A look at the ways you’ve changed lives forever.

2016 GRATITUDE REPORT
Dear Friends,

Since taking office in May, I’ve been genuinely moved by the depth of our donors’ generosity and the wellspring of opportunities it has afforded so many students at Houston Community College. Thanks to you, the HCC Foundation provided $1.25 million in awards and scholarships over the 2015-2016 academic year. We appreciate your gifts more than we could ever adequately express.

Most important, though, is the students who are the true beneficiaries of your generosity. Each year, the Foundation receives many letters of thanks from scholarship recipients who will never forget how you’ve transformed their lives. We are also pleased to host our annual Scholarship Luncheon, an event that allows the students and the Foundation to thank you directly. It is a special occasion for students to share their personal stories of triumph with the very donors who gave wings to their dreams.

While we tout the results of these investments with pride, we also acknowledge that there is always more to do. As a result of our recent strategic planning sessions, the Foundation board established initiatives to enhance our continued support of the Foundation’s mission – to help students succeed by providing scholarships and grants. We are committed to achieve our goal of providing $3 million in scholarships and awards by 2020. To that end, we have already begun planning the 2018 Scholarship Gala, one of our most important fundraising events.

We envision a future where any student who wants to receive an education at HCC has the resources to do so, whether to earn a degree or to obtain a workforce training certification needed to find employment in Houston’s fast growing economy.

It is an honor to partner with you on such a critical mission, and we hope we may count on you for continued support. You are the heart and soul of the HCC Foundation, and on behalf of our board, staff and the students whose lives you so greatly impact, I thank you!

Gratefully yours,

Mary Williams
President
HCC Foundation Board of Directors
How the HCC Foundation Is Changing Lives Forever, Thanks to You.

The vision of the Houston Community College Foundation is to improve the quality of life in our community by ensuring that any student who wants to earn a Houston Community College education has the resources to make his or her educational dreams a reality. As a public charity, the HCC Foundation is a separate entity from HCC, but is aligned to focus solely on the needs of HCC students.

The Foundation helps HCC students succeed by providing scholarships and grants. Our scholarships may cover tuition, fees and books. Recently the HCC Foundation commissioned a research study to learn more about the impact of scholarships to HCC students. The study showed that scholarship recipients are almost twice as likely to graduate as non-recipients. The study also showed that scholarship recipients graduate in less time than non recipients, making scholarship support vital to our students’ success.

Scholarships granted from the Foundation help HCC students attend college, complete their degree or certificate and contribute to the quality of life of their families and to the entire community.

Thanks to our generous donors, the HCC Foundation awarded a record $1.25 million in scholarships to deserving HCC students in the 2015/2016 academic year. Behind each scholarship is a grateful student whose future is brighter because of the gift of education.
Each year the HCC Foundation awards scholarships to hundreds of ambitious, hard-working students in pursuit of a college degree or certification. Their stories are as heartwarming as they are inspirational. Most recipients show their appreciation by giving back as mentors and future HCC supporters.

“When I received my scholarship, I was homeless and never thought I would be able to go to school. With the help of the HCC Foundation, I successfully earned my degree. I would like to convey my deep gratitude to the HCC Foundation and all my HCC family. I feel lucky to be part of a college where limits are not even obstacles, and I’m very proud to be an Eagle!”

Omny Yanes
HCC Alumni
Anne McCormick Sullivan
Firefighter Scholarship recipient

Your gifts make it possible to offer all aspiring Houston Community College students the opportunity they deserve to fuel their passions, pursue their dreams and become successful contributors of our community’s future. You’ve cleared the path for many students this past year who would surely have struggled without you. With sincerest gratitude on their behalf and ours, thank you.
Dwayne H. Ellis
Computer Information Technology, ’04, ’06

Dwayne Ellis began giving back almost from the moment he became a student at HCC. As he studied to earn two associate degrees in computer information technology, he worked as a technical assistant, providing support, training and creative resources throughout the campus.

Now working as a computer technology professional at Baylor College of Medicine, Dwayne remains passionate about HCC and his student experience.

“Houston Community College is the foundation of my success, and I am proud to educate individuals on the rich culture and legacy of this reputable institution,” he says.

Dwayne joined the Alumni Association Advisory Council in 2010, where he served as treasurer until 2014, when he became president, the position he holds today. He is also a member of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors.

This highly motivated, inspirational leader is also an aspiring philanthropist. Besides his volunteer efforts on behalf of special needs children and education, he has formed the Dwayne Ellis Foundation to help pave the way for future generations through both financial assistance and mentorship. Students from his native Jamaican hometown are the first beneficiaries.

