Cooper Student Center Reopens

The newly renovated Bruce E. Cooper Student Center was unveiled on Aug. 30 with a celebration of students, employees and friends of HACC!

The 19-month, $12-million renovation has transformed the Cooper Student Center into a one-stop destination for student services and activities. Now, offices like admissions, financial aid, disability services, advising, career services, military and veterans affairs and more are located conveniently in one location to better serve students and visitors.

A variety of comfortable and appealing lounge spaces have been added in which students can meet and study.

The Cooper Student Center was built in 1968 and has been the center of student activities and the heart of student involvement at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. The Cooper Student Center serves more than 7,500 students, 400 full-time faculty and staff and countless visitors throughout the year.

Name YOUR Space in the Newly Renovated Cooper Student Center!
To find out more about how you can support students through the renovation of the Cooper Student Center, please click here.

(Click to watch a video about the new student center)

(Click to see pictures of the new student center)
HACC Cataloging Specialist Completes English Channel

This past July and August, Louise Hyder-Darlington, a cataloging specialist at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus, was part of a six-person English Channel relay swim, Channeling Greatness.

Swimming the English Channel, the “Everest” of open water swims, requires amazing physical endurance, stamina and strength and incredible mental endurance. It also requires support from the Channel Swimming and Piloting Federation (CS&PF), a safety boat pilot and Louise’s family and friends.

As part of her latest adventure, Louise raised much-needed funds for a group of people near and dear to her heart – HACC students! In fact, Louise and our generous donors exceeded the fundraising goal for HACC’s emergency assistance funds, which are available to assist students facing financial emergencies and unexpected financial burdens.

To see videos of Louise swimming and hear her personal story, please watch the videos online. Please also visit www.bit.ly/Swim4HACC for more information.

In August 2018, Louise will swim the English Channel solo. Please stay tuned for more information about this new adventure!

To contribute to a student emergency assistance fund, please go to www.hacc.edu/givenow.

Thank you!

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The Arts are Calling You!

HACC’s Live at Rose Lehrman (LARL) Performing Artist Series is excited about two new initiatives starting in fall 2017!

**Getting to the Core** is a new program that will link guest artists’ work to HACC’s core curriculum. A curriculum guide was created to explain the themes behind the artists’ work and suggest specific HACC classes that may have a connection. Faculty are encouraged to consider giving extra credit, requiring a specific assignment or inviting the artist to their class to discuss the work.

“The value of the program is to offer an experiential learning opportunity that accompanies classroom instruction, to increase HACC student attendance at performances and to aid in improving student writing, retention and academic performance.”

– Lisa Campbell, Live at Rose Lehrman director

**EdGe (Educating the next Generation through the Arts)** is a new outreach program that will partner with Bethesda Mission’s Community Youth Center and Susquehanna Township High School’s strings program.

Guest artists will visit these students, conduct hands-on workshops and classes, teach them about the art form and strengthen their skills. The goals of the program are to:

1) Make HACC an outreach leader in the community.
2) Aid in impacting HACC recruitment.
3) Expand the program to more schools and nonprofit organizations.
4) Extend artist residencies to allow for more opportunities for both HACC and local K-12 students.

We need YOUR help with EdGe! Please consider getting involved with this new initiative! For more information regarding these initiatives or volunteer opportunities, please contact Lisa Campbell, LARL director, at lacampbe@hacc.edu or 717-780-2576.

Live at Rose Lehrman is exceptionally YOURS.
Revealed! HACC Board of Trustees Challenge

In June 2016, an anonymous married couple initiated a challenge to the HACC Board of Trustees to collectively contribute $35,000 before June 30, 2017. In doing so, the married couple would match – dollar for dollar – the amount contributed by members of the HACC Board of Trustees up to $35,000.

We are pleased to announce the HACC Board of Trustees contributed $35,099.57 during the HACC Board of Trustees Challenge.

At the HACC Board of Trustees meeting on Aug. 1, the identity of the married couple was revealed.

Thank you to Dr. William M. and Mrs. Jane E. Murray, who were identified as the benevolent couple. Their very generous matching contribution will support the six student emergency assistance funds (the five campuses and Virtual Learning).

Extraordinary Generosity Benefits Fine Arts Students

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, is blessed to have extraordinarily generous donors, and we are reminded of this fact yet again after the receipt of a gift from the estate of Ms. Jean Plawsky.

Although Ms. Plawsky thoroughly enjoyed traveling the globe, she called Harrisburg, Pennsylvania home for more than 40 years. As a philanthropic member of the Central Pennsylvania community, in her last will and testament, Ms. Plawsky chose to honor the memory of her daughter, Cheryl Plawsky, with a significant gift in support of the associate in fine arts (AFA) degree program focusing on photography and the certificate in photography program.

