

## ***The Commission on the Future***

The Commission's purpose is to identify innovative ideas, emerging issues, and alternatives for the future of Howard Community College (HCC). Objectives for the Commission include:

- Identifying innovative ideas and alternatives to be considered in preparing HCC for the future.
- Increasing HCC's responsiveness to the emerging learning needs of Howard County.
- Establishing a process that will serve as a model for continued citizen participation in helping the college prepare for the future.
- Creating a widely understood and shared vision for the future of HCC.
- Promoting an understanding of the mission of HCC.

The Commission involves 50 or more citizens with interests in the economic, cultural, and educational development of Howard County. The Commission forms task forces that meet monthly during the fall semester. The members of the task force are joined by HCC faculty and staff to explore HCC current practice and discuss new opportunities. After the Commission report is delivered in January, the Commission receives an annual update on the status of the recommendations.