

Housatonic CC role worth celebrating

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Since its beginning in 1966 in a rented building in Stratford, [Housatonic Community College](#) has been giving the opportunity for a college education to a segment of the population that might otherwise just have to have done without.

Whether obstacles were financial, academic, cultural, all of the above or others, HCC has been there for thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to earn higher degrees and embark on fulfilling careers.

This weekend the college will honor three of its alumni, people who are strong representatives of the community college role: [David J. Peck](#), recently retired chief of the [Fairfield Police Department](#); [Janet L. Janczewski](#), retired senior counsel at the [Southern Connecticut Gas Co.](#); and [Frances Newby](#), chief human resources officer at the [Southwest Community Health Center](#).

Coincidentally, the college is mourning the death earlier this month of Dr. [Vincent S. Darnowski](#), its president from 1974 to 1996 and the man who worked effectively to move the college from its home in an old factory on the city's East Side, to its downtown location.

Under the guidance of President [Anita T. Gliniecki](#) and support from the Housatonic Community College Foundation, which has awarded more than \$440,000 in scholarships since its start in 1990, the college continues to play a key role in the community.

Information on the Friday and Saturday night festivities surrounding the honoring of the HCC alumni can be had by contacting [Maureen Dowdle](#) at mdowdle@hcc.commnet.edu, or at 203-332-5078.