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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

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see"

— Edgar Degas

HCC'S VISUAL IDENTITY ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Dragon Country! At its most recent meeting, the HCC Board of Trustees approved new goals for the 2025-26 academic year. One of the important goals is campus-wide compliance with our new branding standards.

We are in the process of overhauling wayfinding and directional signage throughout campus grounds and facilities, and building consistency in our materials and assets for academic, service facilities, and offices.

Your help in meeting this board mandate is crucial. Consistent use of our new logos—from stationery and websites to signage and marketing materials—will significantly enhance our brand recognition. This unified presence builds a sense of shared pride and belonging among all community members.

Howard Community College is a leader in a competitive educational landscape. Our brand represents our position as a global institution representing Howard County and Central Maryland. By working together to adopt this new standard, we are ensuring that our outward image accurately reflects the extraordinary work happening within our institution every day.



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HCC CONNECTIONS, DEPARTURES & TRANSITIONS

Welcome to Dragon Country!

- Kimberly Morehouse
*Student Finance Analyst –
Financial Aid (08/18)*
- Gabrielle Santangelo
*Inclusive Learning Programs
Manager (09/02)*

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



Be sure to regularly clean or replace the filters in your home's HVAC system.

Dirty and clogged filters require the fan to work harder and use more electricity.

SUMMER BASH WAS A HIT!

Dragon Country! On Thursday, August 14, HCC hosted our 2025 Summer Bash, welcoming over 800 students and community members to Dragon Country to kick off the fall semester. This annual event is a considerable endeavor made possible by the planning committee: **Nicholas Boyd, Thelma Bush, De'Asia Clark, Wendell Epps, Megan Gibbs, Suzanne Grooms, Danny Hall, Detra Hooper, Nayema Islam, Sumeeta Raj, Aisha Rivers, Will Shaw, and Jen Ward.**

Special thanks to **the admissions, advising, audio/visual services and design, auxiliary services, environmental services, facilities, mailroom, print shop, public safety, public relations and marketing, and records, registration, and veterans affairs** team members for their assistance. In addition, appreciation goes out to the academic departments and student services, which represented over 50 resource tables and dozens of faculty, staff, and students who planned, prepared for, and participated in the Summer Bash.

Special thanks to our Summer Bash social media stars for the day-off hype video on Instagram, the 30-plus volunteers, the extended planning team, and our fantastic student ambassadors: Maryam Abdurrahman, Nathan Alverio-Alvelo, Taysab Awan, Ashley Ferdinand-Ruiz, Tajee Pringle, and Kayce Wolfe.

If students still require more information and assistance with the HCC application process, please encourage them to attend [Super Saturday](#) on August 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 5K CHALLENGE RACE

We need volunteers from 8 to 11 a.m. to support the 5K Challenge Race. Cheer on participants along the course as they race to raise funds for scholarships! Morning snacks will be available to all volunteers. To reserve your spot, please complete the Volunteer Sign-Up form

To reserve your spot, please complete the Volunteer Sign Up form: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA5A929A2FDC43-57516577-2025

For more information, contact **Faith Reed** at FReed@HowardCC.edu or 443-518-1970.

Thank You!

WCCE STUDENTS EXPLORE ECUADOR'S RICH CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Twenty students and staff from workforce, career, and community education recently returned from an unforgettable study abroad program in Ecuador. The group immersed themselves in the country's vibrant culture, rich history, and breathtaking landscapes while strengthening their Spanish language skills.

The journey began in Quito with a tour of the historic city center and a visit to the iconic "Middle of the World" monument. From there, participants traveled to Cuenca for intensive Spanish classes at the Universidad de Cuenca. Beyond the classroom, students experienced Ecuadorian traditions firsthand—learning to cook local dishes, exploring Andean music and textile-making, and visiting cultural and natural landmarks, including a botanical garden and El Cajas National Park. This immersive program provided students with a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of Ecuadorian culture while developing valuable connections and skills.

Thank you to **Darren Gibson, Lombuso Khoza, Jacqueline Palmer, Lisette Pella, Gabrielle Santangelo, and Rosie Verratti**, for curating such a meaningful experience for our community education students.



