



HOWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Senior Leadership Team Update

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

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

UPDATE

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."

— Desmond Tutu

ADVANCING WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Dragon Country! In the past few weeks, I have had the esteemed opportunity to speak at two different conferences, both focusing on the professional development and advancement of women leaders in higher education.

I attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, hosted by NASPA. It was an honor to deliver the opening keynote for the conference and share some wisdom and insights with the next generation of women leaders. I walked away inspired by these students' passion and dedication to service.

Earlier this month, I served as a keynote speaker for the American Association of Women in Community Colleges' Summer Leaders Institute. The institute promotes the development of leadership skills and qualities, preparing leaders for career opportunities, advancement, and executive leadership positions.

It was my privilege to stand before 50 women from across the country to share my experience in leadership and to encourage each of them to keep moving forward, as our students deserve to be led by women who are committed to their success.



HCC CONNECTIONS, DEPARTURES & TRANSITIONS

Please welcome to Dragon Country!

- Milton Colindres,
*Environmental Services
Technician (06/16)*
- Sawath Ven,
*Environmental Services
Technician (06/16)*
- Catherine Bombick,
*English Program Manager
(07/07)*
- Adrian Mayse,
*Associate Dean; Business,
Engineering and Technology
(07/07)*
- Christopher Vizcarrondo,
*Dual Enrollment Academic
Success Coach (07/07)*
- Pamela Osuri,
*Allied Health and Nursing
Workforce Program Director
(07/21)*
- Adriana Sanchez,
*Workforce, Career, and
Community Education Assistant;
Workforce Programs(07/21)*

Leaving the college:

- Hannah Connolly,
Office Associate IV (06/27)
- Uzzie Cannon,
*Associate Dean, Foundational
Learning (06/30)*

SUMMER BASH 2025

We are pleased to announce that Summer Bash 2025 will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. on the HCC Quad!

This event is designed to showcase the many programs, resources, services, and opportunities available at HCC while inviting both current and prospective students to explore our campus and discover all it has to offer.

If you are a faculty or staff member volunteering or representing your department for this event, please [complete this form](#). Closer to the event, you will receive an email from the Summer Bash planning committee with further details.

If you sign up to volunteer, don't forget to stop by the RCF Welcome Desk to pick up your Summer Bash 2025 t-shirt! It will be available for pickup Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until Friday, August 1, 2025, on a first-come, first-served basis.

As always, thank you for serving our students and making this event a success!

Learn more about Summer Bash and our other August Registration events at HowardCC.edu/RegEvents



SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC

When it's time to update your lens prescription or refresh your frame style, consider making a positive impact by donating your eyeglasses.

Ask your optician if they partner with organizations that collect and distribute eyewear to individuals in need.

Programs like those run by Lions Clubs International help provide eyewear to millions who otherwise couldn't afford it—turning your old frames into life-changing tools for someone else.

NAME BADGES AND STATIONERY

As part of the rollout of the college's new visual identity, updated name badges and other branded stationery items are now available.

Name badges will continue to be available for purchase through ODP Business Solutions (formerly Office Depot) under the "Brand Identity" tab. Employees may include their preferred pronouns on their name badges if they wish. Please contact the Office of Procurement for ODP access.

Updated envelopes, letterhead, and business cards are available through the college's Print Shop and will no longer be available from ODP Solutions. Please submit a Print Shop Request ticket through the myTSC portal to place an order. Please submit a [Print Shop Request](#) ticket through the myTSC portal to order.

**EMPLOYEE GIVING**

Thank you to everyone who is generously contributing to the employee giving campaign. Your contributions help open doors for our students, providing them with opportunities to succeed. Employees supporting the Howard Community College Education Foundation with a one-time donation or recurring gift are eligible for a prize drawing held each month from September through May. We are happy to announce **Faith Reed** as the winner for May.

Congratulations!

Make a difference in a student's life. Donate to the employee giving campaign and help fund pathways to success. Learn more by calling x4580.

Consider signing up for a recurring payroll deduction or make a one-time donation today!

[Employee Giving: Gift and Pledge by Payroll Deduction Form](#)

HCC FORWARD UPDATE



Thursday, June 5, 2025, marked an important milestone within the HCC Forward Initiative as many Task Forces met with Swim Digital Group to kick off their work or reorganize around new charges for their work, including:

The Workforce, Career, and Community Education (WCCE) Program Alignment Task Force, which will be working on the development of strategies that connect WCCE non-credit programs with credit-bearing academic pathways at HCC and will be led by **Darren Gibson** as the chair.

The WCCE Student Integration Task Force, led by **Jim Rzepkowski**, will guide the alignment of WCCE student services, enrollment, and support processes with HCC's credit-bearing student experience.

The Retention & Completion Task Force, co-chaired by **Zakia Reaves Johnson** and **Candace dePass**, will lead the development of a comprehensive, institution-wide retention strategy focused on persistence, progression and completion.

Kismet Flagg-Webster and **Jon Iuzzini** will co-chair the Strategic Scheduling Task Force and will continue the development and implementation of a year-long scheduling model at HCC. This group is responsible for designing course sequencing strategies, aligning program pathways, improving course predictability, and building operational readiness for institutional rollout.

During these meetings, members reviewed their Task Force's charge, governance structure, and operating guide, which includes key milestones integral to the successful execution of their objectives.

Additionally, these sessions reinforced the support structure for Task Forces, including access to Change Management, IT/Related Issues, and Data Development Teams. Task Force members were guided through the reporting and escalation paths and shown how to use project planning tools to track their milestones and dependencies.

These meetings are an essential part of ensuring the alignment between strategy and execution. As the Task Forces embark on this work, we are grateful for the leadership and collaboration of our faculty and staff.

We look forward to sharing progress from all Task Forces as they continue their work throughout the summer.