

TOGETHER WE ARE HOUSTON'S Community College

HCC BUILDS A LEGACY OF STUDENT SUCCESS FROM THE GROUND UP



Improving campus facilities to create the ultimate student experience is a priority for Houston Community College (HCC). The 2013 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) projects support workforce readiness and improve the overall quality of HCC's learning environments. Now, many of the college's CIP projects are nearing completion on budget.

Organizational Stewardship, one of the key pillars of HCC's strategic plan, contributed to the overall financial success of these projects. The 2013 CIP is 75 percent complete and within budget. These projects are also LEED Silver Certified, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. Building to LEED standards saves energy and resources during the lifecycle of the facility. As a result, these projects generate significant financial savings compared to the average commercial building.

These facilities are optimized to be economically prudent to operate while being uniquely suited to support HCC's 15 Centers of Excellence. Fiscal responsibility is a driving factor through all phases of CIP development, including the repayment of the CIP debt. During the recent State of the College address, HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado announced that the college recently accelerated payment of \$12 million of debt ahead of schedule.

COMPLETE

- Alief Hayes Road Renovation
- Brays Oaks Campus
- Eastside Campus
- Stafford Campus
- West Loop Garage

NEAR COMPLETION

- Acres Homes Campus
- Central South Campus
- Coleman Campus
- Felix Fraga Campus
- Missouri City Campus
- Northline Campus
- West Houston Institute

CONTRACTOR SELECTION PROCESS CONTINUES

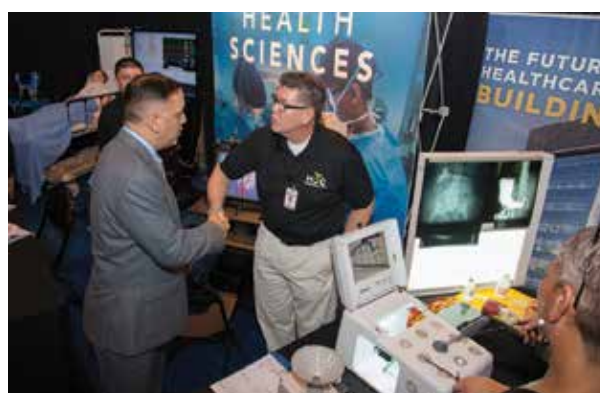
- Central Campus – Culinary Arts Program
- North Forest remains partially (Automotive) in the permit process.

COE EXPO FEATURED AT STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Legislators, industry leaders and community partners attending the Houston Community College (HCC) 2017 State of the College discovered the depth and rigor of HCC's 15 Centers of Excellence (COE).



The stars of the COE Expo were the leading-edge equipment and resources used daily in classrooms and labs across the HCC district. Guests had the opportunity to interact with a variety of exhibits, such as the ZSpace virtual reality machine. It is in use at Coleman College, the site of HCC's Health Science COE. ZSpace engages health care students in a unique, virtual environment designed to teach problem solving skills, in addition to expanding their medical knowledge.



"We are working together to create innovative solutions that ensure our students have the tools to generate powerful results once they leave HCC and enter the workforce," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado during his State of the College address. HCC offers more than 250 associate degree and certificate programs. Ensuring each program has the resources it needs to help students on their pathway to success is a priority for HCC.



NEW, COST-SAVING Z-DEGREE COMING SOON

Just imagine. Students having textbooks on the first day of class – at no cost to the student or the college. It's made possible by Open Educational Resources (OER), which are free, high-quality electronic textbooks and instructional materials. They create a unique pathway to student success by removing traditional financial barriers to academic achievement.

Houston Community College (HCC) is embracing this innovative delivery option with its first Z-Degree, which is on track to begin in Fall 2017. HCC's Z-Degree (the "Z" standing for zero-cost for textbooks) translates into thousands of dollars in savings for students.

The Associate of Arts in Business, one of the more popular programs at HCC, and general studies will be included in the pilot program. These degrees are primarily intended for students planning on transferring to a university. The program will target approximately 75-100 college-ready students.

While the Z-Degree is new, the use of OER materials on HCC campuses spans a period of approximately 10 years. It is estimated that current usage of OER resources at HCC is saving students approximately \$650,000 to \$1,250,000 annually, when the average textbook costs \$125 per course. According to a recent survey, 84 percent of HCC faculty who have used OER in their courses report that the quality of OER texts are as good or better than commercially published textbooks.



DEAR NEIGHBORS,

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As your trustee, it is my honor and privilege to ensure Houston Community College (HCC), is a good steward of the resources we entrust to it. I serve because I believe HCC is one of the most valuable educational and workforce development resources in the Greater Houston region.

As *Houston's Community College*, we want to ensure your investment and your trust is multiplied. I am pleased to report HCC is providing an excellent return on our community's investments. We are making sound financial decisions that have a profound impact on the communities we serve.

A recent national assessment calculated that HCC generates a total economic impact of \$4.1 billion in total added income for the regional economy. And, last year, HCC alumni added 38,801 jobs to the region, with an annual income of \$3.6 billion. This economic boost is similar to hosting the Super Bowl 15 times.

In addition to the return on financial investment, HCC has been instrumental in propelling a multitude of students to personal and professional triumph. And through HCC's transformation process, these numbers will grow in the years to come.



These exceptional students need your help to thrive and obtain their goals. In the 2015-2016 school year, 1,085 of our students received \$1,251,644 in scholarships from the HCC Foundation. For many students, these scholarships are the only reason they could afford a college education.

The HCC Foundation plays a critical role in providing pathways to success for our students. It provides numerous opportunities for giving, and I welcome your personal and corporate involvement.

Today, I invite you to help the Foundation achieve its ambitious goal of funding \$3 million in scholarships and awards by the year 2020. The numbers show an investment in a scholarship for an HCC student is fiscally sound.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we ARE *Houston's Community College*.

In Service,

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