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Executive Director's Message



Small but mighty!

As part of a community college as large as HCC, with more than 45,000 students enrolled in a typical year, that title would appear to be a strange focus for our Foundation's newsletter. But some of the things that make HCC most unique are the tiny ones. Below, our Director of Development Lee Lowry details a few.

Inside, Ann Menchen, our Annual Fund and Alumni Relations Manager, gets specific about six HCC programs that are small but incredibly impactful for the students involved, as well as for the Tampa Bay community.

You'll also read about the inspiring effort to start the first student-driven and student-funded endowment at HCC as part of our 50th anniversary campaign: **HCC Rising: Together We Lift Our Community**. At a time when most near-grads are thinking small, focusing on their own future after college, Kay MacDonald and her team are thinking big and planning for future students in HCC's next 50 years.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Catalyst*. We also hope that you will consider making a gift to **HCC Rising** to help us finish our 50th year strong. Whether small or large, every donation makes a difference. A donation envelope is enclosed, or you can visit us at HCCFoundation.com for more information or to make a safe online gift.

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Director of Development's Message

Small is big at HCC, in ways you may not know!

- Our small classes allow for individualized attention. Our largest class is fewer than 40 students, far from the hundreds of students in classes at universities locally and statewide.
- Small HCC campuses like SouthShore and Plant City, with fewer than 10,000 students, create close knit communities of faculty and students.
- Specialized programs, clubs, and affinity groups clustered by interest, field of study, or culture nurture HCC students and provide a sense of kinship.
- Small prices (a per-credit hour cost of just \$104) make an HCC education more attainable for all.

Small donations can lead to big changes at the college, too. As I note above, HCC is affordable for many more people than a larger university. But the Foundation strives to make sure every student who wants to better their and their family's lives through education can attend. A gift of \$1,000 to a scholarship fund can support a student through an entire year at HCC. A donation to our food insecurity efforts of \$50 helps assure a student is fed for a week, a week during which he or she can stay focused and on track to graduation.

Inside, we give details about six pint-sized but momentous programs at HCC, as well as about the first student endowed scholarship fund at HCC. We hope you will choose your favorite, and make a donation to support it. We encourage giving \$50 for 50 during **HCC Rising**, our campaign in honor of the college's 50th anniversary, for those of you for whom that is an appropriate amount. We feel it is a suitable number to honor our five decades of inspiration and innovation. For those who can do more, a donation of \$50 a month means \$600 a year, paying for four credit hours and the necessary books and fees for a student in need. To make a truly huge impact, endowment funds can be established at the Foundation over five years for \$2,000 a year, and can exist in perpetuity, supporting students for the next fifty years.

We invite you to contact us at (813)253-7114 or foundation@hccfl.edu to learn more!

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Small programs, big impact!



Annual Fund and
Alumni Relations
Manager's Message

During our highly successful Employee Campaign this past February and March, I got to spend time with some of our program managers and Deans. We talked about the ways the Foundation can support them and their programs, and the ways faculty and staff can support students by giving to the Foundation. I was excited to hear about six programs that are making a big difference to students, but are under the radar of many of us here at the college and in the community, and wanted to feature them for you here!

Ann Menchen
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HCC's TRIO SSS says "barriers, begone"

HCC's TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program serving 200 students per year. It is designed to serve students in three high-risk areas (low income, first generation in college, and disabled students) by providing students with opportunities for academic development and enrichment,

assisting them with basic college requirements like financial aid applications and reporting, and serving to motivate them toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education through advising, tutoring, and mentoring. The goal of TRIO is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Everyday people making a far-reaching difference

One of the most exciting and high-profile programs HCC has to offer through our business department is Entrepreneurship. From planning its veteran-focused annual Symposium (VETS) which culminates in a Shark Tank-style competition to running full academic tracks in the AA and AS programs, helping inspire and educate entrepreneurs and fund and support start-ups are some of the ways HCC is really making a difference.

The newest program in Entrepreneurship is **EEVF@HCC**, a fund created with a generous grant from the Everyday Entrepreneurship Venture Fund and through donations from individuals. In early 2019, EEVF@HCC awarded its first grant to Adam Luell and his company Axon Motor Company. The company reverse-engineers electric motors for the defense industry and stands to employ four skilled people in the coming year, with plans to hire additional staff as the company grows. Supporting efforts like this make an economic difference for our entire community!



Student Endowment

As part of the HCC Rising anniversary fundraising campaign, student Kay MacDonald recently spearheaded the creation of the very first student-driven and -funded endowed scholarship fund at the HCC Foundation. When you read her story, we know you will be inspired to help her reach her goal, as we at the Foundation are!

"What obstacles did you experience while in college?"

