



Neeta Sane, Trustee

HIGHLIGHTS IN DISTRICT VII

- **HCC Southwest's innovations grant pilot program** tested the world's first dual book e-reader, the enTourage eDGe during the fall 2010 semester. The pilot program provided a group of students the use of the enTourage eDGe to download a copy of their textbook, to see videos/lectures and have access to research materials.
- **The Texas Association for Broadcasters hosted a Career Expo** at HCC Southwest's West Loop Campus, 5601 West Loop South. Representatives from broadcasting and media groups throughout the state interviewed candidates interested in careers in television and radio.
- **The Game Creators Association at HCC Southwest** hosted a game night at the West Loop Campus in October to raise money for the Brian Wood Memorial Trust Fund in memory of the late Relic Games designer Brian Wood. Wood, a prominent figure in the gaming industry, was well known as the lead designer for the 2006 award-winning World War II strategy game, "Company of Heroes." Tragically, he was killed in a car accident on September 6, 2010.
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT VII

Dear Neighbors,

A very happy New Year to you! As we all look forward to a great year ahead of us, I am pleased to recap the great things we achieved in recent months. As HCC continues to grow with our student population now over 70,000, the majority of our campuses are full to capacity and HCC's role is becoming more and more critical in meeting the demands of the new economy.

Working with area businesses, industries, community leaders and governmental counterparts, a series of HCC District VII Workforce Summits explored the avenues available to residents to access the training and education they need to qualify for and fill the up-and-coming, in-demand employment opportunities.

The first HCC Workforce Summit was held in May at the HCC Southwest Stafford Campus. In September the second summit, which was comprised of a joint partnership with the Brays Oaks Management District, the Greater Sharpstown Management District and the International Management District of Alief, took place in Alief. The third of the ongoing summits took place in early November at the Missouri City Campus. The roundtable discussion provided an opportunity for business executives, trustees and leaders from the Fort Bend Economic Development Council, Fort Bend ISD, Texas Medical Center, ACHIEVE Fort Bend County, Houston Community College along with the elected officials from Fort Bend County and Missouri City to discuss workforce development through innovative education, competent training and networking solutions.

My commitment to education and the economic growth through HCC's workforce training opportunities also led me to initiate an annual Trustee Neeta Sane District VII Workforce Support Scholarship. The scholarships will provide funding for students enrolled in career and technical education programs at HCC in District VII, paying for textbooks, tuition and fees. Two HCC students, Priyanka Upponi and Traci Chenevert, received scholarships this Fall.

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Leaders from HCC and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Nursing celebrated a new partnership for the future of nursing with the signing of an Early Acceptance Program agreement. Qualified students in the HCC Coleman College Associate Degree Nursing Program will have an opportunity for early admission status to UTHealth's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. HCC students also have the benefit of taking classes for the nursing program at the HCC Southwest College in Alief.
- Trustee Neeta Sane, the 2009 Chair-IT Committee of HCC Trustees, introduced a national Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant opportunity to the college for HCC to partner with the City of Houston and the Houston Public Library to enhance the accessibility of educational materials and digital resources to all HCC students, especially in underserved neighborhoods. The City of Houston received the \$3.7 million BTOP grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.
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Focus on Students and Faculty

- Priyanka Upponi and Traci Chenevert received the Trustee Neeta Sane District VII Workforce Support Scholarship. The scholarship will help Priyanka continue her studies in Accounting and Traci can continue her pursuit of a Nursing degree.
- HCC Southwest Instructor John Templeton received the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) Outstanding Accounting Educator Award because of his excellence in teaching and distinguished service to the accounting profession. Templeton, a teacher at HCC for 10-years, is actively involved in the CPAs Helping Schools, Achieving the Dream Student Success Program and the GUST Courses.
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Dr. Richard Wainerdi, Texas Medical Center President and C.E.O.; Texas State Representative Ellen Cohen; Dr. Mary Spangler, HCC Chancellor; Dr. Fena Garza, HCC Southwest College President; Dr. Betty Young, HCC Coleman College President; and Dr. Patricia Starck, UTHealth School of Nursing Dean.



Trustee Neeta Sane with District VII Trustee Workforce Support Scholarship recipients Priyanka Upponi and Traci Chenevert.



Community, business and political leaders discuss the educational needs for the Missouri City and Fort Bend area at the District 7 Workforce Summit.

Events

Monday, January 24, 2011

Alief Early College Ribbon Cutting

10:00 a.m.

HCC Southwest Alief Campus

2811 Hayes Road

Saturday, April 9, 2011

HCC Southwest Campus

Alief Community Festival

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HCC Southwest Alief Campus

2811 Hayes Road

Saturday, April 23, 2011

Missouri City Easter Trail

10:00 a.m.

Glenn Lakes Park

1700 Glenn Lakes Lane, Missouri City



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