

# HCCC HAPPENINGS



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

HCCC Happenings is on the College's web site at <http://www.hccc.edu/happenings>

Items for the May newsletter are due by April 15. Please send your news items, comments and suggestions to:

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▲ U.S. SEN. ROBERT Menendez (third from right) visited Hudson County Community College on Feb. 28 to address proposed cuts in the Federal Pell Grant Program. Three HCCC students also reflected on how the Pell Grant has been able to help them in their educational goals. Pictured from left with Sen. Menendez: HCCC students Monique Dugan, Estefanie Castillo, Fabiola Paredes, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, HCCC Chair of the Board of Trustees William J. Netchert, and HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert.

## U.S. SEN. ROBERT MENENDEZ HOLDS NEWS CONFERENCE AT HCCC SUPPORTING PELL GRANT

**O**n Monday, Feb. 28, U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez held a press conference at Hudson County Community College's Administration Building at 70 Sip Avenue.

During the conference, Sen. Menendez addressed proposed legislation by Republicans in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives that would reduce the maximum Pell Grant allowance by \$845.00, and would end funding for several other student-aid programs.

(Under President Obama's proposed FY 2012 budget, the Pell Grant maximum would be sustained at \$5,550.00.)

Three HCCC students

who have received Pell Grants during their tenure at Hudson — Monique Dugan, Estefanie Castillo, and Fabiola Paredes — spoke about how the funding has impacted their lives.

*Editor's note:* Photos from this event are available at [www.digiproofs.com](http://www.digiproofs.com) (enter password: 022811HCCC).

*Countdown to Commencement Begins on Page 10!*

## NOW AVAILABLE



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
**SUMMER/FALL 2011**  
[www.hccc.edu/schedule](http://www.hccc.edu/schedule)

Distance Education  
is now available!  
[www.hccc.edu/online](http://www.hccc.edu/online)

Off Site, Evening & Weekend  
classes offered

Application for  
Admission Enclosed

For Program Registration:  
April 20, 2011 to May 9, 2011  
May 10, 2011 to start of class (Foundation '06 Students only)  
May 20, 2011 through the start of classes

Summer I Classes Begin Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
Summer II Classes Begin Thursday, July 13, 2011  
Fall Classes Begin Wednesday, August 24, 2011

## NEW TITLE

Congratulations to **Zuany Chicas** on her appointment as *Secretary, Center for Distance Education* at Hudson County Community College!

## REGISTER NOW FOR 2011 BEST PRACTICES!

Spring is here and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference is coming soon!

The conference will be held in the Conference Center at Raritan Valley Community College on Friday, April 29, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. You need to be there! The program is dynamic, cutting-edge and exciting

Please visit [www.njccc.org/bp2011.htm](http://www.njccc.org/bp2011.htm) for all the details and to register. Please note: due to space restrictions, attendance will be limited to 225.

The low early bird-rate of \$60 is now available (\$65 after April 8).

## IN MEMORIAM: RAYMOND P. CATLAW

It is with great sorrow that the College announces the passing of our esteemed colleague and dear friend, Raymond P. Catlaw.

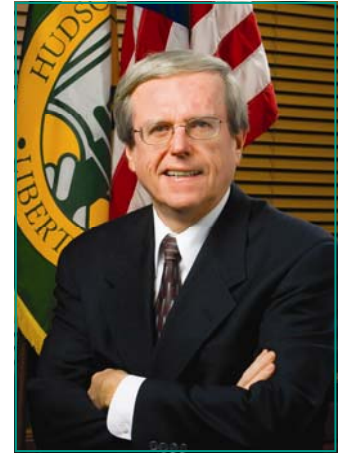
Mr. Catlaw was a member of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees from January 2003 to the present, and served as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer from January 2003 to November 2010. He was also the Chair of the Board's Personnel Committee, and served on its Finance Committee. In these capacities, he played a role in the College's physical and academic expansion, and thereby broadened the educational opportunities for thousands of Hudson County residents.

Mr. Catlaw held a Doctor of Law degree and Master's degree in Finance from Seton Hall University. He was a graduate of the Trust School at Northwestern University, and earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from St. Peter's College. During his career, he was the Senior Vice

President responsible for the Trust Department at Capitol One Bank, Executive Vice President at North Fork Bank, and Senior Vice President at The Trust Company of New Jersey.

Mr. Catlaw's dedication to the community was also evident by his involvement with many organizations in Hudson County. He had served as a Trustee of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce and the 200 Club of Hudson County, was a past President of the Jersey City Lions Club, and a former instructor at the American Institute of Banking. He was also a member of the New Jersey Bar Association, the President's Council of St. Peter's Preparatory School, The Jersey City Fiscal Advisory Board, and Our Lady of Mercy Board of Education.

HCCC Board of Trustees Chair William J. Netchert said: "We are very sad to learn of Raymond Catlaw's passing. We are very grateful for his dedication and contributions to



Raymond P. Catlaw, Sr., Esq.

the College. He will be missed. Our condolences and prayers are with his family."

"We send our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to the family of Raymond Catlaw from all of the faculty, students and administration at Hudson County Community College. We are very grateful for all he has done on behalf of the College and our students," said HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert.

## EMPLOYEE AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Nominations are currently being accepted for Hudson County Community College's employee recognition program.

Through the HCCC Foundation's generosity, each year up to two cash awards of \$500 will be made to recognize employees who consistently demonstrate outstanding service to HCCC students and employees. Nominees for the HCCC Foundation Employee Courtesy

Service Award must be full-time employees with at least one year of service.

Any member of staff can nominate an employee for the award. Nominations must be in writing and express why the employee exhibits stellar service and give specific examples. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year as acts of kindness are performed.

Winners will be determined by a committee ap-

pointed by the College President, which will include a member of the HCCC Foundation.

Winners will be recognized in 2012. Nomination forms are available at the College's web site at <http://www.hccc.edu/downloads/faculty/foundation07.pdf>.

For additional information, please contact Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006.

## HCCC SECURITY OFFICER NAMED 'OFFICER OF THE MONTH'

**R**egina Lester (center), a security officer at the College, recently received the "Officer of the Month Award" from Cambridge Security Services Corp. for her excellent performance. During her nine years at the College, Lester has consistently performed above and beyond her duties. During the month of March, she responded to several on-campus incidents. She is pictured with Rafael Nivar (left), Safety and Security Director, and Frank Mercado, Vice President for College Operations.



## PROFESSIONAL NOTES

**T**amer Marshood, an engineering science major at Hudson County Community College, has been accepted to the United States Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Undergraduate Summer Internship Program. The internship is a 10-week paid assignment at the Brookhaven National Lab in Upton, N.Y.

Assistant Professor **Laurie Riccadonna** has been awarded an Artist Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council of the Arts (NJSCA). The NJSCA encourages and gives financial support to artists, arts organizations and projects throughout the state and is the largest single contributor to the arts in New Jersey.

*A Mountain of Crumbs*, an autobiography by **Dr. Elena Gorokhova**, rated number three on *The Globe and Mail* of Toronto's nonfiction paperback bestseller list and number nine on *The Toronto Star's* reprint nonfiction bestseller list in March.

Instructor **Arika Easley** has been selected to be a Reader for Educational Testing Services (ETS) for the Advanced

Placement U.S. History exam for the second year in June. Each year, approximately 11,000 college faculty and AP teachers from around the world gather in several U.S. sites to evaluate and score about 11 million free-response answers.

Several Academic Foundations faculty recently attended the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Conference in Washington, D.C.: **Chae Sweet, Arnold "Bernie" Williams, Joe Caniglia, and China Clark.** Also participating in the conference as presenters were **Lauren O'Gara, Sharon D'Agastino, Syeda Jesmin, and Christopher Wahl.** Lauren O'Gara, Instructor of English (Academic Foundations) presented "Promoting Student Retention and Creating Community in the Classroom." Sharon D'Agastino, Assistant Professor of English (Academic Foundations) and Syeda Jesmin, Assistant Professor of ESL, presented "Learning Communities: Improving Developmental Students' Academic Achievement and Retention." Christopher Wahl, Associate Dean of ESL/Bilingual and Developmental

Education, presented "Accuracy, Efficiency, Cost: Toward an Effective English Placement Model." These presentations were well received by the attendees, many of whom are involved in Learning Communities programs at their respective colleges or universities.

HCCC's Enrollment Services (**Janine Nunez** and **Joel Paula**) participated in the GoNewark HoopFest College Fair on March 24 at the Prudential Center. The GoNewark HoopFest is a series of events that are associated with the playing of the 2011 Division 1 Men's Basketball East Regional Tournament at the Prudential Center in Newark on March 25 and 27. The College Fair coincides with the four teams' open practice.

The National Tutoring Association will award Hudson County Community College's Tutorial Services Center the 2011 NTA College Program of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the NTA 19th Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska in April. **Dr. Pamela Bandyopadhyay**, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, will be present to accept the award.

## JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

*Applicants are now being sought for the following positions:*

Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

Instructor, Mathematics

Part-Time Software Trainer

Accounting Instructor

Admissions Recruiter

Enrollment Support Assistant

Counselor (CASS)

Part-Time Enrollment  
Support Assistant

Part-Time Grants Coordinator  
(Grant Funded)

*To apply, please submit the following to resumes@hccc.edu or mail to: Human Resources Department, Hudson County Community College, 70 Sip Avenue, Third Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07306:*

- ◆ Letter of application
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Salary requirements
- ◆ Three references

*For more information, please visit the New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium website at [www.njherc.org](http://www.njherc.org), the HigherEd-Jobs.com website at [www.higheredjobs.com](http://www.higheredjobs.com), or contact the Human Resources Department at (201) 360-4070. For a detailed description of these positions as well as additional listings, please visit the "Employment Opportunities" page under "Human Resources" at [www.hccc.edu](http://www.hccc.edu).*



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

### 24TH MIDDLE STATES REGIONAL CONVENTION

Beta Alpha Phi Chapter came away with several awards from the Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Regional Convention, including:

- ◆ Chapter President Hall of Honor – *Cesar Orozco*
- ◆ Chapter Officer Hall of Honor – *Ilina Kay*
- ◆ Chapter Member Hall of Honor – *Mihaela Sanderson*
- ◆ Five-Star Chapter Development Award
- ◆ Chapter Spirit Award

### ELECTIONS OF 2011-12 OFFICERS

The elections of 2011-2012 officers will take place at the April 17 meeting. Candidates are needed for President, Vice President of Scholarship, Vice President of Leadership, Vice President of Service, Vice President of Fellowship, Vice President of Public Relations, and Secretary. For a list of responsibilities or to become a



*Photo by Beta Alpha Phi Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa*

▲ HUDSON COUNTY Community College's Beta Alpha Phi Chapter received numerous honors at the Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Convention in February. Pictured from left: Meibell Esquivel, Esthefanie Castillo, chapter advisor Prof. Theodore Lai, and Mihaela Sanderson.

candidate, please contact an advisor.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *Thursday, April 7 to Saturday, April 9:* 93rd International Convention, Seattle
- ◆ *Saturday, April 16:* Walk

for Liberty State Park, Hudson County 5K Run, and Earth Day Festival, 10 a.m., Liberty State Park

- ◆ *Sunday, April 17:* Chapter Meeting and Elections, Student Lounge, 10 a.m.
- ◆ *Saturday, April 30:* Walk MS, South Street Seaport

## PART-TIME TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Tutorial Services Department at Hudson County Community College is seeking candidates interested in becoming part-time tutors.

The department seeks candidates proficient in all academic levels of Social Sciences and Humanities, as well as Anatomy and Physiology, all levels of mathematics, accounting, chemistry, biology, Organic Chemistry, Math for Health Science, and Nursing Exam Preparation.

Successful tutors will receive training in student engagement and assistance, as

well as in methods of material assessment and student learning styles. Additionally, tutors who are selected and hired by the department become part-time employees and are paid according to the standard College pay-rate policy.

To apply for the Tutorial Services Department Tutor Program, individuals must submit an application, plus unofficial transcripts (or copy of degree(s) earned) and resume to the department by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

Finally, the department

will have a Tutor Meeting and Assessment on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All meetings and trainings will be held at the North Hudson Center.

Tutor Training will be held on the following schedule: May 6, 10, 12 and 16, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For further information, please contact Writing Center Coordinator Brian DiNuzzo at (201) 360-4248, or visit Tutorial Services online at [www.hccc.edu/myhudson](http://www.hccc.edu/myhudson).

## CALLING ALL HCCC MODELS!

The Communications Department is looking for students who have lots of school spirit to be volunteer models in our upcoming campus photo shoot. No previous experience is necessary – just a willingness to have some fun and not be camera shy!

The photos are for Hudson County Community College promotional material such as the course catalogs, advertisements, and displays.

The on-campus photo shoot will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Please call (201) 360-4060 or visit the Communications Department at 26 Journal Square, 14th floor.

All participants will need to complete a release form and pick up instructions prior to the photo shoot.

## TRAVEL MILEAGE RATE FOR 2011

The Internal Revenue Service has published new travel reimbursement rates to be effective Jan. 1, 2011. The standard mileage rate for the use of a vehicle for Hudson County Community College business purposes will be 51 cents per mile for business miles driven.

Please make sure to use this rate for any travel done after January 1, 2011.

For further information, please contact Robert Cruz, Controller, at (201) 360-4051.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

**By Dr. Constance Mierendorf,  
Special Assistant  
to the President**

Hudson County Community College Council elections for Steering Committee officers were held during the week of March 15-22. Sixty-two voting members selected Catherine Sweeting as Chair, Ara Karakashian as Vice Chair, and Joseph Caniglia as Secretary. The Steering Committee will hold office until June 2013.

The pilot stage of the College governance model was launched in January based on the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee on College Governance convened by HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert from fall 2009 through spring 2010. A Charter was presented and a timeline for the Pilot Stage, including Assess-

ment of the process, was adopted.

The mission of the College Council is to provide an open platform for meaningful participation of the College community in the governance of the College. All members of the College community are encouraged to participate.

Committee members from all divisions of the College were announced, and officers for each committee were elected at the January meeting. The College Council committees include Academic Affairs, College Life, Space and Facilities, Development and Planning, Student Affairs and Technology.

All of the activities, minutes, agendas and recommendations of the College Council can be found on MyHudson under "College Council" at <https://myhudson.hccc.edu>.

## HCCC ANNOUNCES 2011 SUMMER HOURS

Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert issued the following:

I am authorizing a summer hour schedule beginning Friday, May 27, 2011 and ending on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. The regular hours of operation during this time will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The College will not be open for regular business on Fridays during this period. Employees are expected to reduce their lunch breaks to 30 minutes to compensate for the shorter hours of operation during the week. College activities on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during this period will be minimized to reduce energy and other operating costs. The College will go back to the regular five-day work week on Monday, Aug. 15.

The success and continuation of the summer hour schedule really depends on you. Every activity at the College directly or indirectly supports instruction and student services.

The future of HCCC depends in large part on the continuing strength of our enrollments. Once again, we expect strong summer school enrollments. We also have ambitious summer recruitment and registration programs for our fall enrollments than last year's all-time high.

I know that you agree that a four-day summer schedule should not and need not result in a cut back in services. It is important that offices are open at 8:30 a.m. and stay open until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. This means that employees need to be at their workstations.

If you have questions about this schedule, or if you want to use vacation or personal days to work a schedule other than 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., please contact the Human Resources Office.

On behalf of the trustees and my colleagues on the administration, I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer.

## ESL AND HUMANITIES DIVISIONS GATHER AT INTERDIVISIONAL SOCIAL

The Social Committee of Hudson County Community College's Faculty Senate hosted an Interdivisional Social on Wednesday, March 9. The gathering provided an opportunity for members of the ESL/Bilingual/Developmental Education and Humanities & Social Sciences divisions to come together.

Pictured from left: Jeremiah Teipen, Associate Dean Dr. Linda Rodrigues, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Mirta Tejada, Rosie Soy, Associate Dean Christopher Wahl, Dr. Nancy Booth, Mary Lynn Townsley, and Maria Schirta.



*Photo by HCCC Communications Department*

## Notibreves

### DISPONIBLE AHORA

Hudson County Community College anuncia que su Catálogo de Cursos de Verano/Otoño 2011 ya está disponible. Versiones en Inglés y Español del Catálogo se pueden encontrar en:

- <https://myhudson.hccc.edu>
- [www.hccc.edu](http://www.hccc.edu)

### IMAGÍNESE... MODELANDO!

El Departamento de Comunicaciones está en busca de estudiantes que posean mucho espíritu universitario, para que sean modelos voluntarios en nuestra próxima sesión de fotografía.

Experiencia previa no es necesaria – solo necesita querer divertirse y no tenerle miedo a la cámara!

Las fotos son para materiales publicitarios de Hudson County Community College, tales como: catálogos de curso, publicidades y carteleras.

La sesión de fotografía se llevará a cabo el Martes, 19 de Abril, 2011.

### SI LE INTERESA SER 'MODELO HCCC:'

Por favor llame al (201) 360-4060, o visite el Departamento de Comunicaciones en 26 Journal Square, Piso 14.

Todos los participantes necesitan completar un formulario de permiso para el uso de sus fotografías y recoger instrucciones antes de la sesión fotográfica.



▲ EN LA FOTO el Senador Robert Menéndez, acompañado, desde la izquierda, por Estefanie Castillo, Fabiola Paredes y Monique Dugan, estudiantes de Hudson County Community College.

## SEN. MENENDEZ VISITA HCCC PARA HABLAR ACERCA DE RECORTES EN ADJUDICACIONES FEDERALES PARA ESTUDIOS UNIVERSITARIOS

Durante una reunión con estudiantes universitarios el pasado Lunes, 28 de Febrero, el Senador Robert Menéndez dio una "F" a los republicanos por querer cortar adjudicaciones Pell a familias de clase media y bajos recursos, en un tiempo en que estas familias enfrentan un nivel record de desempleo y deudas.

Las adjudicaciones Pell son otorgadas a estudiantes de familias clase media y de escasos recursos, en cantidades de hasta \$5,550 por año. La cantidad a otorgarse depende de necesidad, costos de matrícula, y estatus académico.

Oficiales en Hudson County Community College, donde el Senador se reunió con estudiantes,

dijeron que mientras el 80% del cuerpo estudiantil posee asistencia financiera, estudiantes con cuentas retrasadas han aumentado en más de 180%. Enrolamientos este año se han mantenido sin cambio, pero estudiantes actuales están tomando menos clases por la dificultad en asegurar el financiamiento.

