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Message from Trustee **Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth**

District IX



Dear District Nine Family,

Interim Chancellor

Houston Community College is transitioning into a new academic year. Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher, the newly selected Interim Chancellor, will begin her tenure on September 1. She will provide executive leadership for HCC as we transition to the new state funding model for community colleges. As a member of the joint TACC/CCATT Legislative Committee, I understand this new model and the importance of student enrollment,

achievement, and success. Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher, who is currently the President of HCC Online, has an extensive background in higher education, including 38 years at HCC in various leadership roles. We thank the current chancellor, Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., for his nine years of service leading HCC.

To learn more about Dr. Ford Fisher and to stay up to date on the search please visit hccs.edu/about-hcc/board-of-trustees/interim-chancellor-search/.

VAST Academy

The HCC Academy for Vocational Advancement and Skills Training (VAST) transforms the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The internationally recognized program provides meaningful opportunities to receive career readiness credentials, internships, and employment assistance. For more info, please visit hccs.edu/vast.

Fall 2023 Start Dates

At South Campus and Brays Oaks Campus enrollment is open now! HCC offers flexible enrollment options to meet the needs of our students. Here are important dates for the upcoming fall semester:

- **Aug. 21:** Classes begin for 4 Week, 8 Week and Regular 16 Week courses.
- **Sept. 18:** Classes begin for 2nd Start and 2nd 4 Week courses.
- **Oct. 16:** Classes begin for 2nd 8 Week courses.

Senior Citizen Community Learning Programs

Seniors interested in returning to school receive special discounts on tuition and fees. These discounts apply to academic and workforce courses. I encourage you to take advantage of this special offer:

- **Age 55-65:** 50% discount on tuition and fees
- **Age 65 and older:** Free tuition and fees for up to 6 credits per semester

HCC Honors College

The Honors College is the perfect environment for talented students looking for an academic challenge and a rewarding experience. The Honors College offers a challenging array of courses and seminars. Honors College students have exclusive transfer opportunities to more than 30 colleges and universities in Texas and across the country. There is also the opportunity to travel outside the United States. I encourage you to apply. The Honors College is offered at these locations:

- **Central College:** 713.718.6336
- **Northline Campus:** 713.718.2452
- **Spring Branch Campus:** 713.718.5653
- **Stafford Campus:** 713.718.5675
- **Eastside Campus:** 713.718.6859

Now is the perfect time to take the next step to connect with HCC. Enrollment is always open. To get started, visit hccs.edu, call South Campus 713.718.6634, Brays Oaks Campus 713.718.8600 or email student.info@hccs.edu.

I am strongly committed to the student success at HCC.

We look forward to seeing you at Houston Community College!

Sincerely,

Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth

Pretta VanDible Stallworth, Ph.D., PMP
HCC Board of Trustees
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HCC approved to launch bachelor's degree programs in 2023

HCC launches bachelor's degree programs in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics and in Healthcare Management in the fall semester.

The four -year programs are the college system's first bachelor's degrees.

Approval for the programs was granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the accrediting organization for HCC and other colleges and universities across 14 states in the southern U.S.

The Bachelor of Applied Technology in AI and robotics is aimed at helping address a growing and critical need for skilled workers in a rapidly evolving technical field. AI has gained a foothold in a variety of industries, and graduates enter a profession with about 2,600 annual job openings in the Houston region. Such roles typically pay a median annual salary of \$97,200.

The Bachelor of Applied Science in healthcare management prepares students for career advancement or entry-level healthcare managerial positions. It enables working professionals to advance their careers by focusing on leadership skills, knowledge and healthcare management.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cites Medical and Health Services Managers as a growing field based on increased demand for healthcare services as "baby boomers" retire. Graduates of this program will enter a profession with 1,752 annual job openings in the Houston region with a median annual salary of \$64,200.

Learn more about the programs at hccs.edu/bat



Seniors 50 and older can enjoy community learning at little or no cost

The HCC Community Learning Program offers a variety of workshops and learning series for seniors (50 and older), at low or no cost.

"The programs allow seniors opportunities to learn new skills, build on proficiencies or explore new interests," said Latrice Rideout, the Community Learning Program's director.

