Greetings Lebanon campus!

I am thrilled that I was selected to join the HACC family! Since starting here in July, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you and getting to know how wonderful a place the Lebanon campus is to work and learn!

Before joining the HACC family, I was employed at the ELCO School District as an Elementary Principal. My family and I have lived in Lebanon county since 2008. You will see us at baseball games, parades, on the tennis court and shopping around town.

When you are on campus, please stop by and say hello if I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet. My door is always open to students, faculty and staff! Thank you again for allowing me to join such a fantastic institution. I look forward to helping us grow!

Laurie Bowersox

Rising Star Recognition Ceremony

The busy first week of fall classes also featured a ceremony to mark the accomplishments of several students during spring semester with a Rising Star recognition ceremony.

Rising Star is a college-wide program that recognizes achievement in reading classes, which for some students are the first classes they take at HACC. Only those students in English 001 or 002 are eligible for the program.

Students are recognized if they achieve at least a 3.0 or higher GPA during the semester. During the recognition ceremony held in August, a total of 16 students were named to Rising Star status for having met the qualifications for one semester. Seven students were recognized for having met the qualifications for two consecutive semesters.

Student Marileen Pagan, left, is congratulated by instructor Marge Sweeney for her achievements in the Rising Star program.
New colors come to HACC Lebanon Campus

Have you noticed the new colors at HACC Lebanon? The upper walls in the lobby along with the stairwell and the 2nd floor hallways have been painted this summer. We’re planning to do the 3rd floor hallways this fall or winter and begin classrooms and other areas next summer. We hope you find the new colors inviting. Welcome back for the 2014-15 year!
Where in the World is HACC?

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, HACC is initiating a “Where in the World is HACC?” campaign.

As you plan your travels with friends and family, we invite you to join in on the fun!

All you have to do is:

1. Take a HACC T-shirt, clothing item or any HACC gear with you on your travels
2. Take a picture wearing or holding your HACC gear at your destination spot
3. Share your photo by posting it on HACC’s collegewide Facebook page or tweet your photo to @HACC_info and use the #HACC50 in your tweet

If you find yourself in another part of the globe without your HACC clothing, gather some friends, take a picture of the group, spell out the letters H-A-C-C and share your photo.

Let’s see how far HACC can make it around the world!

By uploading your photo, you are agreeing to allow HACC to use the submitted photograph in any and all printed or electronic publications.

We look forward to seeing your photos. Safe travels!

On a recent trip to Spain, Dr. Ski gets his photo taken with his HACC gear and a group of students from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.
HACC’s Treasure Hunt for tuition giveaways

HACC launched HACC’s Treasure Hunt for Tuition Giveaways on July 14, 2014. The College hid 10 $1,000 tuition giveaways in its 10-county service area for any member of the community to find. The 10 counties were Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, Schuylkill and York.

Each weekday from July 14-25, 2014, one tuition giveaway was hidden in one of the 10 counties. To kick off HACC’s Treasure Hunt for Tuition Giveaways each day, the College shared a clue around 8 a.m. on its collegewide Facebook page and Twitter (@HACC_info) account. Clues were shared until the treasure was found.

The tuition giveaways are changing the lives of individuals. The recipients of the tuition were thrilled to find the treasures. Some of the recipients are current students, while others are joining HACC for the first time. Many of HACC’s students pay for their own tuition, and the tuition giveaways gave them additional support.

The following individuals claimed a HACC treasure. For more details about each winner, please visit www.hacc.edu/treasurehunt.

- Dauphin County: Tiffany Mutzabaugh
- Lebanon County: Jaclinn Wagner
- Schuylkill County: Cynthia Deitzler
- Franklin County: Alexander Egner
- Juniata County: Jenna Mock
- York County: Aimee MacKenzie
- Perry County: Christian Woodard
- Adams County: Dustin Zeller
- Lancaster County: Miranda Lou Henne
- Cumberland County: Christopher Fry

Jaclinn Wagner, pictured above, is a current student taking classes at the Lebanon and Harrisburg campuses and through HACC’s Virtual Learning. She found the HACC treasure at the Timeless Café in Lebanon.

