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## Commencement volunteers needed



HACC is soliciting alumni volunteers for the spring Commencement ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Volunteers are needed to help direct students and guests throughout the complex and assist students in robing and assembling for the procession. The HACC Alumni Association also needs help giving out free t-shirts to graduates after the ceremony.

You will be given a specific assignment, a parking pass, parking map and reporting directions before the event. Refreshments will also be provided. If you want to usher or help students robe, we ask that you report no later than 8:15 a.m. on May 16. If you want to distribute t-shirts, please arrive by 11 a.m.

Send an email to [alumniassociation@hacc.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@hacc.edu) if you can help.

# Thank you!



In March, the HACC Foundation asked alumni to serve on our scholarship selection committees. You responded – **103 alumni volunteered.**

Your help with this project will ensure we are selecting the right candidates for our scholarships. Thank you for giving back to HACC!

HACC students also thank alumni for contributing to the HACC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Your gift, along with donations from fellow alumni, enabled your Alumni Association to award scholarships to nine deserving students this spring. Students receiving HACC Alumni Association scholarships were:

Student Name	Campus
Nicole Brand	Harrisburg
Sonya Myer	Harrisburg
Debra Hershey	Lancaster
Michael Powell	Harrisburg
Vandon Tricamo	Lebanon
Brandy Stabley	Harrisburg
Caroline Allen	Lancaster
Charles Tilkens Jr.	Lancaster
Michelle Gherardi	Lancaster/Virtual

## HACC celebrates it alumni

HACC wants to celebrate YOU by including alumni profiles on our webpages, in the Alumni Connect newsletter and on our social media sites. The College also plans to feature alumni in its student recruitment materials.

If you are willing to be featured in this way, please go to <http://www.hacc.edu/stories/> and follow the simple instructions. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us at [releaseform@hacc.edu](mailto:releaseform@hacc.edu).



*Caption: Gary Laabs, a 2008 graduate of the nursing program at the Gettysburg Campus, gives back by volunteering for medical mission trips. He also serves on the HACC Foundation board.*

## HACC annual report now online

There were a number of firsts in the history of the College and the HACC Foundation last year, and they are captured in the [2013-14 annual report](#). Please take a look through the milestones to see what HACC and the HACC Foundation, with alumni support and participation, have accomplished for HACC students and the quality of their education.

## Do you like to travel? We need your feedback



You still have time to give us your opinion about an alumni travel program. As a new member benefit, the HACC Alumni Association is exploring a collaboration with AAA to sponsor trips. To do this, we need input from alumni to gauge interest, to discover what types of travel programs you would like us to offer and what you are willing to pay to participate in trips.

Please give us your feedback by taking a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#). The deadline to respond is **April 30, 2015**.

## Live at Rose Lehrman celebrates with Brubeck Brothers Quartet



Live at Rose Lehrman's final performance of the 2014-15 season will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rose Lehrman Arts Center with the Brubeck Brothers Quartet on April 25, 2015, at 8 p.m. in the center on HACC's [Harrisburg Campus](#).

In April 1975, Dave Brubeck and Sons performed at the grand opening and dedication of the Rose Lehrman Arts Center. The Live at Rose Lehrman artist series brings back to HACC's

stage two of the legendary jazz pianist's sons: Daniel Brubeck on drums and Chris Brubeck on bass and trombone. Together, with Mike DeMicco on guitar and Chuck Lamb on the piano, they will perform jazz standards, original material and Dave Brubeck classics. A reception for all patrons will follow the concert. It will be held in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center Rose Garden.

Tickets for the performance are \$36 or \$42 depending on seating location. To purchase tickets, call 717-231-ROSE (7673) or visit [www.LiveatRoseLehrman.org](http://www.LiveatRoseLehrman.org).

## Sign your teen up for HACC's summer camps

With HACC's Camps on Campus, your teen will begin his or her journey to college with unique opportunities to enjoy some serious summertime fun!

HACC's 2015 Camps on Campus will be available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses, as well as at the Midtown Trade and Technology Center in Harrisburg, in four weekly sessions from June 29 to July 23, 2015. All camps run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated and include a mid-day break and a provided lunch. Plus, early drop-off and late pick-up are available at some locations for an additional cost. [More](#)

## College offers online gerontology degree

Gerontology, the study of the aging process from middle age through later life, is among the fastest growing careers in healthcare. Students interested in this field can take advantage of a new fully online associate in arts degree in gerontology offered at HACC starting in the fall 2015 term.

Students who enroll in HACC's online gerontology program can:

- Complete an associate degree on your time schedule, which allows you to work and combine study as it fits into your lifestyle
- Start by enrolling in the associate degree gerontology program or transfer credits you've already earned if you previously completed HACC's gerontology certificate program
- Get the training and skills needed to enter positions in this high-demand field in the healthcare industry
- Prepare to transfer into bachelor degree programs at a four-year college or university

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## Gettysburg Campus launches mechatronics

HACC is expanding its programs at the [Gettysburg Campus](#). Starting in fall 2015, you can earn a certificate in mechatronics in only two terms.



