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HCC FOUNDATION 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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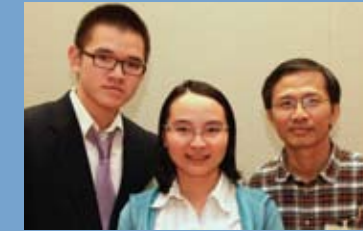
Priscilla Jimenez is grateful for the opportunity to continue her studies in business



finance at HCC with the help of her Opportunity 14 Scholarship.

OPPORTUNITY: EDUCATION

HCC's Opportunity Ball 2010 raised over \$526,000 in support to provide scholarships for



many HCC students, including Hoangvy Nguyen, Phuong Do and Lao Ngo.

OPPORTUNITY: CAREER TRAINING

James Dodd is a Lifetime Eagle alumnus and proud of the multiple degrees he



earned from HCC which have helped him hit the high notes with his musical career.

OPPORTUNITY: NEW FUTURE

Dionne Banks was a high-school dropout and young mother focused on a brighter future. It



wasn't easy, but her HCC studies have launched a promising career in the recording industry.

EDUCATION + OPPORTUNITY = SUCCESS

“INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IS
QUITE POSSIBLY THE GREATEST INVESTMENT WE AS A
COMMUNITY CAN MAKE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL VITALITY OF HARRIS COUNTY.”

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett



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THE HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

enhances the quality of life of our community and of our fellow citizens through fundraising efforts that improve access to higher education, support career and technology training, and advance student learning at Houston Community College.



HCCF President Ginger Renfro Blanton with scholarship recipients Jovita Vara and Brittaney Wilmore

THE HCC FOUNDATION RANKS AMONG THE TOP ONE PERCENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATIONS IN THE NATION FOR ITS FUNDRAISING SUCCESS.

MESSAGE FROM HCC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: A YEAR OF **OPPORTUNITY**

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share this copy of the Houston Community College Foundation's 2010 Annual Report which reflects on the successes and opportunities achieved through your generosity.

In this report, you will read more about the Foundation's fundraising efforts this past year and the people—such as yourself—who help make this possible. You will also read about our many scholarship recipients who represent the heart of our efforts. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to sharing their future successes with you.

Foremost, I am deeply appreciative of everyone in our community who is a supporter of HCC and its important mission to educate Houston's future workers. Through your efforts, we are helping advance HCC's mission to be the most *relevant* community college in the country as well as the *opportunity* institution for every student we serve—*essential* to our community's success. The HCC Foundation is helping make those opportunities for success possible every day: opportunities of hope and a brighter future through the gift of education.

This past year, we saw the number of scholarship requests increase as the need for financial assistance rose amidst a difficult economy. The Foundation met the challenge, providing much-needed financial assistance for Houston's most-deserving students and awarding in excess of \$323,000 in 2009/2010 for scholarships. Overall, the Foundation raised \$3,017,568 in 2009-2010, a strong number given the economic challenges of today's fundraising climate.

Support for the Foundation's \$30 million Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship Campaign also continues to gain momentum. Opportunity 14 covers the costs of tuition, fees, and books for hundreds of HCC students who might not otherwise have the resources to pursue a college degree. I hope you will enjoy reading about the Opportunity 14 Scholarship and

a host of other programs the Foundation is honored to provide to our HCC students.

Through signature events like the Foundation's biennial Opportunity Ball, its annual spring Passion for Fashion luncheon and the annual Faculty & Staff campaign, record numbers of people have come together to support one of Houston's most exciting and most essential educational institutions. These generous supporters have pushed us above our goals again and again, and we are so grateful for this outpouring of generosity.

This year also marked the adoption of the first Foundation Strategic Plan: 2010-2013, which will serve as a guide to our Board of Directors as we achieve even higher goals on behalf of the city of Houston and its students. The HCC Foundation will use all its resources—including a committed Board of Directors, an energetic staff, and savvy community leadership—to keep our city strong, and our trajectory upwards.

