

## **Student Activities Services, Clubs and Organizations**

### *New Student Orientation*

NSO offers new students a firm foundation of knowledge regarding student support services, campus safety, classroom expectations, and extra-curricular involvement opportunities. NSO attendees also participate in the freshmen connection component of the orientation, which allows them to meet and connect with other students. NSO attendees are given a tour of campus, to familiarize them with various support services offered in each of the buildings. In addition to large orientation sessions, multiple small orientations are held throughout the month of August. At these smaller orientation sessions, students receive expanded campus tours that include an overview of the topics covered at the more formalized NSO. Students on all campus tours are shown where their specific classes will be held.

### *General Services*

A vital role of Student Activities is the issue and maintenance of HCC ID cards and parking passes to all students, employees, and volunteers at the College. Student Activities also provides gaming equipment and laptops for borrowing purposes and opportunities for student leaders to attend workshops and conferences.

Approximately 5,900 (duplicated) students participated in events or activities on campus in FY 13. Approximately 4,500 (duplicated) students use the game room annually and 200 (duplicated) use the laptops annually. Approximately 970 students participated in campus clubs in FY 13 and approximately 1,500 students attended on-campus orientation sessions or accessed the on-line virtual orientation. Every student at HCC is served by the office through the ID process.

Student learning is facilitated in various ways. HCC ID cards are required to be carried at all times while on campus and updated each semester with a sticker indicating the student is currently enrolled. SGA members participate in two teambuilding sessions and two student leadership conferences each year to improve leadership skills. The group meets regularly to discuss their goals and plan events/activities which facilitate becoming a productive team member. Student clubs meet regularly and together plan both club and campus initiatives and events. Clubs are structured to allow students to develop collaboration, leadership, teambuilding skills. The office strives to develop a wide range of co-curricular opportunities for students to achieve their highest levels of personal and academic success by offering extra-curricular growth opportunities through cultural, social, recreational, and leadership enrichment programming. New Student Orientation is designed to engage and enlighten students to the academic and extra-curricular services offered on campus so they will take advantage of the many support systems available, while forming an initial bond with other incoming freshmen. HCC's College Guide is designed to be a tool for students to access to learn more about the important dates to keep track of for their classes, procedures for academic and student affairs-related issues, Student Code of Conduct, student support services, campus safety and extra-curricular opportunities.