



## Become an HCC Eagle! Register for classes now.

### Message from Trustee **Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary**

### District VII



Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to a new academic year at Houston Community College (HCC). As your District VII Trustee, I am committed to making sure HCC is prepared to embrace the rapidly changing landscape of higher education and will continue to provide the best in education and workforce training. As the Fall 2024 semester begins, I encourage you to look towards HCC to enhance and complete your credentials. The energy is vibrant on our campuses and, no matter where you are in Houston or even around the world with

our Online College, HCC offers a great setting to continue your academic or professional journey.

#### Doing Business with HCC

The HCC Small Business Development Program provides business opportunities for local small businesses to participate in contracting and procurement at HCC. The program is currently offering free seminars to allow potential participants to learn about the program and help entrepreneurs register to receive bid notifications and procurement opportunities. Upcoming seminar dates and locations are listed below. Learn more about the events at <https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procurement/small-business-procurement/small-business-development-program>.

- Aug. 22, 2024 noon to 2 p.m. West Loop Campus, Room: WLOP C108
- Aug. 29, 2024 noon to 2 p.m. Alief Hayes Campus, Auditorium C100
- Sept. 12, 2024 9 to 10:30 a.m. Missouri City Campus, MOCC Room: 226
- Sept. 19, 2024 9to 10:30 a.m. District, D01 Seminar A
- Oct. 3, 2024 noon to 2 p.m. Coleman College Auditorium

#### Texas Success Initiative Assessment Prep Boot Camp

If you are looking to improve your score on the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI), I encourage you to connect with HCC and take advantage of our TSI Prep Boot Camps. These intensive courses in English and Math will help you understand the various exam objectives and how to successfully answer questions. Classes will be held at various times throughout the fall semester, please connect with your local HCC College to find more

information on the session in your area or you can begin your search at: <https://www.hccs.edu/programs/adult-education/tsi-prep-boot-camp>.

#### STEM at Stafford

The HCC Stafford Campus is the perfect location for those interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational opportunities, particularly computer science. This campus offers both Computer Programming and Computer Systems Networking programs with participants gaining the ability to earn an associate degree or a Level 1 or Level 2 certificates, depending on the specific focus. These fields continue to grow and offer great opportunities to either transfer to a four-year university or immediately join the workforce in high-earning occupations. For more information, please see the links below:

- Computer Programming:  
<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/science-technology-engineering--math/computer-programming/>
- Computer Systems Networking:  
<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/science-technology-engineering--math/computer-systems-networking/>

I, along with my colleagues on the Board of Trustees, hope that you will take the next steps to connect with HCC. You can enroll at any time. Please visit our website at [hccs.edu](https://www.hccs.edu) or call 713.718.2000 to get started.

We are dedicated to the success of all students at HCC, and our faculty and staff are here to help you along the way. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Ph.D.  
HCC Board of Trustees, Chair  
District VII

## 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.

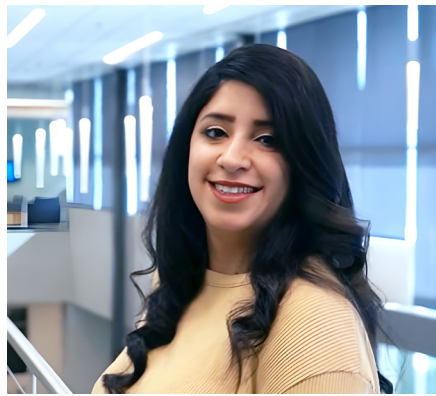
**Specialized support:** For students with disabilities or veterans, HCC provides disability accommodations, counseling about veteran benefits, and tailored academic support to ensure equitable access to education and resources.

**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](https://hccs.edu).

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



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.

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.”

## BECOME AN HCC EAGLE

### It's Not Too Late!

The 2024 fall semester is still open. Register today!

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### DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

#### NATIONALLY

#1

among 2-year institutions awarding associate degrees to international students

#2

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

### 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
<b>38.9%</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

### DEGREES & AWARDS OFFERED

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