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in awarding Associate Degrees to all minorities.

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in awarding Associate Degrees in all disciplines.

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in awarding Associate Degrees to African-American students.

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in awarding Associate Degrees to Asian-American students.

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Source: Community College Week, 2016



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# SMART DECISION.



## Student Success at HCC

Like many young mothers, Victoria Lara longed for a chance to attend college, but lacked the resources for childcare. So, when Victoria learned about online classes at Houston Community College, she jumped at the opportunity to begin her college career.

"I thought to myself I have a laptop, I have wifi. I can't go on campus, but if I have access to the internet, why not take a class or two and get started," Victoria recalls. "I had my second child when I started taking classes at HCC. I actually had to nurse my kid while I was typing papers on the sofa in the comfort of my home."

"HCC has helped me gain confidence and knowledge that I needed to start networking and to help grow my parents' business and to show my children that education is very, very important," Victoria says.

Victoria's perseverance paid off. She eventually found child care, took some on-campus courses and graduated from HCC with an associate degree in communications. Her husband and parents could not have been prouder.

"I was the first in my family to earn a college degree and so it was very important for me to do it, not only for me and my children, but for my whole family," Victoria says.

The HCC alumna then enrolled at the University of Houston and graduated in May, 2018 with a bachelor's degree in communications. Victoria now works with her husband and parents at the family business, Impact Stone Design.



## TRUSTEE ADRIANA TAMEZ

Dear neighbors,

The start of a new year is always exciting. At Houston Community College we are heading into 2019 with a renewed commitment to helping our students succeed. At every campus and in every classroom, we are working to create pathways that will guide students to their goals.

It's a little known secret that HCC offers the most affordable tuition of any higher education institution in the region. With more than 100 programs of study in academics, business, cyber security, automotive repair, culinary and performing arts, health sciences and more, HCC has what you need to obtain an associate degree,

prerequisites for transfer to a four-year university or workforce training.

It's not too late to register for the spring semester. Come join the millions of students who have already made the Smart Decision to improve their lives through education and training at HCC. We can't wait to see you!

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- **Programs:** [hccs.edu/programs](http://hccs.edu/programs)
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- **HCC Foundation:** [hccsfoundation.org](http://hccsfoundation.org)

In service,

Adriana Tamez, Ed.D.  
HCC Board of Trustees  
District III

## VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

HCC expanded its commitment to military-affiliated students with the opening of the new Veterans Resource Center at the Southeast College Eastside Campus. HCC serves more than 3,000 veteran students each semester and many of them live in the Eastside Campus area. The center provides critical information on VA educational benefits, medical and dental health services, vocational rehabilitation and employment and college credit for military experience and training.



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## Coleman College growing to meet student demand

The beautiful new 10-story Houston Community College Coleman College Health Sciences Tower in the heart of the Texas Medical Center is now open.

The tower includes floors that simulate a 21st Century hospital environment and cutting-edge training facilities for more than 20 health-related fields. The \$68 million facility is the centerpiece of the HCC Health Sciences Program, the only community college program of its kind in the medical center.

Texas State Representative Garnet Coleman, the son of the late Dr. John Coleman for whom Coleman College is named, and numerous other members of the Coleman family were on hand for the official ribbon cutting. Representative Coleman said that “practicing medicine came first for my father” and

through Coleman College his father’s legacy continues. The college is the only facility in the medical center to bear the name of an African-American.

The state-of-the-art building received a 2018 Landmark Award in the category of Educational Facility from the Houston Business Journal. Entries for the competition were judged on their impact on Houston, including job creation, innovation, amenities and being environmentally friendly.

For more information on the HCC Health Sciences Center of Excellence visit [hccs.edu/healthsciences](http://hccs.edu/healthsciences).



## HCC launches new online college with 32 fully online degrees

To expand educational access, Houston Community College is now offering 32 fully online degree and certificate programs, which upon completion will allow students to seamlessly transfer into prestigious four-year institutions.

HCC has offered remote learning options since the time they were referred to as distance learning, but the addition of a seventh college within the organization entirely dedicated to meeting the needs of online learners takes HCC’s commitment to a whole different level. Stay-at-home moms and dads, students committed to caring for elderly loved ones at home and those already in the workforce who need additional education to move up in their careers or change careers altogether now have the option of completing coursework anywhere, anytime.

With more than 21,000 students taking one or more online classes, HCC is the third largest community college in the

U.S. for online enrollments. There are more than 60 areas of study and more than 5,000 individual courses available online.

According to a study by the Boston Consulting Group, HCC retention rates for first-time freshmen students were nine to 10 percentage points higher when they took at least one fully online or mixed modality course. BCG also reported that HCC students who take a combination of digital and face-to-face courses complete their degrees at a higher rate than those who take all of their classes face to face.

HCC’s Online College provides counselors, advisors and tutors for students. All HCC online classes are taught by credentialed faculty and the programs are eligible for financial aid. For more information, visit [hccs.edu/anywhere](http://hccs.edu/anywhere).



## HCC planning to embrace Houston’s future

Houston Community College is finalizing a 10-year strategic plan - a plan that will be the roadmap for moving HCC forward in an era of unprecedented change, in a city of endless possibilities.

What kind of degrees, programs, certificates, and services will Houstonians look to HCC to provide? How can we magnify the many things we do so well as an institution? How can we improve things that we want to change? These are the questions the strategic planning process seeks to answer.

Of course, nothing about HCC occurs in a vacuum. Everything this college does, we do in collaboration with the board of trustees, the faculty, and staff, and we do them for the benefit of our students, and our fellow Houstonians.

This is your personal invitation to help HCC design, create, and execute the 2020-2030 Strategic Plan. Please visit [hccs.edu/embracinghoustonfuture](http://hccs.edu/embracinghoustonfuture) and fill out the feedback survey. We are anxious to hear from you!



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