# **NEWS FROM DISTRICT VII**



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HCC District VII Trustee Neeta Sane encourages the community to get their vehicle's airbags checked during the special events March 6-8.

Dear Neighbors,

I need to bring to your attention an urgent matter – the on-going Airbag Recall. It is the largest and most complex recall in U.S. history. This is a very serious matter considering it applies to hundreds of thousands of vehicles in Houston, and these defective inflators can explode during deployment, blasting shrapnel into the passenger compartment. Several serious injuries and deaths occurred, including two in Houston, because of defective airbag inflators in certain types of vehicles.

I am honored to join the coalition of Airbag Recall: Houston, and I am proud that Houston Community College's Southwest College is partnering to host a series of Safety Awareness events.

- Monday, March 6 from 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; West Loop Campus Auditorium
- Tuesday, March 7 from 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; Stafford Campus Learning Hub Building, Room 139/140
- Wednesday, March 8 from 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; Alief-Bissonnet Campus, Front Lobby

These events will educate our students, faculty, staff and community members about this important airbag recall, as well as show them what steps to take to see if they are at risk. They also can prevent injuries or harm by checking their vehicle identification number at www.AirbagRecall.com.

There are two important bond updates to share for HCC District VII. First, our Missouri City Campus is making great strides toward completion. Once opened, it will serve as HCC's Center for Entrepreneurship, Technology and Health. The \$21,500,000 investment includes construction of a new 69,340 square-foot facility. Among its numerous features are: modern classrooms, state-of-the-art labs and exhibition space; as well as expanded parking for the campus.

Second, the West Houston Institute at our Alief-Hayes campus, an ultramodern science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) facility, is set for completion in early 2017. The \$45,750,000 location will host HCC's Center for Entrepreneurship and provide a massive 111,862 square feet dedicated to project-based learning and product development. Many of the labs, "maker-spaces" and assembly areas are open for community use to foster entrepreneurship and design.

As one of the largest academic institutions in the country, HCC has a responsibility to be innovative and thoughtful as we create pathways to success for all our students. It is our honor to be considered Houston's Community College.



Missouri City Campus



West Houston Institute

In service.



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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

#### **HCC** student art projects feature 3D printing

Digital art has evolved beyond its standard usage for magazine



layouts and eliminating photography imperfections. Now, it is used to convert images into a 3-dimensional reality. HCC Digital Art classes are incorporating 3D imagery to expand the artistic mindset of students

Art students begin by creating images using various webbased applications, which are integrated into "Mojo" machines that transform the art to 3D pieces. The machine's internal pins create small, yet precise, 3D images on fiveinch build plates. These Mojo machines are located in the Fab Lab at the HCC Advance Manufacturing Center of Excellence, a 57,000 square-foot facility located on the Stafford Campus.



#### City of Houston pays tribute to HCC instructor Tom Tynan



HCC's famed Tom Tynan, a master of workforce education and well known for his home improvement radio and television shows, was recently recognized with a proclamation from the City of Houston. The ceremony, spearheaded by City Council Member Mike Knox, named Dec.

17, 2016, as Tom Tynan Day.

As Director of Construction Trades in HCC's School of Continuing Education, Tynan has helped thousands of people achieve their professional goals. And, he has aided the community with personal and thoughtful guidance for DIY home repairs.

You can listen to "Home Show with Tom Tynan" every Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sports Radio 610. To learn about the programs offered in the HCC School of Continuing Education, visit hccs.edu/ce.

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Last year, 2,961 students received scholarships from the HCC Foundation. Frequently, we hear from students that these scholarships were the only way they could attend college. The HCC Foundation has numerous opportunities for giving, as well as personal and corporate involvement.

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