



HOWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Senior Leadership Team Update

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

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."

— Audre Lorde

54 YEARS OF PROVIDING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

October 12 marks the fifty-fourth anniversary of Howard Community College opening the doors to students for the first day of classes. While the popular fashions, technology we use, and campus footprint have changed since 1970 - one thing that hasn't is our commitment to serving the needs of students in Howard County, and providing pathways to success.

Since day one, HCC has been an innovator in providing access to a college education. Decades before the COVID-19 pandemic shifted courses and the college to remote operations, students could participate in distance learning by viewing lectures on VHS or on public access television. Fast track courses allowed students to earn credits faster and persist towards degree completion. Today, thanks to the hard work of our faculty, teaching and learning, and student success areas, we are moving closer to full integration of our Accelerated Pathways model, expanding student options to save time, earn credits faster, and advance to transfer options and career readiness.

As we begin construction on the Workforce Development and Trades Center, I am excited to expand upon the vision of HCC's first president, Dr. Alfred J. Smith, Jr., who envisioned the addition of skilled trades education at the college, noting in an interview the unique position of community colleges to meet the needs of the local workforce.

Happy Anniversary Dragon Country!



HCC CONNECTIONS, DEPARTURES & TRANSITIONS

Leaving the college:

- Jacqueline Anna

Interim CE Apprenticeship &
Occupations Coordinator
(09/27)

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



Check out the latest episode of
Green Dragon!

Produced by **Dragon Podcasts**
and hosted by **Bob Marietta**,
Green Dragon is your monthly
dose of inspiration and
knowledge on all things green!

In this episode, Bob talks with
HCC employees and special
community guests about the
college's upcoming [Fall for All
Festival](#).

Tune in to the [episode on
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ALL FOR ONE, AND FALL FOR ALL!

We're one week away from our second annual Fall for All festival - a free, family-friendly day of fall fun! I'm looking forward to welcoming our Howard County community to campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 24, providing fun fall activities for all on a day when HCPSS and other Maryland public school systems are closed for students.

The event committee has been hard at work planning the festivities, and they need your help to make it a success! Various volunteer opportunities are available throughout the day. Please visit their [Sign Up Genius page](#) to volunteer for a shift and encourage your networks to do so as well!

With activities, games, inflatables and food trucks, there is something for everyone to enjoy! I hope to see you and your families at the event!

GET YOUR DRAG[ON] OCTOBER 24!

Please join us for Howard Community College's third annual Drag[on] Extravaganza, a celebratory and educational drag show honoring LGBTQIA+ History Month! The evening will include a panel discussion, audience participation, and a meet and greet with the cast. A resource fair and queer vendor market will start the evening at 6 p.m., with the main performance beginning at 7 p.m.

Drag[on] Extravaganza, one of Howard County's most well-attended and anticipated drag performances, has quickly garnered nationally acclaimed awards. A Dragon Media produced documentary highlighting the making of Drag[on] Extravaganza, LGBTQIA+ history, and drag culture received two bronze awards in the 45th Annual Telly Awards. The event and documentary also received two honorable mentions in Ragan and PR Daily's 2024 Corporate Social Responsibility & Diversity Awards.

For more information about this free event and to view the award-winning Dragumentary, please visit [HowardCC.edu/Drag](#).



HCC FORWARD UPDATE



Deep Dives with Swim

We're dedicated to enhancing the experience for our students and we're currently focusing our efforts on our students that are enrolled in our accelerated 7-week courses. Starting in November, Swim Digital Group will be leading a series of Deep Dive sessions to gather insights from faculty, staff, and students who participated in the first session. These conversations will help us understand what's working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

We'll be exploring what worked well, identifying areas for improvement, and specifically looking at student support services that can help ensure success and move HCC closer to our completion goals.

Applications for PLDP Fellows

With a total of over 65 applications for our year-long inaugural President's Leadership Development program, the applications for the Leadership HCC and President's Leadership Academy fellows are currently being reviewed and scored. Our announcement of the selected fellows will be released in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!

MARYLAND'S CONNECTED DEVICES GRANT - FREE CHROMEBOOKS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Howard Community College, in partnership with Howard County, is offering Pell Grant recipients and other eligible Maryland residents a free Chromebook through Maryland's Connected Devices grant. Through the grant, each eligible Maryland family can receive one device.

The program is open to HCC students and community members who meet the eligibility criteria. For more information on criteria and to apply for a device visit HowardCC.edu/ChromebookInfo

Please consider sharing this valuable resource with your networks and communities.



A HANDSHAKE FOR ALL!

Career Services is thrilled to announce that Handshake, the college's career management system, is fully integrated, and students now have automatic access to a Handshake account simply by logging into the system. This exciting initiative has been led by **Keyara Stevenson**, Director of Career Services, with a huge shoutout to **Michael Altobelli, Xenia Baranova, Karstin Neill**, and the entire Administrative Information Systems and Information Technology teams for their tireless efforts in making this possible within just four months! Additionally, this full integration enables Career Services to capture data that hasn't been available before, allowing for continuous improvement of programs and services. This marks a significant step forward in enhancing the student experience and supporting employer relationships. Students can now visit howardcc.joinhandshake.com and log in using their HCC Login to activate their Handshake account. With access to over nine hundred thousand employers offering internships, co-ops, full-time, and part-time employment, this platform connects students directly with opportunities that align with their career goals.

DRAGON OF THE MONTH WINNER

The office of human resources is proud to announce the September 2024 recipient of the Dragon of the Month award, **Carla Lawson**, Assistant Professor, Division II – Liberal Studies. Colleagues nominated Carla for her demonstration of the HCC Values of Nurturing, Service, and Excellence. She was commended for her mentorship of new faculty members and her exceptional customer service providing answers, encouragement, and inspiration. Carla was recognized for being an unwavering advocate for her students, colleagues, and all of HCC. The award includes a \$100 gift card and a reserved parking space in the West Garage for the month of October. Congratulations, Carla!

To nominate a colleague for next month's award, please use the [Dragon of the Month](#) nomination form located under Useful Links on the myHCC portal.

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**

SIGNATURE COFFEES



\$ 10
PER BAG

\$ 14
PER DOZEN



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CERTIFICATE
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Valid for one dozen Original Glazed® Doughnuts at your local Krispy Kreme store.





ORDER FORM

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I'm selling Krispy Kreme products to raise money for _____

Check the product you are selling:

- Fresh Krispy Kreme Original Glazed® doughnuts for a price _____ per dozen.
- of Fresh Krispy Kreme Assorted doughnuts for a price of _____ per dozen.
- 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)

CUSTOMER INFORMATION	# OF DOUGHNUT DOZENS					# OF BOGO CARDS	# OF FUNDRAISING CERTIFICATES	# OF 12 OZ. BAGS OF SIGNATURE COFFEE			AMOUNT COLLECTED
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