Greetings!

The end of the Fall Semester and the close of the calendar year is an appropriate time to wish all of you a very happy holiday, to celebrate some of our many successes, and to look ahead to 2016!

There is certainly much to celebrate on our campus, but the two things I’ll highlight are initiatives that impact our students!

- **Opening of the Mechatronics certificate program.** As our campus’ 2nd career program, this certificate program will prepare students for in demand service technician jobs in manufacturing. Manufacturing comprises 20% of our workforce and much of that workforce is poised to retire. Many on the campus were instrumental in bringing this program to fruition. Special recognition for the leadership efforts of Ashana Allen, Leslie Boon, Rich Hebel, Sara Maines, Brian Miller and Dory Uhlman.

- **Launch of the College’s 4 Year Comprehensive Campaign to Innovate, Impact and Inspire.** I hope you plan to join Diane & John Bittle and members of the HACC Foundation board and campus fundraising committee on December 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the end of the semester and learn more about ways you can support the campaign and our students. The campaign focus on scholarships and emergency assistance, will have a tremendous impact on our students. Contact Cinnamon Hosterman at cahoster@hacc.edu for more information.

This spring, the campus will focus on aligning our campus goals to the newly adopted HACC 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan. The plan is available online and can be found at [http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/2015-19StrategicPlan/index.cfm](http://www.hacc.edu/AboutHACC/2015-19StrategicPlan/index.cfm). Aligning our campus goals won’t be hard, as the four main goals of the Plan are; 1) to Advance Academic Excellence, 2) to Promote Student Success, 3) to Strengthen Institutional Stability and 4) to Instill Inclusivity. These are goals that have always been the fabric of the Gettysburg Campus.

Please accept my gratitude for all you do to support the Campus and our students. And, in the spirit of Christmas, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a healthy New Year.
CONSUMERISM CONFERENCE

On Monday, November 23 and Wednesday, November 25, the HUB looked like the setting for a major research conference! Cristal Renzo’s ENGL 101 students set up poster displays presenting their research on consumerism in our society.

On display was the role of small business in the U.S. economy, the Gross National Happiness of Bhutan, life-cycle analyses of smartphones, Chinese labor practices, living simply, and more. Students prepared quizzes, games, taste tests, and other interactive activities that applied their research to these real world topics. The students were also on hand to discuss their findings. Thank you Cristal for challenging your students to apply their research skills to real world challenges.

WELCOME!

Christopher Partridge, part-time Technical Support Technician, was raised in the Columbia/Ellicott City, Maryland area and currently resides in the York-New Salem area. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Information Systems program. He previously worked as an IT Systems Management Analyst for United Health Group and most recently as a Systems/End User Support Technician for defense contractor SAIC in Columbia, Maryland. Chris’s interest include environmental issues, outdoor activities, fitness, and classic car restoration. His hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Josiah Long, campus Recruiter, graduated from Messiah College in May of 2009. Since then, he has worked with migrant and immigrant communities in Franklin, York, Lebanon, and Adams counties with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit’s Migrant Education and 21st Century PASOS programs. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Education in TESOL through Messiah College, and enjoys teaching community classes in music and English as a Second Language at his church in York Springs. He enjoys, playing guitar, being outside, and traveling to different countries to learn about new cultures and languages.
Once again, our campus’ generosity shines! Through our annual campus fall grocery drive, 31 students and their families received Thanksgiving care packages of food and paper products. Additional monetary contributions totaled $515.64, of which $224.36 came from the SGA cupcake sale; also, $25 gasoline gift cards were donated by the Zion United Church of Christ in Arendtsville.

Thanks to Wendy Kaehler, Jessica Knouse, Brian Miller, Cinnamon Hosterman, Donniva Crowell and Sandy and Frank Negro for inventorying and packing!

< Sally Feeser is the proud grandmother to baby boy Mason Lee Witten born on November 13.
HACC FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Budd Hallberg, finance adjunct faculty member was recently appointed to a three-year term on the HACC Foundation board. Budd has been teaching Philosophy at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus for 10 years.

Budd’s professional career included serving as president of SCAN Management Inc. for 22 years. During that time, he provided compliance and litigation consultant services to the commodity and financial futures industry. Additionally, he is retired from the US Army having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His civic service includes serving as a member of the Mount Joy Township Zoning Board and volunteering at Homewood at Plum Creek in the Alzheimer’s Unit and serving as a member of the AARP Alzheimer’s Disease Citizen Action Team. Budd received his bachelor’s degree from The University of the State of New York and his master’s degree from Goddard College.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

The Zion United Church of Christ, Arendtsville recently donated $1,000 to each of the following Gettysburg Campus scholarships funds: The Gettysburg Campus Community Endowed Nursing Scholarship and the Gettysburg VFW Post 15 Scholarship Fund.

