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This issue of **SOAR** highlights the arrival of HCC's new Chancellor, Dr. Cesar Maldonado. "This is a new day at HCC – and one that centers around the important work in the classrooms and in the broader community," said Dr. Maldonado.

Also included in this issue is the *HCC Foundation Gratitude Report 2013*.

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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HCC FOUNDATION

“Standing backstage at HCC’s commencement this past May, I was filled with pride for our graduates and for the hopes and dreams that were fulfilled that day.”



*HCC Foundation Executive Director
Carme Williams*

Dear Friends,

It is an exciting time to be a part of Houston Community College, leading with the announcement of HCC’s new Chancellor, Dr. Cesar Maldonado in May (*see cover story, pp. 2-3*).

In the pages of the magazine you will read about the achievements of our College and its students – and alumni, including Dr. Lonnie Howard '95, president of a technical college in the Northwest whose path to success began at Houston Community College (*see pp. 8-9*).

As I meet with faculty and staff across the College and friends in the community, I tell them that the HCC Foundation is here to serve our students and provide a pathway to success. The Foundation’s efforts are focused on raising scholarship dollars for HCC students and support for the programs serving these students.

This past spring, the HCC Foundation hosted its signature *Field of Opportunity* gala which raised \$600,000 toward scholarship support for HCC students (*see p. 6*). Proceeds from this biennial event launch local students on the path to a successful future by providing them scholarships to HCC.

I am especially pleased to share that we received a record number of scholarship applications to the HCC Foundation for Academic Year 2014-2015 – and each of these applicants represents a chance at a brighter future. Your support helps makes these opportunities possible; read more in the *HCC Foundation Gratitude Report 2013* included with this issue of *SOAR*.

Standing backstage at HCC’s commencement this past May, I was filled with pride for our graduates and for the hopes and dreams that were fulfilled that day. I was reminded of the important place that Houston Community College holds in these individuals’ lives as they embark on their future studies and professional careers.

I am honored to be a part of such a special occasion and a contributor to this wonderful institution – working together with our community and alumni friends to ensure the future success of our city and its workforce, one dream at a time.

Go Eagles!

Carme Williams, CFRE
Executive Director, HCC Foundation



Students greet HCC's new Chancellor with warm smiles

HCC Welcomes Dr. Cesar Maldonado as Chancellor

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, as the next Chancellor of Houston Community College on May 13. The institution conducted a nationwide search for its next leader and selected Dr. Maldonado, who successfully transitioned his private industry management expertise into public higher education

administration. Dr. Maldonado is an accomplished engineer, civic and business leader, and higher education administrator. Prior to HCC, he served as President of Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, where he was responsible for many important accomplishments and advances for the college and its students since 2008.



HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado and HCC Board of Trustees Chair Neeta Sane

Trustee Neeta Sane, HCC Board Chair stated, "The Board of Trustees has worked judiciously and diligently in making one of the most important decisions for HCC's future. We are proud to select Dr. Maldonado as HCC's next Chancellor and we look forward to his leadership as we navigate and address many important opportunities that will help to define the HCC of the future. He is an accomplished academician, but one with three decades in business. His deep understanding of academia is framed in the context of community and industry. He is prepared for the complex issues we face and will work diligently to build teams and innovative solutions to move the College forward. We are excited with the leadership that he will bring to our College."

Some of the early issues Dr. Maldonado will face include identifying new funding sources and innovative partnerships, as well as determining the best, most appropriate allocation of the funds generated from the bond passage so that HCC can build the most efficient and effective college of tomorrow.

Dr. Maldonado brings a strong awareness of college and workforce readiness and is active in working with the state legislature on education initiatives regarding school finance and education in science, technology, engineering and math.

“What an honor and privilege it is to be named Chancellor of one of the leading community colleges in the country,” stated

Dr. Cesar Maldonado. “We have some real opportunities ahead of us to create what HCC can and will be for our students, our community, and our region. I will work diligently to understand the issues and the culture of HCC while identifying solutions to propel our college to a new standing. This is a new day at HCC – and one that centers around the important work in the classrooms and in the broader community.”

Dr. Maldonado’s business experience includes strategic planning, project management, infrastructure design, industrial systems and software design. Dr. Maldonado holds Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University, a Doctorate in Systems and Engineering Management from Texas Tech University, and is an alumnus of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. Dr. Maldonado and his wife of 38 years, Liz, enjoy their children, Kristin, Marcus, and Laura and Jason Rocha, and grandchildren, Julianne and William.