The [Mechatronics Certificate Program](#) is a combination of mechanical and electrical engineering, which prepares students for jobs in installation, repair or maintenance of electrical, mechanical and/or computerized equipment. Classes will offer the required hands-on experience needed by technicians working on automated equipment with mechanical, electrical, fluid and control systems.

Make HACC *technically* YOURS by visiting [hacc.edu/NewStudent](http://hacc.edu/NewStudent) to register for the fall 2015 semester or contact the Gettysburg Campus [admissions recruiter](#) for additional details.

## HACC hires new veterans affairs director

Dean Myers has joined HACC as the College's new director of military and veteran affairs. Myers comes to HACC as a retired Marine Corps captain with 25 years of service and experience teaching at Vanderbilt University. Most recently, he was a disabled veteran outreach program specialist with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Myers will oversee HACC's military and veterans affairs office, which serves veterans, eligible dependents and members of the National Guard, Reserve and active duty personnel.

HACC has the second largest veteran and military student population among Pennsylvania institutions of higher education. [Visit hacc.edu/supportmilitary](http://hacc.edu/supportmilitary) to learn how HACC serves veteran and active-duty students.

# Lancaster Campus hosts community health fair

HACC will host a community health fair on April 29, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HACC's [Lancaster Campus](#) in Room 203 of the East Building.

The fair is free and open to the public. You can enjoy and benefit from the following free services and activities:

- Health screenings, including blood pressure, blood glucose and bone density scanning, conducted by HACC's nursing, radiologic technology and cardiovascular technology students
- Chair massages
- Information from more than 20 local wellness organizations, including Health Depot Pharmacy, Lancaster General Hospital, Pennsylvania State Police, SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Universal Athletic Club and the YWCA Lancaster
- Raffle prizes and drawings
- Light refreshments

For more information, contact Nakia Eckert at 717-358-2991 or [nleckert@hacc.edu](mailto:nleckert@hacc.edu).

# College forges new pathways to obtain degrees

HACC and Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan, recently signed a new articulation agreement to provide a pathway to a bachelor's degree in health science for HACC graduates with an associate degree in the same field. The agreement accepts general education credits earned by graduates in HACC's associate degree in health science program who apply to the university's online distance education program. For more information, please contact Gina Bowers-Miller, virtual counselor, at [gmbowers@hacc.edu](mailto:gmbowers@hacc.edu) or 717-780-3237.

The College also signed a reverse transfer agreement that will provide students with a pathway to earn an associate degree at HACC prior to completing their bachelor's degree at Lebanon Valley College (LVC). The reverse transfer agreement will allow students currently enrolled at LVC to transfer credits achieved at the College back to HACC to earn an associate degree from HACC. Contact LVC's Registrar's Office at [registrar@lvc.edu](mailto:registrar@lvc.edu) for additional information.



*John J. "Ski" Sygielski, Ed.D., president of HACC, and Lewis Thayne, Ph.D., president of Lebanon Valley College, signed a reverse transfer agreement on April 9, 2015, that provides students with a pathway to earn an associate degree at HACC prior to completing their bachelor's degree at Lebanon Valley College.*

# HACC alumni rock!

Kudos to **Susan Bosco**, a 2014 graduate, who was chosen as the Dress for Success southcentral Pennsylvania delegate to Dress for Success Worldwide's Professional Women's Group 2015 Success Summit set for June in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Nursing alumnus **David C. Clapp** recently joined Delta Care Rx as national director of business development for the company's Hospice Pharmacy Management Solutions. He previously worked as a hospice nurse and as administrator of a large hospice program.

Congratulations to **Angel Diaz**, a Harrisburg Police Department officer and graduate of HACC's Police Academy, who received the Mayor's Award for Valor on April 10 for not firing back at suspects following a robbery and chase.

**Austen Dennison**, a 2012 graduate, has written a historical book about Dutch Wonderland in Lancaster. It is being published by Arcadia Publishing. It is now available for sale on Arcadia Publishing's website, Barnes and Noble and on Amazon. Congratulations, Austen!

Photographer **Jennifer Joy Fox**, 1992 graduate in visual arts, and her work were recently featured in the Cecil Daily of Elkton, Md.

HACC theatre graduate **Lori Rossi** is the set costumer for the television series, Jane the Virgin, and the head set costume designer for the television series, Teen Wolf. She was also the assistant costume designer for Francis Ford Coppola's movie, Twixt.

Please share your news with us, so we can publish it in future issues of "HACC Alumni Connect."



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