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Message from Trustee **Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth**

District IX



Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new academic year at Houston Community College. As your District IX Trustee, I am humbled to announce that I am a Rice University 2024 Outstanding Engineering Alumni Honoree. This award was first presented in 1974 with George R. Brown as the initial recipient. It honors Rice engineering alumni for outstanding professional achievement and service to society. I am deeply grateful to the Rice School of Engineering and the Rice Engineering Alumni Board for this most prestigious award. As your Trustee I

continue my commitment to making sure that HCC embraces the constituents of District IX by providing the best in education and workforce training. To learn more about the award please visit: <https://engineering.rice.edu/news/rice-engineering-celebrates-2024-engineering-alumni-awardees>

Educational Opportunities for Adults

As the Fall 2024 semester begins, I encourage you to look towards HCC to enhance and complete your credentials. Houston Community College has programs available for adults who need financial assistance and want to pursue an academic or workforce program.

- HCC has partnered with Capital IDEA Houston to establish a comprehensive workforce development program. The target group is unemployed, underemployed, and current working adults over the age of 18 who are not in school. The program covers all tuition and fees as well as books. This program is run through Capital IDEA, and HCC provides educational experience along with apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities. For more information please visit: <https://capitalideahouston.org/programs/college-degree/>
- The Center for Achieving a College Education (CACE) is a federal TRIO program that provides information regarding financial and academic assistance to qualified adults who want to enter or continue to pursue a program of post-secondary education. This program is located at HCC South Campus and is geared towards high school seniors and adults 19 years of age and older. All services in the CACE TRIO program are free! For more information please visit: <https://www.hccs.edu/student-experience/trio-educational-opportunity-center/>

Senior Tuition Discount Program

Seniors interested in returning to school receive special discounts on tuition and fees. These discounts apply to academic and workforce courses. I encourage you to take advantage of this special offer:

- Age 55-65: 50% discount on tuition and fees
- Age 65 and older: Free tuition and fees for up to 6 credits per semester

Dual Credit for HISD Students

HCC provides Houston Independent School District (HISD) with dual credit programs at the vast majority of HISD high schools. In these programs high school students can earn an Associate Degree or a Level 1 Certificate. These credentials of value allow students obtain college credits while in high school and are prepared to enter the workforce with an established credential to give them the advantage over their peers. For more information about the opportunities offered with dual credit programs please visit the HCC website, <https://www.hccs.edu/programs/dual-credit/> or contact your current high school guidance counselor.

Take the next steps to connect with HCC, we are dedicated to the success of all students. You can enroll at any time. Please visit our website at [hccs.edu](https://www.hccs.edu), or you can call 713.718.2000 to get started. Our faculty and staff are here to help you navigate towards your career goals.

We look forward to seeing you on campus at Houston Community College!

Sincerely,

Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth

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HCC Board of Trustees
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HCC enjoys seamless transfer agreements with state and national universities

Houston Community College (HCC) has “articulation” agreements with dozens of colleges and universities to allow HCC students to seamlessly transfer their college credits to other higher ed institutions.

“It is a high priority for HCC students to be able to transfer easily to other institutions,” said Chancellor Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D. “We continue to expand the number of schools that allow our graduates to move onward with full credit for their HCC classes.”

A partial list of HCC articulation agreements with Texas universities includes:

- Lamar University
- Houston Christian University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Sam Houston State University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Southern University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- The University of Houston
- The University of Houston - Downtown

- University of St. Thomas
- University of Texas

Out-of-state universities which maintain articulation agreements with HCC include:

- Arizona State University
- Colorado State University Global
- Grand Canyon University
- Loyola University
- Missouri State University
- Purdue University Global
- Southern New Hampshire University
- University of Maryland Global Campus
- Western Governors University

Dr. Ford Fisher noted that schools who receive transferring HCC students report that HCC students tend to excel in their course work. “We are proud that our students can move forward with their education or career preparation at these schools,” she said.