On a professional level, Dr. Maldonado has worked with the state legislature on education initiatives regarding school finance and science, as well as technical, engineering, and math education. In addition to his demonstrated business acumen, he led legislative efforts to create high school/college dual enrollment opportunities in Texas, and has served as a board member (twice as president) of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District (TX) since 2003. He served as the interim Chairman of the Border Governors Conference on Science and Technology, where he worked to foster bi-national research and technology exchange with scientists across the U.S. and Mexico border. He was also appointed by the governor to serve as a Regent of the Texas State Technical College System.

For more on Dr. Maldonado, visit hccs.edu/district/about-us/chancellor/.



Family members joined Dr. Maldonado for the announcement



Students welcomed Chancellor Maldonado on his HCC campus visits

HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado and his wife, Liz





Congratulations HCC Class of 2014!

Fulfilling Futures: HCC 2014 Commencement

Commencement at Houston Community College was held May 17 at NRG Stadium in Houston. The occasion celebrated HCC's academic, workforce and GED graduates. For all participants, the walk across stage marked an important personal milestone. HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado told graduates, "We are honored to have you join our proud HCC alumni family and look forward to following your many accomplishments."

To watch a video replay, view photo gallery and search list of HCC graduates, visit hccs.edu/district/students/graduation.



GED graduates (in yellow) line up for their walk across stage

As you soar to new heights of achievement, you will always be an HCC Eagle.



We want to be part of your journey!

Send us a picture from wherever your degree takes you – work, school, travel, and beyond. Upload your pictures to our Facebook page at facebook.com/HCCAlumni.

To learn more about the HCC Alumni Association, visit hccsfoundation.org/alumni.



“If it was not for HCC, I would have been lost. I had the right team of faculty and staff to support me. HCC allows you to get the college experience prior to attending a four-year university.”

Johnathan Lee '14, Associate of Arts in Business, graduated with high honors



HCC graduates celebrate with HCC mascot, Swoop

A better job is closer than you think.

Whatever your plans are for the future, HCC can help you put them into action. HCC offers affordable tuition, convenient locations, and classes that lead to more rewarding and better paying jobs. Scholarships and financial aid are also available. Enrolling at HCC today can help you get where you want to be tomorrow.



Fall classes start
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From left, Don and Joanie Haley, Executive Director of The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, HCC Foundation 2014 Opportunity Ball Co-Chairs Mary and Will Williams, and Sarah and Doug Foshee, past Crystal Eagle honorees. Mary Williams wore a gown designed by HCC award-winning fashion student Jo'se Reyes.

HCC Foundation Opportunity Ball 2014 Creates Field of Opportunity for Students

The theme of Field of Opportunity with greens and purples and trees scattered around the Hilton Americas Ballroom greeted the 600-plus guests attending HCC Foundation's Opportunity Ball on February 22. Proceeds from the event are helping to launch local students on the path to a successful future by providing them scholarships to HCC.

Skanska USA served as lead underwriter of the event, which

raised \$600,000—a record high for the gala.

Gala Chairmen Mary and Will Williams led the success of this signature event for the HCC Foundation benefitting HCC student scholarships. Ms. Williams serves on the Houston Community College Foundation Board.

Auction highlights included donations from the Houston Texans, the Houston Rockets and BMW West, part of the Momentum family for a two-year lease on a new BMW — all making for a lively night.

Sarah and Doug Foshee, past honorees, presented HCC's Crystal Eagle award to Janice and Bob McNair, owner of the Houston Texans, accepted by McNair Foundation Executive Director Joanie Haley. Haley spoke about the McNairs' passion for helping young people succeed and the opportunities that community colleges offer local students to improve their career potential and the lives of their families.



Matt Frey, Elizabeth Stemac and Diana Brown with Skanska USA



HCC Foundation Emeritus Board member Ginger Blanton with San Jacinto High School classmates and lifelong friends Jan Young and Sharyn Sporar.

2014 Faculty & Staff Campaign Sets New Record for HCC Employee Giving

The 2014 HCC Faculty & Staff Campaign raised the bar again this spring for employee giving, bringing in more than \$78,000 in campaign support.

The HCC Foundation thanks Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for their generous matching grant of \$20,000 to this year's campaign in support of newly established scholarships at HCC. Together, with the match from Barnes & Noble, the 2014 HCC Faculty and Staff Campaign will contribute nearly \$100,000 to support scholarships, faculty development, and programs at Houston Community College.