YEP! BASKETBALL AT THE WASHINGTON MYSTICS

Members of the Basketball Youth Engagement Program (YEP!) experienced a fun outing at the Washington Mystics game on Tuesday, August 19. Participants enjoyed a box suite with food and drinks while watching the Mystics take on the Connecticut Sun as they made a final push to earn a spot in the WNBA playoffs. Members of YEP! Basketball have been attending bi-monthly clinics at the Kahlert Foundation Complex (KC) since January 2025, engaging with our men's and women's Dragons basketball teams to learn new skills, nutrition tips, and other relevant topics. Through a holistic approach, the YEP! program is enriching the lives of our Howard County families through basketball.



TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF DAY OF LEARNING 2025!

Thank you for making the 2025 Day of Learning such a great day! I loved seeing so many of you learning, connecting and sharing ideas.

Now the Day of Learning Committee would love to hear from you! What worked well? What could we do better? And what topics would you like to see next year?

Take a few minutes to fill out this short survey: [Day of Learning 2025 Survey](#)

Presenters: Please also upload your PowerPoints or other materials to the S Drive so colleagues can access them: S:\Day of Learning\DOL 2025

Your feedback helps us make each Day of Learning even more valuable and fun. Thanks for being part of it—and for helping us shape what comes next!

**NURSING PROGRAM SUPPORTS MALAWI ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY**

This week, I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Florence Chipungu, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Malawi Adventist University, thanking our nursing program for its generous donations of nursing textbooks and medical supplies to the university.

The donations will support students in the Malamulo College of Health Sciences as they complete their nursing education program. This support is in addition to another donation of textbooks received by Malawi Adventist University in January 2025.

The donation included personal protective equipment, laboratory supplies, nursing uniforms, and other instructional equipment to help train the next generation of healthcare professionals in Malawi.

Thank you to **Archiena Beaver** and **Eunice Kazako** for coordinating the donation. Please see Deputy Vice Chancellor Chipungu's [letter below](#) the **HCC Forward Update**.

THE CAFÉ ON THE QUAD NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Ecker Café on the Quad is seeking feedback and asking members of the college community to share their thoughts. Whether you eat at the Café regularly or not at all, your input is valuable. This short survey will take just a few minutes and will help the college better meet the needs and preferences of our campus community.

Café Survey Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CafeSurvey

HCC FORWARD UPDATE

As the fall semester begins, HCC Forward is accelerating its progress. The HCC Forward Task Forces are actively transforming plans into practice by focusing on institutional priorities, advancing operational strategies, and fostering collaboration across the college. A sincere thank you to all who contributed their time and energy over the summer to help sustain this momentum.

This semester, we launched our pilot for the corequisite program, which allows students to take their developmental courses concurrently with college-level courses. This important initiative was designed to accelerate student progress and support academic success. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to visit the new [Corequisite Education informational website](#) to learn more about corequisite education at HCC. With support from Swim Digital Group, the site provides detailed information on available courses, the placement process, frequently asked questions, and additional resources to help ensure a smooth transition into this model.

Additionally, as of Monday, enrollment at HCC has increased by 4.2% in headcount and 6.8% in full-time enrollment compared to the prior year. Swim's process mapping work – beginning with Admissions in 2023 and expanding to continue mapping the student experience this past spring – has helped improve the student application process. Even with the implementation of enhanced fraud screening measures, applications are being processed in record time. These efficiencies have not only streamlined the experience for prospective students but also contributed directly to the increases in overall headcount and full-time enrollment.

With continued collaboration across the college, HCC is well-positioned to carry this momentum forward into the fall semester and beyond.

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28th August, 2025

Dr. Daria Willis,
President,
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Dear Dr. Willis,

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Greetings from Malamulo College of Health Sciences, Malawi.

On behalf of the College, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donation of books we have already received and more books and medical supplies that are yet to be received for our Nursing education program. The College Management, the Faculty and staff from the Nursing department and the Nursing students are all excited with the donations. Your contribution will significantly enhance our students' learning experience and support their development into competent healthcare professionals.

Your partnership reflects a strong commitment to global health education and collaboration. We appreciate your investment in our institution and students. The books will be a valuable resource for our students, providing them with the information and knowledge in the field. We appreciate your commitment to supporting education and your partnership with our institution. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and exploring opportunities for future partnerships.

Attached is the list of books we have received from Howard Community College this year. We also have received a detailed list of the items that we are expecting to receive soon. Thank you for sharing this list as required by the Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA). We hope to be able to clear these items with MRA without difficulties once they are in our country.

Once again, thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Florence Chipungu

Deputy Vice Chancellor.