

TOGETHER WE ARE HOUSTON'S Community College

HCC BUILDS A LEGACY OF STUDENT SUCCESS FROM THE GROUND UP



Improving campus facilities to create the ultimate student experience is a priority for Houston Community College (HCC). The 2013 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) projects support workforce readiness and improve the overall quality of HCC's learning environments. Now, many of the college's CIP projects are nearing completion on budget.

Organizational Stewardship, one of the key pillars of HCC's strategic plan, contributed to the overall financial success of these projects. The 2013 CIP is 75 percent complete and within budget. These projects are also LEED Silver Certified, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. Building to LEED standards saves energy and resources during the lifecycle of the facility. As a result, these projects generate significant financial savings compared to the average commercial building.

These facilities are optimized to be economically prudent to operate while being uniquely suited to support HCC's 15 Centers of Excellence. Fiscal responsibility is a driving factor through all phases of CIP development, including the repayment of the CIP debt. During the recent State of the College address, HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado announced that the college recently accelerated payment of \$12 million of debt ahead of schedule.

COMPLETE

- Alief Hayes Road Renovation
- Brays Oaks Campus
- Eastside Campus
- Stafford Campus
- West Loop Garage

NEAR COMPLETION

- Acres Homes Campus
- Central South Campus
- Coleman Campus
- Felix Fraga Campus
- Missouri City Campus
- Northline Campus
- West Houston Institute

CONTRACTOR SELECTION PROCESS CONTINUES

Central Campus – Culinary Arts Program
North Forest remains partially (Automotive) in the permit process.

MUDDASSIR SIDDIQI NAMED NEXT PRESIDENT OF HCC CENTRAL COLLEGE



HCC President of Central College Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi meets with students on campus.

In February, Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi joined Houston Community College (HCC) as the next President of Central College. He has a proven record of success as a leader, innovator, and champion for higher education and workforce development.

"Dr. Siddiqi shares our bold vision for elevating Houston Community College to new heights in student success," says Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor of HCC. "He brings a wealth of experience in fields that align with the Houston region's workforce priorities. His experience in instructional and workforce development is a great addition to support the strategic priorities of HCC of improving student success."

Since coming to HCC, Siddiqi has been busy meeting with HCC faculty, students and staff to identify areas of improvement to achieve student success. He says his goal is to improve access to student services and the technology students need to be successful in their path to a career and higher education.

Siddiqi comes to HCC from Morton College in Cicero, Illinois, where he served as Provost and Chief Academic Officer. He was instrumental in leading a major restructuring of academic and student service organizations through a robust, collaborative process, leading to enhancements to the student experience and success.

COE EXPO FEATURED AT STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Legislators, industry leaders and community partners attending the Houston Community College (HCC) 2017 State of the College discovered the depth and rigor of HCC's 15 Centers of Excellence (COE).



The stars of the COE Expo were the leading-edge equipment and resources used daily in classrooms and labs across the HCC district. Guests had the opportunity to interact with a variety of exhibits, such as the ZSpace virtual reality machine. It is in use at Coleman College, the site of HCC's Health Science COE. ZSpace engages health care students in a unique, virtual environment designed to teach problem solving skills, in addition to expanding their medical knowledge.

"We are working together to create innovative solutions that ensure our students have the tools to generate powerful results once they leave HCC and enter the workforce," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado during his State of the College address. HCC offers more than 250 associate degrees and certificate programs. Ensuring each program has the resources it needs to help students on their pathway to success is a priority for HCC.

ENHANCED PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT HCC EASTSIDE CAMPUS

Houston Community College has expanded several programs at the Eastside campus. This spring, Logistics, Welding, HVAC and Industrial Automation/Electrical all opened new, state-of-the-art practical labs. Logistics has space to operate two forklift simulators and two crane simulators. Additionally, the new classroom/lab site doubled the size of the prior space for HVAC. The welding classroom/lab includes 32 hands-on workstations where students learn industry-vetted welding techniques. In progress is the conference room, testing/counseling and storage space for the GED/ESL program.



Community members had the opportunity to sample the new labs now open at the HCC Eastside campus.

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

DISTRICT III

ADRIANA TAMEZ, Ed.D.



As immediate past Board Chair, I want to thank my colleagues, the Houston Community College (HCC) administration, staff and faculty, as well as my constituents for your support. It has been an honor to serve you and lead the HCC Board of Trustees.

Communication was my focus as Board Chair. And there was so much about HCC to share – from student accomplishments to the College’s long-term strategic plan. It was my priority to keeping everyone in our community informed about the many ways HCC is committed to serving its community.

Using our theme, “We are Houston’s Community College,” we positioned the college as the college of choice for area students, families and businesses. We used the media and local partners to help disseminate our message and drive awareness and understanding of HCC, its work, its accomplishments and its importance to Houston.

We also leveraged our partnership with the Houston Texans to reinforce the college’s alliance with one of the strongest brands in our city. Our outdoor boards reinforce to the community that, “Together, HCC and the Houston Texans are building Houston’s workforce.” We are also proud of our partnerships with the Rockets and the Dynamo, as well as all our other industry partners.

As your trustee, it’s my honor and privilege to ensure HCC is a good steward of the resources entrusted to them. I serve because I believe HCC is one of the most valuable educational and workforce development resources in the Greater Houston region.

As Houston’s Community College, we want to ensure your investment and your trust is multiplied. I’m pleased to report HCC is providing an excellent return on our community’s investments. We are making sound financial decisions that have a profound impact on the communities we serve.

A recent national assessment calculated that HCC generates a total economic impact of \$4.1 billion in total added income for the regional

economy. And, last year, HCC alumni added 38,801 jobs to the region with an annual income of \$3.6 billion. This economic boost is similar to hosting the Super Bowl 15 times.

In addition to the return on financial investment, HCC has been instrumental in propelling a multitude of students to personal and professional triumph. And through HCC’s transformation process, these numbers will grow in the years to come.

These exceptional students need your help to thrive and obtain their goals. In the 2015-2016 school year, 1,085 of our students received \$1,251,644 in scholarships from the HCC Foundation. For many students, these scholarships are the only reason they could afford a college education.

The HCC Foundation plays a critical role in providing pathways to success for our students. It provides numerous opportunities for giving, and I welcome your personal and corporate involvement.

Today, I invite you to help the Foundation achieve its ambitious goal of funding \$3 million in scholarships and awards by the year 2020. The numbers show an investment in a scholarship for an HCC student is fiscally sound.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we ARE Houston’s Community College.

In service,

Dr. Adriana Tamez
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