Taking home top honors for campaign participation for the seventh year in a row was HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences. HCC Southwest and HCC Northwest claimed second and third place, respectively, with their high participation rates. The 2014 Eagle Pride Trophy was presented to HCC Northwest in



recognition of the College's outstanding level of support for the 2014 HCC Faculty and Staff Campaign.

"This is a wonderful show of support from the entire HCC community that demonstrates our commitment to our students and our College," said HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado. "I am so pleased to share this good news out to the community in my talks with business leaders and others interested in the work we are doing at HCC."

HCC Passion for Fashion Luncheon: A Spring Perennial

In March, over 250 fashionable guests gathered at the River Oaks Country Club for the Passion for Fashion luncheon in support of award-winning fashion and interior design education at HCC. Celebrating the success were Luncheon Chairmen Kelli Cohen Fein and Mary Ann McKeithan. Julia Anderson Frankel, Chairman Emeritus and founder of the luncheon, was also present. Phoebe Tudor received the 2014 HCC Design Society Fashion Icon Award, introduced by a video showing her fashionable and philanthropic life in pictures. A slight change of plans occurred when featured designer Zang Toi was not able to attend the event. Clifford Pugh interviewed Phoebe about her fashion philosophy and they made comments about Zang's designs as models walked the runway. Saks Fifth Avenue was the Designer Sponsor for the luncheon.



HCC Passion for Fashion 2014 Chairs Kelli Cohen Fein, left and Mary Ann McKeithan with 2014 Fashion Icon Phoebe Tudor, center.

HCC Foundation & Houston Texans Join Forces to Educate Veterans

The HCC Foundation teamed up with the Houston Texans to provide scholarships to Houston area veterans. Earlier this year, the veterans who received scholarships were honored at NRG Stadium.

Houston Texans Pro Bowl Center Chris Myers serves as the spokesman for the *Scholarships for Service* program which awards HCC scholarships to local veterans.

HCC is the Official Education Partner of the Houston Texans. The funds for the *Scholarships for Service* program provided by the Houston Texans are well deserved by veterans and reservists for the contribution they have made in their service to our country. The HCC Veterans Affairs Office is committed to providing useful tools and resources to help veterans achieve academic success. Generous contributions are what keep veterans on their feet and moving forward in their studies at HCC.

HCC's programs for veterans help them start a new chapter with education and skills training. To learn more about HCC Veterans Affairs, visit hccs.edu/district/students/va.



HCC Scholarships for Service recipients with Texans Pro Bowl Center Chris Myers, fourth from left, spokesman for the scholarship program benefitting HCC student veterans.



HCC alumnus Dr. Lonnie L. Howard began his tenure as president of Clover Park Technical College in September 2013. Photo Credit: Stacey McRae

It Doesn't Matter Where You Start

by Dr. Lonnie L. Howard '95

A Proud Alumnus of Houston Community College

Having once worked as a janitor, barely passing high school, placed in developmental classes, and not viewed as college material, it was unimaginable to think I would someday become a college president. By sharing my unique story, the goal is to inspire Houston Community College (HCC) students, staff, and faculty alike – underscoring the redemptive value of the two-year college mission.

My life started in a 3-room wooden shack that had no indoor restroom or running water. Since my mother only completed 5th grade, she was relegated to scrubbing floors as a maid while my sharecropper father fared much worse because he only reached 3rd grade. Beyond telling me to finish high school, the topic of higher education or how to pay for it was never discussed. This is not to say my parents were bad, but as in the case of so many other first-generation students (particularly among African American and Hispanic households) it is difficult to talk about the unknown.



Photo Credit: Tawny Dotson

Howard lifts his hood after finishing a welding demonstration in Clover Park Technical College's welding technology lab. Howard, now president of CPTC, is a certified welder and worked in the field for more than 15 years.

After struggling to complete even the most basic reading and writing courses that are part of an AAS in Welding Technology, I found myself bewildered at HCC at the thought of now attempting to earn an academic related Associate of General Studies degree. Given my background, anything “academic” did not quite seem to fit. For this reason,

I am indebted to the devoted HCC faculty and caring advisors who caused my ‘light bulb’ to go off helping me to see the endless possibilities.

Throughout all of this, my mother’s motivational saying (i.e., It doesn’t really matter where you start in life; the important thing is where you finish) served as a source of encouragement for me.

