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Special 50th Anniversary Edition

Our golden anniversary will take many forms at HCC in 2019, forms as diverse as our campuses and students. From the “women-power” day of learning and leadership at Brandon, to SouthShore’s student celebration, to Dale Mabry’s homecoming week, the community and generous donors and supporters like you are invited to join us to commemorate, enjoy, and look ahead to the future of this amazing institution.

Visit www.HCCFoundation.com/HCC50 for more information, or look inside this edition of *The Catalyst* for pictures and highlights of the celebration so far, as well as dates for our next events.



In order to support our students and our community into and beyond the next 50 years, the Foundation has launched its first ever comprehensive, college-wide fundraising campaign in honor of the College’s 50th anniversary - **HCC Rising: Together We Lift Our Community**. The response to **HCC Rising** has been overwhelmingly positive, with millions of dollars already raised to increase our Endowment and provide even more students with the support they need. You can read more about one of the most generous gifts we have received inside.

TOGETHER WE LIFT OUR COMMUNITY

Donors can support any of the College’s exciting programs as part of this campaign. **HCC Rising**’s main priorities are offering naming rights in our new healthcare programs building, and garnering donations to significantly increase our overall endowment. Both initiatives will provide many more students with scholarships and the opportunity to succeed in career fields that benefit our community.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you as the months go on and hope to receive your support too. A gift to **HCC Rising** is a gift that will make a difference to Tampa Bay each year for the next 50 years.

Visit www.HCCFoundation.com/HCC-Rising for more information about the campaign.

Executive Director's Message



"Colleges like HCC infuse our community leadership with the sort of diversity that can speak for those voices that are sometimes left unheard. An HCC education also becomes the true opportunity to rise above a generational circumstance and become a beacon of hope."
– Jorge Polanco, HCC Alumnus

These are exciting times at HCC! As we honor the past and get ready to enter our next 50 years, the need for the work of the College continues to grow. More and more Tampa Bay residents aspire to create a better life for themselves and their families by increasing their level of education, and HCC is uniquely poised to respond to that need. In preparation for our anniversary, we asked for input from leaders and community members from Plant City to SouthShore to Ybor City, from Hyde Park to Winthrop Town Center to Drew Park. Repeatedly, we heard, "it's HCC's time." HCC holds a special place in our community, both as a life changing educational institution and as a force for economic good.

I am proud to say that the HCC Foundation has already made a huge impact for the College and our students during this golden anniversary year, raising more than \$5M through the **HCC Rising** campaign. And we're not done yet! You can read more about **HCC Rising** on the cover page, or I encourage you to visit our website at www.HCCFoundation.com/HCC-Rising.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Shear'.

Stephen C. Shear
Executive Director

Patel Family Makes Transformational Gift to HCC

Dr. Ken Atwater, HCC President, and the Foundation's Steve Shear and Lee Lowry had the great good fortune this spring to meet with two of the most generous and visionary philanthropists in the Tampa Bay area, if not in the entire State of Florida and beyond. This family shares our passion for student success and recognizes the value of education. That drew them to make a transformational gift to HCC and the HCC Foundation.

We are incredibly grateful to Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel for their vision and their investment in HCC. With this gift, they have made the very first individual cash donation of \$1,000,000 in HCC history. Their belief in HCC's power to affect the lives of students here and all over the world, and their gift to support that belief will be the beacons that light our way to success in this campaign. To see Dr. Kiran Patel's announcement of the gift, visit www.HCCFoundation.com/HCC-Rising.



Upcoming 50th Anniversary Events

SouthShore: Come to the Shore

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.,
Community Room

Acknowledging and honoring members of the community who have contributed to the development of the campus as well as celebrating the efforts of outstanding students, faculty, and alumni.

Dale Mabry: Welcome Home Week

February 19-23, 2019, throughout the Dale Mabry Campus

Tuesday: Pep Rally Kick Off

Wednesday: Carnival sponsored by Student Government

Thursday: Alumni dinner "under the sails"

Friday: Guitar recital for the community (free admission)

Saturday: Double-header basketball game against rival St.

Pete College for the inaugural "Howard Frankland Cup"

Brandon: Celebrating Action in Leadership

Friday, March 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Brandon
Campus Conference Center

Celebration of 50 female community leaders, including a keynote speaker, lively panel discussions, and mentorship opportunities.

All College: Community Celebration

Saturday, April 27, 2019, Water Works Park,
downtown Tampa

Join us as we mark the culmination of our celebratory year in the heart of downtown Tampa at an event that will look back at the past and show our community what the next 50 years have in store for HCC.

Contact foundation@hccfl.edu for more information, or visit us online at www.HCCFoundation.com/hcc50.

50th Anniversary Event Highlights

Our Ybor City campus held an Ybor Festival on Thursday, October 11, 2018, all day throughout the campus. The Festival celebrated the history of the Ybor Campus and the remarkable district it calls home and highlighted our talented faculty and students with arts events, student club displays, food, and more.

HCC Plant City showed its gratitude with their *Giving Thanks To the Community* event on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the campus's wonderful Trinkle Center facility. The festive event recognized donors and community members who have had a significant influence in the success of the Plant City Campus, including retired faculty and staff and alumni.

Check out our photos on the opposite page.

Your Favorite HCC Memory or Wish for the Next 50 Years

Seeing a three-year long project come to fruition! F.E.D. (HCC's Dale Mabry program to feed food-insecure students) started as a dream and now is really making a difference! I get to feed minds and bodies!
—Kaleena Landry, Professor of Psychology, Dale Mabry

Met my wife at Plant City and asked her out here too!

