

# Gettysburg Campus Update



## GREETINGS!

A chill is in the air and the beautiful colors of fall have arrived! I hope you enjoy reading all of the great stuff that has occurred since my October update.

- **Registration for the Spring 2015 term is underway.** As part of our All Student Matter initiative, please **encourage current students to register early** to get the courses they want. **New student registration will begin on Monday, November 10.** There are positive indicators regarding new student enrollment. College wide at this time last year, there were 1474 applications for admissions. Currently, college wide there are 2341 applications for admissions, an increase of 867 applications! Our recruitment and enrollment staff will be working very hard to convert these applications to enrollments.
- **A Manufacturing Roundtable was held to introduce HACC's Mechatronics certificate program to local manufacturers.** In attendance were representatives from Knouse Foods, Dr. Pepper/Snapple, Rice Fruit Company, McClarin Plastics, R.H. Sheppard, Utz Quality Foods, Snyders/Lance, and the Adams County Office of Planning, the Adams County Economic Development Corporation and the Manufacturer's Association of South Central Pennsylvania. **The campus plans to launch this program in the Fall of 2015.** Over the next few months we will be engaging career and technical middle and high school teachers and counselors in our service area to provide an overview of the program and career opportunities available to students who pursue mechatronics/engineering as a career option. In addition, **we will be hosting a Trades and Technology Career Discovery day in late March/early April for high school students and the community** to learn more about HACC's Mechatronics program.



^Dr. Ski, Robin Fitzpatrick, ACEDC & Victor Rodgers, HACC assoc. provost for workforce development



- **Over 80 high school students participated in a Health Career Discovery Day** where they had the opportunity to learn about **HACC's Health Career program options**, how to enroll, admission criteria and clinical acceptance. In addition to HACC faculty and staff, these **prospective students** also had the opportunity to speak to local employers. **Criminal Justice and Mechatronics and Technical Trade Discovery Days are planned** for the Spring term. **Congratulations to Sara Ridley for planning these events!**

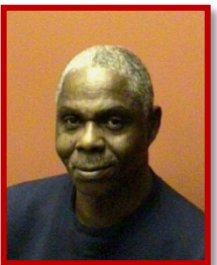
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## Employee Highlights



**Tom Long** began his employment with HACC in 2006 as an adjunct faculty member and in March, 2013 he joined the HACC-Harrisburg Campus security department. Throughout his employment, he has served in various roles including; adjunct faculty member, security officer, field training officer and has provided many safety and security presentations for new hire orientation. His experience and customer service has been recognized by his peers and members in our HACC community. **Tom recently joined the Gettysburg Campus safety and security staff covering the second shift – 1:30 – 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.** Welcome, Tom!



**Rick Hamilton joined our facilities night shift crew in mid-October**, replacing the recently retired Joe Spalding. Rick's janitorial responsibilities are the nursing suite and Learning Commons. He brings with him over 18 years of experience in the custodial and maintenance field from the Montgomery County Schools in Rockville, Md. Rick has a positive attitude, is hardworking, a team player, and is very knowledgeable in his field of work. He has also served our country as a United States Marine. **His work schedule is 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday.** Welcome, Rick!



**Cynthia Garcia joined our staff this week as our new full-time academic advisor.** Although she is new to the Gettysburg Campus, she comes to us from York's Counseling and Advising department where she was most recently the part-time nursing advisor. Before working at HACC, Cynthia worked as a Counselor for at-risk youth and a Supervisor with the York County Youth Development Center. Cynthia is a graduate from York College of PA with a B.A. in Urban Studies as well as a U.S. Army veteran. She currently lives in York with her 2 kids, Robert and Dominique. Welcome, Cynthia!

## Two Faculty Members Awarded Grants



**Wendy Brubaker** received an award of \$150 to attend the Pa. Association of Developmental Educators conference, allowing her to engage with fellow faculty to learn about successes in developmental reading.

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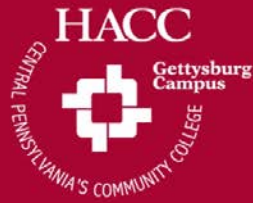


**Eleanor Pella** was awarded \$500 to travel to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Plant-Based Prevention of Disease Conference at the University of North Carolina in Asheville.