In closing, I want to reflect upon the loss of HCC Foundation Board Member Bill Coats on May 23, 2010, whose belief in and service to this college, this Foundation and this city were steadfast. Bill was a founding member of the Foundation's Board of Directors and served two terms as president. He was instrumental in bringing the Opportunity 14 Scholarship to fruition, and I join my colleagues in saying we are all indebted for his exemplary commitment to the Foundation Board and to our community. Bill's passing left a very large set of shoes to fill; however, his efforts on behalf of an improved quality of life for all Houstonians will provide inspiration for future generations and a city we can all be proud of. We are humbled to continue the work he gave himself to so selflessly and to see the result in the smiles and successes of our students.

Sincerely,

Ginger Renfro Blanton
President, HCC Foundation

THE SCHOLARSHIP THAT **CHANGES LIVES.** AND HOUSTON.

HOUSTON LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY 14 SCHOLARSHIP

The Opportunity 14 Scholarship at Houston Community College is helping to bridge the gap between the amount of financial aid students receive and the cost of their tuition, fees and textbooks at HCC. In the 2009-2010 academic year alone, nearly 650 Houston-area students received Opportunity 14 funds to attend HCC. We also are finding that Opportunity 14 recipients enroll in school and stay in school – playing an important role in overcoming the challenge of ensuring that economically disadvantaged students only leave college when they’re holding a degree.

The HCC Foundation is in the midst of a \$30 million endowment campaign to fund the Opportunity 14 Scholarship in perpetuity for future generations of Houstonians. Under the leadership of the Opportunity 14 Development Council, a total of \$3,229,945 has been raised for the program as of April 2011.

The Opportunity 14 Scholarship is available to qualified students who live in the HCC service area and who enroll in 9.0 hours or more at HCC within one year of either graduating high school or earning a GED prior to their 20th birthday. No application is necessary and students who qualify will automatically receive the funds, up to \$3,000 per year, for a maximum of \$6,000 over three years. Students who do not qualify for federal assistance or who receive government grants exceeding \$3,000 will not be eligible.

**APPROXIMATELY 83% OF STUDENTS
WHO RECEIVED THE OPPORTUNITY 14
SCHOLARSHIP IN 2008-2009 RE-ENROLLED
IN CLASSES THE FOLLOWING FALL.**



DEAR OPPORTUNITY 14 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS,

I am so thankful to receive an Opportunity 14 Scholarship. I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to expand my knowledge at Houston Community College.

This scholarship will motivate me to work harder and achieve all my goals. I know that you would not have given this scholarship to just anyone. Your belief in me gives me the confidence to succeed. My goal for this upcoming school year is to gain 33 more hours to meet my transfer goal of 66 credit hours. I also want to maintain a 3.5 GPA. Going into my second year of college, I now know what is expected and I have learned great study skills from the classes I have taken. I plan to have a great and successful second year in college.

My future is brighter with this scholarship, and I look forward to the academic year ahead. I will continue to do my best as I have since I've been in kindergarten. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to take more classes at HCC.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Marie Jimenez
HCC Opportunity 14 Scholarship Recipient



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HCC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS



Karen and Scott Rozzell

George and Kay King with
Gabriela and Daniel DrorShannon and Mark Wallace with
HCC Chancellor Dr. Mary S. SpanglerJill and Brad Deutser with
Leisa Holland-Nelson and Robert DavenportGwen Emmett and Harris County Judge
Ed Emmett

HCC OPPORTUNITY BALL RAISES SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Over 600 people braved the sub-zero temps to bundle up and attend Houston Community College's Opportunity Ball held on January 8, 2010. Proceeds from the event helped to launch local students on the path to a successful future by providing them with scholarships to HCC.



Massey Villarreal and his daughter, Jessica

ARAMARK and Sun Microsystems served as major sponsors of the event, which raised more than \$526,000 in support of student scholarships.

The event was chaired by HCCF Board Member Massey Villarreal, president and CEO of Precision Task Group and Mark A. Wallace, president and CEO of Texas Children's Hospital.