—Joe Bentrovato,
Dean of Student Services,
Dale Mabry

Every moment I have spent at HCC is an inspirational memory and encourages me to do something better.

—Suruch Maini, Purchasing,
Gwendolyn Stephenson District
Administration Offices

Day 1 of our new diesel program!

—Christian Ross, Diesel
Instructor, Workforce
Development Center

Walking in as a 30-year old to start college. Being scared and having Barry Silber advise me on classes and cheer me on.

—Dana Livesay, Distance
Learning, Ybor City

Four family members graduating from HCC. Myself, my husband, my mother who started HCC at age 55, and my son who graduated in 2016.

—Frances Cox, Student
Services Counselor, Ybor City

Gifts from your IRA may offer Tax Advantages

Are you 70 ½ years of age or older? Are you looking for a meaningful way to make a lasting impact during HCC's 50th anniversary? Support the future of Hillsborough Community College and its students, and receive tax benefits in return. You can distribute any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity, such as The Hillsborough Community College Foundation (HCCF), without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Consider naming HCCF as a beneficiary of IRA assets. As a nonprofit institution, HCCF is tax-exempt, meaning it can use 100% of your IRA gift. Please consult your IRA administrator to begin the process. Remember to let HCCF know about your plans to ensure the intentions of your gift are clear and to honor any preference of anonymity.

The material presented is not offered as legal or tax advice. Please consult your financial advisor or qualified attorney for more information.

Questions? Contact Denise Godfrey at (813) 253-7165 or via email at dgodfrey3@hccfl.edu.



HCC Alumni Q&A

Who is an HCC Alumnus? An HCC alumnus is anyone who graduated or took classes at HCC.

Is there a cost to participate? There is no cost to participate.

What are the benefits of being an HCC Alumnus?

- Alumni Perks Program offering discounts to well-known local and national restaurants, retail, and travel related establishments.
- Ten percent off all classes at the HCC Institute for Corporate and Continuing Education.
- Discounts to HCC Performing Arts events
- Free admission to HCC sporting events.
- Invitations to Alumni appreciation events throughout the year, held at various locations throughout the Tampa Bay region.
- Access to any of our five campus libraries. Please contact the library at your chosen campus for more information regarding library privileges.
- Access to any of our five career services offices located on each campus. Services offered may include resume writing assistance, career counseling and interview skills assessment. Please contact your campus career services office for more information.
- News about upcoming campus events and activities through email blasts, direct marketing pieces and our Foundation bi-annual newsletter.
- Volunteer opportunities on and off campus.

I am an HCC Alumnus/a, why don't I receive anything from the College? Please update your information by entering this address in your browser: hccfoundation.com/alumniupdate and completing the brief form.

At Ease, Soldier!

Most colleges tout that they are military- and veteran-friendly, but at HCC, we prove it with boots on the ground. Veterans have been part of HCC throughout its 50 years of history, from the College's earliest days enrolling and engaging soldiers returning from the Vietnam War to today. Active Veteran Student Affairs Offices on three of our five campuses, as well as veteran-centric events like the Veterans Entrepreneurship Training Symposium (VETS) presented annually by our Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program highlight HCC's commitment to service members. HCC also offers specialized programs and services for our active duty military and veteran students that address the challenges they face transitioning to civilian life and help them capitalize on their skills and experience.



From left: Desheun Hines, Tim Arrington, Carley Jackson

Ann Menchen, HCC Foundation Annual Fund and Alumni Relations Manager, recently spoke with Tim Arrington and Desheun Hines, Army and Marine veterans respectively, about HCC's services for veterans. Proud HCC alumni, Tim and Desheun, along with Academic Advisor Carley Jackson, work at the largest of our Veteran Student Affairs offices located at the Dale Mabry Campus. Tim is the Certifying Official and Desheun is the Academic Advisor for their office. As veterans themselves, Tim and Desheun are well aware of the stress of acclimating to civilian life, and they are committed to making sure their students are successful both in and outside the classroom. Their familiarity with the College as alumni coupled with their military experience are integral reasons why HCC continues to be such a popular choice for veterans and why the program continues to expand.

HCC's Veteran Student Affairs Offices offer many resources for active military and veteran students, including peer-to-peer counseling, academic advising, financial aid counseling, military student-only lounges, and many on- and off-campus student activities. The College is also a member of the nonprofit organization Student Veterans of America (SVA). SVA was formed after veterans returned home from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and found that their campuses did not provide adequate support services to help them achieve their educational goals. HCC's association with SVA has, in part, contributed to the growth of the Veteran Affairs Offices on our campuses.

In 2013, when Tim was hired, his office was in a makeshift space in the Dale Mabry Campus Library. Today, the Veteran Student Affairs Office on the Dale Mabry Campus boasts three full-time employees including a financial aid counselor, several student volunteers, and a decked out student lounge specifically for our students in the military.

To find out more about the resources HCC offers our veterans and active duty military, please email veteranstudentaffairs@hccfl.edu. Tim, Desheun, and Carly love to show off their bustling department, so feel free to come by the Veteran Student Affairs Office at the Dale Mabry Campus! If you would like to support a veteran through scholarships or by sponsoring one of our programs or events designed for service members, contact Ann Menchen at (813) 253-7018 or amenchen3@hccfl.edu.

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