



HOWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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PRESIDENT'S

UPDATE

#DRAGONCOUNTRY

"At the end of the day, all you can hope for is to go on. The older I get, the more I realize that keeping on keeping on is what life's all about."

— Janis Ian

HCC HOSTS STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS



LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Senior Leadership Team Update

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

The Howard Community College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting, which will enter closed session, at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 6, 2025. The meeting will be held virtually with a public viewing room available in McCuan Hall, room 201/202.

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

Dragon Country! On Tuesday evening, I was honored to welcome Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball back to campus for the annual State of the County address. Over 300 community members, civic leaders, and elected officials attended to hear remarks and updates from the County government.

During his remarks, Dr. Ball highlighted several exciting partnerships and projects at the college, including the anniversary of the Boys & Girls Club's opening, the college's recent solar purchasing agreement, and the forthcoming Cathy and Danny Bell Workforce Development & Trades Center.

Additionally, Yashica Maclin, a YEP! Track and Field program parent provided a video testimonial commending the program's success and the positive influence it has created for Howard County youth.

The fact that HCC is routinely asked to host this prestigious occasion is a testament to the college's excellence and the dedication of our employees. Thank you to **Dragon Media**, the **Horowitz Center staff**, **Public Relations and Marketing staff** and **Public Safety staff** for making the event a success.

A video recording of the event is available on the [Howard County Government YouTube Channel](#).

SUSTAINABILITY @ HCC



As we enter spooky season, there are several ways we can minimize our impact on the environment.

Instead of buying new polyester costumes, consider reusing costumes from prior years or borrowing from a friend.

You can also flex your creative muscles and make a costume using recycled materials or items you have around the house!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FOR ALL ON OCTOBER 17!

HCC is excited to host its third annual Fall for All festival on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free, family-friendly event falls on a day when HCPSS schools are closed for students, making it the perfect opportunity to visit campus and enjoy a day of fall fun and festivities. We'll have pumpkin-themed activities and a pumpkin patch, face painting, moon bounces, candy, an inflatable corn maze, and more! Our sustainability group will feature local exhibitors offering activities for all ages.

New for this year's event, join us as we spotlight our dedicated public safety professionals! Connect with representatives from Maryland and Howard County fire departments, and other local and state agencies. Discover practical tips on staying safe, protecting your property, and preparing for emergencies—straight from the experts who serve our community every day.

As you all know, it takes a village, so please sign up [here](#) to volunteer and help make this great event a success!

To allow the campus community to volunteer or enjoy the event with their families, please consider rescheduling large meetings between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, October 17.

[Learn more at HowardCC.edu/FallForAll](https://www.howardcc.edu/FallForAll)

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 5K CHALLENGE RACE!

Thank you to the incredible volunteers, staff, and faculty who made the 12th Annual HCC 5K Challenge Race such a success. Thanks to your efforts, we raised \$82,824, with net proceeds of \$76,456, to support our students. Over the past 12 years, the race has generated more than \$1.1 million in net proceeds. That is an extraordinary impact on our community!

A special thank you goes to our volunteers: **Grace Anastasiadis, Jean Anderson, Oluwaseye Ayoade, Tyrone Boyd, Phil DeRosier, Aaron Davis, Michelle Dillon, Margie Dunklee, Sarah English, Yessica Flores, Cinthia Garcia, Belinda Green, Dewey Grim, Jessica Grim, Coleen Hager, Tim Jennings, Kim Jewer, Sean Lamb, Daniel Masale, Emilee Moorman, Marcus Nicks, Chinwe Okpala, Monica Owens, Bethany Pautrat, Angela Phillips, Sumeeta Raj, Mike Smelkinson, Denise Smith, Ahn Truong, and Carl Merritt.** I'd especially like to recognize the dedicated teams in **Athletics, Development, Facilities, and Public Safety** who we couldn't do this event without.

Thank you for making this year's event another milestone in HCC's race to raise scholarships.

[View an album of photos from the Challenge Race!](#)

DRAGON PODCASTS



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

Join the dynamic duo of Carolyn Kelemen and Judy Templeton as they take you on a theatrical journey like no other, featuring Janelle Broderick, director of the Horowitz Center. They discuss the artistic bond between the college and the community, as well as the exciting offerings of the center's 20th Anniversary Season.

[Listen on Podbean!](#)

CAREERS ON CONGRESS: CAREER SERVICES TAKES STUDENTS TO CAPITOL HILL

On Thursday, September 25, 2025, Career Services led a group of 25 HCC students to Washington, D.C., for the "Careers on Congress" trip, an immersive career exploration experience at the U.S. Capitol. Students had the unique opportunity to engage with a panel of congressional staff who serve in key areas, all of whom proudly began their journeys at community colleges.