Ms. Plawsky’s generosity will fund scholarships, a student emergency assistance fund, student awards, program equipment and academic events in memory of Cheryl Plawsky. This includes providing HACC students enrolled in the degree and certificate programs with the equipment necessary to be innovative and successful in their field. This act of kindness will relieve some of the financial burden of obtaining a degree, acknowledge outstanding student merit and provide students with experiences that will transform their lives and the communities in which they live and work.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit www.hacc.edu/givenow.
New PSU Agreement Aids Students

On June 26, at the Harrisburg Campus, HACC officially partnered with Penn State Mont Alto and Penn State York through the signing of articulation agreements. These agreements allow graduates with a HACC associate degree to enroll in a parallel Penn State Mont Alto or Penn State York program, maximizing students’ transferable credits.

Penn State Mont Alto offers five parallel programs, including bachelor of science degrees in business, health policy and administration, human development and family studies, information sciences and technology, and letters, arts and sciences.

The Penn State York agreement allows transfer students to move into nine programs: biology, business (including an accelerated option for adult learners), communication arts and sciences, English, human development and family studies, information sciences and technology, psychology (bachelor of arts and bachelor of science) and science.

“Lord of the Flies” Coming to HACC this Spring

HACC Theatre will produce “Lord of the Flies” on the Main Stage of the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on HACC’s Harrisburg Campus April 20-22, 2018. Tickets are $10 for seniors and active military and veterans and $15 for all other adults.

“Lord of the Flies” was written by William Golding and tells the tale of a group of schoolboys that crash on a deserted island. The HACC production “remains true to the vision of the novel, but this show is dangerous, contemporary and exciting.”

For more information, please contact Dave Olmsted at 717-780-2553 or djolmste@hacc.edu.
New Funds Help Students

Students at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus will benefit from new scholarships and equipment established by the HACC Foundation with funds from generous donors: Utz Quality Foods, WellSpan Health System and Gettysburg American Legion Post 202. For Lancaster Campus students, the HACC Foundation has created a new scholarship fund to benefit veterans. The Lebanon Federal Credit Union established a scholarship for Lebanon Campus students, and York Campus students will benefit from a new scholarship established by the Harley-Davidson Foundation.

NEW MECHATRONICS EQUIPMENT

Students in the Mechatronics certificate program will have a new piece of equipment to utilize this fall. Utz Quality Foods, the largest independent privately held snack brand in the United States, recently donated a piece of equipment valued at $9,000. The different applications of the equipment will provide real work-related scenarios for students, including:

- OSHA 30—
  Opportunity to demonstrate the equipment’s many safety features
- Motors and Controls— Inspection of the drive units and how they work
- Sensors—Set up of different types of sensors on the equipment
- Fluid Power— Examination of how the system uses air in its operation

Thank you to Rich Hebel and Dory Uhlman for facilitating the donation of such an important piece of equipment to enhance our student’s learning experience.

WELLSPAN HEALTH PARTNERS FOR PHYSICIAN OFFICE ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS

WellSpan Health System has created a new scholarship fund with HACC to benefit physician office assistant students.

This new fund will award 10 scholarships of $1,500 each during the 2017-18 academic year to students who demonstrate financial need.

HACC developed this in-demand healthcare program in partnership with WellSpan Health System to address a local labor market demand. The WellSpan Careers job listing webpage averages 10 to 20 openings per month for physician office assistants.

The primary role of a physician office assistant is to work in the front office of a primary care physician office, a specialty care physician office or a medical access center. The physician office assistant keeps the medical office running smoothly by fulfilling administrative duties such as greeting patients, scheduling appointments and verifying and entering healthcare insurance information into a patient management system.

WellSpan Health System is the largest nongovernmental employer in Central Pennsylvania with over 15,000 employees in 155 locations serving 1.1 million people.
NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF ADAMS COUNTY WORLD WAR I VETERAN

Gettysburg American Legion Post 202 recently presented a $3,000 check to HACC’s Gettysburg Campus to establish the Albert J. Lentz Gettysburg American Legion Veterans Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides assistance to student-veterans or students who are a family member of an honorably discharged veteran at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus.