## ESTUDIANTES A GRADUARSE ... CUENTEN SU HISTORIA!

Hudson County Community College está en busca de historias interesantes acerca de nuestros destacados alumnos a graduarse en 2011, para utilizarlas en la publicidad de la próxima ceremonia de Graduación así como materiales de publicidad en general.

El Departamento de Comunicaciones de HCCC estará complacido en escuchar a cualquier estudiante, que esté dispuesto a tener contacto con la prensa

durante la temporada de Graduación.

Algunos ejemplos de historias incluyen:

- Estudiantes de edad
- Conexiones familiares (parentesco con personal o alumnos de HCCC, miembros de una familia graduándose juntos)
- Estudiantes que se gradúan de uno de nuestros nuevos programas

• "Contra toda adversidad" (obtención de su título a pesar de alguna dificultad)

• Sirvieron recientemente en las Fuerzas Armadas

• Estudiantes que están en busca de carreras no tradicionales

Por favor considere compartir su historia con nosotros!

Contáctenos al (201) 360-4060.



## PROSPECTIVE HCCC STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT NEW NORTH HUDSON CENTER FROM PRESENT HCCC STUDENT

When Hudson County Community College Vice President for North Hudson Center and Student Affairs Dr. Paula P. Pando sets out to talk with members of the community about the College's new North Hudson Higher Education Center, she will not travel alone. Dr. Pando will be accompanied by a team that includes the College's Director of Admissions Nelson Vieira, the Director of Enrollment and Student Services for HCCC North Hudson Center Yeurys Pujols, and HCCC student Julia Villamar.

"It is important that we communicate with the community about the College's new North Hudson Higher Education Center on a very personal level, as this center was developed to meet their needs. I was born and raised in Hudson County and have been working with the community for more than 15 years. Nelson has been involved with our students and with Hudson County's high school principals and counselors for 10 years. Yeurys is himself a graduate of HCCC, and Julia is well acquainted with the College and the community through her studies and her extra-curricular activities, so they can relate their own experiences to prospective students," Dr. Pando said.

Julia Villamar is one of the thousands of HCCC students for whom the College provides a road to fulfilling dreams. Born and raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador, 19-year-old Julia came to the United States just three years ago. The Union City resident graduated from Union Hill High School at the Union City High School North Campus.

Asked why she chose HCCC, she replied: "A representative from Hudson County Community College visited my high school and I liked the way they treated me."

Villamar related that the College provided the opportunity for her to study chemistry, which is essential to her career plans. After graduating in 2012, she will transfer to a school where she can pursue her aspiration of becoming a pharmacist.

She said that after completing her first semester at the present HCCC North Hudson Center (in West New York), she become more involved with the College's programs and outreach efforts, and she is presently the President of the Key Club and the Bilingual Coalition Club.

"I recommend Hudson County Community College to others because this College has a lot to offer students, and it is one that people can afford," she said explaining that HCCC students are afforded the same studies as those who attend more expensive colleges and universities. Ms. Villamar's husband is also a student at Hudson County Community College where per-credit costs are among the lowest in New Jersey. Additionally, more than half of the College's students receive financial assistance, and there are hundreds of scholarships awarded to students through the College's Foundation.

HCCC President Dr. Glen Gabert echoed Ms. Villamar's description of the College: "We are dedicated to ensuring that our neighbors here in Hudson County have the opportunity to acquire the education and skills

needed to thrive in today's global economy, and we do that by providing high-quality courses and services that are affordable, accessible, and student- and community-centered." All of the College's courses and programs are designed to meet the educational needs of the linguistically and ethnically/racially diverse Hudson County community. The College has initiated sunrise and weekend courses to accommodate individuals who work, and has invested more than \$2 million in a new student information system and on-line courses so students may learn when it is convenient for them. Additionally, Hudson County Community College has programs and services to help students succeed, including the Center for Academic & Student Success, Tutorial Services, Educational Opportunity Fund, Learning Resource Center, Academic Advisement & Counseling, and Transfer & Career Services.

Currently under construction, the College's new North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City will be a complete campus under one roof, with Enrollment, Registration and Bursar's offices, a book store and Library, computer labs and media center, testing tutoring and counseling areas, language and science labs and art studios, Student Lounge and much more. Located on Kennedy Boulevard between 48th and 49th Streets, the seven-story building — which has the distinction of being the first higher-education facility ever constructed in Union City — will be easily accessed by public transportation, and will be connected to the Light Rail Transit Center by a glass-



Julia Villamar

Information sessions about the North Hudson Higher Education Center will be offered every month until it opens. They will be offered both in the day and the evening; all will be held in the Student Affairs Conference Room in the Enrollment Services Center, located on first floor of 70 Sip Avenue, and presented by our North Hudson Communication Team. Light refreshments will be served:

- ◆ Tuesday, April 12, 12 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, April 14, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, May 10, 12 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, May 12, 5:30 p.m.

To schedule a tour, please contact the Student Affairs office at (201) 360-4022.

enclosed pedestrian bridge.

The new North Hudson Higher Education Center is scheduled to be completed this summer and to be open for classes for the Fall 2011 semester.

"We are excited to be going out and acquainting the community about the College and the new North Hudson Higher Education Center. It will be a real asset having a graduate of the College and a present student helping us convey our message," Dr. Pando stated.

Those interested in learning more about Hudson County Community College's North Hudson Higher Education Center may do so by phoning (201) 360-4600.



JUJU CHANG (above) lectures at Hudson County Community College. At left: Chang greets Dr. Chanida Katkanant (left), Valerie Frink and Jennifer Nakanishi at a pre-lecture reception at the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center.

## ABC NEWS ANCHOR JUJU CHANG SPEAKS AT HCCC ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Juju Chang, an Emmy-award winning correspondent and *Good Morning America* news anchor, appeared at Hudson County Community College on Thursday, March 3 as the fourth and final guest speaker in the College's 2010-2011 Lecture Series.

Chang's role as an anchor

began in 1999, when she started hosting the ABC News programs *World News Now* and *World News This Morning*.

She has won three Emmy awards for her work at ABC News, including one for her coverage of the 2008 California wildfires.

A contributor to ABC's

*Nightline* and *20/20*, Ms. Chang has been awarded with a "Gracie" (an award that honors programming created for women, by women, and about women) for her story on judicial activism on the PBS program, *Now*, and a Freddie for *The Art of Women's Health*, a series she hosted on PBS.

In addition to her anchor duties on *Good Morning America*, Ms. Chang hosts *Moms Get Real*, a digital show for ABC News NOW, and she is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a founding board member of the Korean American Community Foundation.

## THE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC & STUDENT SUCCESS GOES ONLINE

By Rose Mercado, Director,  
Center for Academic  
& Student Success

In Fall 2010, the Center for Academic & Student Success launched its first online advising campaign, "AIM Advisor." From the comfort of their homes, students can now reach out for advising solutions without the hassle of appointments or the need of a webcam. The service can be used

on any computer, and on most mobile telephones via the web. Students simply sign on to their AOL Instant Messenger and chat away with our AIM Advisor, *RegHelpHCCC*.

What began as a troubleshooting vehicle has evolved into a multi-faceted counseling tool. Students have used AIM Advisor for course selection, major selection, college referrals, and community resources. It is easy to access and conven-

ient to use, beyond the scope of the office hours of the Center for Academic & Student Success. Assistance is available Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

AIM advising is not meant to replace face-to-face advising, but it is a valuable asset for quick, immediate answers. There are no messages to be left or return visits to the Center necessary. In our techno-

logical age, AIM Advisor is a cutting-edge communication tool.

AIM has received glowing feedback from students and staff alike. Students value the immediate instant gratification of clear responses. Students praise AIM counselors as able, willing, and most helpful. Answers are accurate; help is appreciated; service is free.

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## VIP PASS TO CASS & FAST TRACK DIRECTIONS (FTD)

By Duane Williams,  
Assistant Director,  
Advisement & Counseling

Hudson County Community College's Center for Academic & Student Success sponsored a new event during its "Student Success Week" in March titled "VIP Pass to CASS & Fast Track Directions (FTD)" – a combination of two events into one.

As students entered the Student Lounge, they were greeted and provided with an FTD form. For those familiar with speed dating, FTD followed a similar format with an academic twist, giving students an opportunity to obtain a quick "diagnosis" or evaluation of their profile.

Students then went through a line which allowed for them to speak briefly (one minute!) with a counselor and obtain informa-

tion as listed on the FTD form. Students who had questions about any of the information provided were re-directed to our offices (Advisement & Counseling) for a full one-on-one session.

At the end of the line, students received a 1GB USB flash drive inscribed with "Student Success Week." Additionally, students were able to take a candid picture in cap and gown to idealize what graduation will feel like. The Digital Network of Arts Club took pictures and provided a copy to the USB's of the students.

Students were also able to mingle with deans and administrative staff from various departments around campus. To finish off a great day, a Tiki bar with smoothies was on hand as a refresher to a great program.

The Advisement & Counseling department hopes to



Photo by HCCC Communications Department

▲ STUDENTS APPROACH the final station in the Center for Academic & Student Success's "Fast Track Directions" event in March. The event was designed to give students an idea of how on-track they are in their academic programs.

make the FTD pilot event a recurring program for students throughout the semester. The idea is that we as advisors/counselors should go out to the

students and provide the information to them rather than waiting for students to visit us, when it might be too late to rectify any issues.

