



*Neeta Sane, Trustee*

## HIGHLIGHTS IN DISTRICT VII

- HCC is revolutionizing the classroom experience with Apple's newest innovation, the iPad. Students in selected courses use the iPad to download their textbook and course materials.
- Two hundred ambitious high school students will earn college credits while working towards their high school diploma in the new Alief Early College High School building that opens this fall.
- HCC and UTHealth signed an Early Acceptance Program agreement in July. HCC nursing students can qualify for early admission status to UTHealth's BSN program.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT VII

Dear Neighbors,

As your HCC Trustee, I was glad to initiate and host a series of Workforce Summits for HCC District VII starting with Stafford on May 6, 2010. Our goal was to identify ways that HCC can partner with community and industry leaders to help expand local businesses through HCC education and training, which would ultimately benefit the local community and help build a stronger regional economy.

The Workforce Summit in Stafford was the beginning of the dialogue, which we plan to continue as we work together to prepare our students for the future and help build the workforce of tomorrow. Because of the valuable participation of the community and business leaders, the summit was very successful and provided us with insight that we will use as we continue to develop innovative approaches to meet the educational and workforce needs of District VII. The Workforce Summit in May also led to three new partners, International Management District of Alief, Greater Sharpstown Management District and Brays Oaks Management District, joining for future HCC District VII Workforce Summits.

We all plan to work together to identify needed programs and to facilitate growth opportunities for businesses in Southwest Houston. The work continues with the next summit to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in Alief with special guest, Andy Icken, Chief Development Officer for the City of Houston.

You are most welcome to join us Wednesday, September 15 at the Kim Son Restaurant, 10603 Bellaire Blvd., from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m for the Alief summit. I would be very glad to get updates from you regarding your specific and general workforce needs in order to ensure the growth of your business via HCC education and training.

Neeta Sane, Trustee  
District VII  
Vice Chair, HCC Board

*"We are committed to meeting your business needs through education and training."*

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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- HCC Southwest participated in the Summer Community Fair held at the Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Dr., in July.
- Look for HCC Southwest's float in the Alief International Parade Wednesday, September 15.
- Eighty minority students completed the six-week Summer Bridge Academy program at Houston Community College Southwest, West Loop Campus in July. The program, highlighting state-of-the-art programs, motivates students to continue their education.

## Focus on Students and Faculty

- More than 500 Southwest College students are involved in service learning at local hospitals and community clinics. Students volunteer 20 to 36 hours a semester at Southwest Hermann Memorial, West Houston Hospital and their counterparts in the Medical Center, Sugar Land and Katy, and apply what they learn to their courses at Southwest College.
- Dr. Neal Nguyen, adjunct Physics Professor at HCC Southwest, is lending a hand with the British Petroleum oil spill cleanup in the Gulf. Dr. Nguyen, also an employee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is in Louisiana to interpret and translate oil spill documents and terminology to the Vietnamese fishermen in New Orleans vying for cleanup jobs through BP.



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*HCC student Alan Lim refers to a model of the human heart on his iPad during Dr. Garcia's lecture on the cardiovascular system.*



*Summer Community Fair*



*Digital Gaming and Simulation students demonstrate their skills during the Summer Bridge Academy graduation event at the West Loop Campus.*

## Events

### Wednesday, September 15

Workforce Summit: Growth  
Opportunities for Businesses in  
Southwest Houston  
Kim Son Restaurant  
10603 Bellaire Blvd.

### Sunday, September 19

The Alief International Parade  
9:00 a.m.  
Starting point at the International Trade  
Center in Alief

### Sunday, October 17

International Festival of Fort Bend  
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Stafford Centre  
10505 Cash Rd., Stafford