

## 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

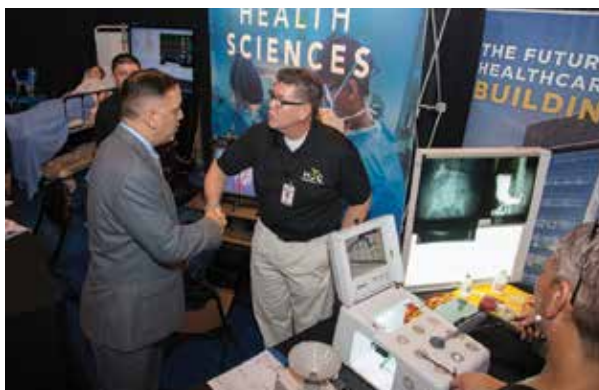
- Central Campus – Culinary Arts Program
- North Forest remains partially (Automotive) in the permit process.

### 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.



### VAST ACADEMY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HCC honored the 25th anniversary of VAST during a night of entertainment April 7 at Central College. It was a celebration of success for a program that began with 55 students, and under the leadership of VAST Program Director Sue Moraska, grew to serve more than 2,000 students in the Greater Houston area.

For students with developmental disabilities, the HCC VAST Academy provides an opportunity to become independent and to carve out productive lives in the workforce. It offers courses in computer literacy, financial management and social skills, among others. These courses are designed specifically to help the students become more employable and self-sustaining.

To meet the growing interest, the VAST Academy is now available at HCC Central, Northwest and Southwest Colleges. There is a staff of 20 with an average of 35-40 graduates each year.



HCC VAST Academy celebrated 25 years of impacting the lives of students with "A Night of Stars" at the HCC Central campus auditorium. Pictured L to R: Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, VAST Program Director Sue Moraska, HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado and HCC Board of Trustee member Robert Glaser.



HCC participated in the 2017 Texas Community College Day in Austin, Texas. Students and trustees met both state representatives and senators to learn about current legislation and how the state government works.

# DEAR NEIGHBORS,

DISTRICT V

ROBERT GLASER



As your trustee, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your representative on the leadership board of Houston Community College (HCC). I serve because I know HCC is one of the most valuable educational and workforce development resources in the Greater Houston region and is vital to the economic and academic well being of our community.

As *Houston's Community College*, we work to ensure your investment in the institution is optimized and that your trust is earned through our actions. I'm pleased to report HCC leadership is moving ahead aggressively in providing guidance and committing resources necessary to both fulfill our current needs while providing the foundation for future growth. We are making significant investments in our infrastructure that have, and will continue to have, profound impacts 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 were hired to fill 38,801 jobs in 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 providing folks with the proper skillsets to fill local area job opportunities, HCC has been instrumental in propelling a multitude of students to personal and professional triumphs. And through HCC's transformation process, these numbers will grow in the years to come. Our continued relationships with upstream partners, including several area school districts and charter, private and parochial schools, as well as with downstream partnerships including four-year institutions and area businesses, assure that our impact on the local economy will increase moving forward.



Many of 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. Our system-wide focus helps students avoid excessive or unmanageable student loan debt. As a result of our commitment to maintaining level, affordable tuition, along with HCC Foundation scholarship funding, we help more students "break the barriers" to affordable and accessible education and workforce training.

In addition to reporting to you on our continued successes, 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. The numbers show an investment in a scholarship for an HCC student is fiscally sound.

Thank you for your continued support and allowing me the continued opportunity to be your representative on the HCC board. Together, we ARE Houston's Community College.

In Service,

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