

FRAME YOUR FUTURE



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Newsletter from Trustee **Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary**

District VII



Greetings Neighbors,

For two and a half years I have represented you on the Houston Community College Board of Trustees. As your Board Chair, I am working with the Chancellor, administration, and my colleagues to ensure student success and community engagement. The need for higher education and career advancement continues to grow, and HCC continues to provide courses and programs

to stimulate educational advancement for our students. We are striving to increase enrollment in our dual credit and early college programs which offer participants the opportunity to graduate high school with a diploma and HCC with an associate degree simultaneously.

Options to Help You Succeed

In response to the effects the pandemic placed on education, HCC offers more online and hybrid courses than ever before. We also provide several options for obtaining computers and internet access. Our goal is to keep students engaged and moving forward towards the completion of their studies and the start of new careers.

Expanded workforce training, community learning classes for personal development and lifelong learning for those over 55 years of age is critically important in my community. HCC has dozens of workforce programs that help students jump start their careers, no matter their age. Classes are offered for both credit and noncredit. Our Level 1 Certificates help students improve their job status with a credential after a single semester. If you are looking for outstanding options close to home, check out HCC's acclaimed Culinary Arts program at HCC Central and our health sciences programs at several locations in the area.

In addition, many HCC students need financial aid to help with the cost of their education. HCC's advisors and financial aid team can direct you to financial aid and scholarships. I encourage you: Do not let a lack of funds stop you from pursuing your personal aspirations through higher education. Call HCC and let us help!

HCC is Leading the Way!

HCC collaborates with community and industry partners to help create advanced programs and training for our students. Because of the collaboration with an industry partner, HCC was able to celebrate the Grand Opening of the HCC Security Operations Center, known as SOC. This center will be instrumental in educating and training students to fill many of the 70,000-job openings in cybersecurity.

HCC is leading the way to design a bold vision for our students' future. We are working to evolve our institution and empower our students to succeed inside and outside the classroom. Make HCC the home for your educational needs and career advancement.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Ph.D.
HCC Board of Trustees
District VII

For more information about enrolling or applying, please visit: hccs.edu/apply

Start your path to success

In five easy steps, you'll be on your way to enrolling in Houston Community College:

1. Complete your admissions application.
2. Complete your financial aid application.
3. Review your checklist for immunizations, placement testing, compliance forms, onboarding and pre-enrollment.
4. Send in your high school or college transcripts.
5. Select your classes and enroll for in-person, online or hybrid courses.

Help is available to students on campus and online, including an Enrollment Checklist that can be found at:

hccs.edu/apply

Important enrollment/registration dates for fall and spring semesters

Fall 2022 registration is in full swing as students prepare for classes that begin Aug. 22. Registration for the remaining fall sessions ends the first week of November.

Students are advised to apply early and submit required documents for spring classes that start Jan. 17, 2023. There's also a special mini-session that runs between the fall and spring semesters, with classes starting Dec. 12.

Registration for the spring semester kicks off the last week of October. The course schedule includes both in-person and online classes.

"Now's a good time to fill out an application and apply for financial aid," said HCC Registrar Mary Lemburg. "It'll be seamless if students send it in and allow a little time to process."

Admissions and pathway advisors are ready to help guide students through the enrollment process with career assessments and advice on choosing a major. Help is available at every campus.

For more details and help, visit hccs.edu/virtuallobby



HCC Fall Registration Fairs planned for August 2022

Students who want to get a head start on their education journey are invited to take part in two Fall Registration Fairs on Aug. 13 and Aug. 20. The Saturday events will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HCC campuses districtwide.

Students will have the chance to meet with HCC staff to ensure the registration process is smooth and seamless. Specialists from Student Services, Financial Aid, Testing and other areas will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions.

"Our goal is providing a personalized onboarding experience for all students," said Dr. Betty Fortune, interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Success.

"When they leave that day, they'll have a degree plan in hand and the ability to map their pathway to completion for their program of choice."

The earlier students register, the better because there's time to speak to advisors, confirm their financial aid status and choose and enroll in classes at the times and places needed.



Dual-credit classes help high school students get a jump on college

It's a deal almost too good to be true.

Houston Community College provides high school students the opportunity to earn both college and high school degrees by attending HCC while still in high school.

Students can earn an associate's degree at the same time they graduate from high school. Our dual-credit pathways with area school districts provide workforce credits and academic core classes with credits that can be transferred to four-year colleges or universities.

The dual-credit program also offers homeschooled students and those attending public/private and charter high schools the chance to get a head start on their four-year

college plans. Classes are taught by educators who mirror the profile of traditional college instructors.

For more details, visit hccs.edu/dual-credit



Scholarships and financial aid make college possible for majority of students

In addition to federal and state aid, scholarships are a great way to help with the cost of your education.

Searching for scholarships can be stressful if you don't know where to look or how to search. To make the process easier for you, the HCC Financial Aid Office lists monthly scholarships for which you may qualify.

The scholarships include:

- PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship – and professional mentoring program to support Black and Hispanic community college students.
- FormSwift Scholarship – for driven, up-and-coming entrepreneurs who are ready to commit to building a better world through their business ideas.

For more information, visit hccs.edu/finaid



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- ▶ 60+ Accredited and Licensed Programs
- ▶ Save Time and Cost on Your Education
- ▶ Named Newsweek 'Top 150' online college

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DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

#1

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

#2

in Awarding Associate Degrees to Asian students among Texas institutions

#3

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally to Black/African American students

#7

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

#10

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally

TOP 10 WORKFORCE MAJORS BY ENROLLMENT DURING SPRING 2022

Accounting	521
Business Management	714
Business Technology	347
Comp Systems Networking	412
Computer Prog-Appl Dev	232
Digital Communication	332
Digital Communication I	304
Interior Design	209
Logistics	262
Nursing	296
Real Estate	299
Welding	178

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

36,681

Count of students who received aid during Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

STUDENT ENROLLED



29,185
online



34,800
in-campus



2,993
hybrid
(in-campus & online)