In November, Zion also contributed $25 gas cards to be distributed with each of the Give Back HACC food baskets.

Shannon Harvey, Pastor Kim Blocher, Amanda Hartzel >

NEW TEST CENTER HOURS

Beginning on January 4, the Test Center will begin a new schedule:

- Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
LUNCH ‘N LEARN THANK YOU

During the fall 2015 semester a Lunch ‘n Learn series was offered to all students. The goal of the Lunch ‘n Learn sessions were to address the entire well-being of a student and to provide the tools necessary for completing their goals at HACC. The topics ranged from career shadowing and social media precautions to depression and stress relief. Nearly 50 students attended the 5 different sessions. Thank you to session presenters Howard Alexander, Ashana Allen, Mary Arnold, Wendy Brubaker, Cynthia Garcia, Josh Rumpff, and Peggy Violette. Thank you also to the many instructors and staff who encouraged students to attend. Spring Lunch ‘n Learn session planning is now in the works. If you are interested in presenting or have a topic that you’d like to share, please contact Wendy Brubaker at wabrubak@hacc.edu.

ALL STUDENTS MATTER CAMPAIGN

The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Student Programming Board provided a perfect opportunity for students, staff and faculty to say THANK YOU to someone who has made a difference or helped them along the way, whether it be a faculty, staff, or family member or a friend. Thank you to Wendy Brubaker, Wendy Kaehler and Amanda Hartzel who greeted students and invited them to write a note.

NOTES RECEIVED:

“Thanks to HACC for the incredible opportunity I’ve been given.” …Cali R. Bailey

“Thank you to HACC for all the good advice, good teachers and awesome food!”

“I would like to thank ALL of HACC Gettysburg for helping me to reach my full potential.” … Tasha Bair
CLASS TRAVELS

In November, Cheri Black’s Anthropology 101 class traveled to the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum in Washington D.C. Together they toured the human origins exhibit; after lunch they separated and toured the National Air and Space Museum, the National Archives to see the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, and the Natural History Museum.

Members of Phi Beta Lambda and advisor Kathleen Pratt traveled to Philadelphia and the Reading Terminal Market to meet with the owner of Carmen’s Cheesesteaks. The trip also included a tour of the United States Mint, Independence Hall National Park, the Liberty Bell and the Eastern State Penitentiary.
COMEDIC TALENT AMONG US!

Looking to get into the holiday spirit and laugh a lot? Assistant Professor of Management Lori Hockley is back on stage this holiday season in “Sanders Family Christmas”, the sequel to the widely-praised “Smoke on the Mountain”.

In addition to a message of hope for the season, you’ll get to enjoy gold ole’ bluegrass/gospel music plus your favorite traditional holiday carols. Lori’s comedic performance as June Sanders is central to the production. Even though she’s cast as not being able to sing, there is an opportunity to hear her beautiful singing voice at the conclusion of the show!

VOLUNTEER TO BENEFIT NOREEN NEITZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HACC volunteers are need to staff the water station for the 3rd Annual Noreen Neitz Memorial Run at the Rock and Sufficiently Radical Walk on Saturday, Dec. 19. The 5K begins at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School on Table Rock Road, Gettysburg. Volunteers will need to arrive by 9:00 a.m. If you’re interested in participating in the event as a runner or a walker, registration is available at:


Proceeds from the event will benefit the Noreen Neitz Scholarship Fund for students in grades 6-8 at the St. Francis Xavier School who show Christian leadership as active members of the Youth Group and give of their time in service to others. Noreen was an advisor at the Gettysburg Campus from 2011 - 2013. Please let Shannon Harvey know if you’re interested in volunteering.
POP-UP PANCAKES

Beverly Stanton and Wendy Brubaker staffed the griddles in support of the Student Programming Board Pancake event.

HOLIDAY GATHERING
T’was the day before finals at Gettysburg’s most famous school
And all the weary staff and faculty were losing their cool!
Each and every one gave so much of their time and hearts
I needed to thank them but where would I start?

So many hours, they work with such zest.
They work for the students to ensure they’re the best.
What can I do to show them my gratitude?
The difference they make because of their attitude.

I know! I said, I’ll ask Santa to open their eyes;
To allow them to clearly see the impact they have on so many lives.
To be able to see the new careers that have been launched and the security given;
To be able to see the impact on the next generation who will be just as driven;
To be able to see the pride from the families whose lives have been changed;
To realize and know that their efforts have impacted a destiny rearranged.

So, at night when this dedicated staff lays down to rest, they’ll sleep soundly and know
Their efforts have had great impact on helping our community to grow!

That is my wish to Santa for each of you!
….In Gratitude, Shannon