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## Two Faculty Members Publish

HACC Gettysburg professor emeritus **Joan West** recently published a new novel titled **Dying for Vengeance**. On November 6 at 3 p.m. in the Robert C. Hoffman Room, Joan will conduct an author talk about the novel which is the first of three volumes in her Carlisle Crime Cases series. Her discussion will include an overview of her writing process, her experiences navigating the publishing industry, and what it meant for her when her characters led in the novel in unexpected directions. A full description of the book can be found here: <http://www.sunburypressstore.com/Dying-for-Vengeance-9781620064825.htm>. She will conclude with a question-and-answer session. **All are welcome to attend!**



**Rachel Glover-Frantz'** essay titled *Facing the Preacher* was recently published in Litro Magazine. Rachel holds a BA in English from Harvard and an MLA from the University of Pennsylvania; she currently teaches writing at HACC-Gettysburg and at Mount Saint Mary's University. Rachel essay can be found at <http://www.litrony.com/2014/10/essay-facing-the-preacher-by-rachel-glover-frantz/>

## A SURPRISE Baby Shower and a New Baby!



The Welcome Center recently hosted a surprise baby shower for **Kylynn Becker**, enrollment services specialist, and her husband, Kain. On **Saturday, November 1 at 3:51 a.m. Heath Becker was born**, weighing 6 lbs. 7oz and measuring 19.75 inches. **Congratulations to Kylynn and Kain! >**



**BELIEVE  
THERE IS  
GOOD IN  
THE WORLD**

## United Way of Adams County Annual Campaign

The United Way Fund Raising Campaign is underway and we want to express our support for the efforts of the many volunteers we have at HACC as well as our personal commitment to the campaign. As you know, **the United Way supports numerous health and human service agencies, many of whom have a relationship with the campus through referral and programming.** Without these agencies and our personal contributions, the United Way will be unable to address the needs of our community and our students.

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This year **our goal is to raise \$8,000!** We encourage your support and participation in this year's campaign and you can even designate HACC as a recipient! The **following incentives are being offered for your contribution:**

## HACC - Make a Donation; Earn a "Caring Gift"

- **One Hour for Caring** - *pledge \$26* and you will receive a certificate for an "Hour for Caring" that can be redeemed for one hour of leave during the 2015 calendar year.
- **Two Hours for Caring** - *pledge \$52 or more* and you will receive a certificate for two "Hours for Caring" that can be redeemed for two hours of leave during the 2015 calendar year.

## HACC – Drawing for Day Off

- **Free Day Off** - *make a pledge* of any amount and you will be entered into a drawing for an extra 7.5 hour personal day to be used during the 2015 calendar year.
- **Free Day Off** - *make a pledge for the first time as a HACC employee* and you will be entered into a drawing for an extra 7.5 hour personal day to be used during the 2015 calendar year.

## United Way of Adams County

- Donate \$52 by cash, check, or payroll deduction and you will be **entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card or a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!**

**Please show your support, at a level that is right for you.** Any questions related to the campaign may be directed to Vanessa Larson. Please **join me in thanking Vanessa Larson and John Strahler** for their dedication to this important activity



## iPad Cart Now Available!

**Who** – For all faculty members

**What** – The iPad cart is a mobile cart that contains 30 iPad minis to reserve for your classroom.

**When** – Available now!

**Where** – The iPad cart will be based out of the library. Where the cart is on any given date or time can be found at <http://goo.gl/YONQLR>

**Why** – The iPad cart is a tool to enhance the learning environment in your classroom. The goal is a more engaging experience through apps or other creative activities.

**How** – Reserve the cart on the iPad Cart Request Form at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZIRcTJNwHP>

Please contact **Josh Rumpff** at 717-801-3328 or [jnrumpff@hacc.edu](mailto:jnrumpff@hacc.edu) for more information.

