Dr. Irene Porcarello

Dr. Irene Porcarello serves as the Vice Chancellor for Student Services. She earned her Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and Counseling from Sam Houston State University in 2010. Coming from an impoverished background, Irene realized that a solid education would help open the doors to success and provide lifetime career opportunities. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in English from the University of Houston in 1972, and followed with her Master’s Degree in Social Work specializing in community planning and organizing. Dr. Porcarello joined HCC in 1982 as a Grant Specialist, and within a year was promoted to Campus Director. She later held the position of Dean of Student Development for three campuses, and functioned in the roles of Deputy to the Chancellor and Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Development from 2001-2005. In 2008, Dr. Porcarello stepped into the position as HCC Southeast College President, which has led to her current position. One of her most recent accomplishments was being honored by the National Women of Achievement Organization with a Profile of Prominence Award in 2008.