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FOUNDATION



HCC Foundation

GRATITUDE REPORT

VISION

Pursuing community support to provide scholarships for all HCC students.

MISSION

The HCC Foundation will provide outstanding service to our community, internal and external, through valued relationships, efficient financial investments and personal guidance to enhance the donor and student educational experience.

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VOICES OF GRATITUDE

Each year the HCC Foundation awards hundreds of scholarships to deserving students to help them earn their degree or certification. Behind each scholarship is a grateful student whose future is brighter with the gift of education.

"It boggles my mind that someone who doesn't even know me has chosen to **INVEST IN MY EDUCATION** without judging me."

- Recipient, David & Jean Wiley Foundation Scholarship

"Thank you so much for the opportunity that you are giving us to go to school and to get an education and to better ourselves and **TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY.**"

- Recipient, Clutch City Foundation Scholarship

"THERE ARE NO WORDS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SAY HOW APPRECIATIVE I AM. I am humbled."

- Recipient, Houston Texans Scholarship for Service

"THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP BUY BOOKS and other important supplies that will help me be more successful in school."

- Recipient, Ralph and Ann Williams Scholarship

"I COME FROM A VERY HARD AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT WHERE VERY LITTLE WAS GIVEN. This is an opportunity of a lifetime that I will take full advantage of to enhance my vocational, technical and life skills."

- Recipient, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship

"This scholarship will help me prevail in saving up to attend a university. My scholarship has made me realize that I have to do better than good in my classes. **YOU HAVE MADE ME A MOTIVATED PERSON.**"

- Recipient, Honorary Bob G. Bibb Scholarship

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

The HCC Foundation encourages faculty and staff to explore creative ideas to enhance their teaching and enrich student learning. In support of this innovation, the HCC Foundation Board of Directors approved partial or complete funding for the following projects through the Scholarship and Awards Committee in fiscal year 2014/2015:



HCCF Scholarship Donor Edward Bland with the Katy Rotary and Mary Nell Reck Culinary Scholar, Amber Floyd.



Oscar Rodriguez Cabrera, Consul General of Mexico in Houston, with Consulate of Mexico Scholars Melissa Lopez (l) and Anna Romero.

\$5,000

to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the Maritime Logistics program at Southeast College.

\$2,913

to support student travel to attend the American College Dance Association conference in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in March 2015.

\$32,000

to provide scholarships to students who are enrolled in the RigOne Roustabout Program at HCC.

\$15,000

in support of the Welcome Home Veteran's Scholarship which provides full tuition and fees for veterans interested in completing a Workforce program at HCC that will lead to gainful employment upon graduation.

\$20,000

to provide scholarships to students who are enrolled in the Associates of Applied Science program in Corrosion Technology.

\$10,000

to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the TRiO program at HCC, a federal program to provide support services to a select group of low-income, first-generation, and disabled students.

\$15,000

in support of the HCC Fulfilling the Dream Scholarship for HCC students seeking a Workforce certificate or degree.

\$10,000

in matching funds for a grant offered by the Alliance for Multicultural Services for their client population attending HCC and enrolled in Adult Education courses.



TG Scholars and Coleman College students with Dr. Patricia Ugwu (red suit, left), Dean of Student Development at Coleman. The HCC Foundation was one of only four community colleges in Texas awarded a TG Charley Wootan Scholarship Grant in 2015.

\$5,000

to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the one-year Heavy Vehicle and Truck Repair Technician certificate program.

Your Donation Makes a Difference!

Much of the HCC Foundation's efforts go toward increasing scholarship opportunities for HCC students.

Working together and with your support, we can make sure even more Houstonians have a chance to get ahead. We can provide future generations with the knowledge and skills that help them succeed and that keep our community vibrant and strong.

Your gift of scholarship is literally an investment in a student's future and we are grateful for your support.

How to Give to the HCC Foundation

The HCC Foundation offers many ways for donors to provide financial assistance to HCC 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.
- **Planned Giving.** With Planned Giving, dedicated donors may leave a legacy at Houston Community College through 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.

For more information about making a gift in support of HCC students, please visit www.hccsfoundation.org or call 713.718.8595.

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Thank you for your support!



