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Meeting tomorrow's need for a well-trained workforce

HOUSTON, TX (October 20, 2010) – Trustee Neeta Sane of HCC District VII has established a new \$5,000 scholarship to help prepare students to meet the growing need for a well-trained and skilled local workforce through HCC's workforce training opportunities.

The scholarship will provide funding for three students each year who are enrolled in career and technical education programs at Houston Community College in District VII. The scholarship provides for textbooks and tuition and fees.

"I am committed to improving the economic strength of the local community through education. Estimates indicate that 80 percent of today's new jobs require education or training beyond high school and that those jobs represent the fastest-growing and highest-paying segments of the new economy. HCC plays a vital role in providing affordable and quality education and workforce training needed for the demands of the Twenty-first Century job market. By means of this scholarship, I want to help a few of our students to get the education they need and to become productive citizens," said Trustee Sane.

To qualify for the scholarships students must reside in HCC's District VII and be currently enrolled at HCC as freshmen who have graduated from high school within a year or students who are continuing their workforce training at HCC. Students must be enrolled in the Career and Technical Education Programs, maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of nine credit hours per semester during the award year. The students must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. The scholarship recipients will not be prohibited from accepting other financial awards, whether from scholarships or other financial aid.

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