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Congratulations to the Class of 2015



Welcome to the HACC Alumni Association!

More than 500 students walked across the stage to receive their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during HACC's Commencement held May 16, 2015, at the Giant Center in Hershey. They were among the more than 1,200 students who completed their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during the spring 2015 term.

Among the graduates were:

- Lisa Newcomer of Mechanicsburg, who overcame many obstacles including family deaths, homelessness and abuse to achieve her dream of earning an associate degree in social services. Newcomer gave a daughter up for adoption seven years ago and met her for the first time at Commencement.
- Santos Robles of Lebanon, who received his associate's degree in psychology. Robles made HACC Commencement ceremony history when he proposed to his girlfriend in front of hundreds of people during the ceremony.
- Check out the [photos](#) of Commencement.
- [Sign up](#) for your HACC Alumni Association.

Save the date: 5K run on 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 coming soon.

HACC is going smoke free Aug. 10, 2015

The HACC Board of Trustees has approved a new initiative – "Healthy Minds. Healthy Hearts. Healthfully Yours." – which will move HACC to become a tobacco-free workplace at the start of the fall 2015 term.

"The HACC Board of Trustees is proud that HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is going to join other employers in the region in providing a healthier, safe and productive work and learning environment for the entire College community and visitors to our campuses," said Timothy L. Sandoe, chairman of the HACC Board of Trustees. "Not only are we providing a healthy campus culture and sustainable environment, a tobacco-free campus better prepares our students to enter the workforce where many employers do not permit tobacco use."



[Learn more about the initiative.](#)

Do you like to mini-golf?



The Adult Education Pathways Department's first annual Tee-Off for Education Mini Golf Tournament on Aug. 15, 2015, will support Adult Education Pathways students at HACC.

Whether helping to pay for General Educational Development (GED) testing, English as a Second Language (ESL) programs or scholarships for students to attend HACC, playing in or sponsoring the first annual Mini Golf Tournament is a hole-in-one in support of education!

The tournament will be held at Water Golf on City Island (600 Riverside Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17101). Both a morning and an afternoon tournament will be held, with prizes awarded for hole(s)-in-one as well as first, second and third place teams.

Tournament Schedule

	Morning Tournament	Afternoon Tournament
Registration	9–10 a.m.	noon–1 p.m.
Shot Gun	10 a.m.	1 p.m.
Lunch/Dinner	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 p.m.

For more information on Adult Education Pathways or on the Mini Golf Tournament, contact Yen Le at htle@hacc.edu or 717-780-3256.

Lancaster Campus offers radiology informatics

HACC is expanding its programs at the Lancaster Campus. Starting in fall 2015, students can earn an associate degree in radiology informatics.

Medical imaging technology has shifted, causing rapid changes in recent years and proving the need for experts in this field. HACC's Lancaster Campus recognized the need to provide a program to meet the growing demand for knowledgeable professionals in PACS administration, sales and applications.

The two-year program will prepare students to become a specialist in Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) – a system that involves managing digital images to improve patient care. Students will be required to take a variety of courses, such as human biology, communication, radiology and computer basics. In addition, students will receive clinical, networking and project management opportunities and necessary skills to work with doctors, radiologic technologists, nurses and information technology (IT) professionals.



Fall registration at HACC is open, and students are encouraged to apply for the new program by visiting hacc.edu/RegisterNow.

HACC alumni rock!

Kudos to four HACC alumni who were successful in Pennsylvania's primary elections on May 19, 2015. **Tyrell Spradley** won the Democratic nomination for Harrisburg treasurer. **Destini Hodges** will run as a Democrat for Harrisburg City Council in November and **Melvin Wilson Jr.** won as a Democrat for Harrisburg School Director. **Missy Shupe**, a graduate of the Gettysburg Campus, also won in the primary as the Tyrone Township (Adams County) committee member. Shupe and Wilson serve on HACC's Alumni Council.

Francia Done Henry, a graduate of the HACC Police Academy, was the first female to be promoted to lieutenant in the Susquehanna Township Police Department on May 14, 2015. She is also an instructor for the academy and a member of HACC's Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

Congratulations to alumnus **Gary Huether Jr.**, co-founder and president of Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar. The company plans to open six locations in the Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean County, N.J., regions through a franchise agreement with Jersey Wings Unlimited Inc.

Elizabeth Knouse, director of the Army Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the Carlisle Army Barracks, was recently named a 2015 Woman of Influence by Central Penn Business Journal.

Union Community Bank promoted **Craig W. Portner** to senior vice president, commercial loan officer. A 2000 HACC graduate, Portner joined the bank in 2003, and most recently worked as commercial and real estate relationship manager.

Kudos to **Carlos Gonzalez Sierra** who recently received the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The 2011 graduate from the Lancaster Campus is the first HACC alumnus to receive this prestigious scholarship and will begin his studies at Cambridge University in fall 2015.

A fellow Lancaster Campus alumna, **Charlotte Fiehn**, will be joining Carlos at Cambridge University this fall. She presented at Harvard University on May 1, 2015, has a book chapter being included in an academic study and has additional peer-reviewed journal articles being published later this year.

Cory Texter, a 2014 HACC graduate, has been invited to compete in the X Games, a cycling event that will be featured on ESPN on June 4, 2015.

Two HACC alumni – **Ross Willard and Zach Spellman** – are featured in an article about biking in the May 2015 Harrisburg Magazine.

Congratulations to HACC alumna **Lauren Zumbrun**. Derry Township recently hired her as its economic development manager.

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



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