

### Retention Strategies for an Inclusive and Engaged Workforce

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### **CUPA-HR** Webinar

### Presenters





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## **Presentation Outline**

- About HCCC
- Timeline Overview
- Strategic Planning
- Culture of Care
- Recruitment Focus
- Recognition and Appreciation
- Retention Equity
- Programming
- Professional Development
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## About Hudson County Community College



Located in the most ethnically diverse, densely populated area of the United States, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) reflects the vibrancy, resilience and determination of its residents and its history.

- 90 degree and certificate programs
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- 3 campuses in Hudson County
- Journal Square, Jersey City, NJ
- North Hudson, Union City, NJ
- Secaucus Center, Secaucus, NJ

Student Enrollment

• 20,000 Credit and Non-credit

Employees

~1000 Employees

## **Securing Stakeholders**

### 2017-2018

Board of Trustees Presidential Search; DEI Priority for Next President

### July 2018

Appointment of President Christopher Reber

**March 2019** 

Appointment of Vice President for Human Resources

### Fall 2019

Establishment of President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

July 2021

Establishment of Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Appointment of Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Dr. Chris Reber

### Hudson is Home! 2021-24 Strategic Plan

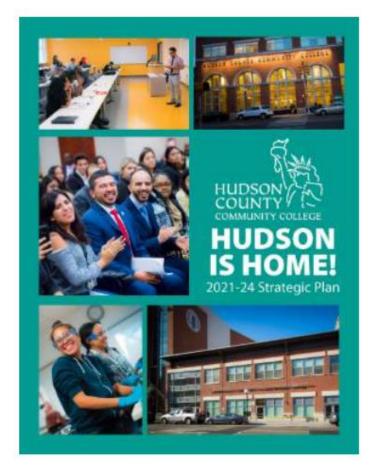
Strategic Direction 1: A Culture of Student Success and Completion Grounded in Data and Best Practices

Strategic Direction 2: A College Community that Celebrates and Advances Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in All Forms

Strategic Direction 3: Innovative Programming for Students Aligned with Workforce and Community Needs

Strategic Direction 4: Faculty and Staff Professional Development in Teaching, Learning, and Student Support Best Practices

Strategic Direction 5: Facilities and Technology that Serve the College and Community



## **Poll Question**

How recently has your institution administered a climate survey?

- On our agenda for this year
- Last year
- o 1-2 years ago
- $\circ$  3-4 years ago
- **5+ years ago**

## President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

GOAL #1 – Supporting an inclusive culture of care at HCCC; creating DEI infrastructure, training programs, and initiatives across the College.

GOAL #2 – Weaving diversity, equity, and inclusion guidelines and practices into recruitment and hiring practices, screening committee procedures, promotion considerations, and succession planning.

GOAL #3 – Creating clear and transparent processes for safety, security, and incident reporting that are free of intimidation and respectful of confidentiality.

GOAL #4 – Building community and a sense of belonging for students by advancing their academic development, professional growth, and personal transformation.

### Culture of Care



### Wellness Programs

- Wellness Fair
- Steps for Wellness
- Employee Assistance Program
- Flexible Work Arrangements
- FMLA/Leaves

Participants in HCCC's Steps for Wellness challenge get ready for the walk to Exchange Place

## **Poll Question**

Are you using your EAP provider for workshops and wellness programs in addition to direct employee assistance?

- o Yes
- **No**

### Culture of Care



Children on Campus Policy Take Our Sons and Daughter's to Work Day "TODAS"

## Recruitment

### Focus of Recruitment, Screening and Hiring Policy and Procedure



"The purpose ... a highly qualified, professional, talented, and diverse workforce through fair, equitable and inclusive processes."

- Recruitment Campaign
- Screening Committee Process
- Implicit Bias
- DEI Checkpoints
- Hiring Recommendations

## **Attracting Applicants**

### **HR Website**

- Employee Testimonials
- Recognition and Appreciation
- Applicant Tracking Software NEW

### **Focus of DEI Experience** Reduced Minimum Qualifications Expanded Advertising Efforts Internal Advancement/Promotions



#### Welcome to the Office of Human Resources

The Office of Human Resources is committed to serving the mission of Hudson County Community College (HCCC) by providing leadership and guidance in the development, implementation and administration of Human Resources policies, practices, and programs. We are dedicated to working strategically with the diverse HCCC community in identifying and responding to its changing needs.