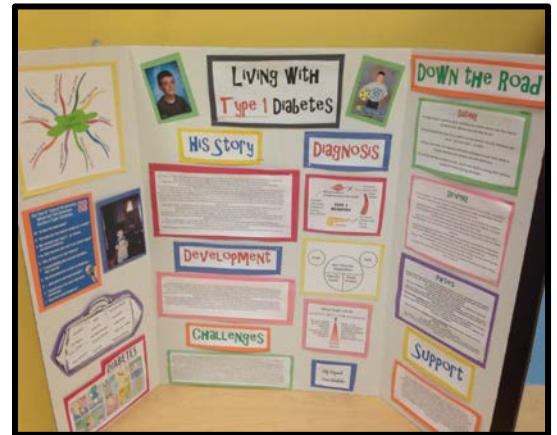


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## “The Child Next Door”

Nursing professor, Sharon Roberts initiated this program in 2013 for NURS206 students. The activity provides an opportunity for students to explore whether or not a child is being raised in a healthy, safe environment. Students in the class interview a child and their parent(s) and consider if support systems and resources are in place, or if the family is experiencing isolation. **Students report their findings to classmates via a presentation or poster.** The posters and the presentations are equal to those you would experience at a professional conference! **Congratulations, Sharon!**



## Bridges Out of Poverty Training

The event is sponsored by SCCAP and presented by nationally renowned speaker Jodi Pfarr, **Bridges Out of Poverty offers a chance for participants to better understand how economic class impacts the way we both see the world and interact with others.** The training will help participants achieve better outcomes by becoming more aware of their own belief systems and understanding the logic behind the decisions of others

The training will be held in The Robert C. Hoffman Community Room on Monday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. To register go to [www.sccap.org](http://www.sccap.org), for more information email Megan Shreve at [mshreve@sccap.org](mailto:mshreve@sccap.org); for general information visit <http://www.ahaprocess.com/solutions/community/consultants/jodi-pfarr/>



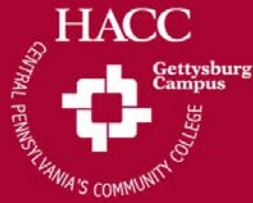
^Jodi Pfarr

## 99 year-old named Honorary Professor of History

On October 7, Alice Fox's 99th birthday, Terry Havel's HIST107 class recognized Alice's continued love for learning by making her an honorary history professor. Learning has always played a significant role in Alice's life. She graduated from Millersville State Teachers College in 1941 then went on to receive a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Arts in religion from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Alice taught in one-room school houses throughout Somerset County for more than two decades and even instructed classes for soldiers' children in Germany. **Alice**, a resident of Cross Keys, The Brethren Home Community, has taken HIST103 and HIST104 with Professor Havel as part of HACC's 65+ Tuition Program.



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## Environmental Club Hikes a Portion of the Appalachian Trail



In early October, **Environmental Club** advisor **Ruth Negley** and club members **hiked about four miles on the Appalachian Trail** to the Pole Steeple Overlook in Pine Grove State Park.

<L-R: Brandon Parr, Karla Dietrich, Connor McLaughlin (behind), Liz Caples, Isela Mendez, Brian McCrossen, Carrie McCrossen, Bradley Lukens, Ashley Vogel song.

## We Get By With a Little Help from Our Friends

**Kathryn Quinn**, ESL adjunct instructor, is **overseeing this year's Give Back HACC program to provide financially struggling students a nutritious meal** for Thanksgiving. Since **Cristal Renzo** started the campus initiative in 2011, we have **provided grocery packages to approximately 75 students**. Please participate by spreading the word to students, contribute groceries, provide gift cards, donate money, or volunteer to help pack and distribute boxes to students. **Thank you, SGA, for donating proceeds totaling \$200.15 from the recent Halloween cupcake and pumpkin decorating events to Give Back HACC.** Donations of grocery items and financial contributions will be accepted through **November 14**.



## The students spoke and we listened!

Last year as we gathered information for our **2014-2017 Strategic Plan**, we featured a **"DotMocracy" survey to engage our students to learn what campus services or improvements were their top priorities**. Thanks to **Jessica Knouse**, the following partnerships are a direct result of that survey:

### ✓ **Biggerstaff's Catering**

In an effort to enhance food selection, **Biggerstaff's Catering will begin offering \$7-\$10 hot meal options twice a month** starting in November. On **November 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, a **Baked Potato Bar** offering Russet Baked Potatoes with butter, sour cream, cheddar cheese, salsa, vegetarian chili, broccoli & cheese Sauce, and chopped scallions will be available in the HUB. The entire buffet is both vegetarian and gluten free. On **December 3 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, a **Taco Bar with Cinnamon Sugar Churros** will be offered.

