



HOWARD
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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

"You all understand the incredible investment you're making in this community, in these forward-looking faculty, and – most importantly – in these students."

— National Cyber Director, Harry Coker, Jr.
during his [keynote](#) at the Workforce Development and Trades Center Groundbreaking

GROUNDBREAKING INNOVATION AT HCC

DRAGON COUNTRY! On Monday, I was joined by students, elected officials and government representatives, donors, trustees, faculty, staff, and community members for a ceremonial groundbreaking celebrating the upcoming Workforce Development and Trades Center. I was especially honored to share the stage with Maryland Secretary of Labor, Portia Wu, and National Cyber Director, Harry Coker, Jr., who was on campus for the National Community College Cyber Forum. As part of the forum, Director Coker took the time to meet with our students and apprentices and learn more about their experience in Dragon County and their future career goals.

I am proud to share that Howard Community College is the top producer of registered apprentices in the State of Maryland, and is quickly becoming a national model in apprenticeship programs, trade education and serving the needs of students.

The groundbreaking was a large lift, requiring the work of many of our colleagues and department across campus. Thank you to the planning committee members, volunteers and support staff who were a major part in the success of the day:

Grace Anastasiadis, Bronwyn Bates, Scott Bohandy, Jarrett Carter, Aaron Davis, Michelle Dillon, Margie Dunklee, Sarah English, Wendell Epps, the Event Set Up staff, Ben Fan, Brittany Gates, Gordon Haines, Becky Harley, Molly Hong, Anne Johnson, Forrest Jones, Adam Leatherman, Danielle Maloney, Kari Manu, Carl Merritt, Tina Mignon, Tero Moberg, Benjamin Myers, Char Nado, Sumeeta Raj, Faith Reed, Denise Smith, Melissa Smith, Ty Stone, Jackie Taylor, Patty Veri, Rosie Verratti, Stephanie Wall, Jen Ward, India Wise, and Minah Woo.



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Senior Leadership Team Update

Senior Leadership Team meeting minutes are available on the [portal](#).

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



As the weather gets chilly, be sure to check the air pressure in your car tires to ensure proper inflation. Colder temperatures can lower the pressure, which lowers your fuel efficiency.

HCC FORWARD UPDATE



Persistence

The Swim Digital Team has been working closely with us to support our Accelerated Pathways enrollment push. We have collaborated to ensure students enrolled in our 7-week courses are set up for success. Enrolled students will receive access to personalized tutoring support and other resources; we're making sure students have everything they need to excel in these accelerated programs.

Advisors have also been equipped with a clear, visual aid to promote Howard's 7-week courses. This tool will make it easy for students to understand how they can fast-track their education and take full advantage of these exciting learning opportunities!

As part of our First Semester at HCC theme, we're focusing on the student support services available during the first semester. This includes essential services such as tutoring, counseling, and accessibility support to equip students with the tools that they need to focus on their education while juggling competing priorities in their lives.

We're honing in on the onboarding process for students who express interest in Howard Community College. Our focus is on providing clear, direct communications, effective recruitment, comprehensive information, and smooth referral processes to make the start of their journey as welcoming and seamless as possible.

WCCE Alignment

As part of HCC Forward, we're aligning Howard's Workforce, Career & Community Education (WCCE) program with our 2025 goal of increased completion.

One of our key focuses has been identifying and addressing Student Transition & Referral Gaps to create smoother pathways for students moving between programs. We're also working hard to resolve For-Credit & WCCE Integration issues to ensure that all students, whether in credit-bearing courses or WCCE programs, have a seamless, aligned experience.

This focus on the alignment of processes and the overall student experience for all of our HCC students moves us closer to our ultimate goal of supporting our students to success.

Updates

The upcoming months will hold new, exciting updates with Persistence, Leadership Development, and WCCE Alignment. To keep up with what is happening across our campus, visit www.hccforward.com.

SUPERHERO DAY AT CLC



A BIG thank you to **SPO Bert Moore**, who shared story time at the Children's Learning Center earlier today. This is a great example of our employees volunteering and supporting our community in small and large ways. Thank you SPO Moore, and our entire public safety staff for all of your hard work throughout the year!

SUPPORTING THE HOWARD COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER



Many of you may know that the Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center is raising money to build a state-of-the-art Behavioral Health Unit to help families, friends, and neighbors get healthy and back on track to a productive life.

The hospital is a great supporter of several HCC allied health programs. Expansion of the unit will relieve some of the pressure and wait times in the Emergency Department. Please consider supporting this benefit concert and the hospital!

STUDENT LIFE FALL OPENING KUDOS

The office of student life was busy with several initiatives throughout August and September to welcome new and returning students to campus for the fall 2024 semester.

To start the semester off, Howard Community College welcomed 290 new students and 228 of their parents/families at Dragon Days sessions on August 13, 22 and 24. These sessions are in-person experiences that supplement New Student Orientation (online). Each day consisted of welcomes from HCC staff followed by an informative student panel where participants could hear from their Orientation Leaders. Students then broke into program-specific rotation sessions where they had an opportunity to tour campus, interact with faculty members, and participate in group activities. There was also a Tech at HCC session included where students could get more information on their technology, canvas, and financial aid needs. A separate orientation was conducted for parents/families to provide details on how they can support students during their time at HCC.

On August 15, 19-21, and 23, the student life team trained student leaders of The HCC Times, Student Program Board (SPB), and Student Government Association (SGA) during the biannual Student Leadership Retreat, to prepare them for their roles in supporting the co-curricular learning and engagement of HCC students.

