Hillsborough Community College Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

Tampa, FL – The Corporation for National and Community Service honored Hillsborough Community College yesterday with a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities.

According to HCC president Dr. Gwendolyn Stephenson, “HCC’s Service Learning program has been a truly rewarding experience for the entire college. The incorporation of civic responsibility and volunteerism into the curriculum has benefitted the community and enriched our student’s learning experience. We believe that by creating a culture of engagement, we will help create a more thoughtful citizenry.”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. This is the third consecutive year that HCC has been recognized with a place on the Presidential Honor Roll in its three years of existence.

“In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges,” said Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. “We salute Hillsborough Community College for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others.”

The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is presented during the annual conference of the American Council on Education.

“I offer heartfelt congratulations to those institutions named to the 2008 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day – as are the institutions that encourage...
their students to serve others,” said American Council on Education President Molly Corbett Broad.

Since its inception at HCC in the fall of 2002, more than 3800 students have volunteered over 40,000 hours towards community improvement. This is the third consecutive year that the Service Learning Program has been recognized on the Presidential Honor Roll.

Hillsborough Community College serves more than 43,000 students annually at campuses on Dale Mabry Highway, in Brandon, Plant City, Ruskin, and Ybor City. Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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