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You are invited to Convocation

The HACC Board of Trustees and HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D., cordially invite all alumni to HACC’s 2015 Convocation. The College will host six Convocation events to kick off the start of the 2015-16 academic year.

**Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015**
10-11 a.m. – Harrisburg Campus
1-2 p.m. – Lancaster Campus
3:30-4:30 p.m. – Lebanon Campus

**Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015**
10-11 a.m. – Virtual Learning (Adobe Connect)
1-2 p.m. – Gettysburg Campus
3:30-4:30 p.m. – York Campus

Top five reasons that you don’t want to miss Convocation:

1. We will celebrate all the accomplishments of the past year.
2. We will honor the President’s Award nominees.
3. Dr. Ski will unveil the College’s 2015-19 strategic plan.
4. You will hear all about how you can help the HACC Foundation raise $12 million as part of a four-year fundraising campaign.
5. You could win a gift card just for attending!

Please complete the online form to RSVP by **Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015**.
Battle HACC students in soccer and volleyball

Alumni soccer and women’s volleyball players are invited to the J.W. Evans Physical Education Center on the Harrisburg Campus for a day of fun and games with HACC’s soccer team and women’s volleyball team on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015.

The day includes a women’s alumni-student volleyball competition from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and a unisex alumni-student soccer game beginning at 2 p.m. There will be a cookout at 1 p.m. with plenty of food, so please bring your family.

To participate, please RSVP by Aug. 20, 2015, to palentz@hacc.edu or call 717-780-3267.

Mentor a student

HACC’s Mentoring Network has grown to more than 70 alumni mentors. Professionals from all fields are invited to become mentors. Interested alumni are encouraged to sign up.

Mentors share their professional knowledge and experience with current students interested in their field, creating a lasting impact without a large time commitment. The mentor controls the time commitment, level of participation and the type of contact he or she has with students. The network makes it convenient and easy for professionals to build relationships with current students and receive invitations to networking opportunities with other professionals in the field.

Alumni willing to share their knowledge can register now by logging into HACC’s online module and using the password: careerhawk.

HACC Foundation has a new look

The HACC Foundation, the non-profit organization established in 1985 to raise private and corporate revenues in support of HACC, has a new HACC Foundation website and logo.

The design and coding of the new website, launched July 1, 2015, were initiated in spring 2014 as a HACC Capstone Web Program project in which students created websites for non-profit organizations.

Alumni Nate Richardson, producer, Ray Fisher, developer, and Kendra Yoder, designer, (in photo at left with Dr. Linnie Carter and Dr. Ski) met last year as students with HACC employees to develop the goals, layout, color scheme and overall functionality of the new website using College-provided content. More
HACC happenings

HACC is going tobacco free Aug. 10, 2015 - The use of all tobacco products will be banned from all HACC-owned properties with the fall 2015 term. Get help with smoking cessation and learn more about the initiative.

Adult Education Pathways sponsors mini golf event - A mini golf tournament on Aug. 15, 2015, supports HACC’s Adult Education Pathways students. Playing in or sponsoring the tournament is a hole-in-one in support of education!

Culinary arts, pastry programs come home - These programs will return to the Harrisburg Campus when the fall 2015 term starts on Aug. 24. Hands-on classes will be held in newly renovated kitchen space in the Cooper Student Center. For details, contact Chef Autumn Patti at arpatti@hacc.edu.

Coming fall 2015: online gerontology degree - Explore your opportunities in the fast-growing field of gerontology! For more information, visit Gerontology.


Save the date: 5K run Oct. 3, 2015 - Mark your calendars for the third annual 5K Wellness Run at HACC’s Lancaster Campus rain or shine on Oct. 3, 2015. A kid’s fun run at 8:30 a.m. has been added, with the race starting at 9 a.m. The run is open to everyone, and free parking is available. More details to come.

Students win first-ever HACC scholarships

For the first time in the 51-year history of HACC, six future students are receiving full-ride merit scholarships. HACC will fund two years of these individuals’ education – enough to complete an associate degree.

The scholarship was created by the HACC Foundation and covers tuition, books and fees, making the value of the scholarship up to $25,000 per student for the two years.

The recipients, high school students who are all residents of Central Pennsylvania, are:

- Timothy Delp of Kirkwood, who is enrolled at the Lancaster Campus
- Alexander Jonovich of Myerstown, who is enrolled at the Lebanon Campus
- Maria Camila Ruiz Rojas of York, who is enrolled as a Virtual Learning student
- Nathan Tasker of Hanover (in photo above), who is enrolled at the Gettysburg Campus
- Amanda Tran of Etters, who is enrolled at the Harrisburg Campus
- Matthew Williams of Red Lion, who is enrolled at the York Campus
HACC alumni rock!

Kudos to three HACC alumni who were among the Central Penn Business Journal's 2015 Forty Under 40 Award recipients. They include: Daniel Ally, president of the Ally Way; Anthony Bianco, executive sous chef at the Hilton Harrisburg; and Matthew K. Raback, sales manager of Cumulus Media. They have made HACC proud!

HACC Police Academy graduate Rob Burger, who was a professional baseball player, was featured on Lancaster Online. http://bit.ly/1lpAc7B

F&M Trust recently announced that HACC alumnus Richard Bouder has been hired as mortgage originator in Cumberland County. He will be responsible for the development and growth of the bank’s mortgage loan business in the county. Bouder, who has an associate degree in business administration, has more than 28 years of banking experience and most recently served as mortgage loan officer for Metro Bank in Harrisburg.

Graham Architectural Products recently hired Robert “Rob” Fogle as a CAD drafter. He received his Associate of Applied Science degree in architectural technology from HACC, where he was appointed to the HACC Architectural Advisory Committee. He also received his Associate of Science degree in business administration from York College.

Alumnus Alan Funck, owner of Funck’s Restaurant, is planning a new restaurant in Lancaster County. http://bit.ly/1CN3DdW

Aroogas recently inked its fourth multi-unit franchise agreement, signing a deal with JGJO Development Co. LLC to open at least 10 locations in the Long Island and Queens areas of New York. The restaurant chain’s president is HACC alumnus Gary A. Huether Jr. http://bit.ly/1GZcu33

Kudos to Army Staff Sgt. Matthew E. Jones who has graduated from the Army Public Affairs Supervisor Advanced Leader Course at Harrisburg Military Post, Pa. Jones earned an associate degree in 2013 from HACC.

HACC Police Academy graduates are in demand. Northern York County Regional Police has hired Andrew D. Shaffer of York as a police officer. He is a 2013 graduate of York College with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. On July 21, 2015, he graduated from HACC’s Police Academy. The Southwestern Regional Police Department recently announced the addition of two new officers— Academy graduates Josh Poplin and Skyler Sterner.

Phillip T. Kieffer was named Harrisburg Magazine’s July Young Person of the Month. http://bit.ly/1IndMzt

Congratulations to HACC alumna Randi E. Wolcott who has joined McConkey Insurance & Benefits team as a Client Service Agent trainee for the Commercial Lines Department.

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