Houston Chronicle President and Publisher Jack Sweeney, a past honoree, presented HCC's Crystal Eagle award to former Houston Mayor Bill White and Andrea White. White spoke about his special passion for the work of community colleges and the real opportunities they offer local students to improve their lives and the lives of their families.



Jack and Ginger Blanton with Eddy and Kelli Blanton



Joe and Harriet Foster

HCC Crystal Eagle Recipients Bill and Andrea
White with HCC Foundation Student Ambassadors
Younghui Wang, left, and Lei YangJodie Jiles, HCC Trustee Bruce A. Austin
and Roger Boston

HCC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING LUNCHEON RAISES SUPPORT FOR HCC FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN



Celebrated designer Dana Buchman (front row, center) spoke to HCC fashion design students while in town for the College's 2010 Passion for Fashion Luncheon.

A stylish crowd packed Houston's Hotel ZaZa for the 2010 Passion for Fashion Luncheon in support of HCC's Fashion and Interior Design Programs. The event raised more than \$110,000 toward program support and student scholarships.

HCC EMPLOYEES RAISE RECORD TOTAL FOR FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN

The 2010 HCC Faculty and Staff Campaign, led by the HCC Foundation, set a new record in 2010 for employee contributions, raising \$60,000 – the largest total in the campaign's history. Employee donations provide the gift of education to HCC students and fellow faculty and staff members. HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences was recognized for the third consecutive year for achieving the highest overall campaign participation rate.

"THIS IS A GREAT SHOW OF SUPPORT AMONG OUR HCC EMPLOYEES AND SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO OUR DONORS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT EVERYONE AT HCC SUPPORTS OUR MISSION AND OUR STUDENTS." HCC Chancellor Dr. Mary S. Spangler

DAVID AND JEAN WILEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPENS DOORS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



HCC David and Jean Wiley Scholarship recipients gathered at HCC's Alief campus in Fall 2010 to meet and thank scholarship benefactors Norma and Sam Gainer (front row, left and center), officers of the board for the Wiley Foundation.

Chaired by Leisa Holland-Nelson with Co-chairs Gabriela Dror and Nidhika Mehta and Honorary Chair (and Event Founder) Julia Anderson Frankel, the event featured a conversation between fashion legend Dana Buchman and CultureMap Editor-in-Chief Clifford Pugh.

Buchman was presented with the 2010 HCC Design Society Style Innovator Award in honor of her career service to the fashion industry. While in town, she also presented a guest lecture to students studying fashion design at HCC Central.

"Our students were thrilled to have an opportunity to hear Dana's inspiring fashion story. Her visit had a major positive impact on their lives and careers," says Kay King, division chair for HCC Lifestyle Arts & Design Careers.

Norma and Sam Gainer, officers of the board of The David and Jean Wiley Foundation, presented a \$200,000 check to HCC Chancellor Dr. Mary S. Spangler at the HCC Board of Trustees meeting in April 2010, establishing The David and Jean Wiley Foundation Scholarship—the largest single named scholarship in the Foundation's history. Wiley Foundation Scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 each were awarded to 48 HCC students in Fall 2010 to cover the costs of tuition, fees and books and helped to make possible the dream of a college degree.

"We are deeply honored to build on the generous legacy of David and Jean Wiley and to help fund a brighter future for so many deserving students at HCC. This gift highlights the Wileys' tremendous belief in the importance of education and achieving a college degree," says Mrs. Gainer.

HCC FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

HCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES GRADUATING CLASS



The HCC Alumni Association (HCCAA) was present at HCC's 38th Commencement held on May 15, 2010 at Houston's Reliant Stadium to recognize HCC's hardworking graduates and congratulate the College's newest alumni. Each graduate received a commemorative medallion and an HCC alumni lapel pin as a token of the HCCAA's appreciation and pride in their efforts.

FOUNDATION UNVEILS STRATEGIC PLAN

HCC Foundation Board of Directors approved the Foundation's Strategic Plan: 2010-2013 at the September 2010 board meeting. The comprehensive plan offers a roadmap for key goals and strategies that will inform and direct the Foundation's future activities and fundraising efforts.