Desire2Learn (D2L)/Brightspace

On July 14, Desire2Learn (D2L) announced the rebranding of their learning management system from D2L to Brightspace. This rebranding coincides with the announcement of new initiatives that D2L/Brightspace plans for the learning platform. For the immediate future, you will not see any changes in our current D2L system, but you may start to hear the name Brightspace. Virtual Learning and Roger Garber will keep you informed of any changes that might occur in the future. HACC is under contract with D2L/Brightspace through the 16-17 academic year.
Welcome to our recently hired security officers!

Edward “Ed” Blake is extremely excited and grateful to be one of the newest employees at HACC’s Lebanon Campus. Though he is not originally from Central PA, Ed is finding it to be easy making it his new home and says that to be surrounded by good people makes it all the easier to call this “home.” While he does bring with him a good amount of experience, training and education, Ed is excited to continue to learn and grow and become an integral part of the HACC family.

James Conard is the newest member of the HACC Lebanon Safety and Security Department. James grew up in Long Island, New York, attended HACC Lebanon campus as a student, and is very excited to be starting a career at HACC. James is also looking forward to interacting with the faculty, staff, and students of the Lebanon campus.

Faculty announcement from the Library

Kimberly S. Grotewold has joined the HACC tenure-track faculty as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at the Lancaster and Lebanon campuses. Prior to her position at HACC, she served as an adjunct librarian at Millersville University for six years. Additionally, she has previous experience as a public library director, a community college English lab instructor, a middle school library media teacher, and a middle school and high school classroom teacher in language arts and social studies. In June 2014, Kimberly graduated from Drexel University with a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration having completed her capstone research project on peer-to-peer learning and students’ development of technology skills. She has a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, and her undergraduate degree was a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in secondary education at the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

Kimberly lives in Landisville with her husband William, a US Naval officer who works at the Pentagon, her nine year-old son Zachary, and their pet rabbit Charlie. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, working out, reading, and baking.
A note from our Recruiter

Hello HACC Lebanon! As you can see from the pictures on this page and the next, July and August were exciting times in Lebanon. The highlight of the summer was attending the Lebanon Area Fair, which ran from July 26th through August 2nd. Our entire recruitment staff pitched in to help with the event. Along with my fellow recruiters, I want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to Ann Burris, Melissa Albright, Nakia Eckert, Kathy Felty, Jen Reb, Alison Oskam, and Linda Arnold for managing our table at the fair. They played a large role in making the event successful.

Nearly 1000 people participated at our table throughout the event. Some of the HACC prizes included pens, water bottles, and cinch bags, which you can see being worn by the two young ladies climbing on a tractor. Along with meeting great people and spreading the good word about HACC, we were also able to enjoy great food and rides, hang out with the Governor, and jam with Elvis! Now that the local school districts have all started, I’m looking forward to visiting high schools over the next few months. I hope everyone is having a great start to our semester.

It’s a great time to be a Hawk!

*Trevor Brown*
Lebanon Area Fair at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center
HACC Security: safety tips

Driving Tips on Campus: Keeping Our Campus Safe
Anyone who drives on campus and in areas near campus can play an important role in enhancing safety by following safe driving practices. Drivers are often in a hurry and distracted which can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.
Drivers should always:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods.
- Comply with campus drop-off and pick-up procedures for the safety of all students and children accessing the campus.
- Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to allow persons out of their vehicle. Double parking will block visibility for other pedestrians as well as other motorists. Visibility is further reduced during the rain and fog seasons when condensation forms on car windows.
- Watch for pedestrians walking or bicycling (both on the road and the sidewalk) in areas on and near campus.
- Watch for children playing and gathering in unexpected areas. Watch for persons arriving late for the bus or class, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Watch for persons walking or biking to school when backing up.

Most important, SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY!

Thank you for your continued support!

Campus Locations of AEDs
The use of CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) save approximately 100,000 lives each year. Do you know where the AEDs are located on your campus?

The Lebanon Campus AEDs are located in the Security office and in the Library behind the circulation desk.

