

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## Welcome, President Ken Atwater

Dr. Ken Atwater became Hillsborough Community College's seventh president on July 1, 2010. As the chief academic and executive officer of HCC, Dr. Atwater oversees an institution with five campuses, more than 45,000 credit and non-credit students annually, 2,400+ full and part-time employees, and manages an annual budget of more than \$200 million.

### Prior appointments:

- President, South Mountain Community College
- Vice President for Student Services, Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, MI
- Vice President and Dean of Students, Howard Community College, Columbia MD

- Dean of Students, Catonsville Community College, Catonsville, MD
- Director of Counseling Services and Director of Student Activities, Jackson State Community College, TN



### Education:

- Ph.D in Higher Education, Southern Illinois University, 1989
- M.S. in Guidance and Counseling, Murray State University, 1977
- B.S. in Speech and Theatre, and Sociology, Murray State University, 1977

Please visit our website for a complete biography and for upcoming campus dates to meet Dr. Ken Atwater.

[www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx)

## Message from Alumni Association Chair, Randy Sears

I would like to invite you to join the Alumni Association and participate in the many activities that are planned for fellowship and networking. Our purpose is to provide a forum for networking and meeting new friends. Regularly we will inform you of HCC's successes and accomplishments and its challenges. The Alumni Association provides student scholarships and work towards providing resources in

support of student success. Join the Alumni Association today, come to our events, become a active member, and help promote the major leadership role HCC plays in the Tampa Bay region. To join send your \$20 membership donation to the HCC Foundation at 39 Columbia Drive, # 719 Tampa, FL 33606 or go online to <http://www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx>



# Nominate an HCC Alumnus



2009 HCC Outstanding Alumni & Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson

Nominations for the 2010 HCC Outstanding Alumni Awards are now being accepted.

With more than 70,000 graduates and hundreds of thousands who have attended classes at Hillsborough Community College, the HCC Outstanding Alumni Awards recognizes former students for exceptional professional leadership, outstanding contributions to the community, and a positive influence in the growth

and development of Hillsborough Community College.

**Eligibility:**

Hillsborough Community College Alumni who graduated from HCC with 45 or more credit hours at HCC are eligible to be nominated.

**Nominations:**

Nominations for the awards must be submitted by September 20, 2010.

**Recognition:**

Outstanding Alumni will be recognized at an awards luncheon to be held on November 3, 2010.

**Sponsorships:**

Sponsorships are available for this event and individual tickets can be purchased.

**For more information:**

Web site : [www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx)

Email: [alumni@hccfl.edu](mailto:alumni@hccfl.edu)

Phone: (813) 253-7018



*"..earning a scholarship seemed unrealistic for someone like me"  
....current FGGM scholarship recipient*

## \$10,000 Needed by September 15

**Double your money while helping a needy student !**

The First Generation In College Matching Grant program needs your support TODAY. For every dollar that you give to this scholarship, \$2 will go to the scholarships for financially needy students who are the first generation in their family to attend college. Your gift received by September 15

will be matched dollar for dollar by the state NOW and be awarded directly to students this academic year. We just need \$10,000 to achieve our \$93,000 goal. Please help us as we enable students to reach their academic and career goals.

With your support and the support of donors like you, over the past three years have been able to award more than \$690,000 to 875 students who

have financial need and are the first in the family to pursue a college degree. During the 2009/2010 academic year, 295 students benefitted from your generosity. Please help support an HCC student and donate online now. [www.hccfl.edu](http://www.hccfl.edu)



75% of HCC graduates settle in this county .

## HCC Economic Impact Study

- HCC receives 49% of its funding from the state government,...
- For every dollar students invest in HCC, they receive a cumulative \$5.10 in higher future income over the course of their working careers.

- Hillsborough County receives approximately \$79.6 million in net added income each year due to HCC operations and the spending of out-of-county students.
- Former HCC students generate a cumulative \$786.5 million in added

county income each year due to the higher earnings of former students and increased output of businesses.

# 2010 HCC Outstanding Alumni

The HCC Foundation and the HCC Alumni Leadership Board invite you to attend the 2010 HCC Outstanding Alumni luncheon.

Help us celebrate these outstanding alumni and their exceptional leadership in their profession, exemplary contributions to the community, and their positive influence on Hillsborough Community College.