OPPORTUNITY 14 SCHOLARSHIPS INCREASE

The number of Opportunity 14 scholarship recipients increased from 124 students in 2008/2009, the program's first year, to 643 students in 2009/2010, providing access to higher education and a brighter future for these students. The HCC Foundation has embarked on a \$30 million endowment campaign to fund the scholarship program in perpetuity for future generations. Learn more at opportunity14.org.



CHANCELLOR'S 3RD ANNUAL STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Several hundred business and community leaders gathered at the Junior League of Houston to hear HCC Chancellor Dr. Mary S. Spangler deliver the third annual State of the College address and share the results of a recent economic impact study detailing the importance of HCC to the Greater Houston community. Houston Mayor Annise D. Parker (pictured) spoke on the importance of HCC in Houston's educational landscape.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON CELEBRATES STUDENTS



HCC Trustee Eva Loreda with HCCF Scholarship recipients Jessica Sanders, Alan Lim, and Ashlee Martin

HCC Southeast's new Learning Hub facility was the site for the HCC Foundation's 5th annual Scholarship Luncheon, honoring the 2009-10 scholarship recipients as well as the donors whose generosity made their scholarships possible. Foundation Board Member and successful business entrepreneur Shawn A. Taylor spoke on the importance of perseverance, and HCCF Ambassador and scholarship recipient Dionne Banks delivered a powerful testimonial on her student experience. (See profile, p. 9.)

WINE TASTING RECEPTION



HCC Culinary Arts students had the opportunity to showcase their cooking flair at a private wine-tasting reception held at the Sub-Zero/Wolf Houston Showroom in April 2010. HCC Culinary Arts partnered with Les Dames d'Escoffier International – Houston Chapter to host the gathering that raised nearly \$5,000 in support of the Mary Nell Reck Culinary Arts Scholarship for students developing their culinary talents at HCC. Mary Nell was a remarkable woman and a chef of world renown. HCC's Culinary Arts Program was proud to offer this toast to her memory and to showcase the many students developing their culinary skills at HCC. Pictured is HCC Culinary Arts Student Vanessa Guzman with Chara Gulford, owner/culinary instructor at Urban Chef and a member of the Les Dames Houston chapter.

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HCC SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Each year, the HCC Foundation awards scholarships to hundreds of HCC students, helping to open doors and provide a path to educational opportunity. In 2009/2010, the Foundation awarded 432 HCC general scholarships. Below is a profile of Dionne Banks, who is studying Audio Recording/Music Business at HCC Northwest, and is one of the countless students whose life has been impacted as a result of an HCC Foundation scholarship. Through her studies and interaction with HCC faculty who have real-world industry experience, Banks has had the opportunity to attend a GRAMMY awards ceremony in Los Angeles and is a student member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, and the National Association of Record Industry Professionals.

"As the oldest of five children, I spent much of my childhood caring for younger siblings. At age 16, I gave birth to my own child, and dropped out of high school. A dream job no longer seemed in my future. However, I knew that deferring my education was a sure way to guarantee a hard life of poverty for my family, so I tried to take some steps to get my life back on track. I earned my G.E.D., and, while working full-time and raising my daughter, squeezed in college classes as I could.

Meanwhile, my heart urged me to more consciously align my career with my passions. I've always had an intense love for all things music and have yearned for an education centered around creativity and the performing arts. The HCC Foundation email I received one day told me that "It's never too late!" This time, I responded. I clicked on the link to the application. Two months later I received the letter bearing the uplifting news: I had been selected to receive a scholarship that would cover my tuition, fees, and books for an entire year. Today, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, I am a singer-songwriter and well on my way to what once seemed unattainable, a degree in Audio Recording/Music Business at Houston Community College.

"MY EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME THAT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY."

Houston Community College has so much to offer the people of this city, if only they can overcome the financial obstacles that stand in their way. I'm here to tell you: Your gift truly can change the course of a person's life. Thank you for your gift to the HCC Foundation."