Albert J. Lentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Lentz, served in the U.S. armed forces along the border during the Mexican trouble provoked by the Germans along the Texas border. He was one of the first men to enlist in the Regular Army of the United States and went overseas in fall 1917 with a provisional battalion. Lentz was then assigned to Headquarters Company, 18th infantry, 1st Division. He was serving with this unit when he was killed April 20, 1918, during heavy fighting at Cantigny, France. Lentz, who was only 26, became the first man from Adams County killed in World War I. He is buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

In addition to establishing this scholarship, Gettysburg American Legion Post 202 members plan to meet with HACC student-veterans to find out what they want from service clubs and organizations to better support their needs. To learn more about the HACC Foundation, please visit haccfoundation.org.

LANCASTER CAMPUS STARTS VETERAN FUND

HACC has the second largest active military and veteran population among public colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. The HACC Foundation has created a new scholarship fund that will help these heroes pursue a quality and affordable education. The HACC students who qualify for this scholarship will receive additional assistance to pay for tuition, books, fees and program expenses.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the students must attend the Lancaster Campus and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. The students must be an honorably discharged veteran or currently serving and in good standing with their units. Finally, the students must have unmet financial needs, and preference will be given to student veterans without GI Bill benefits or student veterans with GI Bill benefits that do not fully cover tuition and fees.

You can help to make our veterans and active military personnel’s educational goals attainable by supporting this scholarship fund today. This fund supports HACC’s mission to create opportunities and transform lives to shape the future – TOGETHER. To contribute to this fund, please visit www.hacc.edu/givenow.
Alumni Tour PA Capitol

HACC alumni, students and friends toured Pennsylvania’s Capitol building on July 22. The tour included the many murals, sculptures and stained glass of this National Historic Landmark is a symbol of Harrisburg and the Commonwealth.

The Capitol Police also provided information about their service to employees and visitors within the Capitol Complex. Established in 1895, the Capitol Police is the second oldest state police organization in the United States.

Please check the HACC Alumni [homepage](http://www.hacc.edu/givenow) to find out about upcoming alumni events near you!

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NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR LEBANON CAMPUS STUDENTS

The Lebanon Federal Credit Union established the Lebanon Federal Credit Union Scholarship. This scholarship is available for HACC students who are enrolled at HACC’s Lebanon Campus and who reside in Lebanon County.

This scholarship is for students who do not possess a post-secondary degree and is a great opportunity for students who want to further their education.

The Lebanon Federal Credit Union was chartered in June 1969 as the Aluminum Workers Federal Credit Union. In 1994, the name was changed to the Lebanon Federal Credit Union, because it best represented their current membership and the direction of growth for the future. This scholarship provides HACC students with a direction of growth for their future!

We are grateful to the Lebanon Federal Credit Union for its support of our students.

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YORK STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM GENEROSITY

The Harley-Davidson Foundation has committed to supporting York Campus students through the establishment of the Harley-Davidson York Academy Fund.

The new scholarship opportunities are available for students enrolled in automotive, industrial technology, welding, patient care concepts or nurse aid programs.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit [www.hacc.edu/givenow](http://www.hacc.edu/givenow).
Alumni Spotlight

Harvey ‘Harv’ Lyter chose to start college close to home by attending HACC. He said, “HACC’s open-door policy gave me the chance to prove myself,” and noted that the convenient class schedule allowed him to work part-time while attending classes.

After earning his associate degree in social sciences, Harv transferred to Penn State Harrisburg to obtain his bachelor’s degree in social sciences and secondary education certificate. He then taught social studies at Dauphin County Vocational-Technical High School for three years before entering the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School.

This foundation led to a career of over 26 years with the U.S. Air Force. He served as a fighter aviator, program manager for electronic warfare systems test and evaluation and wing/installation inspector general.

After retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2000, Harv worked for the Office of the Idaho State Board of Education for 14 years as an operations and performance officer and later as director of state agency providing services to students with hearing or visual impairment statewide.

Daniel ‘Dan’ Thau wasn’t sure about his career path when he started at HACC in 2002, though the dream of launching his own business was always in the back of his mind. He began with general studies before moving into business courses and then switching to engineering. He credits HACC’s flexibility with helping him to determine his focus.

While taking engineering classes at HACC, Dan was intrigued by technology, determining that circuit board technology would be an ideal field in which to start a business, and he proceeded to plan for the future. HACC’s flexibility was key. “As a was able to work while taking classes to earn my degree as well as the capital to start my business.”

In 2005, Dan launched his company, Millennium Circuits Limited (MCL), from his basement. MCL is now an industry-leading, high-volume printed circuit board manufacturer based in Harrisburg with offices in China. In 2012, MCL was named one of the fastest growing companies in Central Pennsylvania. Then, in 2015, MCL opened a new, modern facility in the heart of Central Pennsylvania.

HACC is proud of alumni like Harv and Dan. To read more about these and other extraordinary alumni, please click here!

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