Proceeds from this event support Alumni Scholarships

**When: November 3, 2010**

**Where: The Straz Center for the Performing Arts , Maestro's**

**Time: 11:30 - 1:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$40 (individual)  
\$30 ( faculty and staff)**

Parking: Available at the Poe garage – walkway to Maestro's.

To Purchase:

Online: [www.hccfl.edu/gwsc/foundation.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/gwsc/foundation.aspx) "donate now"

Call: (813) 253-7018



HCC Outstanding Alumnae, Mary Ann Stiles and Dr. Gwendolyn Stephenson

*"I cannot begin to tell you the many ways your scholarship will assist me as I pursue my educational goals ..."*

**Oksana**

## Alumni scholarship recipient

The Hillsborough Community College Alumni Association has awarded the fall 2010 alumni scholarship to Oksana, a paralegal student.

Oksana's academic focus is paralegal studies and she is a member of the honor society Phi Theta Kappa. Her long term academic and career goal is to become an immigration lawyer. Good Luck !

There are many more students like Oksana who need your help, did you know?

- Deadline to apply for a scholarship for Spring Term is October 15
- One third of HCC students require financial assistance.
- With the current economic conditions, HCC enrollment

have increased by 17%

- That means 7000 students will need your help.
- Please visit our HCC Foundation website for more information on scholarships that are available and learn how you can support an HCC student.

## Alumni Spotlight

### HCC graduate accepted to the U.S. Military Academy.

Rafael Waruinge last fall was a sophomore at Hillsborough Community College , taking a full load of classes and working full time at his family owned coffee shop, Café Kili in Temple Terrace. Waruinge never thought being accepted into the military academy was within reach.

He decided to attend a session that informed students of outreach scholarship programs available. He learned of the West Point opportunity and positioned himself to be considered for this exceptional postsecondary education. Rafael attributes his successes in life to serving as a role model for others, excelling academically ,and "doing right things right."

Please visit Café Kili ([www.cafekili.com](http://www.cafekili.com))

Rafael was inspired to represent the USA after his brother was killed at war defending the USA post 9-11



**Rafael & the Superintendent of the US Military Academy**



## It is easy to Join the HCC Alumni Association :

Mail a check to :  
9 Columbia Drive , Tampa, Florida 33606

Call and speak to a member of our staff:  
(813) 253-7114

Email : [alumni@hccfl.edu](mailto:alumni@hccfl.edu)

Facebook : Hillsborough Community  
College Alumni

Pay Online: [www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx](http://www.hccfl.edu/dao/alumni.aspx)

To unsubscribe, email : **Alumni@hccfl.edu**

## Join the HCC Alumni Association today and support student scholarships, and receive the following perks:

- Invites to Alumni and Foundation events
- Networking, socializing, and career support
- Support alumni scholarships
- Staying engaged with what is going on at HCC.

Joining the Alumni Association is your direct link to the HCC network. Not only does it demonstrate your pride in HCC, it helps support student scholarships.

When you join our association as an alumnus, parent or friend you will be invited to participate in HCC Foundation events and campus activities. We look forward to seeing you and hope you will join us in raising support for scholarship funds.



# HCC Alumni Career Support

Each HCC campus houses a Career Resource Center (CRC) staffed by a professional trained in to help you choose a career and mapping an educational pathway. The Centers has tools and services to help assess your skills , interests, explore various occupations, and prepare you for the job search. Alumni are invited to visit the centers on any of the five campuses or online 24 hours/ day.

Services offered:

- **Assessment**– Career assessment tests can help you discover who you are and which careers are right for you. Increase your self-awareness and choose a great career!
- **Job Search Skills**– Your resume is the key job search tool for presenting your skills, experi-

ence and education to the employer. HCC Career Resource Centers can help you write a winning resume and show you how to prepare for your next interview.

- **Alumni/Student Employment**– We can introduce you

to College Central Network and the Federal Work Study Program.

- **Employers**– Employers are invited to register for the HCC on line job board.
- HCC campuses offer job fairs to students and alumni.
- Visit: [www.hccfl.edu](http://www.hccfl.edu) for more information on HCC career centers.



**HCC job fair– held every April**