## ACCLAIMED SOPRANO JAMIE BAER PETERSON TO PERFORM AT FUNDRAISER FOR HCCC FOUNDATION

Area business people and Opera fans are urged to save this date: April 28, 2011. That evening, the Hudson County Community College Center for Business & Industry will host a fundraiser for the College's Foundation that will feature noted soprano Jamie Baer Peterson. The event, "An Evening with Jamie Baer Peterson: Wine and Song to Benefit the HCCC Foundation," will be held in the College's Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street — two blocks from the Journal Square PATH Station in Jersey City.

Dr. Eric Friedman, the College's Dean of Community Education — home to the Center for Business & Industry —

said the evening will consist of networking with hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., followed by a performance by Ms. Baer Peterson and pianist Lois Buesser, the Music Director at Ridge Light Opera, and the Humdingers, a women's touring troupe in Montclair, New Jersey. A selection of Wines of California will be featured.

"Ms. Baer Peterson has a moving, fantastic voice," Dr. Friedman stated.

A native of Minnesota, Jamie Baer Peterson was educated at The Eastman School of Music, where she received a Performer's Certificate in Opera and a Master's degree in Music. She attained her Bachelor's degree at the University of Min-

nesota, and received additional training at the Santa Fe Opera and Aspen Music Festival.

Ms. Baer Peterson began her professional operatic career as an apprentice with the Lyric Opera of Chicago and has since appeared with opera companies, orchestras and in recitals all around the United States, and in Canada and France. Her career highlights include the following roles: Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* with L'Opera de Nice; Musetta in *La Boheme* with the New York City Opera; Constance in *Dialogue of the Carmelites* with Central City Opera; Isotta in *Die Schweigsame Frau* with Santa Fe Opera; Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel* and Nanetta in *Falstaff* with Sacramento



Jamie Baer Peterson

Opera; Norina in *Don Pasquale* with the Metropolitan Opera Guild; Susanna in *The Marriage of Figaro* with Lyric Opera of

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## Commencement: May 26, 2011

# HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 2011 COMMENCEMENT

Antonio R. Flores, Ph.D., the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), will speak at the graduation of Hudson County Community College's Class of 2011. Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday evening, May 26, 2011, in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ.

HACU is a national organization representing more than 450 colleges and universities that collectively serve two-thirds of the more than 2 million Hispanic students attending U.S. colleges and universities in 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. HACU represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), which are those where 25% of more of the total enrollment at

the undergraduate level, graduate level or both levels are composed of Hispanic students. The organization also represents Associate Member Institutions, which are those where Hispanic students comprise 10% of the total enrollment, or 1,000 students. HACU's international members number more than 50, and include higher-education institutions in Mexico, Central America, South America, Portugal and Spain.

Dr. Flores became the third President and CEO of HACU in 1996. His prior experience includes: serving as Director of Programs and Services for the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority and the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority; teaching at private and public institutions, both community colleges and comprehensive research universities;

conducting research and policy studies on higher education issues; administrating campus-based and statewide programs; and providing public service at the local, state and national levels.

This year marks the 33rd Commencement exercises for Hudson County Community College. These past few years, the College has experienced remarkable growth with enrollment increasing from 4,129 in 1996 to 9,331 in Fall 2010. Hudson County Community College is also in the midst of a \$173 million capital expansion plan. This past year alone, the College held ribbon-cutting ceremonies for two new facilities on the Journal Square Campus in Jersey City. The new North Hudson Higher Education Center in Union City is currently under con-



Dr. Antonio R. Flores

struction and will be opened later this year.

Complete information on Hudson County Community College's 33rd Commencement Exercises will be made available within the next several weeks.

## FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE ...

- ◆ **COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS** may be viewed several days after the ceremony at [www.digiproofs.com](http://www.digiproofs.com) (password: 052611HCCC).
- ◆ For **STUDENT DIPLOMA PHOTOS**, please visit [www.americancandidates.com](http://www.americancandidates.com) and enter the password HCCC. Graduates may click on the green box and will be prompted to enter their name and PIN, which will be mailed within seven days of the ceremony, with proofs of their diploma shots. Graduates may register in advance by visiting the Communications Department's station at "Graduation Salute" on Wednesday, April 27 (see article, top of opposite page).
- ◆ **YEARBOOK PHOTOS** will be taken on the following days/times by appointment only in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square:

**Tuesday, April 12 • 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Monday, May 2 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 3 • 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Friday, May 6 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

To make an appointment, log onto the website [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com) and enter code **59806** and password **hcc\_806**.

*For up-to-the minute information on Commencement activities, please visit the College web site at [www.hccc.edu/graduation](http://www.hccc.edu/graduation), <http://myhudson.hccc.edu> or our Facebook and Twitter pages*

## CLASS OF 2011: TELL US YOUR STORY!

Hudson County Community College is looking for interesting stories about our outstanding graduate students to use in publicity for the upcoming Commencement ceremony as well as marketing materials.

HCCC's Communications Department wants to hear from any student willing to speak with the media during the Commencement season. Noteworthy examples include mature students (age 50+), those with recent military service, relatives of HCCC employees and/or alumni, relatives graduating together, dual majors/dual degree students, and those who have overcome great odds to earn a degree.

Please consider sharing your story with us! Contact the department at [communications@hccc.edu](mailto:communications@hccc.edu).

## Commencement: May 26, 2011

### COLLEGE TO HOST 'GRADUATION SALUTE' FAIR FOR CLASS OF 2011

Hudson County Community College is hosting its Fifth Annual Graduation Salute — “A One-Stop Information Fair for Graduating Students” — on Wednesday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Lounge at 25 Journal Square.

The Graduation Salute is designed to provide an opportunity for graduating students to take care of their Commencement needs at one time and one location.

Representatives from a wide variety of administrative offices including Institutional Research, Student Activities, Career and Transfer Center and Communications will be on hand to answer questions and provide services.

In addition, the Hudson County Community College Foundation will have information on its brick fundraiser, and graduates may vote for a 2011-2012 Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees (*below*).

Students graduating in May 2011 are encouraged to participate and pick up their caps and gowns, and tickets for Commencement, scheduled for Thursday, May 26.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS).

For more information, please visit the Office of Student Activities at 25 Journal Square, Room 104, or call (201) 360-4195.

### SOCIETY STOLES AND TASSELS

Phi Theta Kappa stoles and tassels are now available from Prof. Ted Lai. They will also be available the day of the ceremony.

### FACULTY REGALIA ORDERS

Once again, it is time to order Commencement regalia. Faculty cap and gown orders are due at the Bookstore at 26 Journal Square by Friday, April 15, 2011. Late orders will incur a \$15.00 delivery charge by the cap and gown vendor.

Payments are due in full when placing your order. Cash payments must be made in person at the Bookstore. For your convenience, department purchase orders, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, personal checks, and money orders are accepted.

The cost of rental apparel for Commencement 2011 is as follows (rental includes cap, gown and hood): \$75.00 bachelor, \$80.00 master, \$90.00 doctorate.

Attire will be available for pickup in the Bookstore during regular store hours: Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Faculty will need to visit the Bookstore to pay and get sized prior to ordering.

Your rented gown should be returned to the Bookstore person-

nel present at the ceremony in the VIP section or at the Bookstore, the following business day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Salzman, Bookstore Manager, or Assistant Manager, Jasmine Ramos, at the Bookstore at (201) 360-4390.

#### REGALIA FOR TENURED FACULTY

The College shall purchase a cap, gown and hood for tenured full-time faculty members. If you have not previously ordered, you are entitled to order

your cap, gown and hood. Orders can be shipped to the Bookstore unless you choose to have it shipped to your home. Please submit order forms to the attention of Randi Miller by campus mail or email or by fax to (201) 714-2509. The vendor will need six to eight weeks to process orders, so please order as soon as possible. If you have any questions about order details, especially measurements, please call (609) 267-2802 and ask for Al Lehman.

As a reminder, all faculty members are required to attend Commencement.

### GRADUATION WEEK EVENTS

The Office of Student Activities and Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS) have scheduled a week of activities for graduating students leading up to Commencement on Thursday, May 26.

- ◆ *Monday, May 2:* Student Excellence and Achievement Awards Ceremony, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (by invitation only)

- ◆ *Saturday, May 21:* Day Trip to Boston, Mass.
- ◆ *Monday, May 23:* Friends & Family BBQ, 870 Bergen Ave. parking lot, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ *Tuesday, May 24:* Graduation Formal, Liberty House Restaurant, Jersey City, 6 p.m.
- ◆ *Thursday, May 26:* Commencement (*All* guests are required to have a ticket,

regardless of age.) Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ. Graduates are asked to arrive by 4:30 p.m. and proceed to the posted rooms for each division for processional line-up. Honor cords will be distributed at NJPAC prior to the ceremony.

Graduation Activities are sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Center for Academic & Student Success.

Students must be graduating in order to participate in events.

For further information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at (201) 360-4195 or visit the Office of Student Activities at 25 Journal Square, Room 104.





▲ LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER in Jersey City.

## CAI COLLABORATES WITH LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

By Ara Karakashian,  
Instructor,  
Culinary Arts Institute

On Tuesday, March 1, Chef Gary Bensky and Ara Karakashian from Hudson County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute attended a Safety Advisory Committee Meeting at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. Bensky and Karakashian met with the director and five members of the Center's Cooking Exhibition team.