Nearly half of HCC students are first-generation college students

THE IMPACT OF AN HCC SCHOLARSHIP

Most HCC students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds



Scholarships help HCC students go to college, complete their degree or certificate, and contribute to the quality of life of their families and to the entire community



Since 2008, nearly 10,000 students awarded scholarships through the HCC Foundation

ALUMNI SUCCESS PROFILE



Wendi Hay's story is an inspirational one filled with strife and success. The HCC graduate made the decision to change her life during her second year of living at the Star of Hope shelter in Houston with her four daughters. It has been a very tough road for Hay, who went from being a top student in her Alabama high school to making choices that took her down the wrong path.

"I went through an intense recovery program and rehabilitated from a life that was full of trouble, tragedy, and terrible mistakes," she said.

"I tried my best to hide from the world the fact that I was severely schizophrenic."

Counselors at the Star of Hope saw the potential in Hay and encouraged her to enroll in college, so she applied to HCC.

"When I read that acceptance letter it literally changed everything for me," said Hay. "In the situation that I was in at the time, acceptance made all the difference."

What also made a difference was receiving a Pell Grant for her first year at HCC and for the second year, a full-ride scholarship from the David and Jean Wiley Foundation through the HCC Foundation. Hay discovered she not only loved college; she was also an exceptional student and feels education literally saved her life.

"Getting that scholarship, meeting the donors who donated the money, and enjoying every opportunity

offered to me from this amazing school just reinforced everything that told me I was moving in the right direction," said Hay.

Today, Hay has two associate degrees from HCC. She is currently taking classes at the University of Houston Bauer College of Business, has a thriving career, and a new apartment.

"When I came to Houston, I had nothing," she said. "It took a village - the fourth largest city in America - to put me back where I need to be."

Hay gives back to people who led her down a path of promise. She speaks to women at the Star of Hope about the importance of education and serves

on the board of SEARCH Homeless Services. Her advice to everyone going through struggles is to just "believe in yourself."

Hay was a featured speaker at the Foundation's 2015 Scholarship Luncheon where she shared her story with scholarship recipients and donors. To the donors who contributed to her education and the education of others in the room, Hay expressed her words of appreciation, "Your investment will certainly earn you a generous return in the form of making the world a better place."

"When I came to Houston, I had nothing," she said. "It took a village - the fourth largest city in America - to put me back where I need to be."

THANK YOU FROM HCCF BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As president of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, I am continually amazed by the scope and depth of HCC programs and the generosity of our many community supporters.

We appreciate the investment that you have made in the HCC Foundation and in the lives of HCC students. Your gift is changing lives and impacting our students' futures. It's an investment that will yield a lasting return and we are grateful to earn your support.

As you read this report, I hope that the many voices of gratitude on behalf of our student scholarship recipients will convey to you just how much your generosity makes possible for them.

Our community's quality of life depends on higher education. But faced with increasing tuition rates and other economic challenges, thousands of Houston-area students miss out on the opportunity to attend college. Yet, we also know that the need for an educated workforce is greater than ever. Fellow HCC Foundation Board member and noted sociologist Dr. Stephen Klineberg observed, "We are in a world now where education beyond high school is the minimum requirement for good jobs in the global knowledge economy of the 21st Century. This [HCC] is where we do it and this is where the future of Houston is going to be shaped."



HCCF Board President Mary Williams with HCC fire cadets. In July 2015, the HCC Fire Academy was officially renamed the Robert Garner Firefighter Academy thanks to a historic \$7.5 million pledge from the Robert Garner Firefighter Foundation to the HCC Foundation. The gift will provide scholarships of full tuition for the majority of HCC fire cadets.

Community colleges serve almost half of the undergraduate students in the nation and here in Houston, HCC is a vital contributor to the city's economy and its workforce. The HCC Foundation exists to support the needs of the College through private philanthropic support, principally in the form of scholarships to assist the thousands of students who annually attend HCC.

In the end, our scholarship recipients best convey the impact of your giving and the transformation taking place in their lives. HCC alumna Wendi Hay told donors and students at the annual HCC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon last fall, **"Thank you for believing in HCC students. You are changing their lives because by believing in them, you help them to believe in themselves."** Hay, a former David and Jean Wiley Foundation Scholarship Recipient, shares her life story in this report (see facing page).

Wendi's story of transformation is one of many made possible through your support. Thank you for the difference you are making in the lives of HCC students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Williams".

Mary Williams,
President, HCC Foundation Board of Directors

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HCC Faculty and Staff Show Their Support

HCC faculty and staff showed their support for HCC in a large way in 2015, raising more than \$100,000 for student scholarships. The annual giving campaign coordinated by the HCC Foundation is an opportunity for HCC employees to show their commitment to student success with a donation.

