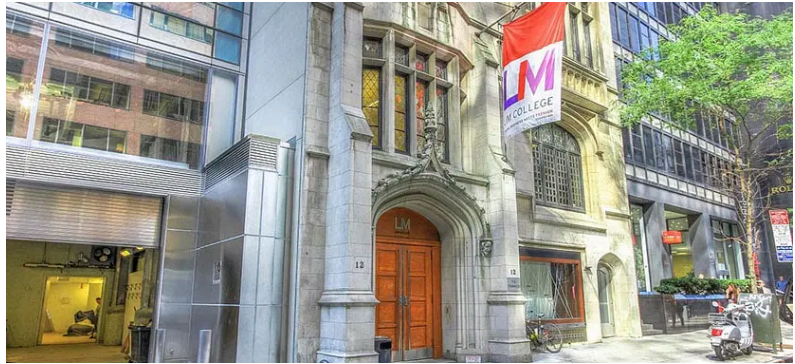
**Career Fairs and Workshops:** Our team organizes events that cover various career-related topics such as job search strategies, networking, and career planning.

**Major and Career Assessments:** Tools such as Career Coach and Handshake are utilized to assist students with career interests, internships, jobs, suitable career paths and much more.

**Networking Opportunities:** Our office provides connections between job seekers and potential employers through career fairs, networking events and more.

**Resume and Cover Letter Reviews:** Our team provides feedback and suggestions to improve job application materials.

# HCCC & LIM College Transfer Agreements



LIM College, located in the heart of Manhattan, is a prestigious private institution dedicated exclusively to the study of the business of fashion. Founded in 1939, LIM College offers a specialized curriculum that combines rigorous academics with hands-on industry experience, preparing students for successful careers in fashion and related industries. The college provides programs in areas such as fashion merchandising, management, marketing, and visual merchandising, offering students a comprehensive understanding of the global fashion marketplace. LIM College prides itself on its industry connections and strong network of alumni, providing students with valuable internship and networking opportunities in renowned fashion companies. With a dynamic and vibrant campus environment, LIM College offers a unique educational experience that equips students with the skills, knowledge, and professional network necessary to thrive in the competitive world of fashion.

**Transfer Representative Contact Information**

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*\*Reverse Transfer option to obtain your associate degree while pursuing your bachelors degree at LIM.*

Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned academic advisor.

HCCC Major	Bachelor Program	Type of Agreement
Business Administration - Cannabis Studies Option	BBA Bachelor of Business Administration- Business of Cannabis	Articulation



## FACT

A fun fact for transfer students at LIM College is its prime location in New York City. This offers unparalleled opportunities for internships and networking within the fashion industry, giving students real-world exposure and connections to major fashion houses and events.

# Transfer Student Timeline

The transfer student timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones a student typically experiences when transitioning to a new educational institution. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for transfer students, providing them with a clear understanding of what to expect during their journey. Whether you are considering transferring or have already embarked on this path, this timeline will serve as a valuable roadmap to ensure a smooth and successful transition to your new educational destination.

<p><b>Early Stages (0-15 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research:</b> Start researching potential transfer universities and their transfer requirements, including GPA, prerequisite courses, and application deadlines. Consider factors such as location, program offerings, and financial aid options.</li> <li>• <b>Academic Advising:</b> Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss your transfer goals. They can guide you on the appropriate courses to take and ensure you are on track to meet transfer requirements.</li> <li>• <b>General Education Courses:</b> Focus on completing your general education requirements, as these are typically transferable to most universities. Consult with your advisor to determine which courses fulfill these requirements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mid-Stages (15-30 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Target Schools &amp; Career Services:</b> Narrow down your list of potential transfer universities based on your research and personal preferences. Visit their websites and attend transfer information sessions or college fairs to gather more information. Additionally, reach out to your community college's career services department for guidance on how your academic choices align with your long-term career goals. They can provide insights into which universities offer programs that best match your desired career path.</li> <li>• <b>Major Exploration:</b> If you have an idea of your intended major, start exploring the prerequisite courses required by your target universities. Ensure that you are taking the necessary courses at your community college.</li> <li>• <b>Maintain GPA:</b> Aim to maintain a competitive GPA, as many universities have minimum GPA requirements for transfer students. Strive for a GPA above the minimum requirement to enhance your chances of acceptance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preparing for Transfer (30-45 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfer Agreements:</b> Check if your community college has any transfer agreements or articulation agreements with specific universities. These agreements outline the courses that will transfer and fulfill major requirements at the receiving institution.</li> <li>• <b>Visit Transfer Offices:</b> Visit the Transfer Pathways office at the college and the universities you are interested in to seek guidance and ensure you are on track. They can provide information on transfer scholarships, housing options, and other resources. Additionally, check in with your academic advisor during this stage to discuss your progress, ensure you're meeting the necessary academic requirements, and get their input on your transfer plans.</li> <li>• <b>Extracurricular Activities:</b> Engage in extracurricular activities, such as clubs or volunteer work, to enhance your transfer application. These activities demonstrate your involvement and commitment outside of academics.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application Deadlines:</b> Be aware of transfer application deadlines for your target universities. Start working on your application well in advance to ensure you have enough time to gather necessary documents, such as transcripts and recommendation letters.</li> <li>• <b>Personal Statement:</b> Begin drafting your personal statement, highlighting your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and reasons for transferring. Seek feedback from advisors, professors, or mentors to strengthen your statement.</li> <li>• <b>Financial Aid:</b> Research and apply for financial aid and scholarships specific to transfer students. Contact the financial aid offices at both your community college and the transfer universities to explore your options.</li> <li>• <b>Check with Registrar Office regarding Graduation:</b> As you approach the completion of your community college coursework, check with the Registrar's Office to ensure you are on track for graduation. They can provide guidance on any final requirements and procedures. To complete the graduation process, follow these steps: Visit <a href="http://HCCC.edu">HCCC.edu</a>-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."</li> </ul>

