

ALUMNI CONNECT



February 2012



The first of a series of alumni "Salsa with Ski" sessions is planned for Thursday, April 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at HACC's Lancaster Campus. This informal event gives you a chance to:

- Meet John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., HACC's new president, and L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., vice president of the Lancaster Campus
- Reconnect with faculty
- Network with other HACC graduates

Light hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages will be served. Please register for the free event by contacting Holly King by phone, 717-358-2976, or [email](#) by Monday, April 2. If there is a faculty member you'd like to see, please let us know when you R.S.V.P.

Community colleges like HACC are quickly adapting

By John J. "Ski" Sygielski, as printed in the *Patriot-News* on February 7, 2012.

The Pew Research Center recently reported disturbing statistics for higher education. It found that a majority of Americans (57 percent) say our higher education system fails to provide students with good value for the money they and their families spend. An even larger majority — 75 percent — say college is too expensive. [Read more on Pennlive.com.](#)

"Nerd Nite" comes to HACC

Midtown

Alumni are invited to the premier event of "Nerds in the Burg" on Friday, February 17, from 5-8 p.m. at HACC's Midtown 2 site, 1500 N. Third Street, Harrisburg. This is part of the "3rd in the Burg" activities that will held citywide in Harrisburg.

On Midtown's second floor, galleries in the East and West Hallways will feature "Earth as Art" and "Typography as Art." There will also be two quirky talks on the same topics from Dr. Jay Parrish (Penn State) and Carl Petersheim (HACC Web faculty). Don't miss this fun, exciting, and nerdy event! [More](#)

Join the HACC Alumni Association

Congratulations December graduates! We invite you to become a member of the HACC Alumni Association which is absolutely FREE. All you need to do is activate your membership [online](#).

Check out the [benefits](#) that come with being a HACC alumnus and how you can become [involved](#) with your alma mater. You are always welcome—and encouraged—to return to campus.

Show your HACC pride



Show pride in your alma mater. HACC bookstores are offering alumni a 10 percent discount on all gifts and merchandise. You can purchase alumni merchandise at the HACC bookstores on all campuses or visit the HACC [Bookstore](#) Web site to buy your gifts online. When buying online, use the coupon code `haccalumni` (all lower case letters) to get your discount.

HACC-Lancaster Campus partners with 4-year schools



Lancaster area residents now can complete one of five programs leading to a bachelor's degree at their home-town community college, the Lancaster Campus of HACC. The college has partnered with four-year institutions to deliver degree-completion programs in high-demand careers in the region.

Bachelor's degree programs available this fall at the HACC-Lancaster Campus include:

- Early childhood education offered by Millersville University
- Health care management offered by Immaculata University
- Nursing offered by Immaculata University
- Business administration offered by Elizabethtown College
- Crime and justice offered by Albright College

Find out more about these programs during an information session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, in room 203 of the East Building at HACC-Lancaster Campus, 1641 Old Philadelphia Pike. [More](#)

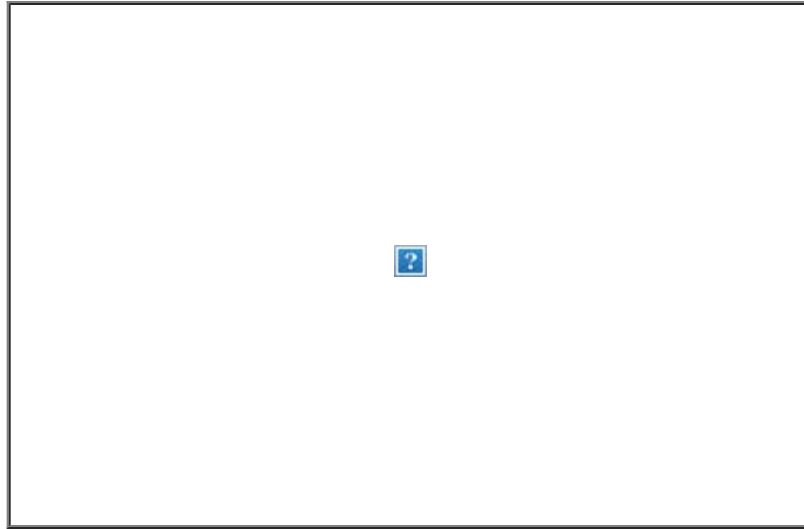
HACC podcasts recognized

What do HACC, Yale, Duke, Stanford and MIT have in common? Their faculty were recognized by Apple in New York City on January 19 for the ways they "enlarge knowledge" for our students through the use of podcasts. In fact, math faculty, Pauline Chow (Harrisburg Campus) and Pam Watkins (Lancaster Campus), were quoted in an article in *Inside Higher Education*.

Congratulations to HACC faculty who have published podcasts to help supplement classroom instruction for our students throughout the world!

Learn more by reading Chow's "behind the scenes" editorial published February 1 in the [Patriot News](#).

Experience Latin dance with Ballet Hispanico



On Tuesday, March 13, experience the vibrancy and style of Latin dance by attending Ballet Hispanico at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the Harrisburg Campus. The dance troupe engages audiences as it features "Espiritu Vivo," a new work by choreographer Ronald K. Brown. The piece combines traditional and modern movement set to percussive Caribbean rhythms. The 7:30 p.m. event is sponsored by your HACC Alumni Association. [More details.](#)

Discover the virtues of online education

Learn more about HACC's Virtual Campus and what online education is all about by participating in HACC's free Webinar on Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Topics covered include:

- Online learning format
- Online learning self-assessment
- Online orientation and sample course tour
- Student activities and events

Register [here for March 28.](#)

Have you visited HACC's Career Services Centers?

HACC's [Career Services](#) is committed to providing guidance and resources that empower HACC alumni to reach their career-related goals. The professional staff provide personalized career counseling and coaching and other resources for obtaining employment—most at no cost to you. They can also help in assessing your interests, personality traits, and skills so that you can make informed decisions about your career goals.

In addition, Career Services staff can assist you with:

- Writing effective resumes and cover letters
- Developing good interview skills
- Planning your job search

Career counseling professionals are available at all HACC campuses. Just give them a [call](#) or send an [e-mail](#). Check out spring workshops at our campuses in [Gettysburg](#), [Harrisburg](#), and [Lancaster](#).

Need help paying for college?

HACC can provide answers. It's not too late to get financial aid to help pay for you or a family member's college education. Find out how by attending free financial aid sessions offered Feb. 23 at all five HACC campuses in Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York from 6-7:30 p.m. The seminars are open to everyone. [More](#)

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 "HACC Alumni Connect" or our "HACC Connections" magazine. [More](#)

Explore the Big Apple

Join other HACC alumni on Saturday, May 26, for a fun-filled day in New York City. The HACC Alumni Association has chartered

two buses for HACC alumni, family members, and friends. The buses leave HACC's Harrisburg Campus promptly at 7:00 a.m. Once there, you are on your own to shop, catch a Broadway show, or explore the city's many attractions. Cost: \$40 per person. [More details.](#)

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