New Student Orientation Program (NSO)

Students will participate in four basic activities:

1. **Orientatration**: Students will be provided with basic information about the program requirements, grading system, schedules, extracurricular activities, student responsibilities, and other information.
2. **Information Booths**: Information booths are designed to help students and parents become familiarized with policies and procedures for residential living, registration, student services, financial aid, student code of conduct, support services and community services.
3. **Placement Testing**: Students will take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exam to determine placement for English and Math courses.
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NSO is a required program for all students enrolling for the first time. This includes new students, transfer students, and international students. If students are exempt, they must submit a form to the Director of Admissions. If students do not attend NSO, they will generally not be permitted to register for the Fall semester. (Exceptions to this rule will be considered on an individual basis.)

**Program Costs**
- Registration: $325.00 *
- *Must be postmarked by July 29, 2017
- The fee includes but is not limited to room, meals, activities, tip, tests, and materials/supplies.
- If a student receives DRS/VR support, authorizations and purchase orders must be mailed to the Howard College Business Office or faxed to 432-264-5133 no later than Tuesday, August 1, 2017.
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