### ✓ **YWCA Gettysburg/Adams County**

HACC Gettysburg has partnered with **YWCA Gettysburg/Adams County** to offer a **reduced five month Rec pass membership for students, faculty and staff** that is subsidized by Health America and Student Activity fees. Student cost is only \$44 while the **staff and faculty fee is \$150**, both with no new member joining fee.



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## Recent SGA Sponsored Events

On October 9, **Camille Armstrong**, a former cast member of the Off-Broadway hit "STOMP!", held her **Body Percussion workshop in the Robert C. Hoffman Community Room**. Her program offered a unique opportunity to learn how to use your body as a percussion instrument. The **audience participation featured Professor Lori Zeshonsky's World Music and Intro to Music classes** as well as faculty and staff.>



< On October 20, **Professor Lisa Hill** hosted a **Lunch and Learn film and discussion** focused on "body language" and how it affects how others perceive you. **Lisa shared Amy Cuddy's TED Talk** research regarding body language and how it can be used effectively to **communicate** various messages with others.



< On October 10, **Erin Davies** shared her **documentary and story** about the "Fagbug." Erin's Volkswagen Beetle was tagged with "fag" and "u r gay" graffiti and rather than get it fixed, she decided to embrace what happened by keeping the graffiti on her car for one year to evoke dialogue with the general public about homophobia. **Erin took a 58 day cross-country trip in her car now known worldwide as the "Fagbug" and produced an award winning documentary about the adventure** that is now on Netflix, iTunes, Hulu and in libraries all around the country. After driving the car for a year, Erin decided to give the car a makeover. **She now tours with her rainbow Volkswagen and speaks at Universities across North America about hate**

**crimes and to confront homophobia.** Erin has been a guest on NPR, received sponsorship from VW of America and HD Radio, has been featured on ABC News, BBC, and in Newsweek and Vanity Fair magazines.

## Student Leadership Retreat

A college-wide two-day Fall Student Leadership Retreat was held in Gettysburg under the leadership and director of **Scott Simonds and Jessica Knouse**. 50 HACC student leaders, nine SGA advisors and the Vice President of Student Affairs attended the retreat. Over the two days, **students participated in the Gettysburg College low ropes course and outdoor experiential learning course and The Gettysburg Foundation leadership course.** The purpose of the retreat was to teach HACC student leaders the skills and lessons that will help them be successful both inside and outside of the classroom. **Congratulations to Scott and Jessica for a great event!**



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## Employee Engagement Survey

Earlier this week all staff received an email from CEB HR Leadership Council Surveys with a link to a confidential online Employee Engagement survey. Please **take a few minutes to complete this survey**. It's **critical to our assessment efforts and our Strategic Goal related to Organizational Excellence**. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete and must be completed by November 7. You can access the survey at: <https://www.survey-executiveboard.com/se.ashx?s=251137457DD3A551>.

## Campus Holiday Party

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 4 from noon – 1:30 p.m. for a Campus Holiday Luncheon**. An invitation will be forthcoming!

## Facilities Project Underway

The **mansard roof project kicked off last week** and will consist of five phases. **Phase one will start at the Welcome Center/Weis end of our building and phase five completes the project at the Head Start area**. Phase one will be comprised of repair work to the building's exterior insulation finishing systems (EIFS) which is the nonbearing layer that we see as the textured finish of the building at the left of the Welcome Center entrance and rain leader repairs occurring in some of the brick pillars. All pillars will have new flashing installed at the bottom and brick repairs will be made as needed.



In phase two and three the metal coping (metal roof covering) will be removed from the roof with new roofing repairs in many of the designated areas, installation of new metal coping, repair of five rain leaders in the enclosed walkway areas and the installation of new lighting. Also, all of the brick pillars will be sand blasted and repointed. In phase four and five, the new standing seam metal roofing will be replaced. **This project may run into January of 2015, depending on weather.**

*Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.*

...W.T. Purkiser