Dionne Banks, HCC Foundation 2010 Scholarship Recipient and Student Ambassador



HCCF Board President Ginger Blanton with HCCF Student Ambassador and scholarship recipient Dionne Banks

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A REALISTIC OPTION

Two-thirds of Texas students begin their higher education at a community college. Houston Community College opened its doors in 1971, and since then more than 1.5 million students have taken classes at the college. HCC was designed to address the challenges of providing local students access to a higher education. It offers excellent opportunities for improving Houston's overall level of higher education.

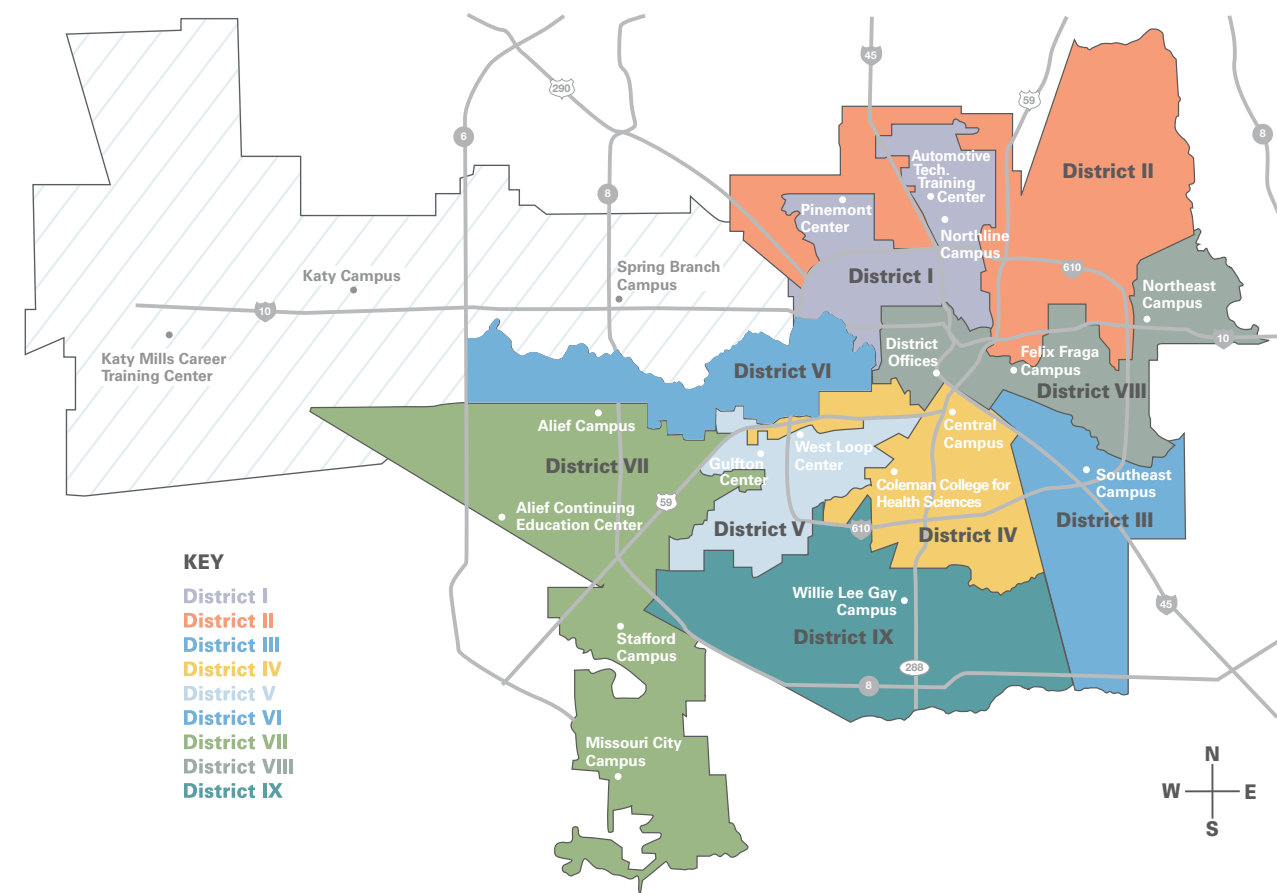
- **A community-focused curriculum.** HCC provides instruction designed to meet Houstonians' wide range of educational needs: academic courses transferable to any public college or university in Texas, degrees and certificates in 70 workforce programs that train students for employment in various industries, continuing education, and adult education and English-as-a-second-language programs.
- **Developmental instruction focused on student success.** Many high school graduates are simply not ready for college-level study. With small class sizes and faculty members' individual attention, HCC accepts them into developmental courses and prepares them for more advanced coursework.
- **A student population with strong Houston ties.** An impressive 70 percent of students who graduate from HCC stay in Houston after graduation. Many live at home and take classes at one of HCC's community-based campuses located throughout the greater Houston region.
- **A demographic that reflects Houston's population.** Alone among Houston's institutions of higher education, HCC serves a student body that reflects the demographics of the people who actually live here: 31% Hispanic, 28% African-American, 19% white, 14% Asian, and 8% international and "other." Nearly half of our students are the first in their family to attend college, and 67% are from economically disadvantaged homes.
- **Affordability.** HCC's tuition is 70% less than that of Texas' 4-year colleges and universities.
- **Results.** Graduates with an associate's degree will earn \$577,200 more over their lifetime than those with only a high school diploma. They'll be better prepared to succeed in the workforce, contribute to the city's tax base, and support their families.



"WITHOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
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LEARNERS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
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OR THE WORKPLACE. COMMUNITY
COLLEGES OFTEN ARE THE ACCESS POINT
FOR EDUCATION IN A TOWN AND A REAL
CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

American Association of Community Colleges

HCC DISTRICT MAP



HCC FAST FACTS

- Educates 75,000 students each semester.
- Trains the majority of the critical personnel (police, fire, emergency services and healthcare workers) that keeps Houston safe and healthy.
- The HCC District is comprised of 54 facilities and 4 million square feet of space.
- Associate Degree graduates earn an average of \$59,700 annually.
- Average class sizes are small, with low student-to-teacher ratios of 23 to 1.
- Offers a variety of financial aid options, including grants, loans, work-study programs and scholarships.
- Returns \$6.60 of every \$1 tax invested in HCC to the community in economic benefits.*
- #1 Texas community college for placing students in jobs when they graduate.
- #1 for international student enrollment among U.S. community colleges and #6 among all U.S. higher education institutions.**
- #1 in Texas with 25 workforce programs recognized as exemplary.***
- #1 in Associate Degree transfers to the University of Houston.
- All five HCC Early College High Schools (ECHS) earned "exemplary" ratings and the Challenge ECHS at HCC Southwest received a Silver ranking as one of America's Best High Schools.****

* Economic data based on 2010 research conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.

** Open Doors data, 2010 Institute of International Education, Inc.

*** Texas Workforce Commission

**** Exemplary ratings by the Texas Education Agency and Silver ranking by U.S. News & World Report in 2010.

HCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SOARS

The HCC Alumni Association (HCCAA) continues to show renewed interest and growth since becoming a part of the HCC Foundation in 2009. The HCCAA strives to meet the needs of the alumni* community and keep them informed about important events at Houston Community College.



In 2010, the HCC Alumni Association launched the college's first-ever alumni magazine, *SOAR*. The publication, produced in both an online and print edition, shares news and information on HCC and its alumni and students. To view the e-version of *SOAR*, visit www.hccalumninews.org.

The HCCAA also launched a series of targeted membership and marketing campaigns to increase awareness of HCC activities and membership benefits.

As a result of these continued outreach efforts, HCC alumni, students, and retirees can now connect to HCC in new and exciting ways by joining the HCC Alumni Association. Members gain access to former classmates, fellow alumni, HCC programs, events, career services, and other valuable membership benefits.