Well, let’s be honest, my mother’s optimistic saying is only half correct. Research data confirms that factors like poverty, divorce, age, race, or gender can influence educational attainment. On the other hand, she is contextually right because these issues are not sole determinants of one’s destiny. A student’s success is largely based on his or her effort outside of the classroom, faculty interaction, academic challenge, and involvement with learning supports. Moreover, in overcoming their various socio-economic challenges, my advice to HCC students is not to play ‘the blame game’ viewing themselves simply as products of their environment. Rather, with hard work, integrity, and education, I believe anyone can achieve some measure of the American Dream.

Given my start, it is humbling to have achieved this level of educational and professional success. At age 36, I earned my first associate and completed four more college degrees within only 12 years; totaling an AAS, AGS, BS, MS (3.98 GPA), and PhD (4.0 GPA). As an additional incentive for women with small children who might read this story, I did all of this as a single-parent [a dad] who adopted an abandoned toddler. Professionally, on both the university and community college side, my career progression includes faculty, department chair, academic researcher, educational consultant, associate vice president of instruction, interim vice president of academic affairs, executive director of the school of continuing and professional studies, and currently the president of Clover Park Technical College.

The moral of this story is it doesn’t really matter where you start in life. With a quality education or a skills certificate, you can indeed achieve some measure of the American Dream. So hang in there!



Photo Credit: Tawny Dotson

Dr. Lonnie L. Howard congratulates Jonathan Barta, who was awarded the Winter Quarter 2014 Presidential Scholarship. Barta is a fourth quarter Environmental Sciences student and the first winner of this scholarship.

Why Are You Proud to Be an Eagle? We Want to Hear From YOU!

The HCC Alumni Association (HCCAA) would love to hear from you! The HCCAA is looking for graduates and former students who received their start at HCC to tell their stories in our communications pieces. Get in touch with us, and you might just find yourself in the spotlight!

Please email Zandra Henderson, Alumni Specialist, at alumni@hccsfoundation.org with your name, contact information, degree received (if any) or hours completed at HCC—and anything else you might want to tell her about what your HCC education has meant to you.



HCC Goldman Sachs winners honored at SBA Ceremony, from left, Abe Gonzalez, RPC Global – Minority Small Business Champion of the Year; Pat Vice, Texas Security Shredding – Women in Business Champion of the Year; Carrie Reese, Advanced Piping Products – SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Bruce McMordie (and wife), Texas Swim Academy – Entrepreneurial Success Award; and Dr. Nawab Baloch, Clinical Trial Network – Small Business Person of the Year

HCC/Goldman Sachs Participants Take Home Five of Eight SBA Awards

The Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at HCC is proud to announce that five of the eight winners of the 2014 U.S. Small Business Administration Persons of the Year in the Houston District are graduates of the program (pictured above).

Goldman Sachs partners with Houston Community College to provide free access for small business owners as they learn to create jobs and economic growth. Through a carefully crafted curriculum, entrepreneurs attend 11 sessions at HCC over a three-month period, attending networking events and business support clinics. Curriculum focuses on identifying and evaluating business opportunities, understanding the business environment, analyzing financial statements, accessing financial capital, and leading a growing business. At the end of the program, each participant will develop a customized growth plan for their business.

For more information on the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program, visit hccs.edu/10ksb.

HCC, Texas A&M at Galveston Partner for Greater Opportunities

Houston area residents interested in the Maritime and Logistics fields will have greater education training and opportunities through a partnership between Houston Community College (HCC) and Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG). HCC and TAMUG formalized their agreement at a signing ceremony for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) held at the Port of Houston Authority on May 22. The MOU will provide students with a clear pathway to a four-year degree and training in the maritime industry. HCC students who complete the Maritime Transportation and Logistics program will now have an opportunity to transfer with automatic admission to Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The Maritime Transportation Logistics AAS degree at HCC can articulate to a TAMUG Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Administration. The program prepares students for careers in areas such as Domestic/International Shipping, Port and Waterways Management, Vessel Management, and International Trade.

Springtime in Paris



HCC Interior Design student Monica Huang took home top honors at this year's Interior Design Student Showcase held at the Houston Design Center. The annual show highlights work from the portfolio class and is an opportunity for students to meet industry professionals. In recognition of her award-winning presentation, Huang will travel to Paris next spring for an Interior Design study tour.