When I had to stand in a food pantry line with a brown paper bag, I wept. While being recognized for my achievements at school, I faced financial instability and food insecurity at home. This is also the reality for some of my peers, including many who hold leadership roles and rank highest in their class.

"My name is Kaylin MacDonald and I am one of the founders of the Dale Mabry Student Leader Endowed Scholarship. As a first-generation, low-income college student, HCC is my bridge to a better future and my escape from generational poverty. I want to help others get the same chance.

"The Dale Mabry Student Leader Scholarship is a student-led scholarship initiative at HCC, started by several students who have contributed to our college while also experiencing financial hardships. As a fully student-driven fund, this initiative will be the first of its kind at HCC, and one of very few like it nationwide."

For more, including a video of Kay and some of her team members, visit our website at hccfoundation.com/dmstudentendowment. You can also support the effort to fund a new endowed scholarship at the safe online giving portal on that page.



Events

We had a great day at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club on April 1, raising nearly \$50,000 for our athletes! Thanks to Reno Construction, our new Presenting Sponsor, to Tampa Bay Trane for sponsoring the pictures and awards, and to Suncoast Credit Union for being our Lunch Sponsor!

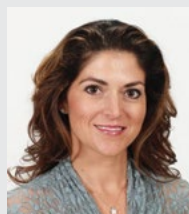
Our annual Scholarship Partners Breakfast, sponsored by our wonderful supporters at Suncoast Credit Union, brought together more than 100 scholarship donors, students, and college, civic, Foundation, and community leaders at Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club on March 30. Attendees were inspired by stories from endowment donor and community college alumnus Thomas Huggins, and current student Cyriss Vasquez, who spoke about their experiences. Foundation Board Chair Rich Shannon shared updates about the Foundation's very successful HCC Rising fundraising campaign, and the future of the college.



Upcoming Events

Annual In-Shore Fishing Tournament
Friday, October 11, 2019
Westshore Yacht Club

Presidential Showcase
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Armature Works
Celebrate the success of HCC Rising and look ahead to the future of HCC.



Questions about any of our events? Want sponsorship information?
Visit us at HCCFoundation.com/events or contact Denise Godfrey at (813)253-7165 or dgodfrey3@hccfl.edu

HOPE for success in and outside of the classroom



HOPE Scholars is a program designed to promote and improve recruitment and subsequent retention and successful graduation rates for African American and Hispanic male students, both at HCC and at four year institutions. Since its inception seven years ago, HOPE Scholars has graduated 262 students with a 100% transfer rate. Up to 30 HCC faculty participate as mentors. Benefits to students include individual tutoring, faculty mentoring, success seminars, university tours, attendance at the nationally renowned HCC Black, Brown & College Bound Summit, and other community engagement activities. Donations help fund all these ways HOPE gives young men a leg up.

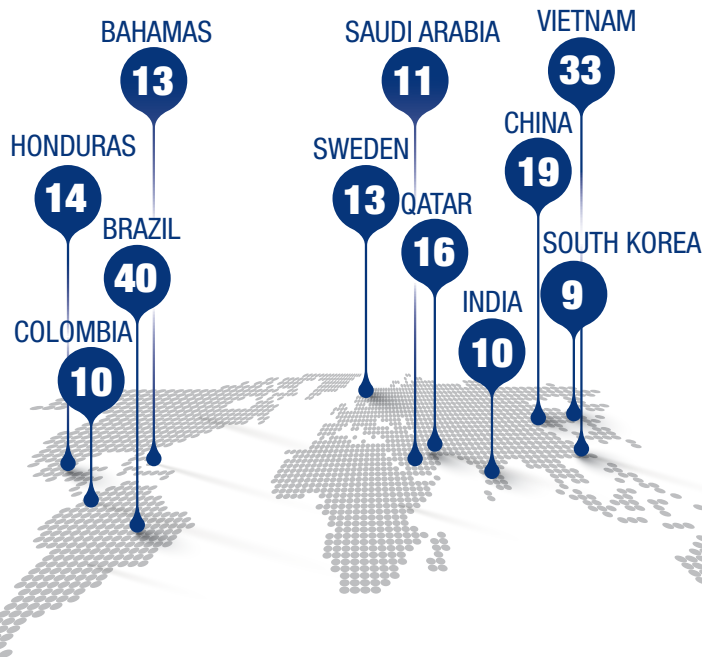
The success of this program is undeniable. Jorge Polanco was a high school dropout. He was 24 before he decided to make a change in his life and enrolled in HCC. Jorge also enrolled in the HOPE Scholars program and the Honors Program. He states, "Colleges like HCC infuse our community leadership with the sort of diversity that can speak for those voices that are sometimes left unheard. It also becomes the true opportunity to rise above a generational circumstance and become a beacon of hope." Today, Jorge is a successful management consultant and travels internationally for his company.

