

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 and they are 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.

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.

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL THRIVING AT HCC FELIX FRAGA CAMPUS

The ultimate goal of education is to create opportunities for people to grow and nurture their talents. Since 2014 the Middle College High School at the Houston Community College (HCC) Southeast College Fraga Campus has provided young people the chance to thrive in a non-traditional high school environment.



The middle college model is designed to provide smaller student to teacher ratios in the classroom, flexible class schedules (ideal for working students whose families rely on their financial support) and individualized advising. Students have an opportunity to enroll in dual-credit classes and can then continue their educational pathways at HCC. The Middle College has a current enrollment of 93 students and has graduated 146, including the 47 who will graduate this May.

HCC ENHANCES STUDENT SERVICES WITH VETERAN'S ACADEMY

Houston Community College's (HCC) Veteran's Academy is a new and innovative, fast-track program at HCC. Veterans arrive at HCC with their own unique needs to achieve success. For these students, we focus on improving access to educational benefits, transitioning them from a military culture to a civilian and academic culture, and we are addressing a need for critical academic and developmental needs through intensive support services.

There are over 187,000 veterans in Harris County, and Texas has the second largest veteran population in the nation. HCC assists more than 3,000 veterans and their dependents. The Veteran's Academy will help them become qualified for high-demand occupations throughout Texas.

The program will reduce the time students spend earning a qualifying workforce credential by capitalizing on their prior military training, experience and education. This will reduce costs and increase opportunities for the completion of further academic experiences.



DEAR NEIGHBORS,

DISTRICT VIII

EVA LOREDO



As the new Chair of the Houston Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees, it is my honor and privilege to serve our community. I am committed to generating student success by supporting our faculty, staff and students and bringing in additional partnerships with regional businesses to create the ultimate student experience.

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

In the past year, I worked for all HCC libraries to be open on the weekends. Doing so provides critical access to technology and resources our community needs for academic advancement, job searches and personal growth.

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,

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