Career Education Opportunities Open Up for Houston-area Students

HCC, HISD, Alief ISD to Create New Early College High Schools

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded Houston Community College, Houston Independent School District and Alief Independent School District a \$600,000 THECB Early College High School grant.

In an unprecedented partnership, each of the state agencies committed funding to support innovative education partnerships between local school districts and public community or technical colleges. The funding will help local education leaders plan and launch new opportunities for students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential that prepares them to enter high-skill, high-demand workforce fields.

"Partnerships are vital to the collective success of our region and state," said Dr. Cesar Maldonado, HCC Chancellor. "HCC is committed to working closely with our key stakeholders like Houston and Alief Independent School Districts, the Greater Houston Partnership, industry leaders and other key stakeholders to ensure the success of our students, which is critical to the success of our community, now and in the future."

The initiative is designed to prepare tomorrow's workforce with crucial middle-skills and industry-recognized certifications that will help alleviate the workforce shortages that many regional employers are currently facing.

For more news on HCC, visit hccs.edu.

HCC Foundation Gratitude Report *2013*

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“You can make a living by what you do; you create a life by what you give.”

-Chinese Proverb

Letter from the HCC Foundation Board President

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share the *HCC Foundation Gratitude Report 2013* on the activities of the Foundation and the donors and community supporters who make these efforts possible.

The following pages provide a snapshot of the many students at HCC whose lives are forever changed by your giving. Their words convey an overwhelming sense of gratitude and personal appreciation.

‘Thank you for caring and being there when we needed you,’ wrote one student in a thank-you note to her scholarship donor.

‘Thank you for the chance to gain a career and not just a job,’ expressed another grateful recipient.

Another wrote simply, *‘Thank you for my future.’*

The impact of these heartfelt words is immediate, life changing, and inspirational.

Quite simply, your gifts make a dramatic difference in the lives of our students. Your investment in the lives of our students makes possible their aspirations for a brighter future and their ability to provide a better life for themselves and their family.

In 2013, the HCC Foundation raised \$3.1 million in support – dollars that ultimately help fund scholarships for HCC students and provide support for HCC programs and faculty. On behalf of the HCC Foundation Board, I extend our appreciation for helping us reach this mark.

I know from personal experience that education is the key to transforming an individual’s life. I am and will continue to be grateful for the scholarship support that I received as an undergraduate and the many opportunities it provided for both my professional career and personal life.

In closing, I want to also acknowledge Carme Williams, who was named Executive Director of the HCC Foundation at the close of 2013. Carme is a seasoned fundraiser and brings to the position a strong portfolio of fundraising skills. We are excited to see the Foundation expand its efforts to provide support for HCC students under her leadership.

I am enormously proud of the work we do here at the Foundation on behalf of HCC students and equally appreciative of your willingness to support our mission.

For all the doors to opportunity that you have opened and will continue to open through your giving, thank you.

Best regards,



Shawn A. Taylor
President,
HCC Foundation Board of Directors



HCC Foundation Board
President Shawn Taylor, left and
HCC Foundation Immediate
Past President Charles Bellomy

2013 Foundation Highlights



The Houston Community College Foundation encourages faculty and staff members to explore creative ideas for teaching or enriching student learning. **We support such innovation with grants that provide partial or complete funding for accepted projects.** For the 2012/2013 fiscal year, the HCC Foundation Board of Directors approved partial or complete funding for the following projects through the Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Funding (\$35,000) for **Workforce Career Program scholarships** for HCC students enrolled in Short-Term Workforce Level 1 Certificates including Basic Welding, Basic Machining Technology, Medical Office Management Support, Payroll Specialist and Diesel Engine Technology as well as support for the **Accelerated Teacher Certification Program**.

Funding (\$30,000) for the **HCC Foundation Annual Scholarship Fund** in support of general student scholarships for tuition, books, and fees for students attending HCC.

“The grant has allowed me to go to school and it has inspired me to continue my education. Thank you for the chance to gain a career and not just a job.”

-HCC student benefitting from Creekmore & Adele Fath Charitable Foundation grant

Funding (\$20,000) for **Adult Education Program scholarships** for HCC students who are concurrently enrolled in Adult Education classes and technical skill training certificate programs.

Funding (\$10,000) for program support for **2013 HCC Newspring Business Plan Competition** at HCC Northwest. The annual competition, co-sponsored by HCC Center for Entrepreneurship and Newspring, is a wonderful opportunity for HCC students and local entrepreneurs to learn how to develop a business plan.

