

Thank You for Attending the 2024 Artificial Intelligence Conference

Hello everyone,

On behalf of Houston Community College, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our third annual Gulf Coast Conference & Expo on Artificial Intelligence in 2024.

Thanks to the dedication of our students, faculty, staff, speakers, panelists, exhibitors, sponsors, and volunteers, the event was a resounding success. We were thrilled to see a diverse group of professionals, researchers, and enthusiasts come together to share insights, exchange ideas, and explore the latest advancements in AI.

We had an impressive turnout with 162 attendees from Academia and 128 from Industry. The quality of the keynotes, panels, and presentations was exceptional, receiving very positive feedback. It was inspiring to see the connections made and the knowledge shared, leading to exciting future collaborations for Houston Community College and our students.

Our success would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors:

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Special thanks to our in-kind donors: Greater Houston Partnership, PepsiCo Foundation, Frito-Lay, Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, and Houston Community College Foundation. We are also grateful to the HCC College Activity Board for covering the conference breakfast and the PepsiCo

Foundation for providing snacks and water.

A heartfelt thank you to our keynote speakers, Anshul Sonak and Dr. Bradbury, whose talks left a lasting impact. Our panels, workshops, and student project presentations were highlights of the conference.

We appreciate all the organizations that participated, including:

- · HCC Coleman College
- · HCC Computer Science Association student club
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Special thanks to our HCC Southwest College marketing team, district marketing team, West Houston Institute staff, past and current CSA board members, all our volunteers, and the HCC AV and Networking teams. For photos of the conference, visit HCC's official Flickr account. Please use these pictures responsibly. We also have raw footage of the conference, which we will be editing into a final clip to share.

We encourage you to help us secure more sponsorships for next year. These funds allow us to provide more opportunities for our students, swag, prizes, and more. If interested, please contact Kristina Perez at kristina.perez@hccs.edu.

Thank you once again for your participation and support. We appreciate your commitment to advancing AI, and we look forward to the opportunities ahead. Please stay tuned for updates about next year's conference. If you have any feedback or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out. In the meantime, please fill out our quick survey: <u>Survey Link</u>.

We look forward to seeing you at our AI Conference next year!

Sincerely,

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