



HOWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Senior Leadership Team Update

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

Board of Trustees Meeting Notice

The Howard Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in The Rouse Company Foundation Student Services Hall, room 400. Board Materials for the work session will [posted on the web](#) by April 23, 2025, as part of the library archives.

DARIA J. WILLIS, PH.D.
PRESIDENT'S
UPDATE

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

*"We all have roadblocks; we all have challenges."
— Tamron Hall*

STRIKING A CHORD IN NASHVILLE

Dragon Country! This week marked the annual conference for the American Association of Community Colleges, one of the most significant professional development experiences for community college leaders.

I was honored to join other community college presidents from across the country as a panelist for sessions on fostering women in leadership and addressing the pressing challenges facing Black women in executive positions.

In addition to learning from keynote speakers and thought leaders, many members of Dragon Country in attendance showcased their innovative ideas in peer-to-peer sharing sessions and breakout presentations. Thank you for showcasing the excellence of HCC and demonstrating that community college is a national model for best practices in higher education.

Project Elevate: Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline: **Stephanie Wall** and **Minah Woo**

A Win-Win Corporate College Partnership: **Minah Woo** with Brenda Anderson of AT&T

Adjusting Teaching Strategies to Meet Students Where They Dream: **Raymond Harrod** and **Princess King**

From Strategic Goal to Implementation: Scaling Accelerated Courses: **Candace dePass**, **Jonathan Iuzzini**, and **Toni Muhammad**

High Impact Faculty Professional Learning for Student Success: **Jonathan Iuzzini** and **Maureen Martin**

Strategy/Implementation Plan for a Co-requisite Education Model: **Uzzie Cannon**, **Sylvia Lee**, and **Toni Muhammad**

HCC CONNECTIONS, DEPARTURES & TRANSITIONS

Please welcome to Dragon Country!

- Maxim Cebaniuc

*General Maintenance Mechanic
(04/07)*

Congratulations on your new position!

- Pov Thuom

*Environmental Services
Technician (01/21)*

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement!

- Lisa Hess

*Assistant Director of Admissions
(04/30)*

Leaving the college:

- Amy Wells

Accounts Payable Clerk (04/03)

- Ian White

Mechanic III (04/04)

- Kyle Dill

Production Manager (04/18)

- Leakhana Wells

Accounting Manager (04/25)

HCC STUDENTS NETWORKING EVENT AT M&T BANK

On Friday, April 11, students from Howard P.R.I.D.E, Howard R.I.S.E, Ambiciones and Silas Craft traveled to downtown Baltimore to meet with employees from M&T Bank, the Baltimore Ravens, and Sodexo.

The networking event fostered a meaningful exchange between students and industry professionals. Students received valuable career guidance, industry insights, and information on potential job opportunities. Representatives from M&T Bank, the Baltimore Ravens, and Sodexo were equally inspired by the students' enthusiasm, thoughtful questions, and eagerness to learn. Building on an already established relationship, the M&T Bank Networking Event reinforced the connection between these companies and HCC, supporting continued collaboration and future opportunities.

Special thanks to Trish Schneider, Natalie Arteen, Claudia Hatch, and the M&T Bank Team for graciously hosting the event, and to **Wanda Colon-Canales, Jordan Grable, Sean Lamb, Keyara Stevenson** and **Deon Tillman** for accompanying and supporting the students throughout the experience.



HCC FORWARD UPDATE

At its core, the HCC Forward Initiative is about people—removing barriers, creating opportunities, and shaping a college experience that helps everyone thrive. Each idea, recommendation, and conversation moves us closer to that vision.

As we navigate this period of change, it's important to pause and celebrate the progress we're making. Whether it's a new collaboration, a creative breakthrough, or a small win that improves how we work—these moments deserve recognition.

Celebration helps us stay energized, focused, and reminded of our shared purpose. Transformation is challenging, but it's also hopeful. I encourage all of you to find time to recognize successes and celebrate the great work that it took to get there. When we celebrate success, we honor the people driving this work and reinforce the belief that together, we're building something truly meaningful at HCC.

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



On Tuesday, April 22, celebrate Earth Day by riding fare-free on all RTA buses! Reduce your carbon footprint and make a positive impact on the environment! Whether commuting to work, running errands, or exploring the county, ride with RTA for FREE.

Spread the word and invite your friends and family to take advantage of this eco-friendly initiative. Let's make every ride count for a greener future!

[RTA Routes and Schedules](#)



HAPPY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH!
Celebrate Community College Month with HCC!

For Community College Month, Duncan the Dragon dropped by the B&O Ellicott City Station Museum in Howard County, the oldest surviving railroad station in the U.S.

The College adopted the Iron Horse Express, a train, as its mascot in the mid-1970s.

Learn more: HowardCC.edu/CCMonth



A TASTY TWIST ON SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Join us for Pretzelpalooza on Thursday, May 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Dragon's Fire! Our culinary program will be baking delicious pretzels and selling them for just \$5.

Supporting Pretzelpalooza goes much further than enjoying a delicious snack. This event's proceeds will help our rising chefs reduce instruction expenses and fund international travel for training opportunities.

Pretzels will be available for pre-sale only at www.howardcc.edu/pastries. There will be no day-of sales. We look forward to seeing you in the Dragon's Fire Café!



Pretzelpalooza!

Donating to student success has never been so easy. Purchase a delicious pretzel prepared by our HCC culinary students. The funds raised will support the Culinary Study Abroad and Passport to Pastries programs.

MAY 1 • 3-5 p.m.

DRAGON'S FIRE CAFE (AC030)

Pretzel: \$5

Preorder at www.howardcc.edu/pastries

Preordered Pretzels will be available for pick-up the day of the event. There will be no pretzels sold on the day of the event.