# THE HONORS COLLEGE, SOUTHWEST



# HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Houston Community College Honors College Southwest, located on the HCC Stafford campus, is seeking to recruit 25 talented, highly motivated, and academically gifted high school, college-ready seniors for its Fall 2018 cohort.

The Honors College provides an academically structured and rigorous environment where honors students study together in a cohort throughout their time in the College. Students are mentored by a carefully selected group of highly skilled and inspiring HCC professors and benefit from courses that are interdisciplinary, focusing on the sciences and the humanities. These courses are built around themes that challenge students intellectually and academically.

With the unique and exciting learning community that The Honors College provides, students will earn their academic degree in two years and will be superior candidates for transfer into a highly rated four-year university. The Honors College is committed to helping each student reach his or her full academic potential and foster meaningful relationships with peers and professors. There is simply no better place for talented, college ready students to develop their skills than The Honors College at Houston Community College.

# WHAT IS THE HONORS COLLEGE ADVANTAGE?

- A combination of grants and scholarships that will cover tuition expenses for most Honors College students
- Small interactive classes with highly qualified professors
- Cohort-based curriculum for core courses
- Individual attention and opportunities to collaborate with professors and peers
- Service-learning activities. The servicelearning component will be noted on the student's transcripts
- Seamless registration

- Individualized counseling
- Travel and study opportunities in the sophomore year
- Enrichment and leadership opportunities
- Notation of Honors College degree on transcript
- Personal university advisement for transfer to a prestigious university
- Access to the Honors College Lounge
- Recognition as an Honors College graduate at commencement

### A FEW FACTS:

- Our students have become leaders in SGA and Phi Theta Kappa every year
- Our students have a 90% graduation rate
- Graduates transfer to highly rated universities
- Honors students have the opportunity for learning-based travel abroad

## TRAVEL DESTINATIONS FOR HONORS COLLEGE COMPLETERS:

- Barcelona and Madrid—2008
- London and Paris—2009
- Salzburg Seminar and Munich—2010
- Florence and Rome—2011
- Barcelona and Paris—2012
- Istanbul, Bursa, -2013
  England -2014
- ≻ Arles and Barcelona—2015
- ≻ Washington D.C. and Philadelphia—2016
- Florence and Venice—2017

### **OUR GRADUATES HAVE TRANSFERRED TO THESE UNIVERSITIES:**

American University	St. Edward's College	
Arizona State University	St. Mary's University	
Baylor University	Texas Women's University, Houston	
Brown University	Texas Women's University	
California Polytechnic	Texas A & M University	
Columbia University	Texas Tech University	
Cornell University	University of Denver	
Evergreen State College	University of Houston	
Houston Baptist University	University of Houston, Downtown	
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and	University of Melbourne	
Health Science	University of Pennsylvania	
M.D Anderson Health Science Center	University of Southern California	
Purdue University	University of St. Thomas	
Rhodes College	University of Texas at Austin	
Rice University	University of Texas at Arlington	
Sam Houston State University	University of Texas at Dallas	
Stephen F. Austin University	University of Texas School of Nursing	

#### WHEN SHOULD STUDENTS APPLY?

- Priority—March 1
- Regular—May 1, or until the freshman class fills

#### WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE HONORS COLLEGE?

To qualify for admission to the HCC Honors College, you must meet **one** of the following:

- 3.5 high school GPA and college level placement on TSI Test
- SAT EBRW 480 & Math 530 or ACT Composite 23
- 3.5 HCC GPA in college level courses (if currently an HCC student)

A combination of grades, test scores, recommendations, essay on an assigned topic and the personal interview will be used holistically to determine acceptance into the Honors College.

### WHO SHOULD STUDENTS CONTACT?

Students may scan and email applications to

deanne.schlanger@hccs.edu

Or students may mail applications to

Deanne Schlanger Professor of English & Humanities Honors College Director, Southwest 10041 Cash Rd. Room 106, The Stafford Learning Hub Stafford, TX 77477

# WHAT IS THE HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

### 1. Fill out and send the complete application packet. Include

- A complete Honors College application and copies of all requested documents
- Application instructions can be found here:
  - <u>http://central.hccs.edu/media/houston-community-college/central-college/pdfsdocs/NewHonorsCollegeApp.pdf</u>
- An essay on an assigned topic in English (see application)
- Two letters of recommendation from either high school or college faculty, counselors, employers or community members
- Copy of high school and/or HCC transcript, if applicable
- Copy of test scores, including HCC test scores, and AP test scores, if applicable. (Many test scores are posted on high school transcripts.)

For more detailed information or to download the application, please go to <a href="http://central.hccs.edu/about-us/hcc-honors-college/">http://central.hccs.edu/about-us/hcc-honors-college/</a>

# 2. An oral interview will be conducted upon meeting all requirements