The Liberty Science Center has always enlisted the kitchen design and food service

sanitation experience that the CAI has to offer. While reviewing blueprints for their planned 13,000-square-foot expansion of the current culinary exhibits, Bensky and Karakashian discussed the placement of necessary machinery and equipment. Not only were many concerns resolved with regard to placement of equipment, but the LSC team expressed its specific vision for each of their exhibits.

Through explanation of the Cooking Exhibition experience, Bensky and Karakashian offered input and guidance for the specific levels of sanitation

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## BENJAMIN WORK IN HCCC PERMANENT ART COLLECTION

The Hudson County Community College Foundation has acquired *Directions on How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari* (2006) by Siona Benjamin. It is located at the fifth floor of the Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center at 161 Newkirk Street.

This work, a digital print and etching with gold leaf and digital inclusions, was produced at Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Benjamin's collaborator was Randy Hemminghaus.

Siona Benjamin is inspired by traditional styles of painting, like Indian/Persian miniatures, Byzantine icons and Jewish and Christian illuminated manuscripts, but, she says, "I blend these ancient forms with pop cultural elements from our times to create a new vocabulary of my own." Originally from Bombay, India, Benjamin is of Bene Israel Jewish descent. She grew up in a largely Hindu and Muslim society, was educated in Catholic and Zoroastrian schools, and was raised Jewish. She says that because of this experience, "I have always had to reflect upon the cultural boundary zones in which I have lived. In this transcultural America I feel a strong need to make art that will speak to my audience of our similarities, not our differences as I feel I can



▲ *DIRECTIONS ON How to Wear an Indian Jewish Sari* by Siona Benjamin has been acquired by the College.

contribute to a much-needed 're-pair' (tikkun) through my art. I would like my audience to re-evaluate their notions and concepts about identity and race, thus understanding that such misconceptions could lead to racism, hate and war."

She has Master of Fine Arts degrees in Painting and in Theater set design. Her work is in the collections of many New Jersey museums including the Hunterdon Museum, the Morris Museum, the New Jersey State Museum, the Noyes Museum, the Montclair Art Museum, the Jersey City Museum, the Newark Museum, and the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University.

## PERMANENT ART COLLECTION: 'ARTIST NOTES'

Charles Burwell's work was reviewed in the March issue of *Art in America*. His art may be viewed at 161 Newkirk Street, Room 218.

Isca Greenfield-Saunders, creator of *Sky Beach (Blue)*, part of Hudson County Community College's Permanent Art Collection, has an exhibition, "The Ocean Between," at the Haunch of Venison in New York City. The

exhibition will include works that span the past 10 years, including her "Light Leaks" museum show from the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver and several brand new paintings.

Frank Palaia, whose *Circo Italiano* is installed at 119 Newkirk Street, recently had an exhibition of photographs at the John D. Calandra Italian-American Institute of

Queens College/The City University of New York.

In February and March, Mayumi Sarai, whose work, *Four Seasons*, is in the permanent collection, had an exhibit of her recent sculptures at Lohin Gedul Gallery in New York City.

Joan Snyder has a current exhibit, *Dancing with the Dark: Prints by Joan Snyder 1963-2010*, on display at The Jane

Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University. Snyder received the MacArthur Fellowship Award (popularly known as the "Genius Award") in 2007, and her paintings have been exhibited and collected widely throughout the United States. She will be inducted into Rutgers University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni during its Annual Awards Gala next month.

## DATATEL UPDATE: THE FUTURE IS NOW! APRIL 2011

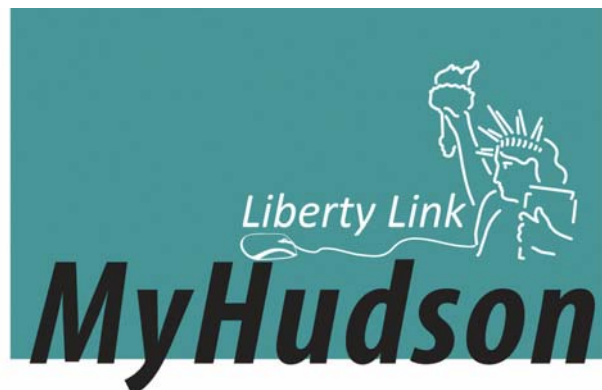
By Carlos Tonche, Jr.  
HCCC Project Manager

As the Datatel Implementation Project continues, congratulations are in order for Mr. Larry Vera, who has been named the Datatel Employee of the Year. Mr. Vera is the Project Manager from Datatel who assists the HCCC Datatel Implementation Team with coordinating Datatel resources to meet the Project goals. He is on campus approximately two weeks per month and works on HCCC matters even when he is not on campus. We want to thank Mr. Vera for all of his help in making the implementation project a successful one!

As registration time for Summer and Fall 2011 classes arrives, additional changes will take place that will expand the pool of students eligible for

web/online registration. Eligibility criteria is being revised so that any student who has completed or is currently taking English Composition I (ENG 101) will now be able to take advantage of registering for classes via the web. It is anticipated that approximately half of all HCCC students will have the online registration option.

Plans are also underway to make payment plans available online for students. Once this is accomplished, a student who needs to pay for his/her classes can enroll in a payment plan through their MyHudson portal and then make payments online. Students who take advantage of this will not have to go to the Bursar's Office in person, nor possibly have to stand in line to sign up for a payment plan.



Additionally, HCCC has been selected as a site for some upcoming regional Datatel workshops. A total of five workshops have been scheduled to take place in the Oromaner Room (70 Sip Avenue) in 2011. We look forward to hosting the workshops for our colleagues as well as some HCCC personnel.

Progress continues as we transition to the new system. Please be patient as all of us adjust to our "new" way of doing business. Once everyone gets more familiar with *Colleague*, *MyHudson*, and *Liberty Link* and our other new tools, you will notice even more improvements.

Stay tuned!

## BIOLOGY CLUB SCHEDULES A MONTH OF LECTURES AND EXCURSIONS

On Wednesday, March 16, the Biology Club at Hudson County Community College initiated its program of events for the Spring 2011 semester. Instructor Velino Joasil lectured on "My Little Big DNA."

Future lecture topics and dates include:

- *Tuesday, April 12* — 3:30 p.m., 2 Enos Place. Prof. Salim Bendaoud will lecture on "The Amazing Eye and Physiology."
- *Thursday, April 21* — 2 Enos Place, 2:30 p.m. Prof. Raffaella Pernice will lecture.

In addition, the Biology Club will present a Health Fair on Monday, April 25 from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. at 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. CPR training will also be available at the fair for \$20 (cash only).

On Thursday, April 28, the Club will attend a "Live From!" Cardiac Surgery Viewing at Liberty Science Center. Bus will depart from 168 Sip Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person.

On Saturday, April 30, the Club will host a field trip to "Bodies ... the Exhibition," New York City. Group will meet in front of the exhibit at the South Street Seaport at 11 a.m. Admission is \$20 per person.

All Biology Club events are open to the College community.



Photo by HCCC Biology Club

▲ INSTRUCTOR VELINO Joasil (second from left) is pictured with, from left, Chamaee Cordova, Regla Gonzalez and Marie Margrethe Greffin. Joasil lectured on DNA at a lecture sponsored by the Biology Club.

# HCCC ALUMNA RESEARCHING CONNECTION BETWEEN PLASTIC SURGERY, CLEFT REPAIR AND QUALITY OF LIFE

By Nidhi Radia\*

Special to *HCCC Happenings*

*\*The following article is courtesy of HCCC alumna Nidhi Radia. She is currently a senior at Rutgers University with a major in Biotechnology and scheduled to graduate in January 2012. While at Hudson, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and achieved the Dean's List.*

## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever seen a beautiful child who cannot eat or speak properly because there is a hole in his mouth? What problems are caused due to cleft palate disorder? What difficulties are faced by patients? Have you ever thought about how cleft palate is caused or if it can be corrected? Plastic surgery is beneficial to cleft palate patients.

Cleft palate is a common disorder seen in infants. It is related to soft palate, the soft tissue building the back and top part of the mouth. The soft palate — formed by muscle and connective tissue — gives flexibility, mobility and support to the mouth.

Cleft palate is a birth defect seen mostly in infants. During the development of a fetus, sections of the face begin growing separately and then fuse together. The lip normally completes by five to six weeks later in the embryonic stage, along with the palate by 10 weeks. Correct development of the lips and palate is critical. This defect due to incomplete development is called cleft, meaning “cut between two organs.” Cleft lip and cleft palate is the fourth superior birth defect in the U.S.

## TYPES OF CLEFT

There are three main types of cleft:

1. *Cleft lip without a cleft palate:* In this type of cleft, a cut is seen in the upper lip which occurs between mouth and nose. This is caused by inappropriate fusion of upper lip with facial parts during fetus development.
2. *Cleft palate without a cleft lip:* A cleft palate is a gap on the top of the mouth in which the two edges of the palate do not bind, or attach together around the 10th week of development in the fetus.
3. *Cleft lip and cleft palate together* are a combination of cleft lip and cleft palate.

There are four main functions of the soft palate: articulation, speech, swallowing and velarization. It mainly deals with pronouncing syllables and food swallowing. There are certain problems associated with cleft palate disorder, which include eating, hearing, speech and dental problems.