HCC offers students resources that foster success

Completing a degree or certificate can be daunting as students balance studies with work and family. HCC eases the way with a variety of services and resources tailored to individual journeys. Here are ways HCC helps students succeed:

Academic advising: Caring and trained advisors act as personal advocates helping with course selections, meeting degree requirements and explaining career pathways.

Financial aid: HCC assists students in navigating aid options, payment plans and emergency funds to help ensure that financial concerns do not hinder academic pursuits.

Library and tutoring: Libraries offer extensive resources, including books, journals and study spaces conducive to academic success. Additionally, tutoring centers provide individualized support, helping students grasp challenging concepts and excel in their coursework.

IT and technical support: Students qualify for a multitude of IT benefits, including the use of software programs and discounts.

Student life: Organizations and clubs foster personal growth and social connections. HCC promotes student involvement through diverse extracurricular activities and events, creating a vibrant college experience.

Specialized support: For students with disabilities or veterans, HCC provides disability accommodations, counseling about veteran benefits, and tailored academic support to ensure equitable access to education and resources.

Career services: HCC helps students find jobs by helping craft compelling resumes and cover letters, experience mock interviews, secure internships or full- or part-time jobs.

Eagle Pantries: HCC helps students with food insecurities through its Eagle food pantries.

Learn more about ways HCC helps students at hccs.edu.

HCC helped Saja Sosa transition from Pre-K teacher to high-performing engineer



After earning an HCC associate degree in science and taking part as vice president of the school’s Society of Women Engineers club, Sosa transferred into the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue electrical engineering. Armed with a bachelor’s degree, she applied at Aggreko, a leading international provider of mobile modular power, temperature control and energy services, and was offered a role as a field engineer.

After six months of additional training, she passed the requirements to become a certified high-voltage engineer. Her passion and worth ethic were noticed, and she has climbed the company ladder. She is now responsible for top projects for major players throughout the energy sector.

The 29-year-old earns a six-figure salary and hopes to continue climbing the firm’s ranks to become a manager.

As the only female electrical engineer at Aggreko, Sosa continues to advocate for women joining the engineering ranks. “It is important to tell young girls not to stop studying subjects that societal stereotyping may discourage them from doing,” she reflected. “I’m an example of persistence. Girls can do whatever they choose to do.”

HCC grad Saja Sosa, an electrical engineer at the international energy firm Aggreko, is making waves and breaking down gender barriers.

Sosa’s journey exemplifies determination and perseverance and just how flexible studying at HCC can be for those willing to strive toward a goal.

“I chose to attend HCC because it allowed me to balance a full-time job as a pre-K teacher with studying at night and during lunch hours,” she said. “I hoped to become a computer engineer.”

She shifted her goal after classes with Dr. Juorong Hsieh. “He’s an amazing professor, and he ignited my love for electrical engineering,” Sosa said.

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It's Not Too Late!

The 2024 fall semester is still open. Register today!

Need Help?
Scan the QR Code to visit our virtual lobby.

DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONALLY

#1

among 2-year institutions awarding associate degrees to international students

IN TEXAS

#1

in awarding associate degrees to Asian students

#2

in awarding associate degrees to total students

#3

in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students

#2

among 2-year public institutions in awarding associate degrees to Black students

TOP 10 WORKFORCE DEGREE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT DURING FALL 2023

- Business Management
- Accounting
- Computer Systems Networking
- Business Technology
- Digital Communication
- Real Estate
- Welding-Structural
- Automotive Technician
- Nursing
- Interior Design

STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-2023

85,858

Hispanic / Latino	Black / African-American	White	Asian	Other
38.9%	26.2%	14.2%	12.4%	8.4%

DEGREES & AWARDS OFFERED

63	Associate of Applied Science	2	Bachelor Degrees	3	Enhanced Skills Certificates
12	Associate of Arts	75	Certificate Level 1	2	Advanced Technical Certificates
		35	Certificate Level 2	11	Occupational Skills Certificates