

## **NHC Recruitment Video Transcript**

*Student:* If I could use one word to describe my experience at North Harris College it would be, “Inspirational.” The faculty and staff at NHC truly inspire you to discover your full potential and at the same time provide a supportive learning environment that nurtures and brings out the best in you.

*Student:* I would have never dreamed that by attending NHC I could achieve my educational goals and thought my only option was to enroll in a large university to do so, but I was mistaken. North Harris College continues to surprise me by providing options that are right for me to complete my educational goals and achieve my dreams.

*Administrator:* The faculty and staff here at NHC don’t only believe in our vision, which is to be the center of learning and culture in our community by becoming the college of first choice for all learners, but they do things to live this vision each and everyday. In essence, we are here as the community’s college...a place for individuals to discover their true paths on this little journey called life. North Harris College is truly a place to *Start Something...*

*Narrator:* Deciding on a college experience is not an easy task, and choosing a college that’s right for you can be one of the most important decisions you’ll ever make. Since 1973, North Harris College’s community of caring and committed individuals has helped more than a half a million people make the right decision by providing academic learning environments that prepare students to transfer to four-year universities and by offering workforce and training opportunities that ultimately lead to gainful employment in a variety of career fields. Our excellent professors are committed to partnering with students in and out of the classroom in order to lay a solid foundation for the journey called life.

*Professor:* My greatest joy as a North Harris College professor radiates from the satisfaction of knowing that I make a real difference in the lives of my students. I typically begin the first day of class by asking my students the question, “What are you truly passionate about...what drives you?” Based upon individual responses, I make every attempt to co-create learning

partnerships that help develop the skills necessary for students to be successful inside, as well as outside of the classroom.

*Professor:* Much of the magic happens within the classroom. But offering programs that enhance student potential and ingrain a sense of confidence and integrity in our students is also vital to their success. NHC's Honors Program does just that.

*Narrator:* NHC's commitment to student success is unsurpassed and we believe that success begins in the classroom, and is further nurtured outside of the classroom. With an average student-teacher ration of 18 to 1, NHC's excellent professors are able to provide personal attention in small class settings, which contributes to higher levels of success. But success in the classroom can only be made possible with the support of programs designed to enhance the learning experience. North Harris College offers a variety of learning support services delivered by a thoroughly trained faculty and staff. These services are offered through a comprehensive, full-service library and a learning center that provides learning resources, tutoring, and enhanced-skills programs as well as an open access, state-of-the-art computer lab. But any learning experience would not be complete without having a little fun.

*Student:* North Harris College offers a lot of student-centered events and activities that make it a fun place to be. Between classes, I can hang out with my friends at *Student Central*—NHC's student center—and play pool or watch movies in the theater room. I can participate in many of the intramural sports NHC has to offer. Some of the teams even compete against other colleges and universities. I can also burn off some calories and stay in shape at the college's comprehensive fitness center.

*Students:* The opportunities to become active in many of the student-oriented clubs and groups at NHC really make you feel like you're a huge part of something worthwhile. When I first came to NHC, I had the impression that the college was just a "commuter campus"...a place to take classes and leave. Boy was I wrong! I quickly became active in several clubs where I met several people with similar goals, interests, and aspirations.

*Narrator:* Learning, developing one's potential, and having fun are synonymous with the development of the whole person. At North Harris College, we believe that developing the whole person is essential in order to be successful. That is why the college experience at NHC includes many services that cater to the variety of situations today's students face each and every day. In an effort to develop the whole person, a team of highly-trained advisors and counselors partner with students to co-create roadmaps to success that enhances the journey.

*Advisor/Counselor:* Here at NHC, we don't just prescribe a plan. In partnership with students, we co-develop a path to success that's based upon individual student needs and desires...a path that allows the student's full potential to unfold. We don't see the student as just a number, but an individual who may confront demanding challenges and potential roadblocks to success. We realize and understand that students may experience conditions surrounding their lives such as financial challenges, developmental learning, transportation issues, and other obstacles that may place roadblocks on the path to success. Our job is to help remove these roadblocks to success.

*Narrator:* One of the largest roadblocks to success faced by many of our students is finding the financial means to attend college. With skyrocketing tuition hikes taking place at most major four-year universities and staggering proprietary school costs, North Harris College offers modest tuition rates that make it affordable to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. NHC also offers financial aid opportunities such as grants, loans, and scholarships that help supplement or in some cases absorb the cost of tuition, fees, and books.

*Financial Aid Advisor:* I feel as though I have one of the most rewarding jobs on campus in support of student learning and student goal achievement. Many students visit me with the desire to start something here at North Harris College, but often times don't believe they have the capacity to fulfill their ambitions because of a lack of financial resources. I walk them through a process that demonstrates the possibilities of receiving various forms of aid that may assist them in achieving their educational goals. My message to these students is, "If there's a will, there's a way."

*Narrator:* So, where do *you* go from here? What do *you* aspire to be? What are *you* truly passionate about? With 39 degrees and 69 certificates leading to cutting-edge workforce- and career-related fields, North Harris College offers something for just about everyone. Choose from a wide variety of programs leading to some of the hottest jobs in technical-, health-, business-, and service-related fields.

*Dean:* We offer programs and opportunities that lead to careers in high-demand, high paying occupations. And it doesn't stop there. Our alumni regularly return to NHC for retraining or career enhancement, especially through our Continuing Education division, which offers a variety of leisure-, business-, health-, and technical-related courses. NHC alumni are a very proud part of our college family and they serve as a testament to the excellent opportunities North Harris College readily offers. In fact, many of our alumni, along with community members, visit the college on a regular basis just to take advantage of our fantastic visual, applied and performing arts events.

*Narrator:* North Harris College serves as North Houston's cultural and performing arts nexus by offering the areas only juried art gallery and Performing Arts Theater. Whether your pleasure is drama, dance, music or fine arts, NHC offers something for the whole family. What makes the college's visual, applied and performing arts programs unique are its students. And in addition to a wide variety of student-oriented productions and art shows, world-renown guest artists and lecturers frequently visit the college to captivate audiences and inspire students.

*Student:* If I gained one thing here at NHC its confidence. Imagine a timid, reserved, first-time freshman stepping onto a college campus feeling scared and alone. Well...that was me. Cash Carpenter, the head of the drama department, recognized something special in me. He called it "hidden talent." I called it, "terrified!" Professor Carpenter saw something in me and was willing to help me develop it. Today, because of him, I'm a more confident person and feel as though I can accomplish anything I put my heart and mind to.

*Narrator:* Not quite ready to attend North Harris College full-time? Remember, as a junior or senior in high school you can take advantage of NHC's Dual Credit program, which allows qualifying students to take high school and college courses at the same time. Some students have graduated from high school with as many as 30 or more college credits and others have actually received an associate's degree before receiving their high school diploma!

*Parent & Student:* North Harris College's Dual Credit program has been a saving grace for our family. With the cost of tuition rising and the expenses involved in putting my children through college, I was able to save a lot of money by having two of my children participate in NHC's Dual Credit program, not to mention that they both received major jumpstarts in their college education. Thank you, North Harris College.

*Narrator:* So, what does North Harris College have to offer you? Schedule your personal campus tour by contacting one of our friendly student outreach and recruitment coordinators at 281.618.7823 [flash phone number on screen]. Or, visit our Web site at [www.northharriscollege.com](http://www.northharriscollege.com) [flash Web address on screen] to find out more information. Find out for yourself about the wonderful things North Harris College has to offer you. Start something, today!