

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## HISD partners with HCC, MAREK to provide students free construction certifications

**WHAT:** A commitment ceremony will take place Wednesday for dozens of Houston Independent School District students who are enrolled in a new dual credit, two-year construction certification program at Houston Community College in partnership with MAREK, a specialty construction company.

Students in HISD's new construction Career and Technical Education (CTE) program attend Austin and Milby high schools and currently spend a portion of their instructional day at HCC's Southeast Campus, where they learn general construction skills from a former MAREK field supervisor who is a certified drywall craft instructor.

The students will work as paid interns at MAREK during the summer of 2020. By the time they graduate high school in 2021, they will have obtained a Level I certificate from HCC, drywall credentials and they will have job offers in hand from MAREK.

As with all HISD CTE programs, students in the MAREK Construction Academy are being provided with instruction, books, transportation, tools, and other equipment at no cost to them and their families.

**WHO:** HISD Board of Education Trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer **Rick Cruz**, Assistant Superintendent Career Readiness **Michael Love**, HCC Trustees, HCC Chancellor **Cesar Maldonado**, HCC Associate Vice-Chancellor Workforce Instruction **Michael Webster**, MAREK CEO **Stan Marek**, MAREK Managing Director **Jorge Rodriguez**, MAREK Director of Talent Development **Sabra Phillips**, HISD students, parents and staff

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 9  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Program begins

**WHERE:** HCC Southeast College  
6815 Rustic St., 77087 – Learning Hub, Room 108

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