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NEWS FROM DISTRICT V

WINTER 2018

West Loop Campus Hosts Comcast Techpak STEM Career Day

Nearly 600 elementary, middle and high school students participated in hands-on activities at the Comcast Techpak STEM career day event at HCC West Loop Campus. As part of the day-long event, students created mobile apps, used an open-source program to modify video games and learned and tested new engineering skills.

Students connected with professionals in science, technology, engineering and math fields to engage their critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. The event was geared towards youth who are from underserved Hispanic communities and who benefit from exposure to professionals working in STEM fields. The event helps students connect real-life examples of where their STEM studies could lead into future careers.

Also during the fall semester, the HCC West Loop Campus hosted a conference/workshop for students interested in apprenticeships, the Digital Gaming and Simulation Project Show and co-hosted a public information session with TxDOT on the I-610/I-69 (U.S. 59) interchange and its impact on access to the campus and the Gulfton Campus.

Apple Swift Curriculum Debuts at West Loop Campus

This fall, HCC launched the iOS Coding and Design School at the West Loop Campus to give students cutting-edge skills and training on developing iOS Apple apps and coding in the iOS Apple platform. HCC is one of the first colleges in the nation to use Apple's newly released Swift Curriculum. From advanced designers to the curious novice, HCC offers ideal programs.

"At HCC, we are committed to helping our students become capable and knowledgeable leaders in the region's workforce, and becoming fluent in the Apple Swift language is an essential skill across multiple industries," said Robert Glaser, HCC Trustee representing District V. The goal of the iOS Coding and Design School is to bridge the gap in computer science training for minorities and women throughout the country, provide the latest OS X training for professional developers, and provide entrepreneurs skills to develop new innovative apps. The program kicked off this summer with a grant-funded Summer Camp in Cybersecurity and Coding for 50 high school students.



Young students learning from professionals in STEM fields



Students at Techpak STEM Career Day are not afraid to try new things



Everybody can learn how to code thanks to the Apple Swift Curriculum at West Loop Campus

Register now for second start Classes begin February 12

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Robert Glaser
District V

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As your Houston Community College (HCC) District V trustee, I am committed to making advanced education affordable and accessible for our entire community. From academic programs that prepare students to transfer to four-year universities or workforce training and adult education, HCC is where you can come to change your life.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, HCC has taken extra efforts to help students remain focused on their academic goals. With assistance from the HCC Foundation, HCC established Swoop to the Rescue to assist students and employees facing financial hardship caused by natural disasters. Swoop to the Rescue is funded through auxiliary scholarship funds, the HCC Foundation and the Barnes & Noble College Bookstore. Together, we are helping our HCC family get back on their feet. Since the semester began, HCC has awarded:

- \$545,663 in emergency scholarships to more than 658 students who were referred by financial aid, student services, student surveys and faculty.
- \$25,000 to replace books and supplies destroyed by Hurricane Harvey for 61 students.
- \$164,500 in emergency grants for 372 faculty and staff.

Since opening 47 years ago, HCC has prepared more than four million students to attend universities or transfer to the workforce. In fact, 88 percent of our students found job placement upon completing our programs. We are Houston's resource for lifelong learning. Our adult education program is perfect for those who are interested in upgrading skills, pursuing a new career or feeding their curiosity. Registration for second start is open now and I invite you to experience our more than 250 programs and certifications. We ARE Houston's Community College.

In service,

Robert Glaser
HCC Board of Trustees
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This has been a busy six months for HCC. From campus ribbon cuttings to new educational and industry partnerships to meeting with community organizations, as your District V representative, I'm working hard to ensure the educational and workforce needs of our community are a priority at HCC.



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