The cleft palate is caused by either genetic or environmental factors. Genetic factors include various types of syndromes which occur mainly due to mutation in the genes. Environmental factors include exposure to drugs, viruses or toxins in the fetal stage. Exposure of pregnant women to viruses or toxins can also lead to cleft palate in the fetus' development. Smoking, consumption of alcohol or other drugs by pregnant women may also cause defects in a fetus' development.

## CONSEQUENCES OF CLEFT PALATE

Children with cleft palate damage face problems in different areas of life. Their condition affects them academically, professionally and socially. The problems start when one starts to speak and communicate in the society. Clefts affect children emotionally and psychologically as they face problems related to speech. This includes difficulties in pronouncing syllables and sentences which create problems for people to understand them clearly. Also, in school they can be the subject of ridicule from classmates.

## SOLUTIONS FOR CLEFT PALATE

Solutions for cleft palate disorder are of two types: surgery and speech therapy. The choice of treatment depends on age and type of defects. Surgery helps to fix the damage or fill the gap found in the disorder. This helps to give a proper look to the damaged part. Speech therapy is based on the type of cleft palate defect and problems related to pronouncing syllables. This helps a patient to improve speech by teaching them techniques to pronounce syllable that they are not able to speak clearly. In this way, practicing and learning new techniques help them get better and perfect.

There are many institutions and organizations in the United States associated with cleft palate damage. They help patients by providing monetary and surgical support. One well-known organization is Operation Smile, a non-profit medical organization that collects charity to so that it can provide help patients for reconstructive surgery.



Nidhi Radia

The class “Ethics in Science and Society” taught by Dr. Julie Fagan at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, deals with selecting issues related to science and its impact on society. Under the guidance of Dr. Fagan, I, Nidhi Radia, along with three other Rutgers students — Romal Vaidya, Sunke Sagar and Megha Shah — will serve our community by spreading awareness about “the upside of plastic surgery.”

Solutions such as surgery and speech therapy give new lives to patients. Surgery helps to reconstruct damage part of the body and results in proper shape and appearance; while speech therapy aids to improve communication skills by practicing various techniques taught by speech therapists. This helps give courage, confidence and self-esteem to patients, and also motivates them to improve their professional and academic lives. They can live freely in the society without being mocked. Thus, it gives patients rebirth and leads to normal life with a smile. If it permits one person to smile, then can plastic surgery not be considered disadvantageous?



# APRIL TESTING SCHEDULE

All new students are required to take the CPT, which allows for course placement that is appropriate to their skill level. In certain cases, such as if a student testing has not completed high school or its equivalent (GED), the Placement Test can also be used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

*It is extremely important that you take the College Placement Test seriously. Depending on your score, you may have to register for and pay to take additional semesters of courses that do not bear college credit/count toward graduation.*

## BEFORE TAKING THE CPT:

- ◆ Students must submit an Application to Admissions (70 Sip Ave).
- ◆ To review for the College (College Board's "Accuplacer"), please visit: [www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/](http://www.college-board.com/student/testing/accuplacer/)
- ◆ For CPT exemption criteria such as SAT scores and applied transfer credit for English and/or Mathematics visit: [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing)

## ON THE DAY OF THE CPT STUDENTS MUST:

- Report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- Bring photo ID (Driver's License / Passport / Green Card / Student ID).
- Have your College Wide ID number.
- Bring a copy of transcripts (only if student is a transfer or foreign student).

To obtain more information on the status of your placement test and course registration eligibility, please visit [www.hccc.edu/testingstatus](http://www.hccc.edu/testingstatus)

## ABOUT THE CLEP:

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for what

they already know by earning qualifying scores on any of 34 examinations. For more information on CLEP, please visit: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html)

## BEFORE TAKING THE CLEP EXAM:

- ◆ Please call (201) 360-4191 or -4192 or contact [twooten@hccc.edu](mailto:twooten@hccc.edu), as CLEP exams are administered by appointment only.
- ◆ All appointment cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- ◆ HCCC students must have a permit to take the CLEP (form available at the Testing Center).
- ◆ All students must pay a \$20 HCCC service fee (non-refundable) per examination at the Bursar's Office, located at 70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, or the North Hudson Center Main Office, located at 6515 Polk St., West New York. This fee must be paid prior to setting an appointment for the exam. Testers must show receipt on the day of CLEP exam.
- ◆ Note: CLEP exams will resume in February 2011. Please contact the Testing Center in January for an appointment: (201) 360-4194, -4192 or -4191.

## ON THE DAY OF THE CLEP EXAM:

- ◆ Students must report at least 10 minutes before the test start time.
- ◆ Bring two (2) forms of identification (Driver's License, Passport, Green Card, Student ID, Military ID).
- ◆ Bring \$20 receipt from Bursar's Office.
- ◆ Bring \$77 CLEP Fee: money order, payable to ETS/CLEP, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted).

## DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

If you require special testing accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Disability Support Services at (201) 360-4157. All students with approved testing accommodations must take the College Placement Test at the Testing Center located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ.

The testing schedule for April follows:

- **Friday, April 1** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York
- **Monday, April 4** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Tuesday, April 5** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Wednesday, April 6** – CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Thursday, April 7** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Friday, April 8** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York
- **Saturday, April 9** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. (by appointment only), 2 Enos Place
- **Monday, April 11** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Tuesday, April 12** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., or 5 p.m. (by appointment only), 2 Enos Place
- **Wednesday, April 13** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or

1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place

- **Thursday, April 14** – CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Friday, April 15** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York
- **Monday, April 18** – CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Tuesday, April 19** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Wednesday, April 20** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Thursday, April 21** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Monday, April 25** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., or 5 p.m. (by appointment only), 2 Enos Place
- **Tuesday, April 26** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Wednesday, April 27** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Thursday, April 28** – CLEP (by appointment only), 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place
- **Friday, April 29** – College Placement Test/Assessment, 9:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m., 2 Enos Place; 9:15 a.m., West New York

*For further information, please contact HCCC's Testing Center, located at 2 Enos Place, Jersey City, NJ 07306 at (201) 360-4193 for College Placement Test appointments.*

*To obtain additional information and policies of the Testing Center, please visit [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing).*

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## Friday, April 1

Last day to complete official withdrawal from classes at HCCC

## Monday, April 4 –

### Wednesday, April 27

*Spanish III* - This lively course is designed to maximize your conversational fluency and to increase your proficiency in vocabulary, reading and writing. Whether you use your Spanish-language skills for business, travel or everyday life, this class will enable you to speak, read and write with confidence and accuracy. Tuition: \$205, Textbook included (Same as Spanish I — *Spanish Is Fun, Third Edition*, ISBN 1-56765-464-9). Prerequisite: Spanish II or the equivalent. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; please call (201) 360-4246 to register.

## Monday, April 4

Orientation session for Certified Nurse Aide Program, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., 870 Bergen Ave., Room 206. For further information, please contact Pat Murphy at (201) 360-4267 or Susanne Sansevere at (201) 360-4284.

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: New Jersey Institute of Technology, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

*The Principles of Life and Health Insurance* - Trying to decide what type of insurance policies and options you and your family need can make one's head spin. You'll be in good hands with our presenter, a licensed Life and Health Insurance agent who is certified by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Banking, and who will guide you through learning about the different types of life and health policies, riders and policy provisions so you can make informed decisions. Tuition: \$59. Meets 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, April 5 –

### Tuesday, May 10

*World War II Through the Early*

*1960's* - It was the best of times ... and the worst of times! Join us as we examine one of the most fascinating, frightening, productive and inventive periods in world history. This engrossing course will focus on the crucial events that occurred before, during and after World War II — including the Korean War, the launch of Sputnik, and the Cuban Missile Crisis — as well as their effect on world relations. Tuition: \$99. Meets Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, April 5 –

### Thursday, May 12

*Introduction to Modern Arabic* – Arabic is spoken by nearly 250 million people throughout the world, and there are more than 600,000 Arabic speakers in the United States! Our course will introduce you to the alphabet, vocabulary and grammatical structure that will facilitate you learning and developing the skills needed to read, write, and carry on conversations in Modern Arabic. Tuition: \$425 (textbook not included). Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, April 5

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: Felician College, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

## Wednesday, April 6 –

### Wednesday, April 27

*QuickBooks: Level III* – Increase your proficiency with QuickBooks by learning how to utilize this powerhouse program for payroll (including printing pay checks),

tracking billable hours, working with balance sheet accounts, paying liabilities and managing long-term liabilities. Prerequisite: QuickBooks, Level II or appropriate knowledge. Tuition: \$250 plus \$20 lab fee (textbook not included). Meets Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Wednesday, April 6 –

### Wednesday, May 11

*Adobe Photoshop CS4: Level II* - Take your mastery of Photoshop to the next level! Through instruction and hands-on experiences you'll become acquainted on how to utilize new layer-masking techniques with multiple-image files, and expand your knowledge of and skills in adjustment layers to perfect/correct images, CMYK color correction, and more. The final project will introduce Adobe In-Design to create a brochure by importing Photoshop images and text from MS Word. Tuition: \$245 plus \$35 lab fee. Prerequisite: Introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS4 or basic Photoshop skills. Meets Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Wednesday, April 6

Bagel Wednesday, NHC, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Co-ed Soccer, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Karaoke & Wings, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Thursday, April 7 –

### Saturday, April 9

Phi Theta Kappa 93rd International Convention, Seattle

## Thursday, April 7 -

### Thursday, April 28

*Everyday Grammar: Words That Impress* – Improve your communications skills so you can maximize your chances for advancing in your career and in your social life! You'll learn how to "have a way with words" and create positive, lasting impressions with colleagues and friends by what you say as well as how you present yourself. Tuition: \$155. Meets Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Thursday, April 7

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: New Jersey City University, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center.

