

Dr. Darryl Jones



Dr. Darryl Jones (he/him) began his tenure at Hudson County Community College (HCCC) in 2019. Located in Jersey City, New Jersey, HCCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), serving more than 20,000 credit and non-credit students and supported by more than 400 teaching faculty.

As Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jones provides visionary leadership for the Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses; the College Libraries; the Center for Online Learning; the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; the Honors Program, the Office of Open Education Resources (OER), and the Abigail Douglas-Johnson Academic Support Services Department. Dr. Jones is known as a passionate promoter of equitable higher education programs and services. His leadership of the Division of Academic Affairs has contributed to several noteworthy college recognitions: “Leader College of Distinction” designation by Achieving the Dream; “Insight to Diversity” Inspiring Program Awards in STEM, Business, and Health Professions; and the Bellwether College Consortium Legacy Award. As Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Jones is responsible for four Academic Schools (School of Business, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality Management; School of Humanities and Social Sciences; School of Nursing and Health Professions; and the School of STEM); providing leadership for all credit-based instruction, along with faculty hiring, sabbatical, promotion, and tenure recommendations.

The breadth of his experiences encompasses over 35 years in a variety of higher education institutions: Liberal Arts Colleges, Catholic Higher Education, Community Colleges, Research 1 Institutions, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He has been the Principal Investigator and Project Director for numerous multi-million dollar grant initiatives that have strengthened academic programs and faculty development allowing for the expansion of leading-edge facilities and technology, enhanced student scholarships, and greater opportunities for career pathway exploration. Dr. Jones has served as a peer evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and an external reviewer for both the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College (JARCC) and the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). In 2022-2023, Dr. Jones was selected as an Aspen Rising Presidents Fellow; a year-long mentorship experience for aspiring community college presidents. In 2023, he received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award for his leadership in academic affairs. Previously, Dr. Jones served as Campus Vice President at Harrisburg Area Community College in York, Pennsylvania, spearheading campus advancement and fundraising initiatives. He also held several academic positions at The College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, New York: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the School of New Resources, and Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School. His leadership has advanced strategic priorities in support of student success, operational efficiency, and organizational change.

As a first-generation college graduate and mentor to students, Dr. Jones passionately engages in collaborative efforts with faculty, staff, and administrative colleagues to establish a campus culture which is student centered and welcoming. Dr. Jones holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Union Institute, a Master’s degree from Howard University, and a Bachelor’s degree from North Carolina State University. He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; an Honorary Member of Phi Theta Kappa International College Honor Society; and he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.