Courses include areas such as:

- Personal development and enrichment
- Health and wellness
- Computer skills and digital literacy
- Career and job search skills
- Spanish language
- Recreation programs
- Consumer awareness education

"We are proud of the expertise our faculty bring to the classroom or in online courses," said Rideout. "Whether seniors are changing careers or updating their skills, the Community Education programs help citizens who want to take advantage of our courses to achieve their goals."

Those interested in classes can sign up online at: hccs.edu/community-learning

Become a Certified Nursing Assistant, tuition free

The HCC Community Learning Program at Houston Community College (HCC) and Dwyer Workforce Development have teamed up to train new Clinical Nursing Assistants for the region.

Under the Dwyer Scholar Apprenticeship program, up to 500 apprentices can attend HCC for free annually to earn CNA certificates.

The innovative program also aligns HCC and the State of Texas' commitment to achieving specific, measurable outcomes by serving more students, awarding credentials of value and developing the highly skilled workers that employers need.

Dwyer Workforce Development is a Maryland-based non-profit. It recently

acquired 64 skilled nursing facilities in Texas, including a half-dozen in Houston and southeast Texas, and is converting them into nonprofits.

According to Texas Health Data, 349,000 nurses will be needed through 2032 but only 292,000 will be available. The apprenticeship program will help create a workforce pipeline to close that gap.

During the year-long apprenticeships, students receive advanced education, competitive wages, health benefits, and hands-on experience while working towards their licenses.

Learn more about the program at hccs.edu/apprenticeship-form



High schoolers earn associate degrees at HCC through dual-credit program

HCC provides area high school students the opportunity to earn college credit and high school credit concurrently while students are still in high school. What's more, the classes are free.

Just this spring alone, hundreds of area high school students graduated from their schools while simultaneously earning an HCC associate degree.

The program is open to students who demonstrate college readiness through a State of Texas approved college-placement test can earn dual credit by taking approved college classes offered at high schools, HCC campuses, or online.

Such classes are taught by educators who mirror the profile of traditional college instructors using the same course rigor and classroom expectations.

HCC is partner of choice for offering dual credit to the Houston Independent School District (ISD); Spring Branch ISD, Stafford Municipal School District, Katy ISD, Alief ISD, Fort Bend ISD, as well as some private schools and charter schools.

The students begin their dual credit journey as freshmen and sophomores, focusing on workforce certificates or degrees in subjects such as computer programming, health information technology, histology, medical scribing and multidisciplinary studies.

The HCC Board of Trustees has waived tuition and fees for dual credit students for students living within taxing districts.

Learn more at hccs.edu/dualcredit



HCC registration fairs held at most campuses on Aug. 12 & 19

HCC's Fall 2023 Registration Fairs will take place on August 12 and 19 at nine different campuses.

Campuses will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Locations include these campuses:

- Alief Hayes | 2811 Hayes Road, Houston
- Central College | 1300 Holman Street, Houston
- Eastside | 6815 Rustic Street, Houston
- Katy | 22910 Colonial Parkway
- Northline | 8001 Fulton Street, Houston
- South | 1990 Airport Blvd, Houston
- Spring Branch | 1010 W. Sam Houston Pkwy
- Stafford | 10041 Cash Rd, Stafford
- West Loop | 5601 West Loop South
- Online College (Virtual)
- Virtual Lobby (support from District & Colleges)

Fairs provide opportunities for students to complete class registration and be ready to begin their studies when classes begin August 21.

DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

#1

in Awarding Associate Degrees to International students among U.S. 2-year institutions

#4

in Awarding Associate Degrees to Asian students among Texas institutions

#5

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally to Black/African American students

#4

in Awarding Associate Degrees to Hispanic students among Texas 2-year institutions

#12

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally

TOP 10 WORKFORCE DEGREE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT DURING FALL 2022

Business Management	743
Accounting	529
Comp Systems Networking	467
Business Technology	348
Digital Communication	668
Real Estate	298
Welding-Structural	278
Automotive Technician	266
Nursing	261
Interior Design	258

STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-2022

81,184

Hispanic / Latino	Black / African-American	White	Asian	Other
41.12%	26.63%	12.89%	12.27%	7.09%

DEGREES & AWARDS OFFERED

95 Associate of Applied Science	2 Bachelor of Arts	3 Enhanced Skills Certificates
22 Associate of Arts	102 Certificate Level 1	2 Advanced Technical Certificates
	43 Certificate Level 2	11 Occupational Skills Certificates