DWAYNE’S MOTTO

“Success is inevitable as long as you’re willing to work hard.”
Innovative Foundation Initiatives

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 2015/2016. These are a few examples of some of the scholarships we awarded over the past year.

**Industrial Scaffolding**

$10,000 distributed as $500 scholarships to 20 students

**THE CONCEPT**
To provide a two-week, fast-track training and certification program to prepare students for well-qualified success in the flourishing industrial scaffolding field. Four major Houston-area scaffolding companies donated materials valued at $113,000 with a commitment to hire program graduates.

**SPONSOR**
Dr. Joanna Kile
Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Workforce Instruction
Houston Community College

**Teen Entrepreneur College (TEC)**

$2,190 to cover the cost of out-of-district fees for three students and 15 copies of the book *Entrepreneurship*

**THE CONCEPT**
To teach ambitious high school students basic entrepreneurial skills and provide hands-on experience as a valuable pathway to college completion. Students learned to develop a plan, created a three-minute “rocket pitch,” participated in a trade show and pitched their ideas to investors to earn six hours of college credit and a certificate of completion.

**SPONSOR**
Jennifer K. Holmes
Director, TEC
HCC Office of Entrepreneurial Initiatives

**Designing Dining**

$5,000 distributed as $500 scholarships to six students with the remainder used to purchase equipment, supplies and marketing materials

**THE CONCEPT**
To promote a collaborative partnership between the Interior Design and Culinary Arts programs by creating a competitive event between pairs of students from the two schools who worked together to develop a restaurant concept, conceive a menu and design the restaurant’s built environment.

**SPONSOR**
Kevin Hamby
Program Coordinator, Interior Design
HCC Central College
BE THE REASON: OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN YET

Rising to the challenge of this year’s campaign theme, more than 450 faculty and staff members chose to be the reason many more students will have the opportunity to learn and prosper at Houston Community College in 2017. With twice as many donors participating as last year, the group raised a record-breaking $141,000. This is an impressive demonstration of their vested interest in providing students a meaningful experience, a solid education and the resources for a successful future.

EAGLE PRIDE LENDS SPECIAL SUPPORT EACH YEAR

The Soar for Excellence Fund offers another important annual opportunity for alumni, friends, faculty and staff to support Houston Community College. A gift to the HCC Foundation’s Soar for Excellence Fund is an investment in the lives of our students, businesses and communities who benefit from the education, training and many other services we offer. Your contributions directly fund scholarships but also allow the flexibility to meet other unexpected needs for deserving HCC students who are working hard to achieve their dreams, but struggling to finance a college education.

GED Graduation 2016

$3,000 to provide $1,000 scholarships to three students for the 2016-2017 academic year

THE CONCEPT
To reinstate a graduation ceremony for HCC GED students and their families, including graduates from as far back as 2013, and to encourage them to continue their education by offering scholarships to three students who were selected and announced at the ceremony.

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Every donation makes a difference.

As you know, much of the HCC Foundation’s efforts go toward increasing scholarship opportunities for HCC students.

Working together, and with your support, we can offer more Houston-area students the chance to get ahead. As future generations gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed, our community remains vibrant and strong.

We are forever grateful for your generous gifts.

Your life-changing gift can become a personal legacy.

The HCC Foundation offers many ways for donors to create a permanent legacy as your financial assistance to HCC students opens the doors to higher education and a better life.

**NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS**
With a gift of $5,000 or more, you may establish a legacy in your name or in honor of a special person of your choosing.

**SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS**
With a gift of $25,000 or more, you may endow a scholarship that will guarantee support for students in perpetuity.

**PLANNED GIVING**
You may also leave a legacy at Houston Community College through your estate. The HCC Foundation’s website offers suggestions for planned giving, and our staff members would be pleased to assist you in developing a plan to establish the type of legacy you seek.
Eagle Pride success story

FINDING JOY IN WORK, AND PASSING IT ON

Manny Lopez, Jr.
Arts, ‘12

Like so many successful Houston Community College graduates, Manny Lopez, Jr., feels compelled to pass along helpful words of wisdom to others who are just beginning their own journey.

Born and raised in Southeast Houston, Manny had big plans in mind for his future after high school. He quickly recognized that HCC offered him three clear advantages: affordability, small classrooms for more one-on-one interaction and workforce programs designed to help him achieve his goals. With this decision made, he was relieved to find that HCC would help lay out a step-by-step career plan for him to follow.