Co-ed Soccer, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

General Open House, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a place, please contact admissions@hccc.edu or visit www.hccc.edu/openhouse.

## Friday, April 8

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Do You Think You're in Control?, 2 Enos Place (in front of building), 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Film Club Screening Presentation, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Co-ed Soccer, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday, April 9 –

### Saturday, April 30

*Career Option Exploration* – Start constructing your path to a satisfying and rewarding career! Work with an experienced career development counselor in making and implementing decisions that support your career aspirations. This course is designed to assist you with self-assessment by reflecting on your experiences and choices, and making plans for your future. We'll help you have more control over the direction of your career, with less change-related stress. Tuition: \$95. Meets Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (no class April 23); to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Saturday, April 9 –

### Saturday, May 21

*Computers for Beginners* – Specially designed for those who possess little or no experience with computers but want to begin developing skills. Our foundation course will acquaint you with key terms, file management, and system soft-

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ware and hardware. We'll introduce you to common workplace applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, and teach you about the Internet, e-mail (including attaching files), computer viruses and spy-ware and PC security software. You'll build skills and confidence through hands-on exercises, and learn about features to consider when purchasing a computer. Tuition: \$129 plus \$15 lab fee. Meets Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

*Review of Math Fundamentals* - Math not your subject? Been out of school for a long time? Want to avoid taking Basic Math and Basic Algebra so you go directly to college-level Math? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this is the course for you! Our experienced college math instructors will put you in the right direction with easy-to-follow steps. Classes will include: basic math (whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents), and basic algebra (real numbers, linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, rational expressions and radicals. Tuition: \$175. Meets Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Saturday, April 9** -

**Saturday, June 4**

*QuickBooks, Level II* - Build on your basic QuickBooks skills! Our course combines the instructions and hands-on exercises (create a company and sell physical inventory!) that will enable you to learn about banking with QuickBooks, including how to create, edit and delete various bank accounts, manage credit card transactions, reconcile accounts, and more. Tuition: \$295 plus \$20 lab fee (textbook not included). Prerequisite: QuickBooks, Level I or appropriate knowledge. Meets Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (no class April 23); to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Saturday, April 9**

*Resumé Writing Workshop* - Don't let a mediocre resumé jeopardize your success! Rev up your resumé and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resumé—make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resumé writing and proven strategies to target your resumé to a specific position. Plus, we'll help prepare you for success-

ful interviews. Tuition: \$59. Meets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

*Culinary Basics I: Knife Skills* - Developing skills with knives can make your food preparation and serving safer, easier, faster ... and a lot more fun! You'll become acquainted with knife-skill fundamentals, including what to look for when purchasing a knife, how to sharpen knives, selecting the appropriate knife for the task, and proper cutting techniques. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Sunday, April 10**

*Culinary Basics II: Skills Development* - You'll learn about basic culinary methods and techniques as well as product identification, and review the tools and equipment of the trade. Then, you'll be instructed to produce a variety of vegetable cuts, meat and poultry butchered cuts, fish and seafood preparations, and thickening agents. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Monday, April 11** -

**Friday, April 15**

Human Race Machine, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge (daily schedules will be provided)

**Monday, April 11**

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: Fairleigh Dickinson University, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

"My Personality - My Program (Accounting or Nursing or...)" workshop, 12 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Birthday Chronicles, NHC Gymnasium, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"Classroom Etiquette" workshop, 3 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

"Skin Deep" workshop, 5 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

*Ethics and Values* - furnishes students with a solid base in ethical principles, theories and traditions. By utilizing a variety of Western and non-Western ethical concepts, students learn to analyze cases and situations and arrive at ethical decisions. Part of Homeland Security Certificate Program. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4224 or email continuingstudies@hccc.edu.

**Tuesday, April 12**

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian.

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: Bloomfield College, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Yearbook photos for graduating students, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. To make an appointment, please visit [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com) and enter code 59806 and password hcc\_806.

North Hudson Higher Education Center information session, Enrollment Services Center, 70 Sip Avenue, 12 p.m.

First Name Almanac!, NHC, Gymnasium, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Matinee Tuesday - "For Colored Girls," 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Anatomy & Physiology Lecture Series sponsored by the Biology Club, 3:30 p.m., 2 Enos Place. Prof. Salim Bendaoud will lecture

on "The Amazing Eye and Physiology." All are welcome.

"Future 101" workshop, 4 p.m., NHC

"Interviewing 101" workshop, 5 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., 70 Sip Ave., Fourth Floor, Mary T. Norton Room

Open House/Information Session for Business, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To reserve a place, please contact [admissions@hccc.edu](mailto:admissions@hccc.edu) or [www.hccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.hccc.edu/openhouse).

*Criminal Justice and the Law* - acquaints students with the three major components of the American justice system — law enforcement, the judicial system and the corrections system — and helps develop an understanding of the critical relationship between them. Part of Homeland Security Certificate Program. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4224 or email [continuingstudies@hccc.edu](mailto:continuingstudies@hccc.edu).

**Wednesday, April 13**

Bage! Wednesday, NHC, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Appreciation lunch for members of the Datatel/Colleague Implementation Teams, Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Co-ed Soccer, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"Life after College" workshop, 5 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Hypnotic Intoxication with Keith Karkut, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 14**

NJ Blood Drive, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: Montclair State University, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center. You must have a reservation to participate, so contact the Career and Transfer Services office at 70 Sip Avenue, Building A, or call (201) 360-4184 to reserve your spot. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (Students must apply online prior to meeting with Montclair's admissions representative.)

Amazing Astrology, NHC, Gymnasium, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

North Hudson Higher Education Center information session, Student Affairs Conference Room, Enrollment Services Center, 70 Sip Avenue, 5:30 p.m.

## Friday, April 15

GSA Sponsoring a Day of Silence Awareness & Free Giveaways, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Subscription Dining Series Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. To obtain additional information or to register, please call (201) 360-4006.

Fifth Annual Literacy Weekend, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Events include Dr. Seuss reading theatre, pre-school reading station, bedtime stories, book making, game table, arts and crafts, and reading performances from popular children television characters.

*Teaching the Culinary Arts* – Cooking as a profession has always been about learning and teaching; as apprentices you are responsible for training those behind you in the tasks you recently learned. Our course is designed to provide a formal framework for what you've been doing for years, and will examine curriculum content, student-teacher relationships, teaching techniques, laboratory organization, and outcomes and objectives. Tuition: \$60. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Saturday, April 16

Trip to the Metropolitan Museum

of Art (departing from 25 Journal Square at 9 a.m.). Admission: \$15 for HCCC students; \$20 for faculty, staff and alumni.

Fifth Annual Literacy Weekend, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Lounge, 25 Journal Square. Events include Dr. Seuss reading theatre, pre-school reading station, bedtime stories, book making, game table, arts and crafts, and reading performances from popular children television characters.

*Alternatives in the Food-Service Industry* - If you're in a professional rut after years of the same routine, we'll show you how you can find new fulfillment by taking your experiences to a new table. You'll examine how you can transfer your knowledge and skills to related fields including food-service equipment sales and manufacturing, consulting, product development, marketing and research. Class is limited to 12 students. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Teacher Education Leadership Day, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Sunday, April 17

*Easter Egg Breads and More for the Family* - Start a family tradition with homemade breads that the kids will love making and that will absolutely wow your holiday guests! You and your youngsters will learn to make a yeast-risen sweet dough you can use to create the classic Easter bread with hard-boiled eggs, as well as hot-cross buns, wreaths, bunnies and more. Tuition: \$60. Meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Alpha Phi Chapter Meeting and Elections, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 10 a.m.

## Monday, April 18

United Nations Trip (departing 25 Journal Square at 9 a.m.). Admission: \$10 for HCCC students; \$15 for faculty, staff and alumni.

Birthday Chronicles, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What's in a Name?, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 2 p.m. to

5 p.m.

"Full-Time Student / Full-Time Parent" workshop, 5 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

## Tuesday, April 19 –

### Tuesday, May 10

*Introduction to Teaching: Required 24-Hour Pre-Service Program* — This non-credit course is required for all who will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CE). Completion of this course is just one of the CE requirements and does not guarantee that the applicant will qualify for a CE. To register for this class, please visit the HCCC Non-Credit Office, 162 Sip Avenue, Room C115, in Jersey City. Tuition: \$200. Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. (last class ends at 8:15 p.m.); to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Tuesday, April 19

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Hours for Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Hours for Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

Communications Department photo shoot, 9:30 a.m., 2 Enos Place. For more information, please call (201) 360-4060 or see article on page 4.

First Name Almanac, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"Student Development Theories" workshop, 4 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Information Session for "New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey," 6:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk Street. Pre-registration is strongly recommended; please call (201) 360-4255.