# Career & Transfer Champion

**Avery Tan,  
Class of 2020**



**HEALTH SERVICES, A.S.**

**HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, B.S.  
&  
LEADERSHIP, M.S.**



**What motivated you to transfer to your current college/university?**

I have always expressed an interest in wanting to further my education beyond a two-year institution, I wanted to be the first in my entire family to hold a bachelor's and master's degree. Despite the challenges of balancing school, work, and a personal life I was ready to take on the challenge of ensuring I complete my goal of further and completing my education beyond a two-year institution. HCCC, my friends and family all gave me the support and resources I need to make it possible. I can now proudly say that I successfully completed my goal and now hold three degrees, one from HCCC and two from SPU.

**What resources or support systems were most helpful during your transfer process?**

I want to point out the EOF program, the experience from the start of the summer academy leading up to graduation day has been a supportive and life changing experience. The resources, community, and network of the EOF family has played a pivotal role in the transfer process especially since there are EOF programs throughout two year and four-year institutions within the state of New Jersey. The family dynamic that EOF exuberates bridges the transition from a two-year institution to a four year seamlessly. The mission and goal of the EOF program is to support and aid first generation students to successfully complete their educational journey and assist in transitioning into the work force.

**Can you describe any challenges you faced when transferring and how you overcame them?**

As a graduate of the Class of 2020 the global pandemic surely impacted me, and many others transition to a four-year institution. The fear of the unknown and trying to balance life and continuing studies proved to be the ultimate challenge. Nonetheless, with the support of the EOF family, friends, and relatives I was able to preserve through finishing my undergraduate journey.

**What motivated you to pursue your chosen career path?**

I have always displayed a strong interest in healthcare, my passion for caring for others and wanting to be a leader for change has been at the forefront of my desire to pursue a career in healthcare. Prior to starting college, I was a caretaker for my aunt's elderly parents, from that moment I knew I developed a strong interest for wanting to help others and become a changing agent for the community in providing the best overall quality of care.

**How did transferring affect your career goals or opportunities?**

Transitioning from a community college to a four-year institution was an eye-opening experience. The family and community dynamic within HCCC in comparison to SPU was quite different given the presence of the ongoing global pandemic and the decline for student involvement throughout campus.

**How did the career services at HCCC and your new college/university help you in your job search?**

Having access to the career services at both HCCC and SPU has been a fantastic resource especially since navigating the work force can be very daunting and challenging. The support from experienced professionals within the department has given me the confidence and tools I need to be successful and intentional in my pursuit of applying for jobs within my field.



# Summer Recap

## CAREER & TRANSFER RETREAT

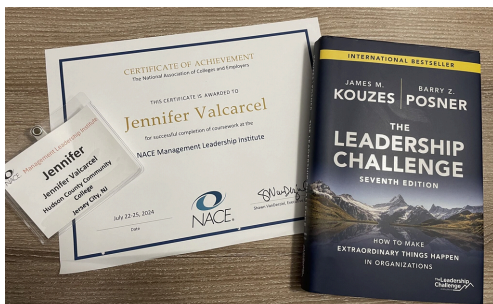
The Career and Transfer Pathways retreat took place on July 29, 2024, in the STEM Building at the Journal Square Campus. The team engaged in brainstorming and planning for events, employer tabling, and other initiatives for the fall semester. Additionally, the retreat played a crucial role in fortifying and establishing a bond between the two newly merged departments and provided a strong start for the semester.