Onboarding & Benefits 📀



#### Recruitment & Job Opportunities 📀

If you are looking for an employer where education, training opportunities, and a collegial atmosphere are their top priorities it would behoove you to apply here at Hudson County Community College." -Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative ssistant. Institutional Research

HCCC is committed to providing our

employees with a comprehensive benefit program that is available to faculty, staff and their dependents.

Office of Faculty and Staff Development seeks to promote high-quality professional development opportunities for all HCCC divisions, departments, and faculty and staff members.

Professional Development





#### **Employee Testimonials**

Video Testimonial Antonio Acevedo, Assistant Professor, Humanities & Social Sciences

Video Testimonial

Gretchen Schulthes, Assistant Director, Advising, Counseling & Transfer Services

Dorothea Graham-King, Administrative Assistant, Institutional Research: "I've learned so much here and gained so many meaningful business and personal relationships while becoming part of the HCCC learning community."

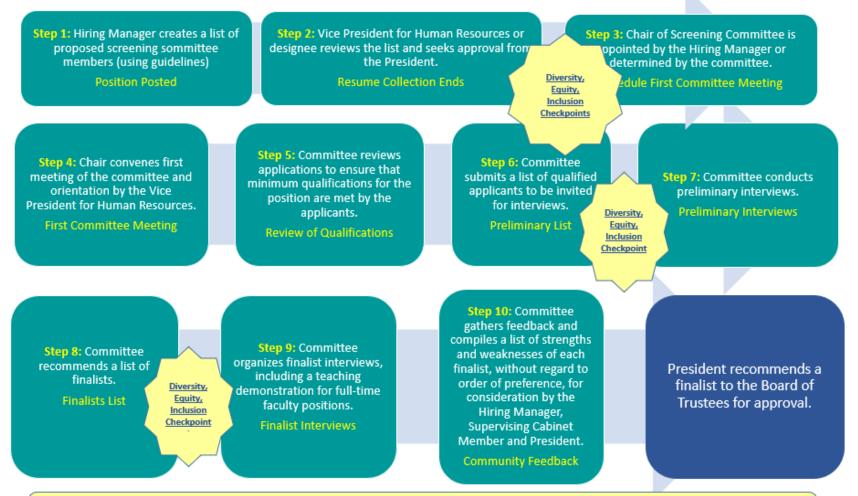
#### Hudson Employee Spotlight

The Office of Human Resources is offering a spotlight on HCCC employees who are admired for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. The goal of the program is to promote HCCC's mission and values by offering spotlight recognition to all employees. This includes all full-time and part-time, staff, faculty and administration. To nominate an employee please complete the question in the following link.



#### APPLICANT SCREENING – SCREENING COMMITTEE STEPS





\*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Checkpoints allow the Hiring Manager and the Supervising Cabinet Member/President to ensure that consideration of qualified candidates includes those from traditionally underrepresented groups.

## **Applicant Hiring Recommendations**

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Checkpoints** ensure consideration of qualified candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups.

- **Screening Committee Representation**
- Pre-interview Candidate Review and Recommendations
- **Recommendation of Finalists**



**Tosha Bratcher** 

Jonathan Cabrera

Madeline Cruz





Yavuz Birol Guner



Marissa Lontoc

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Checkpoints

Ingrid Aviles













Raffi Manjikian

Daniel Ondieki

Josue Perez

**Gunes Senturk** 

Katherine Thurman

Michelle Vera

Saliha Yagoubi



## **Recognition and Appreciation**

- Coffee Hour with HR
- Special Thanks and Recognition "STAR" Program
- Hudson Is Home "HIH" Employee Recognition
- Administrative Professionals Day
- Retirement Celebrations
- Holiday Party
- Adjunct Appreciation

















