Community Outreach

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC) TAKING ENTREPRENUERS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

You may be familiar with the many locations of HCC around the city. What you may not know is that HCC provides educational services to over 60,000 students across Houston metro; talk about making a difference in our business community! They offer 2-year degree programs that help prepare workers for the future while also supporting entrepreneurs as they focus on building a business as their way of supporting our great city of Houston and surrounding communities.

HCC is not for just the young people as nearly 50% HCC students range from 24 to 64 years of age. Check out other statistics provided by the US News & World Report to learn more about HCC and how you might benefit from their services.

Being an entrepreneur can be a lonely and scary part of your life. It's hard to find the right support to ensure you are making the best decisions and have the skills necessary for success. HCC is proud to boast their Center for Entrepreneurial Initiatives which was established to build and sustain the Houston business community through effective and relevant educational initiatives to help businesses grow in revenue, personnel and business opportunities. Be sure to check out their website to discover all the programs available to you ranging from degree programs to workshops for skills building. There are multiple Centers for Entrepreneurship across the city to ensure everyone has access to these critical services and programs. Check out the webpage at www.bizconnect.org to learn more.

HCC has also partnered with the Silver Fox Advisors and SCORE to provide complimentary coaching and mentoring which are key to fostering on-going success for established entrepreneurs as well as guiding those considering becoming an entrepreneur. Schedule a conversation to learn more.

Upcoming Events:

Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business Program:

- NOW accepting applications for their next cohort. What are you waiting for? Over 600 Houston entrepreneurs have attended. If you have at least 4 full-time employees, $150k+ in revenue and have been in business at least 2 years you can be considered

for acceptance. Everything you need to know is on HCC's website. Contact Liz at elizabeth.carreno@hccs.edu for more information. **Must apply by October 11th!**

HCC Center for Entrepreneurship and SCORE will be hosting the following events:

- September 7th 9:00 to 4:00pm - **"Am I An Entrepreneur?" Workshop** For all proposed, startup, and existing business owners who want to know what it takes to create and run a successful business.
- September 11th - Coins Under the Couch Cushion Learn all about funding sources, where to start and what lenders are looking for.