2010 HCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the highlights of the HCC Alumni Association's first full year of programming:

- Alumni publications increased to include the *EAGLeNews*, an e-newsletter geared toward alumni that is published three times annually, and *SOAR*, a print and online magazine. Both included profiles of successful alumni from various backgrounds.
- Initial discussions were held with alumni volunteers from HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences regarding forming the first alumni chapter of the HCCAA.

- The first Coleman College Distinguished Alumni Awards were given in December 2009 to Lyle Muhammad, Stella Trimble, and Andrea Hayes for their outstanding service in the medical community.
- HCCAA and Foundation staff distributed alumni lapel pins and medallions as graduation gifts to over 1,500 new graduates at the May 2010 graduation ceremony at Reliant Stadium.
- The HCCAA and the Career Planning and Resource departments from HCC Central and Northwest Colleges hosted the Main Event Job Fair in June 2010 to help alumni and students find career success.
- Over 30,000 alumni received the first HCC Alumni Association survey to help guide programming and events for the HCCAA moving forward.

Individual annual membership starts at \$15. Learn more at

- www.hccsfoundation.org/alumni
- www.facebook.com/HCCAlumni
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- LinkedIn Group — “**Houston Community College Alumni Association**”



“I AM PROUD TO BE AN ALUMNUS OF HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND A LIFETIME EAGLE MEMBER OF THE HCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO KEEP A LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP WITH HCC.”

James Dodd, HCC graduate and Lifetime Eagle member of the HCC Alumni Association

*HCC alumni have graduated from or taken 40 or more credit hours of coursework at the College.

HCC ALUMNA ACHIEVES AMERICAN DREAM



Silvia Mintz, HCC Class of 2003 and first-ever president of the HCC Alumni Association Advisory Council

When Silvia Mintz immigrated to Houston from Guatemala as a young woman, her English vocabulary consisted of two words: “vacuum” and “mop.”

Those words came in handy in her day job as a maid and her night job as a janitor, which together kept her on her feet daily from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Certainly it never occurred to her that within 14 years’ time she would be a lawyer with her own firm.

As with so many Houston-area success stories, Mintz’s began at Houston Community College.

Having improved her English skills, she took a job serving as a nanny for a Houston family. That family encouraged her to get an education, going so far as to place an HCC brochure in her hands. She took their hint—and that’s when her life began to change.

“My HCC professors helped me to more fully integrate into American society,” says Mintz. “HCC is where all the doors began to open for me.”

A remedial math course helped her bridge a gap in her education while she earned A’s in her other classes. At a professor’s suggestion, she ran for and won an officer position with the HCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

“When Silvia came to the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, she was extremely shy,” says Dr. Gisela Ables, department chair of History and Geography at HCC’s Northwest College. “But we kept pushing

her out there to face the public. Once she came out of her shell, there was no stopping her.”

With the support of mentors such as Dr. Ables, Mintz completed 80 hours of credit at HCC—all the while continuing to work as a nanny and in campus work-study programs. She might have settled for an associate’s degree, but her mentors urged her to keep going.

She eventually transferred to the University of St. Thomas, where she continued to enjoy a challenging education in small-class environments under instructors who took a personal interest in her future. One professor advised her to go to law school—a prospect she had never considered, though it dovetailed well with her interest in political science.

As in the past, the people in Mintz’s life came together to help her realize even bigger dreams. A St. Thomas faculty chair walked her through the law school application, and her HCC professors wrote letters of recommendation. The family whom she served as a nanny even paid for classes that prepared her to take the law school entrance exam. After completing the application process, Mintz checked her mail daily, hoping to receive what eventually did arrive: a letter welcoming her to South Texas College of Law.

Today Mintz practices immigration and family law in the Houston firm of Plake & Mintz, PLLC. She also gives back to the community, serving local organizations such as Children at Risk and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides pro bono legal services to low-income residents of Harris County. Mintz has been selected as the first president of the HCC Alumni Association Advisory Council and will serve as the alumni representative to the HCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Mintz is grateful for the support and encouragement she has received over the years from so many people—and for the key role HCC played in transforming her personal goals.