## Wednesday, April 20 –

### Wednesday, May 25

*Office Management* – Learn the solid administrative and communications skills that can transform you from a good administrative

assistant to a super office manager! Become familiar with the how-to's of juggling administrative duties such as correspondence and record keeping with project management, scheduling, personnel issues, training and a whole spectrum of other tasks that are required in today's demanding workplaces. Additionally, you'll learn about the top writing and communications skills needed as various forms of messaging expand. Tuition: \$250. Meets Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

## Wednesday, April 20

Bagel Wednesday, NHC, Student Lounge, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"Academic Probation" workshop, 10 a.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

"Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle in College" workshop, Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Application deadline for student tutors. If interested, please bring a resume and unofficial transcript to the Tutorial Services Center (2 Enos Place, Room 204 or the North Hudson Center) and complete an application. For further information, please contact Head Tutor Brian DiNuzzo at (201) 360-4248.

Sands of Time, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Resumé Writing Workshop* - Don't let a mediocre resumé jeopardize your success! Rev up your resumé and race to the top of the interview list! Busy employers often spend less than 20 seconds reviewing a resumé—make sure yours gets attention and action. Learn the basic structure of resumé writing and proven strategies to target your resumé to a specific position. Plus, we'll help prepare you for successful interviews. Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

DNA/Film Club Art Awards, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Co-ed Soccer Playoff Game, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, April 21

Learning Community Program will

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present a "Learning Community Day," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. Divya Whitcage, a professional yoga instructor, will present "Yoga for Study Skills and Stress Relief," a guided meditation workshop with light yoga, focused on stress relief and improving study skills. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Candle Art, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Co-ed Soccer Playoff Game, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Anatomy & Physiology Lecture Series sponsored by the Biology Club, 2 Enos Place, 2:30 p.m. Prof. Raffaella Pernice will lecture. All are welcome.

**Friday, April 22 –**

**Sunday, April 24**

Easter Recess – No Classes

**Monday, April 25 –**

**Wednesday, May 25**

*Microsoft Office 2007 for Business* – Unleash the power of all four applications of the Office Suite, and broaden your job, promotion and career opportunities with this much-sought-after skill! Microsoft purposely designed these applications to work together—now, you'll know how. Through lectures and lab work, learn to use Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access, and to integrate all four to produce complex reports with tables and graphics. Prerequisite: Must be an experienced computer user. Tuition: \$225 plus \$15 lab fee. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Monday, April 25**

"Networking" workshop, 11 a.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

Health Fair presented by the Biology Club, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge. CPR training will also be available at the fair for \$20 (cash only). Event is open to all.

**Tuesday, April 26 –**

**Tuesday, May 21**

*Office Management* – Learn the solid administrative and communications skills that can transform

you from a good administrative assistant to a super office manager! Become familiar with the how-to's of juggling administrative duties such as correspondence and record keeping with project management, scheduling, personnel issues, training and a whole spectrum of other tasks that are required in today's demanding workplaces. Additionally, you'll learn about the top writing and communications skills needed as various forms of messaging expand. Tuition: \$250. Meets Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Tuesday, April 26**

Culinary Café will be open for breakfast and lunch at Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, first floor. Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee and other menu items begin at \$1. Lunch: 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Options include a selection of sandwiches, hot entrées, chips, soft drinks and various other lunch items: china service, take-out containers, larger portions, and vegetarian options.

"Full-Time Student / Full-Time Parent" workshop, 11 a.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

"My Personality - My Program (Accounting or Nursing or ...)" workshop, 6 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

"ABC's of Transfer" workshop, 5 p.m., NHC

**Wednesday, April 27**

Graduation Salute, 25 Journal Square, Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event grants graduating students an opportunity to prepare for Commencement – pick up caps, gowns, tickets, yearbook info, et al.

Instant Decision Day for Fall 2011 admission: New Jersey City University, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza. Students must bring a completed application and an official (sealed) College transcript to the Career & Transfer Center.

*Become a Job Interview Star* – In this ultra-competitive job market, knowing how to conduct yourself during a job interview is more necessary than ever! Instead of competing with a handful of people for a position, you may be competing with several hundred. In this workshop, you'll learn the basic

tools you need to stand out from the rest of the pack. You'll also find out how to increase your chances of landing the job by learning how to act, what to wear, what to say, and what not to say when interviewing! Tuition: \$59. Meets 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Thursday, April 28 –**

**Thursday, May 19**

*Present the Best "You" with a Career Development Professional* – Whether you're getting ready to begin a first career or transition to a new one, give yourself a substantial competitive edge by working with an experienced career development consultant! Our expert will help you develop the presentation essentials that could lead to your dream job. You'll learn how to write a genuinely successful resumé and cover letter as well as how to design and assemble an impressive portfolio. You'll also become acquainted with strategies and techniques for winning interview techniques. Tuition: \$195. Meets Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Thursday, April 28 –**

**Thursday, June 9**

*Presentation Skills: Putting Your Best Self Forward* – Acquire the knowledge — and the skills — you need to deliver persuasive presentations to colleagues, clients and customers. Right or wrong, you are judged not just by what you say, but how you say it. Learn to make presentations with clarity and confidence, including the how-to's of organizing your thoughts, speaking succinctly and effectively, and adapting your messages and methods to suit various situations and audiences. Tuition: \$250. Meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (no class May 26); to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Thursday, April 28**

"Live From!" Cardiac Surgery Viewing at Liberty Science Center. Bus will depart from 168 Sip Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Admission \$20 per person. Sponsored by the Biology Club; event open to all.

"Understanding Your Learning Style" workshop, 12 p.m., Welcome Center, 1 PATH Plaza

"Community College: Separating Myths from Facts" workshop, 1 p.m., NHC

Co-ed Soccer Championship Game, NHC, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tutor Training and Assessment, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., North Hudson Center

An Evening with Jamie Baer Peterson – Wine and Song to Benefit the Hudson County Community College Foundation, 5:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Institute/Conference Center, 161 Newkirk St. Donation \$50 per person. For further information, please contact Joseph Sansone at (201) 360-4006.

**Friday, April 29**

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Best Practices Conference at Raritan Valley Community College. Registration forms are available at the NJCCC web site, [www.njccc.org/bp2011.htm](http://www.njccc.org/bp2011.htm).

TIAA-CREF will hold confidential individual counseling sessions at 70 Sip Ave., Third Floor, Human Resources Department, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please visit the TIAA-CREF web site at [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc) or call (800) 732-8353 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

*Opening a New Food-Service Operation* – Take the first important step in making your dream of owning your own food-service business a reality ... and a success! Explore the important factors of the business, including market analysis, site selection and creating a business plan. Tuition: \$60. Meets 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; to register, please call (201) 360-4246.

**Saturday, April 30**

Field trip to "Bodies ... the Exhibition," New York City. Group will meet in front of the exhibit at the South Street Seaport at 11 a.m. Admission \$20 per person. Sponsored by the Biology Club; event open to all.

Red Bulls Soccer Game, Red Bull Arena, game time TBA. Admission: \$20 for HCCC student; \$30 for faculty, staff and alumni.

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## ACCLAIMED SOPRANO JAMIE BAER PETERSON TO PERFORM AT FUNDRAISER FOR HCCC FOUNDATION

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Kansas City; Laretta in *Gianni Schicchi* and Mable in *The Pirates of Penzance* with the Utah Festival Opera; and Micaela in *Carmen* with Mississippi Opera.

Additionally, Ms. Baer Peterson has performed as a soloist with the New York City Symphony at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall, and with the National Chorale and Little Orchestra Society at Lincoln Center, as well as on two national radio broadcasts with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and on Minnesota Public Radio's beloved *A Prairie Home Com-*

*panion*. She also appeared in the critically acclaimed New York City *Encore! Series* productions of *Fiorello*, *Lady in the Dark*, *Call Me Madam* and *Sweet Adeline*.

Hudson County Community College Vice President for Development Joseph Sansone said the suggested donation for the evening is \$50.00. "This is a very unique presentation, an opportunity for members of the business community to come together, enjoy a beautiful evening of song and music, and benefit the College and our students."

The Hudson County Community College Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 corporation providing tax-exempt status to contributors. Since its founding in 1997, the organization has been fulfilling its mission of generating financial support for the College and its students, developing and awarding needs-based and merit scholarships, and providing seed money for the development of innovative faculty programs and for the College's physical expansion.

To secure a reservation for the April 28 event, please phone (201) 360-4006 or email [jsansone@hccc.edu](mailto:jsansone@hccc.edu).

## CAI COLLABORATES WITH LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

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for the intended, younger audience.

The planned, interactive exhibits are divided into five zones. The major zones are outlined as follows:

- Ingredients—Herbs & Spices, Material Properties
- Preparation—Will It Blend?, Crystallization
- Cook! - Make a Pizza Lab, Chef's Clothes

- Eat - Healthy Balance, Sugar Content
- Kitchen Theatre—Menus, Cooking Demos

Since June of 2010, the CAI has placed more than 10 students at the Liberty Science Center, as volunteers for its first Cooking Exhibition. The students have assisted with food preparation, operation, and supervision of food sanitation-related responsibilities of the Exhibits.

Collaborative efforts between the Culinary Arts Institute of Hudson County Community College and the Liberty Science Center are a healthy example of a community organization reaching out to its neighbor for assistance and expert advice. It is with relations like these that HCCC can rank itself as a major player in providing community service and partaking in collaborative efforts.

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Based on the feedback of our advising team, students seem more relaxed using AIM Advisor and are more likely to

ask questions in the luxury of anonymity. Staff see their function as very valuable and specifically tailored to the needs of busy students juggling many roles in their hectic lives.

CASS answers the call with convenience and continues in its quest to put students' needs first.