International impact at HCC

400 International STUDENTS FROM **80** COUNTRIES AT HCC



TWO NATIONAL Awards Won BY INTERNATIONAL FACULTY IN FALL 2018

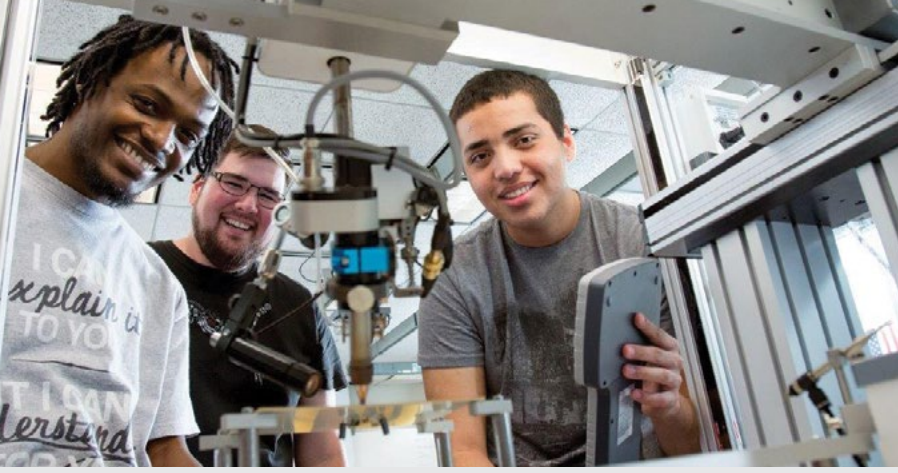


2017-2018 School Year
7,390 International STUDENTS CONTRIBUTED
\$191.1 Million to the TAMPA BAY ECONOMY & HELPED CREATE & SUPPORT MORE THAN **2,100 JOBS**

12 FULBRIGHT Fellowships OFFERED AT **HCC** IN 2019

Your gift to any of these funds and programs ensures so many others achieve their dreams. It will make

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Love STEM?

The HCC STEM Transfer Center guides students to the perfect niche.

Created with a Federal Department of Education grant and designed to support the College's efforts to improve persistence and success in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs, the **HCC STEM Transfer Center** provides a wide variety of services to all HCC students, from guidance on exploring, researching, and identifying a STEM major to one-on-one advising. The Transfer Center also offers assistance with scholarship opportunities, tours of colleges as well as large corporations who hire STEM majors, and opportunities to talk to people employed in the student's field of interest.

As part of the grant, HCC also receives a 1:1 match for newly endowed scholarship gifts. Endowed scholarships that qualify for the match are established with an investment of \$10,000 or more and the scholarships that are generated will be designated for students attending the Dale Mabry Campus who are studying for their degree in a STEM related field. Endowment funds can be pledged and paid over several years.

Gifted, talented, and motivated

On November 26, 2018, HCC celebrated the naming of the Honors Institute "the Dr. Lydia R. Daniel Honors Program" after the founding director who did so much to establish an acclaimed program here. The program has garnered national attention since its inception in 1996 and has graduated over 1,100 students, many of whom have gone on to blaze trails in higher education and in their communities.

This program, to be very clear, has the capacity to change the trajectory of not only students' lives but their families' lives as well. It is a misnomer that Honors students are financially stable because they are motivated or gifted. HCC Honors Alumnus Damon Arnold speaks for himself and many of his fellow graduates when telling his story. Damon says, *"While living out of my car, I attended HCC, and couldn't imagine at the time that just three years after graduation, I would be anchoring a news desk at a television station."* Damon is one of hundreds of Honors students who overcame incredible odds and today lead very successful and fulfilling lives because of this nationally recognized collegiate program. With financial support from our generous donors, Damon's hopes and aspirations became a reality.



Ensures that students like Damon, Jorge, Kay, and all the difference for the future of our students.

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Inaugural class of Professors Emeriti honored

Fourteen HCC retired professors were honored for their significant contributions to the college and the community at the Inaugural Professors Emeriti breakfast held on April 5 at the University Club in downtown Tampa. The honorees are: Antoinette D'Oronzio, Barry Silber, Cynthia Hawkins, James Perry, John Bertalan, Leo Diaz, Liana Fernandez Fox, Luz Paredes Lono (PH), Marvin Kirschman, Nancy Giunta White (PH), Norma Caltagirone, Richard Long, Suzanne Camp Crosby, and William Corso. A small group that made a giant difference for thousands of HCC students through the years!



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