

ALUMNI CONNECT



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College experiences record enrollment

This fall, total enrollment across HACC's five campuses and the online Virtual Campus increased 5.7 percent with an all-time high of more than 21,800 students. The Gettysburg Campus reached new heights with enrollment hovering at nearly 20 percent more students than last fall. Students attending the Lebanon Campus jumped 10.4 percent, while the York Campus continues its fast growth with a 10.3 percent increase. Enrollment at the Lancaster Campus held steady, the Harrisburg Campus has a 4 percent increase, and 7.6 percent more students are taking online classes in HACC's Virtual Campus.

HACC alumnus named College's interim president

Ronald R. Young, provost and vice president of academic affairs and enrollment management, has been named HACC's interim president. He will serve in that role until the HACC Board of Trustees appoints a new president. Young has been employed at the college for more than 30 years, starting as a faculty member, rising to dean, and then to vice president of academic affairs. He is a



1967 HACC graduate, earning his associate degree in mathematics before completing a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1969 and a master's degree in computer science in 1985, both at Shippensburg University. He also holds a master's degree in education (mathematics/secondary education) from Penn State University. [More](#)

Help PA community

colleges

HACC interim president, Ron Young, is urging all HACC alumni and friends of the college to support the new statewide community college advocacy campaign by signing an [online petition](#). The petition urges state officials to provide greater financial support for Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges and their nearly 500,000 credit and noncredit students.



The petition is part of Advance PA: Community Colleges Leading the Way, a communications and advocacy campaign that was launched at PA Community College Lobby Day at the State Capitol on April 27.

Career help at your fingertips

[CareerSpots](#) are new online videos that HACC's Career Services is offering alumni and students free. The videos feature "real" students who discuss such career and job search concerns as resume writing, interviewing skills, networking, and dressing for success. Each video is only a few minutes long and includes a downloadable handout with additional information and tips.

HACC also provides a no-cost online service that allows alumni to use a local employment data base. Through HACC's [College Central Network](#) (CCN), you can search for full-time, part-time, or seasonal positions or post your resume for employers to review.

The Career Services professional staff at all HACC campuses offers an array of career-related services and workshops; most are free to alumni. [More](#)

Art exhibits enhance HACC campuses

Fair and fluffy or ominous and stormy, Bloomsburg University art professor Vincent Hron's cloudscape paintings offer a wide range of temperament, beauty and imagery. His works will be on display through September 17 in the Rose Lehrman Art Gallery at HACC's Harrisburg



Campus. Hron will give a free lecture on Thursday, September 2, at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center theatre beginning at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Arts Center's Rose Garden.

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At the HACC-Lancaster Campus, Philadelphia artist Gina Michaels is exhibiting "Contemplating Nature: Sculpture and Prints" in the art space in the East Building through September 29. A reception for the artist is scheduled on Thursday, September 16, from 5-7 p.m. in the art space. [More](#)



Dealing with career change

Whether by force or choice, changing careers is never easy. Learn effective strategies for managing change by attending "Switching Gears: Successfully Facing a Career Change" at HACC's Lancaster Campus on Wednesday, September 22, at 5:00 p.m. The workshop is free. [More](#)

HACC-Gettysburg Campus offers series on Microsoft fundamentals

HACC alumni who want to learn new computer skills for home or work can take advantage of Microsoft's "My PC" series offered this fall by the Continuing Education Division at the Gettysburg Campus. The series takes a jargon-free approach to teaching a variety of "getting started" personal computer (PC) topics. The four short, hands-on workshops cover such PC fundamentals as navigating Windows 7 and using free Windows Live tools for photo editing, and social networking.

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HACC-Lancaster Campus begins semester with new VP

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., the new campus vice president at the Lancaster Campus, is excited about the more than 4,800 students who started fall classes August 23. "What I've found here at the Lancaster Campus and what inspires me is that HACC is the place for all types of learners," Washington said. "In my short

time here, I am amazed at the diversity of our students, from high school to retirement, and diversity of programs.”

Washington took the reins at the Lancaster Campus on July 26. Before joining the HACC administration, he was vice president of student services at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Michigan. [More](#)

Bike ride benefits HACC student

This year’s Paradise Rotary Amish Country Classic Bike Ride, held on Saturday, September 11, is dedicated to the spirit of those first responders who displayed unparalleled heroism on September 11, 2001. The Rotary is honoring their “service above self” by setting aside a portion of the ride’s proceeds to provide financial assistance to a first responder student from Lancaster County who is attending HACC. [More](#)

Women on the Move makes a stop at HACC-Gettysburg Campus

Women on the Move, HACC’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies’ annual conference for female entrepreneurs, pulls into the Gettysburg Campus of HACC on Friday, September 24. This year’s event offers new and timely topics designed to advance entrepreneurs and their small businesses. It takes place from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room. [More](#)

Explore the Big Apple

Join other HACC alumni on Saturday, November 20, for a fun-filled day in New York City. The HACC Alumni Association has chartered five buses for HACC alumni, family members, and friends. The buses will be leaving from HACC’s Harrisburg, Gettysburg and Lancaster Campuses. Once there, you are on your own to shop, catch a Broadway play, or explore the city’s many attractions. Cost: \$40 per person. [More](#)

HACC alumni in the news

HACC takes pride in its alumni. With more than 50,000 members, HACC is making a difference in communities and workplaces in Central Pennsylvania, across the nation, and around the world. Find out what our [graduates](#) are doing. Please [share your news](#) with us, so we can publish it in future issues of *Alumni Connect* or our *Connections* magazine.

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