Funding (\$10,000) in support of a **Public Awareness Campaign for the HCC Foundation** and its fundraising efforts. The campaign was conducted in coordination with HCC marketing efforts.

Funding (\$2,500) to assist in the formation of the **Clinical Education Special Interest Group** and its meetings to convene clinicians on a quarterly basis at HCC.

Matching funds (\$2,500) for the **Junior Achievement Scholarship Program** for students attending HCC.

Funding (\$1,100) for **Project Anthropology Science Curriculum Improvement**, in particular, the purchase of high-quality vinyl casts of four fossil skulls and a modern human skeleton. These classroom resources improve inquiry-based approaches within science curricula for Physical Anthropology students.

Matching funds (\$1,000) for the **Asian Chamber of Commerce Scholarship** for students attending HCC.

“Without your kindness I would not be here today! ... You have given me the opportunity to change not just my life but countless others in similar positions.”

-HCC student benefitting from Creekmore & Adele Fath Charitable Foundation grant



Funding Future Generations: Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship

Today's economy and businesses cannot compete without an educated workforce, and workers cannot get ahead without some training and education after high school graduation. Studies have shown that increased education is the single most important force behind a city's economic growth.

In response to this pressing need within the community, the HCC Foundation established the Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship to provide qualified Houston high school graduates at least two years of community college education at no cost to their families. The Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship provides support to help see Houston's students through 14 years of education – 12 years from kindergarten through high school and 2 years at HCC.

More than 80 percent of Opportunity 14 scholars, like their fellow HCC students, will stay in Houston or in Texas once they graduate, contributing to the rich fabric of this community and to its innovative economy.

Closing the Financial Aid Gap

Even HCC's relatively modest tuition and fees present barriers to many young Houstonians.

The Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship targets the thousands of Houston students who qualify for some, but very little, federal assistance. Opportunity 14 seeks to remove the financial barriers facing these students and to

encourage them to consider higher education—two years at Houston Community College—as a real possibility. In fact, an expectation.

The Opportunity 14 Scholarship Campaign: A Vision for the Future

The HCC Foundation has set a \$30 million endowment goal to ensure the Opportunity 14 scholarship is available in perpetuity for future generations of Houstonians.

A cadre of Houston leaders have dedicated themselves to securing the financial support necessary to make Opportunity 14 available to Houston students. **In 2013, the HCC Foundation reached the \$10 million mark in giving for Opportunity 14.**



The HCC Foundation thanks the many local business and community leaders for their generous support of Opportunity 14 to help us achieve this important milestone.

The Opportunity 14 Endowed Scholarship is essential to Houston's future and to the ability of all students, regardless of their background or financial circumstances, to attend college and make a better life for themselves and their families.

Learn more at opportunity14.org.

Changing Lives: A Student Testimonial

The HCC Foundation hosted its annual scholarship luncheon in November 2013, bringing student scholarship recipients together with the donors who helped make their education possible.

HCC student Cedrick Richardson is one of those scholarship recipients. Richardson overcame adversity to pursue a career in healthcare and is a student at HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences. A recipient of the David and Jean Wiley Foundation Scholarship, provided through the HCC Foundation, Richardson has a passion for helping others. At the luncheon, Richardson shared his gratitude for the life-changing gift of education.

“First and foremost, I would like to say thank you. If it were not for those who so graciously gave their donations to me and a lot of other students here today, we would not be able to afford our education.

I came to HCC from a four-year university, but due to extenuating circumstances as well as a change of heart in the direction my life was taking, I came to HCC to pursue a career in medicine. At my previous school, my financial circumstances left me without any options to continue. I was forced to start over, but this experience also allowed me to reflect. Over the course of my education I had grown closer to my faith, which caused me to truly question my path in this world—much like most other fresh-minded undergraduates. I asked myself, ‘Is this really what you want to do? Is this truly how you want to help the homeless, the sick, and the elderly?’ I have seen these things as my duty since I was young and surrounded by those less fortunate in my neighborhood.

From a young age I understood what homelessness looked like as it was just outside my window or in many cases, right in front of my apartment door. I have seen what it was like to struggle with sickness, as my grandmother fought to beat her breast cancer while my single mother was forced to take care of both of us. I have seen the plight of the elderly as I watched my favorite great grandfather slip away into Alzheimer’s in his final days—only to pass away without knowing he was surrounded by his entire family.