“I am blessed with having met people like HCC’s Dr. Ables who helped me to believe in myself,” she says. **“HCC SHAPED WHO I AM TODAY.”**

GOLDEN EAGLE SOCIETY CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN GIVING

The Golden Eagle Society was established in 2009 by the HCC Foundation to recognize excellence in giving at Houston Community College. The Society recognizes supporters of Houston Community College and its campuses, departments, and special programs who have generously contributed \$2,000 or more in a fiscal year. Gifts designated to operations, endowment funds, or capital projects are included, as well as in-kind donations and pledges.

The 2009-2010 Golden Eagle Society members were recognized at a Chancellor’s dinner held in their honor in October 2010 at Hugo’s Restaurant where HCC alumnus Hugo Ortega is owner and executive chef. Guests enjoyed a superb meal while visiting with HCC Foundation Student Ambassadors and scholarship recipients and had the opportunity to thank many of their benefactors in person.



THE HCC FOUNDATION GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE 2009-2010 MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE SOCIETY.

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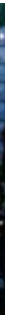
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The HCC Foundation offers many ways for donors to provide financial assistance to Houston Community College students.

- **Donations.** You may donate with a credit card at our website, www.hccsfoundation.org or mail a donation to our address below.
- **Named Scholarships.** With a gift of \$5,000 or more, you may establish a legacy or honor another’s memory with a named scholarship.
- **Scholarship Endowments.** With a gift of \$10,000 or more, you can endow a scholarship that will guarantee support for students in perpetuity.
- **Endowed Professorships and Chairs.** A \$500,000 donation can establish an HCC professorship, and a \$1 million donation can establish a chair. Professorships and chairs help recognize outstanding teaching and attract distinguished faculty.
- **Planned Giving.** With Planned Giving, dedicated donors may leave a legacy at Houston Community College through the planning of their estate. The HCC Foundation’s website provides extensive suggestions for Planned Giving, and our staff members would be pleased to assist you in developing a plan that will establish the type of legacy you seek.

“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET;
WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”

Sir Winston Churchill

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THE IMPACT OF AN HCC EDUCATION

- HCC GRADUATES WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE WILL EARN \$577,200 MORE OVER THEIR LIFETIME THAN THOSE WITH ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.
- EACH TAXPAYER DOLLAR INVESTED IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE YIELDS \$6.60 IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- HCC RETURNS OVER \$1 BILLION TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY EACH YEAR THROUGH THE EARNINGS OF FORMER STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2010

The HCC Foundation is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(3) of the code. The Foundation adheres to the highest standards of financial management, and the result is a healthy balance sheet that allows us to consistently provide programmatic support to important HCC initiatives and scholarships for local students from throughout the Greater Houston area.

2009-2010 SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

The following financial information was summarized from our 2009-2010 audited financial statements, which are available upon request and on the Foundation’s website at www.hccsfoundation.org (Click on ‘ABOUT US’).

	2010 Revenue	2009 Revenue
Contributions and Donations	\$2,826,229	\$4,192,152
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 50,036	\$ 72,171
Special Event Contributions, Net	—	—
In-Kind Revenue	\$1,286,152	\$1,094,903
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$ 77,840	\$ (118,691)
Other Income	\$ 18,715	\$ 7,820
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	—	—
Total Revenues	\$4,258,972	\$5,248,355
	2010 Expenditures	2009 Expenditures
Program Services:		
Scholarships	\$ 1,505,479	\$ 613,789
Grant Distributions	\$ 1,593,501	\$1,510,718
Total Program Services	\$3,098,980	\$2,124,507
Support Services:		
Fundraising	\$ 127,386	\$ 18,637
Administration	\$ 1,402,106	\$ 999,919
Total Support Services	\$1,529,492	\$1,018,556
Total Expenses	\$4,628,472	\$3,143,063
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (369,500)	\$2,105,292
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$6,458,055	\$4,352,763
Net Assets, End of Year	\$6,088,555	\$6,458,055

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