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Hillsborough Community College President Dr. Ken Atwater named to the Tampa Bay Business Journal Power 100 list

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Tampa, FL - Hillsborough Community College (HCC) is proud to announce President Dr. Ken Atwater has been recognized as a member of the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Power 100 list. The list recognizes Tampa Bay's most influential business leaders.

Between his commitment to education and service on a multitude of local and national organizations, it is evident that Dr. Atwater and the college community are deeply invested in seeing the region elevated to new heights.

Dr. Atwater was recently elected chairman of the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Dr. Atwater accepted his position during the 2016 annual meeting where the Tampa Hillsborough EDC celebrated another great year of thriving economic growth and community success.

In addition to being a part of the leadership of the Tampa Hillsborough EDC, he is past chairman of the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, the Museum of Science & Industry's National Board and the CEO Council.

Dr. Ken Atwater became the seventh president of HCC on July 1, 2010. Founded in 1968, HCC is currently the seventh largest community college in Florida's state college system, serving more than 45,000 students each year at its five campuses and three centers. HCC offers more than 160 academic options, including 30 associate in arts transfer tracks and over 130 workforce programs, has an annual budget of over $168 million and employs more than 2,300. Over 84 percent of HCC graduates stay in the local community, and, together, HCC and its former students contribute more than $1.1 billion in added income and economic impact to Hillsborough County. HCC is also the tenth largest associate degree producing two-year institution in the country.

Dr. Atwater earned his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University, and Master and Bachelor of Science degrees from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.

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