

# NEWS FROM HCC DISTRICT II



**Dave Wilson**

District II

Dear Neighbors,

As your trustee, it is my honor and privilege to work to ensure Houston Community College (HCC) is a good steward of the resources you entrust to them. I serve because I believe HCC is a valuable educational and workforce development resource for the Greater Houston region.

I believe it is not enough to recruit students. We must guide and mentor them, provide pathways for the college experience through completion, and prepare them to meet the needs of Houston's industries and businesses.

HCC needs to work closely and continue communicating with the industries in the communities we serve. To be successful in our mission, we must determine the needs of the residents we serve as well as provide our students with the knowledge and skills industries require for employment.

Our 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.

Today, I invite you to help the HCC Foundation achieve its ambitious goal of funding \$3 million in scholarships and awards by the year 2020. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we ARE Houston's Community College.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wilson".

David Wilson



*HCC State of the College*



*Students launch rockets at HCC Northeast College*



*HCC Central College President William Harmon retirement event in December 2016.*



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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## HCC Automotive COE career fair drives students into the future



Automotive COE an opportunity to meet and interview with industry partners and also provided career opportunities for HCC students studying in other programs. Of the 15 companies in attendance, most had available positions beyond automotive services including business administration, logistics, management and sales.

"We are excited that the event was a huge success, and it serves as an added benefit for the students who go through our program," said Automotive Technology COE Director David Vogel. He expressed that the career fair exposes industry leaders to the quality of training that is provided by HCC.

The Houston Community College (HCC) Automotive Center of Excellence (COE) and the Career Planning & Resource Department recently hosted its 2017 "Drive Into Your Future" Automotive Career & Job Fair at the HCC Northeast Automotive Technology Training Center.

The event provided recent graduates and current students of the

## Science dreams take flight at HCC

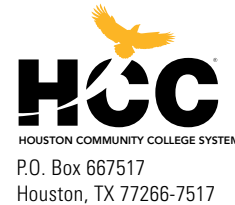
More than 200 middle school students proved once again that Houston truly is Space City when they launched rockets into the sky April 13 at Houston Community College (HCC) Northeast College. The event, Rockets Launch, is the culmination of the Rockets Science Program created through a partnership between HCC, the Houston Rockets and Space Center Houston.

"This event exposes students to science, technology, engineering and math and it's done in a fun way," said HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado.

The students were mesmerized as they watched their rockets take flight. A sixth-grade student said she was amazed by the entire experience. "It gave me confidence," confided Jacqueline Torres, a Marshall Middle School student. "Now I think I can do anything in my life."



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