“It is this experience that I enjoy sharing with future alumni,” Manny says, “because as students, we often fear we’re walking alone on the path to higher education.” He proudly serves on the HCC Alumni Association Advisory Council, knowing that he can offer students the encouragement, support and mentorship they need to get past the finish line.

Ultimately, Manny’s path led him to two careers he enjoys. By day, he works as a construction coordinator and estimator at One Construction Concrete. He also owns Bear Cub Leather Goods, a small business born of a hobby and his love of creating. He painstakingly crafts each piece by hand—every cut of leather, every punched hole and every stitch—to create lasting leather items for everyday use.

THOUGHTS FROM MANNY

“The most precious commodity you can give anything and anyone: Time.”
Golden Ticket Scholarship Gala 2016

The HCC Foundation’s biennial scholarship gala is a significant event, raising funds for students, two-thirds of whom are economically disadvantaged and half of whom are the first in their family to pursue a higher education. At this year’s event, the Foundation presented the Crystal Eagle Award to Susan D. Sarofim for her individual contributions and to Memorial Hermann Health System for its corporate support.
Statement of activities for the 12 months ended August, 2016

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HCC Alumni Association

HLSR Rodeo Parade

Alumni Bowling Night

Alumni volunteering at HCC Graduation

MMI Golf Tournament
"I am thankful to those who donated to make this scholarship possible. With a scholarship from the HCC Foundation, I was able to pay for books and get all that I needed for school. I was an out-of-district student as well, so the scholarship helped me pay for some of my school fees."

Tomika Shelton
HCC Student
HCC Faculty & Staff Scholarship recipient
The HCC Foundation gratefully acknowledges all donor gifts, both large and small.

Our donors provide vital scholarship funding and help support HCC’s ability to offer the latest technology and training to a diverse student body, across 13 centers of excellence and satellite centers.

Shown here are donor contributions made between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016, not including pledges. We’re equally grateful for gifts of less than $1,000, which space does not allow us to list.
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$100,000 and above
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$50,000 - $99,999
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- May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust

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- McGraw-Hill Education LLC

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$10,000 - $24,999
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- Frankel Family Foundation
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- CenterPoint Energy
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**“After receiving the scholarship from the HCC Foundation, I have been able to take more classes to fulfill the requirements for the degrees I am pursuing. It has been a blessing into my life that I never thought I would receive.”**

Tammy Hendrix-Doucette, HCC Alumni
Material Science & Corrosion Technology Scholarship recipient

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Ken Burton presenting award at the 2016 Houston Texans Veterans Awards Luncheon
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“The scholarship helped begin the next phase of my life. I am grateful to the HCC Foundation for all of the hard work they do to encourage students like myself and assist us in reaching our educational goals.”

Lawrence Thomas
HCC Alumni
Black History Scholarship recipient

Alan Finger at the 2016 San Jacinto Memorial Green unveiling event
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Gap Inc.
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Shell Oil Company HERO Program
State Farm Companies Foundation
Target Corporation
Union Corporation
Union Pacific Corporation
Eagle Pride success story

AN UNFORGETTABLE PROFESSOR’S LASTING IMPRESSION

Laura S. Logan, PhD
HCC Alumni, ’87-89, ’93

Laura Logan’s story is living proof of the profound influence a Houston Community College professor can have on a student, even a student who eventually earns her degrees elsewhere.

After attending HCC on and off as a young mother, Laura put off her own studies until her two children finished high school, determined to make sure they didn’t drop out as she had. Even so, HCC professor Helen Orman had already greatly inspired her.

Once her children finished school, Laura attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, earning a BS in sociology, magna cum laude. Before graduating from UNK, Laura tried to contact Professor Orman and was dismayed to learn that she’d been killed, the victim of a senseless crime, two years earlier.

“I had so wanted to thank her and tell her that I finished my undergraduate degree and was becoming a teacher like her,” she says. “I think of her often and of the academic and life lessons I learned while at HCC.”

Laura went on to earn her MA in sociology, a graduate certificate in women’s studies and, in 2013, her PhD in sociology—a far cry from her abbreviated start at HCC, and yet, in large part, because of it.

Today, she’s an assistant professor at Hastings College in Nebraska, where she’s delighted to have the chance to teach and mentor students.

LAURA’S SENTIMENTS

“I didn’t blossom at HCC. I wasn’t ready for that then, but the seeds of my future were planted while I was there, and I’ll be forever grateful.”