HCC Board of Trustees Dedicates Building

Davis Islands - Hillsborough Community College’s District Board of Trustees officially renamed the District Administrative Offices to The Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson Administration Center in a dedication ceremony today, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The ceremony took place in front of the building, located at 39 Columbia Drive on Davis Islands, where a permanent monument sign will mark the recognition. The building houses the office of the president as well as many of the administrative functions of the college’s operations.

“After Dr. Stephenson announced her retirement this past fall, our board deliberated about a fitting acknowledgement to honor her and her 13 years of tireless devotion to HCC. Upon reflection of all that she has accomplished, and that her leadership has enabled the college to accomplish our board could think of no better tribute than to name the building from which she served this college, our students, faculty, and staff so ably, so gracefully, and with such dignity,” according to board member Nancy Watkins.

Dr. Stephenson retires on June 30 after 13 years leading HCC. Some of the highlights during her tenure include the opening of HCC’s fifth campus, the SouthShore Center, the first U.S. Green Building Council gold level certified “green” community college in Florida; the creation of over 170 new academic programs; increasing the HCC Foundation, Inc.’s assets by over 241% including the distribution of over $3.5 million in scholarships; stabilizing the College’s enrollment which now serves over 45,000 students annually; and the opening of Hawks Landing, the College’s 420 bed student apartment complex at the Dale Mabry Campus.