By knowing where they are, you could potentially save the life of someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

Seeds of Change mini-grant
It's innovation time here at HACC! Do you have a good idea to save money or work smarter? Apply by Oct. 15 for a Seeds of Change mini-grant. The president's innovation team will select winners of $2,000 to $4,000 mini-grants. A total of $20,000 is available. Winners will be announced in mid-November and will have until Dec. 15, 2015, to complete their grant-funded projects. Find the application and full details in the Office of College Advancement channel on the home page of myHACC. This initiative was generously funded by the HACC Foundation.
Fun times at the Lebanon Campus!

Staff and faculty had two fun opportunities to socialize in August. On Aug. 11, we celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of the new school year with a picnic, complete with grilled burgers, hot dogs and all the fixin’s. Then, on Aug. 28, our classified employees were celebrated with a delicious appreciation breakfast, served by our campus executive directors, Laurie Bowersox, Caroline Mellinger and Suzanne O’Hop, along with President Ski, who proved to be quite adept at flipping pancakes!
Welcome back HACC!

HACC is back in action for the Fall 2014 semester! We welcomed students back to campus by providing exciting events on Aug. 25th. This included a Welcome Back BBQ sponsored by the Student Government Association, a LIVE radio broadcast by WQIC, a Tim Stine Memorial Blood Drive, and a Resource Fair. The Central PA Blood Bank is happy to announce that members of the HACC Lebanon community saved 39 lives in central PA from our blood drive. Great work everyone! There were a total of approximately 300 faculty, staff, and students who participated in the day’s events and we heard great feedback!

The Office of Student Life is looking to make this welcome back even bigger and better next year. Brandy Skaf, Coordinator of Student Life & Multicultural Programs, will be forming a committee for the multi-event by early March. Please contact her if you are interested in being a part of the planning process. Thank you to Ben Greiner and Denis Deslongchamp for helping make the Welcome Back BBQ a success! Also, thank you to everyone who participated that day for your interest, support, and commitment to our students!

Vandon Tricamo, our 2014-2015 SGA President

Student, Frank Canale

Master grillers, Ben Greiner (left) and Denis Deslongchamp
HACC Gives Back — City Beautiful

You are invited to participate in the HACC Gives Back — City Beautiful community service project event.

Where: HACC – Lebanon Campus

When: Sept. 20, 2014

Time: 9 – 11a.m. & 11a.m. – 1p.m.

Stop by the SGA office at Hawk’s Peak for more details and to sign up!

Upcoming events: Lunch and Learn/Art Exhibit

"Faces in the Crowd: Portraits in Watercolor," an exhibit by the award winning Lebanon area watercolor artist, Daniel Vangeli, will be featured from October 9 - November 7, 2014, at HACC's Lebanon Campus.

A Lunch and Learn Program, with Vangeli as the featured speaker, will take place at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, followed by a reception for the artist. Those attending are asked to bring their own lunch and beverage. Light refreshments will be served during the program.

Since he was a young boy, Vangeli was always interested in art. Throughout the years he experimented with different media including acrylic, gouache, colored pencil, and wood carving. This interest blossomed into a passion for the medium that he feels is his true calling, watercolor.

Vangeli first tried watercolor several years ago and at that time decided he didn't like it and moved on. Then a few years later, with the encouragement of his watercolor teacher and friend, he decided to give it another try. This time something "clicked" and he's been moving forward ever since.

In 2010, he painted "Lost and Found," which was the first painting he completed after returning to watercolor. This led him to enter his first watercolor competition, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's Annual International Juried Exhibition, where he won best of show. Then in 2011, Vangeli received the Winsor & Newton Award at the Baltimore Watercolor Society's Annual Juried Exhibition. In 2012, his paintings were shown in the American Watercolor Society's International Exhibition in New York and in the Pennsylvania State Museum. In 2013, he received the Mildred Sands Kratz Excellence in Realism Award at the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's Annual International Juried Exhibition. He also received the Dick Blick art materials award at the Baltimore Watercolor Society's 2013 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition. He then went on to win best of show at the York Art Association's 43rd Annual Open Juried Exhibit. His work has also been featured in American Artist Watercolor Magazine, The Art of Watercolor Magazine and Watercolor Artist Magazine.

Vangeli is a signature member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, holding the Sylvan Grouse Guild distinction, and the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

Above, a painting collage by watercolor artist, Daniel Vangeli.