The panel discussion provided valuable insights into the numerous career paths available within the U.S. House of Representatives, extending beyond politics. Students asked thoughtful questions and networked with professionals from various departments and employee groups following the session.

A special thank you to the students representing Howard P.R.I.D.E., Phi Theta Kappa, R.I.S.E., and Silas Craft for participating: Maryam Abdurrahman, Yvonne Akorsah, Carlton Allen, Jeremy Ayomike, Juan Bell, Blaiz Blackston, Jakai Butler, Brando Campos, Deya Dimitrova, Zion Dixon, Dearius Forrester, Mahnoor Humayoun, Bryan Jenkins, Lyric Joseph-Brown, Angel Kenou, Ayanna King-Smith, Harper Lewis, Nicole Mbugua, Emmanuella Oga, Dinso Okafor, Chinwe Okpala, Kylik Perry, Lynniya Whitaker, Alana Williams, and Debrah Worthington.

Thank you to **Yessica Flores, Shawn Lamb, and Deon Tillman for chaperoning, and to Jarrell Anderson, Amy Crawford, Debby Curry, Melodie Gale, Paul Martin, Jeff Richmond and Keyara Stevenson** for their collaboration in coordinating the event.



FALL 2025 JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR – SAVE THE DATE

Career Services invites all students, alumni, and community members to attend the Fall Job & Internship Fair on Thursday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Burrill Galleria and the HVPA Lobbies.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with employers from a wide range of industries. Students can view the list of companies already registered and explore the opportunities they are recruiting for by logging into Handshake with their HCC Login credentials.

Career Services encourages all students to attend, whether to network, learn about available job openings and internships, or gain valuable insight into the hiring process.

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR
 Thursday, Oct. 23
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Burrill Galleria • Horowitz Lobby (HVPA)

RSVP ENCOURAGED THROUGH
Handshake

2nd Annual
HOWARD PICKLEBALL CUP
 November 18, 2025
 1-5 p.m.

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 Howard County Medical Center

SIGN UP FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL HOWARD PICKLEBALL CUP!

The Second Annual Howard Pickleball Cup, presented by [Havtech](#) and [Medvanta](#), is coming up on Tuesday, November 18th, and employees are invited to register - with supervisor approval, since the event takes place during the work day at [Dill Dinker's](#).

There's something for everyone:

- Social Play/Beginners Clinic – a fun, relaxed introduction to the game from 1-2 p.m.
- Tournament Competition – for those ready to test their skills on the court. Brackets are available for three levels of skill from 2-4 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony to follow.

This exciting event supports scholarships for HCC nursing students through the Howard Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. and continuing education for nurses at Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center.

👉 [Register here](#) to secure your spot today!

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 Tuesday, October 14, employees can pre-order donuts for pickup on Thursday, October 16, in the Galleria from 9 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.

HCC FORWARD UPDATE**PLDP Applications Are Open and Will Close Friday, October 10!**

Don't forget – applications for the President's Leadership Development Program (PLDP) will be open through October 10 at 5 p.m.!

As a reminder, there are two cohorts who will participate in this PLDP class:

President's Leadership Academy Cohort

Geared toward current and future executive leaders, this cohort will focus on the hard and soft skills required to lead institutions. Open to current Deans, Associate Vice Presidents, Executive Directors, and Directors, this group will delve into strategic planning, change management, and navigating the complexities of higher education leadership. All details related to the program can be [found here](#).

Leadership HCC Cohort

Designed for Managers, Coordinators, Chairs, Faculty, or Staff who demonstrate exceptional performance and potential for leadership, Leadership HCC will provide participants with institutional insights, prepare them for the next step in their careers at HCC, and build the skills necessary to serve as effective leaders in higher education. All details related to the program can be [found here](#).

The application and more details can be found at [the PLDP webpage](#)! Still have questions? Reach out to **Stephanie Wall** at SWall@howardcc.edu.

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



ORIGINAL GLAZED® DOUGHNUTS

CERTIFICATE

\$14



Valid for one dozen Original Glazed® Doughnuts at your local Krispy Kreme store.





ORDER FORM

Hello, I'm _____ from _____

I'm selling Krispy Kreme products to raise money for _____

Check the product you are selling:

- Fresh Krispy Kreme Original Glazed® doughnuts for a price _____ per dozen.
- 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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