## Salary Equity: Recruitment and Retention

### **Collaborative Labor Union Negotiations – 4 CBAs**

- 2019 3-year contracts with 4% annual increases
- 2022 3-year contracts with average salary adjustments of 9% in first year

### **Employee Classification and Compensation System**

- Study completed; new system implemented in 2022
- Internal and external equity considerations
- Open and transparent process

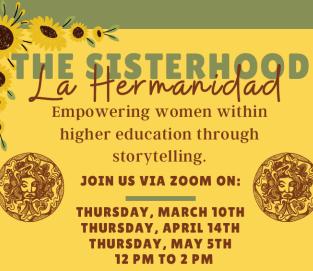
An employee tweeted that "[M]y institution hired a firm to do a compensation and classification study and has made the entire report with all the recommendations public to the college community. This is how you model transparency."

### Programming

-THE-BARBER SHOP

A virtual recreation of "barbershop culture" that is meant to encourage brotherhood, camaraderie, and foster connections.





A safe space where women, and those who identify as women, are encouraged to share, reflect, educate, and start to heal through their experiences.



Facilitated by Jos Guest Speaker Chris Smalls 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, plea Amaalah Ogburn at aogbur 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

> Location 6th Floor Atrium, Gabert Library Building Bonus: Take a seeak peek of the Contemporary Peacemakers exhibit in the Benjamik J. Dincen III and Dennis C. Hulf Gallery.

> > ANTI-ASIAN

HATE AND VIOLENCE

Spread awareness of anti-Asian violence and learn how to support our

Asian American Pacific Islander communities Friday, March 19, 12:00PM

https://hudsonccc.webex.com/meet/jpu

Hosted by Jennie Pu, Dean of Libraries





Miguel J. Aviles-Perez delivers his keynote address during the inaugural DEI Retreat.

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**Bridging the Gap** A Community-Wide Speaker Series

**Friday, February 4, 2022** 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Speaker: Nicole Lynn Lewis** 



## **Our Stories Untold**

18 Storytellers since Summer 2020
50+ Participants for each Program
Student, Staff, Faculty Attendance
98.75% Satisfied or Very Satisfied

### **Our Stories Untold**

The **President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PACDEI)** and the **Office of Human Resources** invite you to **Our Stories Untold**, a new speaker series, highlighting members of the HCCC community. Join us to learn more about each other through personal, educational, and professional experiences, storytelling, advice, and insight. Each program aims to introduce some of our outstanding and influential colleagues, followed by an interactive Q&A.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @11:00am via WebEx



Storyteller: Dr. David Clark Associate Dean Student Affairs

Do you know someone with a compelling story? Are you interested in talking about your story? Let us know at <u>PACDEI@hccc.edu</u>. *"The entire Untold Stories program is powerful in connecting employees."* 

"The program **empowered me**! ... I believe this program should be a continuous effort by HCCC!"

"It let me feel like I have a voice at HCCC... I love that we are allowing our coworkers and students to get to know the stories that make us who we are and inspire them in their own journey."

## **Professional Development Focus**

#### **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - EAP**

#### College-Wide Title IX Training



HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

### Teaching and Learning Symposium on Social Justice in Higher Education 2023

Monday, February 27–Friday, March 3, 2023





### Virtual Professional Development Day

Friday, March 18, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**ECORNELL** Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program

Linkedin Learning



Full Time employees are eligible for up to \$9,000 per fiscal year towards professional development.

LinkedIn Learning

## National Recognition





## **Poll Question**

Have you ever participated in the Great Colleges to Work For or other similar program?

- $\circ$  Yes
- **No**

No, but hopefully this year

## Takeaways

- Recognize the steps to creating an inclusive campus climate.
- Analyze programming and retention practices.
- Describe the process for creating an enhanced feeling of community.

## Calls to Action

- ✓ Administer a climate survey!
- Provide a space for collaboration with internal and external partners, college-wide celebrations, and recognitions; and
- Create initiatives, programs, and services that provide holistic opportunities for inclusion and engagement.



## Have a Question?



# Submit questions to our presenters using the Chat.



### **Thank You**

### Please complete your event evaluation

