



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 Thursday, September 25, 2025, virtually via Zoom.

The board will be conducting a certain portion of its September meeting in closed session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, Title 3 of the General Provisions Article 3-303 (b).

A public viewing room will be available in McCuan Hall, room 201/202.

Board Materials are [posted on the web](#) as part of the library archives.

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

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

"When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and it is your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it."

— Yo-Yo Ma

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Dragon Country! Yesterday, the college welcomed Safia Elhillo, distinguished, bestselling author of "Bright Red Fruit," to campus for the fifth annual Bauder Lecture. Elhillo delivered the keynote address and was joined by editor, journalist, and author celeste doaks for an in-depth conversation.

"Bright Red Fruit" was selected by the Howard County Book Connection committee as its choice for the 2025–2026 academic year. The Howard County Book Connection is a partnership of the college and the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society.

The Bauder Lecture and the Howard County Book Connection connect the college and the community through shared learning experiences that promote productive dialogue, critical thinking, and intellectual enrichment - all necessary skills for our students to thrive in an interconnected world.

Thank you to Dr. Lillian Bauder, community leader and Columbia resident, for her generous support, making the lecture possible. I'd also like to thank **Grace Anastasiadis, Janelle Broderick, Jamie Bourne, Thelma Bush, Sarah English, Kia McLeod, Tara Hart, Adam Leatherman, Carl Merritt, Linwood Milan, Nana Owusu-Nkwantabisa, Daryl Ondatje, Mark Smedley, Jen Ward, Karen Vadnais** and **Patty Veri**.

Recordings of all lectures in the Bauder Lecture Series are available to view at HowardCC.edu/BauderLecture.

Students who have read "Bright, Red, Fruit" are encouraged to submit entries for the Don Bauder Student Awards by responding and reflecting on the book in an essay or other creative expression. The awards honor the memory of Don Bauder, the late husband of Dr. Lillian Bauder and a champion of civil rights and social justice causes. All current credit students are eligible to participate. For more information, visit the [Don Bauder Student Awards portal page](#).

HCC CONNECTIONS, DEPARTURES & TRANSITIONS

Please Welcome to Dragon

Country:

- Maria Anderson

Accounts Payable Clerk (09/15)

- Lauren Nelson-Smith

Assistant Registrar (09/15)

- Catherine Sayago

Civic and Community

Engagement Program

Coordinator (09/15)

Congratulations on your new position!

- Paula Lino Maldonado

Senior Admissions Coach

(09/02)

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



Bundle up! As the temperatures outside start to drop, we reach for our thermostats.

Before touching that dial, make sure you're layering with long sleeves, socks and/or blankets.

You'll save energy and the costs associated with heating your home.

SUCCESSFUL 20TH SEASON KICK-OFF FOR THE HOROWITZ CENTER

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, the college proudly kicked off the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center's 20th season with a celebration of artist Wonsook Kim and her current exhibition, Visual Poetry. More than 100 arts supporters and friends attended the milestone event, including the building's namesake, Elizabeth Horowitz. The evening featured a thoughtfully curated menu by HCC's culinary program and a live quartet led by HCC music faculty member Steven Caballero. Highlights included a lecture by the artist and the presentation of a proclamation from Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, officially designating September 13, 2025, as Horowitz Center Day in Howard County.

As the college marks this milestone, a heartfelt thank you goes out to all HVPA faculty and staff for their dedication to student success and community engagement. Special thanks to Horowitz Center Director **Janelle Broderick** and Gallery Manager and Curator **Bill Watson** for their leadership, and to the many staff whose time and talents made this special evening possible: **Aaron Davis, Molly Hong, Anne Johnson, Jennifer Lavanish, Adam Leatherman, David Milburn, Eric McCoy, Hal Kenny, Linwood Milan, Daryl Ondatje, Mark Smedley, Karen Vadnais, Patty Veri, Julie Via, and Stephanie Wall.**

Wonsook Kim's exhibition, Visual Poetry, will be on display in The Rouse Company Foundation Gallery through Sunday, October 12. Learn more at HowardCC.edu/Galleries. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to a gallery talk with the artist on Thursday, September 25, at 1 p.m. in the gallery.

The Horowitz Center's 20th Anniversary Season presents a diverse lineup of artistic experiences, featuring children's theatre, modern musicals, classical music, contemporary dance, stunning art exhibitions, poetry readings, film discussions, and more. To explore upcoming events throughout the year, visit HowardCC.edu/HorowitzCenter/Season.



SUPPORT STUDENT PARENTS THOUGH KRISPY KREME

The Executive Support Committee is hosting its annual Krispy Kreme fundraiser to support HCC's student parents during the holiday season. From now through October 14, employees can pre-order donuts for pick up on Thursday, October 16 in the Galleria from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please see the [attached flyer](#) and [order form](#) for additional information about the fundraiser. Please contact **Belinda Green** at BGreen@HowardCC.edu for any questions.

DRAGON PODCASTS



Dragon Podcasts cover a wide range of fascinating topics, including HCC events and programs, local community organizations, and more.

Welcome to Campus Drive, Your One-Way Street to All Things HCC! Join our host Matt Jackson, manager of Dragon Podcasts, as he highlights campus culture, college stories, and higher education programs all at HCC!

This week, Matt is joined by DC-based artist Trap Bob, who reflects on the roots that shaped her creative journey.

