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# **HENDS** *Connection*

Hinds Connection are our  
*College Ambassadors!*

They are the student recruiting and public relations team for the Hinds.



# Connection History

- Connection was founded in **1978** by former college President, Dr. Clyde Muse. Original duties involved serving at teas, receptions, and dinners.
- In 1979 the College's first recruiter was employed, and recruiting duties were added to Hinds Connection.
- Over time, Connection became a leadership program that offered college credit.
- So... Hinds Connection is a 1) **student organization**, 2) **college class**, and 3) **leadership development program**, BUT at its true core, Connection's truest purpose is to **serve the College**. ❤️



← *Back in the Day!*

# Connection Today

- Connection Ambassador's main focus is on student recruitment and servant leadership: "Everybody can be *great* because everybody can *serve*." – Martin Luther King, Jr.
- In Connection, we also serve each *other* in kindness, friendship, and respect and we become a FAMILY.



# *Hinds Connection Responsibilities*

1. Provide campus tours to prospective students and families.
2. Work at on-campus recruiting events, such as senior preview day, and visit local high schools.
3. Serve as an ambassador at official college events, such as Homecoming, alumni events, golf tournaments, and Board of Trustees luncheons.



# *Some of our Events...*



*Tailgates*



*Recruiting Events*



*Homecoming*



*Scholarship Receptions*

# *Even More Events...*



*Special Events*



*Golf Tournament*



*Something else*   
*that looks official!*



# *Leadership Credit*

**Connection members are required to enroll in a Leadership course each semester. That's right – you earn college credit for this!**

- **LEA 1912      Leadership & Communication Skills I      2 credit hours**
- **LEA 1922      Leadership & Communication Skills II      2 credit hours**
- **LEA 2912      Leadership & Communication Skills III      2 credit hours**
- **LEA 2922      Leadership & Communication Skills IV      2 credit hours**





# Connection Class

## *When Does Class Meet?*

Since the Leadership course that Hinds Connection students take is a **two-credit hour** course, that means class “meets” **two hours** per week.

- However, we don't always meet as a group.
- Instead, Connection members work in the Enrollment Center & Recruiting Office two hours per week.
- We call these “**Connection Service Hours**”, and you get to choose your two hours!
- Attendance is taken for those two hours per week since that is considered your class meeting time.
- So.... Connection Service Hours 2/week = Going to Class twice/week.
- Example: your Connection Service Hours in the Fall are Fridays from 1 pm – 3 pm. Your attendance is taken twice that week: once for the 1:00 hour and once for the 2:00 hour.
- Another Example: your Connection Services Hours are Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 am in the Fall. Your attendance is taken twice: once on Monday and once on Friday.

## *Club Meetings*

We still may need to have special group meetings several times each semester where we make announcements and plans!

# Your Leadership Grade



**Connection Service Hours = Going to class** (Just like you have to go to an Algebra class each week!)

**But....**

**Points = How you earn a grade in the Connection Leadership Course** (Just like doing homework and taking tests is how you earn a grade in that Algebra class!)

**450 points per semester** are required to both receive an “A” in the course *and* maintain your membership:

**HOW** you get points:

- 10 points/hour for Connection Service Hours, Campus Tours, and Events.
- Example: a semester is about 15 weeks. So, you should get 300 points from your Connection Service hours alone. (AKA: your two-hour class each week!)
- Example: you work the Golf Fun Fest in September from 7 am – 5 pm, and you get 100 points. (It’s on a Thursday, and, YES, you get a school excuse for this – Woo Hoo!)
- Pro Tip: Most Connection members get WAAAY more points. 450 is just the bare minimum.

\*No points for Club Meetings, Trainings, and Socials.

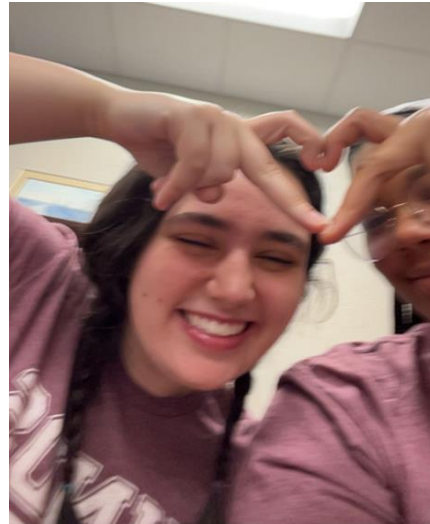


# *Work Hard...Play Hard!*



Connection members work hard on a volunteer basis out of a desire to serve and grow as a communicator and leader. But we also know how to cut loose! We have several “socials” each semester just to relax and fellowship together.

# Some of our Socials....



# *Even more Socials...let the good times roll!*



# *So...what are the Benefits of Connection:*

- Be a part of a meaningful team that serves the college.
- Make lifelong friends and college memories.
- Develop leadership and communication skills.
- Build your professional network by working with college administrators and community leaders.
- Earn transferrable college credit in the Connection Leadership courses.
- Eat a lot of free food and just have fun!





*Are you  
interested?*

# Application & Selection

- ❑ Complete a Hinds Connection Application at [www.hindscc.edu/connection](http://www.hindscc.edu/connection).
- ❑ Submit two letters of recommendation and a typed resume by email to [Connection@hindscc.edu](mailto:Connection@hindscc.edu)
- ❑ First-time freshmen: must have ACT score of 20+ *or* a high school GPA of 2.75 or above. Current college students who have already completed one semester of college: you **MUST** have a 2.75+ cumulative GPA
- ❑ Be free of any disciplinary action.
- ❑ Be invited to interview with members of the Connection Advisory Board.
- ❑ Demonstrate leadership and extracurricular involvement in high school or college, have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and show enthusiasm and a love for Hinds!
- ❑ This one is important, too: be of good moral character and integrity. These are traits necessary for an Ambassador who represent our College and our reputation.



# Maintaining Connection Membership

If selected to Hinds Connection, here's how to ACCEPT and MAINTAIN membership:

- ❑ Attend a Mandatory Training at the Raymond campus: Friday, August 23 from 5 pm – 9 pm and Saturday, August 24 from 9 pm – 8 pm.
- ❑ Enroll in 15 or more credit hours each semester and complete each semester with 12 or more hours (*the majority of your classes must be on the Raymond Campus.*)
- ❑ Maintain a 2.5+ cumulative Hinds GPA.
- ❑ Earn an “A” in the Connection course each semester.
- ❑ Represent the College at all times with dignity and professionalism and conduct yourself in a manner that brings respect to the College and Connection.
- ❑ Be a team-player: demonstrate your contribution to the team and work well with your fellow Connection members!
- ❑ Attend Connection social events throughout the year to stay connected!
- ❑ Maintain good moral character & be loyal to and supportive of Hinds.



# What's Next?

If you are interested in Connection, the deadline to apply for the Fall 2024 Connection Class and submit ALL requirements is **August 14, 2024**.

- The Connection Sponsors will then select applicants to interview.
- After interviews are conducted, decision letters will be emailed.
- If selected, you must confirm your place in Connection by signing a Connection contract and attending a *mandatory* Connection training on the Raymond Campus on Friday, August 23 from 5 pm – 9 pm and on Saturday, August 24 from 9 pm – 8 pm.



*We hope to you receive your application!*



# Bonus Pics



# Questions?

Email us at [Connection@hindscc.edu](mailto:Connection@hindscc.edu)