The campaign theme highlighted 'Why I Give' and invited HCC employees to make a personal statement on what their giving means to them.

"One of the most common things students worry about is paying for college. In our service to students, it is our job to provide guidance on the financial options that cover education costs, and help them build futures that are not burdened with high debt," said HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado.



Help us go green this year and provide more support for HCC students
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Help HCC students soar to achieve their full potential with a gift to the HCC Faculty & Staff Campaign. Your gift will help students excel in their education at HCC and to prepare themselves and their families for a better life.

Learn more at hccfoundation.org/helpingstudentssoar

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Donor Highlights



The Golden Bank established a first-time scholarship with the HCC Foundation in 2015, in honor of the Bank's 30th anniversary, to support student success. "It is always a great thing to invest in the future of young people," said Dr. Joe Huang, president and CEO, Golden Bank.



The Consulate of Mexico in Houston selected the HCC Foundation as recipient of a \$63,000 gift for student scholarships in 2015. This donation is the largest gift the Mexican Consulate has ever given to a single educational institution.



The HCC Foundation received its first Distinction Award from the Better Business Bureau in 2015. The honor is bestowed on businesses or non-profits which display workplace excellence. "We are thrilled to receive this recognition on behalf of the students we serve through scholarship support and our work in the community," said HCCF Executive Director Carme Williams.

*"An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest."*

-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



It's easier than you think to make a difference that will help future generations.

One option to consider is a bequest to the Houston Community College Foundation as part of your estate plans. By including HCCF in your will, your gift will help future HCC students earn a college degree and achieve their career potential.

For more information on how you can make a lasting gift to HCC, contact Carme Williams, CFRE, Executive Director, HCC Foundation at **713.718.8595** or via email at **carmetha.williams@hccs.edu**.



Financial Summary: Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2015

Established in 1976, the HCC Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service has classified the Foundation as a Section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) publicly supported charity. The HCC 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 students throughout the Greater Houston area.

In 2015 the HCC Foundation again met the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) rigorous Standards for Charity Accountability and entered into a

membership agreement with the BBB. Membership is the highest level of participation for non-profits that would like to show their transparency and accountability.

2014-2015 Summary of Revenue and Expenditures

The following financial information was summarized from the HCC Foundation 2014-2015 audited financial statements, which are available upon request and online at

www.hccsfoundation.org

	2015 Revenue	2014 Revenue
Support and Income		
Contributions and Donations	\$5,002,740	\$2,803,186
In-Kind Revenue	\$904,652	\$968,778
Interest and Dividend Income	\$755,525	\$102,398
Realized and Unrealized Income on Investments	(\$1,102,207)	\$653,994
Vending Income	\$210,000	\$222,609
Other Income	—	—
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	—	—
Total Support and Income	\$5,770,710	\$4,750,965
	2015 Expenditures	2014 Expenditures
Program Services:		
Scholarships	\$1,495,750	\$1,557,652
Grant Distributions	\$1,229,366	\$1,381,555
Total Program Services	\$2,725,116	\$2,939,207
Support Services:		
Fundraising	\$27,100	\$166,606
Student Services Distributions	\$140,000	\$192,087
Administration	\$1,228,937	\$1,200,884
Total Support Services	\$1,396,037	\$1,559,577
Total Program and Support Services	\$4,121,153	\$4,498,784
Loss on receivable write-off	\$53,000	\$300,000
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$1,596,557	(\$47,819)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$14,104,532	\$14,152,351
Net Assets, End of Year	\$15,701,089	\$14,104,532

HCC ALUMNI GIVING BACK

The HCC Alumni Association (HCCAA) is part of the HCC Foundation and provides meaningful engagement and continuing relationships between HCC and its alumni through programming and membership. With more than 100,000 alumni in the Houston area, the HCCAA is another way the Foundation is connecting with the community we serve.

Learn more at
hccsfoundation.org/alumni



HCC Alumni hosted a volunteer team to participate in Read Across the Globe, one of the largest reading events in history, that was held in October 2015. The HCCAA is proud to provide volunteer support on behalf of literacy, including for this event hosted by the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation.



HCC Alumni at the local Martin Luther King Day Parade.



Proud HCC Eagles lend a helping hand at the Houston Food Bank.



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