

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT VII



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HCC Board of Trustees  
District VII

**BUILDING**  
Partnerships  
for Student Success



*Partners in Education*

**Among all community colleges in the nation,  
HCC is ranked:**

#1 for awarding associate degrees to all minorities

#1 for awarding associate degrees in liberal arts

#2 for awarding associate degrees in all disciplines

Dear Neighbors,

With many vital partnerships, Houston Community College is embarking on a journey to meet industry expectations and needs through its program development and alignment. There's a great demand for workforce-specific jobs in Houston, and our new Stafford Workforce facility will be an effective link between employers and skilled laborers in advanced manufacturing, design engineering, welding and pipefitting, robotics, and other industry sectors. The goal is to train highly-skilled workers for area companies – to supply them with the workforce of tomorrow!

- The HCC Honors College has been expanded to the Stafford Campus beginning this semester. We are building upon the outstanding success of this program with high completion rates and successful transfers to public and private colleges and universities. The program provides opportunities for students to learn from stellar faculty and enjoy global study-travel opportunities.
- It is my honor and pleasure to initiate and host a Rising Leaders Conference for high school students from the Fort Bend Independent School District and the Stafford Municipal School District at HCC Stafford Learning Hub. This conference is designed to give students the opportunity to hear from a panel of entrepreneurial experts and graduates of the HCC Honors College.
- Our new Missouri City Center for Entrepreneurship, Technology and Health is under construction across from City Hall. That is expected to be complete in late Spring of 2017.
- The HCC Alief Continuing Education Center is seeing a four percent increase in enrollment from this time last year. Courses offered at this campus include HVAC, electrical, GED, and ESL.
- In order to better serve the Greater Houston Community and support student success, we have extended library hours across the district seven days a week. Visit [hccs.edu/libraryhours](http://hccs.edu/libraryhours) for more information.

The transformational changes at HCC are culminating with a strategic plan for the future of the college as we continue to prepare students for whatever is next in their lives and careers. HCC will continue to be Houston's Community College by including the diversity, the people, and the strategies that lead to student success in obtaining his or educational credentials to become a productive member of the community.

HCC continues to be recognized as tops in many areas, and is proud to be ranked again as one of the "TOP 100" Community Colleges in the country, moving up in several categories within the 1,905 community colleges and 5,589 four year institutions. Our online catalog was recognized by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations as the Gold Medal winner. And, in the 21st Century where so much of every student's success depends on access to the internet, HCC was ranked among the top 10 higher education institutions in the nation for the fastest internet speed.

Great things are happening at HCC and we are excited about broadening our footprint in District VII. Thank you for your commitment to make HCC one of the best institutions in the nation.

In service,

Neeta Sane  
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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## HCC manufactures careers in high-demand field

The leadership of HCC, along with City of Stafford Mayor Leonard Scarcella, and members of the community celebrated the grand opening of the HCC Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence. Housed at the newly constructed Stafford Workforce Building, The HCC Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence offers associate degree and certificate programs such as manufacturing engineering technology, machining technology, plumbing, welding, pipefitting, robotics, and mechatronics. Students get hands-on training in state-of-the-art industrial technology laboratories with CNC machines, 3D printers, woodworking and machining tools and most importantly, a pipeline to prosperous careers.

"In support of local industry, this Center of Excellence offers opportunities for upskilling

incumbent workers who must keep up with technology and industry changes," said Dr. Madeline Burillo, HCC Southwest President.

Stafford is home to the largest concentration of pipe, valve, and fitting manufacturers in the United States. The economic trend of retiring baby boomers and the creation of nearly one million new manufacturing jobs over the next several years are reasons why now is the time to educate and train the next generation of skilled workers.



## HCC hosts STEM Summer Camps for girls

HCC hosted the first ever all-girl STEM Summer Camp that brought out eighth and ninth graders from Houston Independent School District, Fort Bend Independent School District, and Stafford Municipal School District. Campers learned about cybersecurity, robotics, and chemistry. The goal of the free camp is to get more females interested in fields such as cybersecurity, robotics, and chemistry years before they are college ready.


The girls learned problem-solving, creativity, relationship building, and heard from several women speakers who are successful in their STEM careers. Students also took field trips to NASA, Weatherford International, and the Museum of Natural Science.

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During the 2015 – 2016 Academic year, the HCC Foundation gave away more than \$1,251,000 million in scholarships dollars to 1088 HCC students.

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