## CASS RETREAT

The first CASS Team Day Event was a success. Attendees included members from the newly merged Transfer and Career Pathways department, Educational Opportunity Fund Program, and Advising. The event not only boosted morale, but also brought together over 45 employees from different departments through fun ice-breaker activities. It provided an opportunity for participants to research and learn about each other's departments and discover the valuable professional development opportunities that colleagues have experienced.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS (NACE)

Jennifer Valcarcel, Associate Dean of Career & Transfer Pathways attended National Association for Colleges and Employers (NACE). One of the highlights of the conference was the learning how employers want to make the best use of their time when visiting college campuses and need to understand the needs of our student population to best prepare them for the workforce and the interview process.



## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

During the conclusion of the summer sessions, the team from the Office of Career & Transfer Pathways actively participated in the New Student Orientations and the Support Services Round Robin. They engaged with students, providing valuable information about the full range of career and transfer services available.

## NASPA REGION II CONFERENCE (MID MANAGERS PRE-CONFERENCE)

Jennifer Valcarcel, Associate Dean of Career & Transfer Pathways attended the NASPA Region II Conference (Mid Managers Pre-Conference). One of the highlights of the conference was the learning how to build strong connection and partnership with the college advancement and communication office.



**Office of Career & Transfer Pathways**

Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Tues.	Sept.	10	Career & Transfer Pathways Welcome Back Mixer	NHC, 1st Floor	11AM- 1PM
Tues.	Sept.	17	Career & Transfer Pathways Welcome Back Mixer	JSQ, A Bldg, 3rd Floor	1PM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	8	Smith College Informational Session	JSQ, L Bldg, 517 Room	12PM- 1PM
Wed.	Oct.	9	Career & Transfer Pathways Tabling	JSQ	12PM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	10	Career & Transfer Pathways Tabling	NHC	11AM- 1PM
Wed.	Oct.	16	Career & Transfer Pathways Tabling	JSQ	12PM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	17	Career & Transfer Pathways Tabling	NHC	11AM- 1PM
Mon.	Oct.	21	Unlocking Potential: ESL & International Transfer Panel	NHC, Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor	1PM-2:30PM
Tues.	Oct.	22	Sweet Success: Ice Cream Social with Campus Partners	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	12PM- 2PM
Wed.	Oct.	23	Ace Your Interview: Mock Interview Workshop	JSQ, MPR 2nd floor G Building	2:30PM- 4PM
Thurs.	Oct.	24	Play & Connect: Transfer Game Day	NHC, Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor	12PM- 2PM

*ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.*

*Visit our Transfer Pathway website for any "Remote Instant Decision Days."*



**Instant Decision Days Schedule**

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Fee Waiver
Mon.	Sept.	16	Kean University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GO2KEAN
Fri.	Sept.	20	New Jersey Institute of Technology	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	TBA
Mon.	Sept.	23	Rutgers University- Newark	Remote	hudson25
Fri.	Sept.	27	New Jersey City University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GOKNIGHTS
Mon.	Sept.	30	Kean University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GO2KEAN
Mon.	Oct.	7	Kean University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GO2KEAN
Mon.	Oct.	7	Montclair State University	Remote	TR2025
Fri.	Oct.	11	New Jersey City University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GOKNIGHTS
Mon.	Oct.	21	Rutgers University- Newark	Remote	hudson25
Fri.	Oct.	25	New Jersey City University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GOKNIGHTS
Mon.	Oct.	28	Kean University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GO2KEAN

*We're excited to announce that prestigious 4-year universities will visit HCCC in September, offering students the chance to connect with representatives, explore programs, and discuss transfer options.*

Onsite Visit: Partners					
Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time
Tues.	Sept.	17	Ramapo College of NJ	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Sept.	17	New Jersey City University- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Sept.	17	Western Governors University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Sept.	18	Ramapo College of NJ	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Sept.	19	Rutgers University- Newark	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Sept.	19	Rider University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Sept.	24	William Paterson University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Sept.	24	Pace University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Sept.	25	Thomas Edison State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Sept.	25	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Sept.	26	Rutgers University- Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Sept.	26	Western Governors University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM- 5PM
Thurs.	Sept.	26	Kean University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Oct.	1	New Jersey City University- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	1	St. Thomas Aquinas College	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	1	Pace University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Wed.	Oct.	2	Montclair State University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	3	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	3	Seton Hall University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM- 5PM
Tues.	Oct.	8	Fairleigh Dickinson University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	8	Kean University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Oct.	9	Saint Peter's University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Oct.	9	Stockton University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Thurs.	Oct.	10	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	10	Western Governors University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	2PM-5PM
Tues.	Oct.	15	William Paterson University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	15	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Oct.	16	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	17	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	17	Kean University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Tues.	Oct.	22	New Jersey City University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	22	Georgian Court University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	24	Rutgers University-Newark	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	29	New Jersey City University- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Oct.	29	Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Oct.	30	New Jersey Institute of Technology	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Thurs.	Oct.	31	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM

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