HCC student Cedrick Richardson shares his story at annual scholarship luncheon hosted by the HCC Foundation

This financial upset turned out to be a blessing in disguise as I figured out that my true purpose is to help those in need through nursing or medicine, not pushing papers or trying to rack up zeros in a bank account. I have truly found my path and thanks to all of you here today, I am able to pursue that path, along with many other students you chose so generously to help.

Your donations to us are so much more than just money – they are a declaration of faith in our futures, faith that we will go on to do great things with our education. Rest assured knowing that my life has been forever altered by your kindness as well as those that I will go on to aid.”





Golden Eagle Society Celebrates Excellence in Giving

The Golden Eagle Society was established in 2009 to recognize excellence in giving at Houston Community College. The Society recognizes supporters of HCC and its campuses, departments and special programs who have generously contributed \$2,000 or more in a fiscal year. Gifts designated to capital projects, scholarships, endowment funds, or operations are included, as well as in-kind donations, matching gifts, and pledges. All donors to HCC who have contributed or pledged \$2,000 or more between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013 are considered 2013 Golden Eagle Society Members.

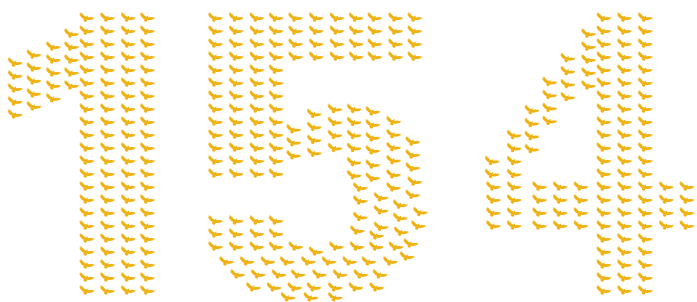
The inductees to the 2012-2013 Golden Eagle Society were recognized at a dinner held in October 2013 at Artisans Restaurant. The evening acknowledged the generosity of Society members and celebrated all that their giving makes possible for HCC students.

HCC Foundation Student Ambassador and scholarship recipient Alexis Craig shared an emotional testimonial with guests. A working mother, Craig acknowledged that she couldn't have attended college without the help of a scholarship. She thanked the Foundation for helping her to make a better life for her family.

To learn more about the Golden Eagle Society, visit hccsfoundation.org.

HCC Foundation Student Ambassador and Scholarship Recipient Alexis Craig shares her story at the 2013 Golden Eagle Society dinner (pictured with HCC Foundation Immediate Past President Bob Bellomy).

HCC Foundation Salutes



Golden Eagle Members for 2013!



WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY LOOK LIKE?

With Planned Giving, dedicated donors may establish a legacy of support for HCC and future students.

One option to consider is a bequest made out to the Houston Community College Foundation as part of your estate plans. By including HCCF in your will, which is very easy to do, your gift will help future generations of Houston students earn a college degree. Please note our official bequest language on the HCC Foundation website at hccsfoundation.org.

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The following financial information was summarized from the HCC Foundation 2012-2013 audited financial statements, which are available upon request and online at www.hccsfoundation.org.

	2013 Revenue	2012 Revenue
Contributions and Donations	\$ 3,000,054	\$ 10,960,186
In-Kind Revenue	\$ 1,233,840	\$ 2,153,842
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 28,270	\$ 41,730
Realized and Unrealized Income on Investments	\$ 45,749	\$ 156,904
Vending Income	\$ 200,784	\$ 209,843
Other Income	—	2,605
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	—	—
Total Revenues	\$ 4,508,697	\$ 13,525,110

	2013 Expenditures	2012 Expenditures
Program Services:		
Scholarships	\$ 1,378,142	\$ 1,383,136
Grant Distributions	\$ 2,127,007	\$ 3,967,448
Total Program Services	\$ 3,505,149	\$ 5,350,584
Support Services:		
Fundraising	\$ 11,117	\$ 216,817
Student Services Distributions	\$ 153,619	\$ 169,173
Administration	\$ 1,625,978	\$ 1,641,359
Total Support Services	\$ 1,790,714	\$ 2,027,349
Total Expenses	\$ 5,295,863	\$ 7,377,933
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (787,166)	\$ 6,147,177
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$14,939,517	\$ 8,792,340
Net Assets, End of Year	\$14,152,351	\$ 14,939,517



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