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Dr. Jean Svacina, Dean of the Division of English and World Languages and Professor of ESL, is committed to excellence in teaching and service in leadership. As an instructor, Jean is passionate about her teaching and values the insights and determination of her students; she believes she learns as much from them as she hopes they do from her.

In recognition of her efforts, Jean has been cited frequently as an 'Outstanding Faculty Member' for her division and was also selected as the college's 'Outstanding Faculty of the Year.' She received additional attention from the Chamber of Commerce as one of seven excellent educators in Howard County.

In addition to her teaching, Jean has dedicated herself to many initiatives including serving on the First Year Experience and College Readiness teams; participating in global program development; and assisting with the design and implementation of a reorganization of the college. Jean is co-founder of the English Language Institute, an intensive language program that was created through a joint effort between the credit and non-credit ESL programs at HCC. Jean and her colleagues were recognized for their efforts with this Institute and were announced winners of a TYCA (Two-Year College Association) award given in the category of "Reaching Across Borders."

In her role as Division Dean, Jean presents frequently on leadership topics both locally and nationally. She completed the Global Leadership Academy (The Netherlands), a year-long international program that explores the many facets of both national and global transformational leadership and the Advanced Leadership Program. With the Chair Academy, Jean also serves as a leadership development facilitator.

Dr. Svacina's other interests include 'Globalizing the Curriculum,' a college-wide effort which focuses on developing the global competency skills of students and faculty so that they are better prepared for the global environment and workplace of today. In 2012 her team's work on creating the *Global Distinction* program earned the *Andrew Heiskell International* award for best practice in global program development.