Following the retreat, student life welcomed new and returning students to the campus community during welcome week from August 26-30. The week included two events cohosted by athletics, a student bingo game, and a Friday night screening of Inside Out 2, which brought 100+ students, faculty, staff, and their families to the campus.

On September 10, 2024, they hosted the biannual Dragon Connection Fair. Student clubs, campus resources, and community organizations were on-hand to help students connect with resources, learn about upcoming meetings and events, and find out about ways to get involved in their organizations. Over 200 students participated in the fair!

I would like to thank staff from the following campus offices and departments for participating in either Dragon Days or Dragon Connection Fair: **Academic Center for Excellence, ACE Composition, Literature, and Language Center, Admissions, Advising, Athletics, Career Services, Center for Civic and Community Engagement, Disability Support Services, Division of Foundational Learning, Division of Health, Science, and Technology, Division of Liberal Studies, Dragon Podcasts, English Language Center, Environmental Health and Safety, Financial Aid, Honors and Undergraduate Research, Howard P.R.I.D.E., Information Technology, International Education, Language Lab and Study Lounge for Multilingual English Learners, Learning Excellence, Library, Math Department Tutoring, Mental Health Counseling Services, Public Relations and Marketing, Public Safety, Records, Registration, and Veteran Affairs, Silas Craft Collegians Program, Step UP, Student Finance, Student Life, Test Center, and the Wellness Center.**

STUDENT LIFE FALL OPENING KUDOS (CONT.)

It takes a lot of hard work and planning to put on all of these events, and I would like to thank the following staff members for their work to bring these events to fruition: **Brooke Abercrombie, Dr. Sepideh Abdollahzadeh, Rachel Adams, Dr. Uzzie Cannon, Diane Baltz, Iryna Berestenko, Scott Bohandy, Jamie Bourne, Thelma Bush, Mary Kay Casciaro, Philippe DeRosier, Penny DeYoung, Wendell Epps, Benjamin Fan, Brian Garnett, Dr. Shantay Grays, Dewey Grim, Jessica Grim, Memory Hewlett, Detra Hooper, Kim Jewer, Thomas Johnson, Forrest Jones, Chetra Kim, Sandra Lee, Kari Manu, Bob Marietta, Kia McCleod, Linwood Milan, Clinton Neill, Bree Nolan, Donna O'Brien, Michael Popp, Sumeeta Raj, Zakia Reaves-Johnson, Shannon Riley, Aisha Rivers, Tara Rupp, Barbara Schubert, Michael Smelkinson, Matthew Stovall, William Thomas, Julie Via, Patty Veri, Natalie Williams, Maxwell Wright, Carl Winder, Dr. Yang Yu, Tricia Zadjura, environmental services staff, facilities office staff, Horowitz center staff, print shop staff, public safety staff, recruitment office staff, and Canteen catering staff.** Additionally, I need to thank the following student life student employees, volunteers, and alumni: Maryam Abdurrahman, Jordanous Agaze, Bayaan Ansari, Deborah Araujo, Alexie Boursiquot, Kemberly Bruno, Maribel Elias Reyes, Imaan Esquivel, Paul Gaylon, Alexa Gil, Sandra Kyle, Mudiwa Mawema, Deja Moorman, Christian Nazaire, Madison Otto, Caleb Panumpabi, Gregory Smith, and Peyton Thomas.

MONA KAMAL SELECTED AS A 2024 AMATYC FELLOW

Congratulations to faculty member **Mona Kamal** (MATH/Foundational Learning Division) for being selected as a 2024 American Mathematical Association for Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Project ACCESS Fellow. AMATYC Project ACCESS (Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship, and Service) is a professional development and mentoring program for two-year college mathematics faculty in the first four years of their full-time professional careers. The goal of the project is to facilitate current and continued professional growth for a cadre of two-year college mathematics faculty, called Fellows, who will become the leaders of their profession.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT GROUP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Executive Support Group Committee is holding a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to benefit HCC's Holiday Hope campaign to support ten student-parents during the holidays.

Order a box of Krispy Kreme donuts for pickup in the Galleria on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Purchases of donuts are by the dozen of a single flavor only. **Donuts can be ordered from October 1 through November 4, 2024.** Payments can be made by cash, check, or credit card at the Cashiers Office, Monday - Thursday from 8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday from 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please complete the [attached order form](#) and submit with payment. If you have questions, please contact **Belinda Green** at bgreen@howardcc.edu.

Executive Support Committee Annual Fundraiser!
Order a box of Krispy Kreme donuts for pickup on November 7 in the Galleria from 9am-11am.

Purchases of donuts are only per dozen. NO 1/2 dozen or mixed flavors.

Donuts can be ordered starting Tuesday, October 1 to Monday, November 4, 2024.
 Payments can be made by cash, check, or credit card at the Cashiers Office,
 Monday - Thursday from 8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday from 8:45 a.m. - 5:00p.m.
 Attach order form on back.

\$ 15
PER DOZEN



SPECIAL VARIETY DOZENS

- Chocolate Iced
- Lemon Filled
- Raspberry Filled
- Kreme Filled

***ONE VARIETY PER DOZEN**

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PER BAG

\$ 14
PER DOZEN



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CERTIFICATE

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- Krispy Kreme BOGO Cards for a price of _____ each.
- Krispy Kreme Fundraising Certificates for a price of _____ each.
- 12 oz. Bags of Krispy Kreme Signature Coffee for a price of _____ each.
(available in Smooth, Rich and Decaf)

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