[Listen on Podbean!](#)

THE SILAS CRAFT COLLEGIANS PROGRAM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

It is with great enthusiasm that the Silas Craft Collegians Program (SCCP) celebrates 25 years of dedicated service to HCC's students, welcoming the largest incoming cohort in the program's history. In August 2025, SCCP welcomed more than 40 new students to start the fall semester.

Since the program's inception in 2000, we have proudly supported countless students in their pursuit of higher education and personal growth. This anniversary year is not only a celebration of our past accomplishments but also a commitment to the HCC Forward initiatives aimed at scaling the program and empowering the next generation of collegians to achieve their dreams.

We want to thank the program staff: **Marcus Nicks, Angela Phillips, and Deon Tillman.** We would also like to recognize the faculty and staff who helped onboard these new collegians for a successful start to the 2025 fall semester: **Rachel Adams, Raenel Bivens, Rebecca Blackwell, Jamie Bourne, Terrell Bratcher, Candace dePass, the Dragon Media Team, Sarah English, Mariah Felton, Michael Griggs, Jessica Grim, Yoona Kim, Julie Knox-Brown, Danielle Maloney, Kia McLeod, Nana Owusu-Nkwantabisa, Bethany Pautrat, Jackie Regales, Renee Richardson, Lamont Vaughan, and Maxwell Wright.** Your support has been invaluable, and together, we can look forward to many more years of transforming lives through education and mentorship.

Log in to HCC's social media platforms monthly for #FlashbackFridays, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Silas Craft Collegians Program!



Year 2000



Year 2025

REGISTRATION IS OPEN – JOIN US FOR THE HCC 5K CHALLENGE RACE ON SEPTEMBER 28!

All fitness levels are welcome—run, jog, or walk your way to the finish line. Your \$25 registration includes:

- A Race shirt
- Finisher medal
- Weekly wellness newsletters starting in August
- A complimentary 90-day Columbia Association family membership

Bonus for Employees: Your registration also counts toward employee giving and automatically enters you into the monthly prize drawings: [HowardCC.edu/RaceSupport](https://www.howardcc.edu/racesupport)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 5K CHALLENGE RACE

Not planning to race? You can still be part of the excitement. Volunteers are needed on race day from 8 to 11 a.m. to cheer on participants, staff course stations, and keep the energy high. You don't have to work the entire three hours to help! Morning snacks will be provided.

[Volunteer today!](#)

For questions, please contact the Development Office at 443-518-1970 or Foundation@HowardCC.edu

Thank you for helping make this event a success!

HCC PRESENTS NEW STRENGTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES

We are excited to announce our 12-week progressive strength and wellness program tailored for HCC employees. The program integrates structured group strength and conditioning classes, bi-weekly coaching consultations, nutritional coaching, and special population programming to address workplace-related issues such as postural dysfunction, common musculoskeletal injuries, and stress-related conditions.

The program will be led by Kristin Nabor, a certified sports performance coach and professional trainer. She is a former Division I softball player who competed in the NCAA World Series. Kristin has worked with professional boxers for over 10 years and has been in the corner for more than 10 televised fights on ESPN Friday Night Fights, Premier Boxing Champions, Showtime, and HBO.

Key Program Highlights:

- Two weekly group strength and conditioning classes (maximum of 24 participants) focusing on strength, functional mobility, and conditioning.
- Bi-weekly one-on-one coaching consultations to establish personalized goals and behavioral strategies.
- Nutrition education and coaching for sustainable dietary habits.

Participant registration is part of the employee wellness benefits for faculty and staff and will be covered by HCC.

The program is valued at \$699 per employee.

Stay tuned for registration details. The program starts on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

HCC FORWARD UPDATE**President's Leadership Development Program (2025–2026)**

We are excited to announce that on Monday, September 22, the applications will open for the President's Leadership Development Program (PLDP). This is a yearlong program that cultivates our internal leadership and strengthens our shared capacity to lead with purpose across the college. The program houses two cohorts with a common goal: to build HCC's organizational perspective and empower courageous conversations.

The **President's Leadership Academy (PLA)** is tailored to current and future executive leaders. If you are a current Dean, Chair, or Director, you are eligible to apply for PLA. The cohort will deepen both the hard and soft skills of institutional leadership, with emphasis on strategic planning, change management, and navigating the complexities of higher education

Leadership HCC is designed for colleagues who are new to HCC or not yet ready for PLA; participants will gain institutional insights, prepare for the next step in their HCC careers, and build the skills needed to serve as effective leaders in higher education. Explore the cohorts and preview application questions at the links below

- [President's Leadership Academy \(PLA\)](#)
- [Leadership HCC](#)

We are thrilled to launch these new cohorts of the President's Leadership Development Program. This is a transformative opportunity for emerging and seasoned leaders to spark collaboration, innovation, and personal growth. Participants will drive holistic change by shaping a vibrant future for our students, colleagues, and community. Get ready to apply, join the momentum, and step into a community that empowers leaders to move HCC Forward.

Please visit HCCForward.com/PLDP for more information.

Executive Support Committee Annual Fundraiser!
Order a box of Krispy Kreme donuts for pickup on October 16 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 Friday, September 12 through Tuesday, October 14, 2025.
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.

\$ 16
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

\$14



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- 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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