

## **Harnessing the sun at Midtown**

Technical advances in harnessing the sun to provide an alternative energy source to the use of fossil fuels has produced a 35 percent growth in the solar photovoltaic market in the last five years. This growth has created a demand for skilled and certified solar photovoltaic technicians. HACC has made a significant investment in solar photovoltaic training to meet this skyrocketing demand. At our newly renovated Midtown campus, we integrate hands-on labs to reinforce theoretical learning and encourage critical thinking to install and troubleshoot these systems. To learn more about solar photovoltaic certification and our other Green Technology training programs, please contact Program Manager [Cheryl Deitz](#) at 717-221-1338 or [Bob Gill](#) at 717-221-1339.

## **Mechatronics moves ahead**

HACC has received a total of \$362,800 in state and federal grants for its Mechatronics program at the Franklin County Career and Technology Center in Chambersburg. A high-demand industrial specialty, Mechatronics combines mechanical systems and electronics. The funds, including a \$200,000 technical college grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and a \$62,000 federal Perkins grant, will be used to equip new classes and to purchase additional training equipment and safety equipment.

## **Donors help students to follow their dreams**

We're grateful to all of the generous individuals, organizations, foundations, and businesses that support HACC and believe in our mission to foster educational excellence and economic growth. Our recently published 2008-09 HACC Foundation *Annual Report* is a testament to your generosity. For copies, please contact [Bonny Ellis](#) at 717-780-2583 or visit our [website](#).

## **Talk to fellow women about balance**

The Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies (IES) has scheduled two Women's Talkabouts that will focus on achieving balance at home and work. On Friday, Jan. 15, from noon to 1:30 p.m., guest presenter Shelly Riser of the Riser Group will lead the discussion in Suite 231 at the Penn Center, 2601 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg. Guest presenter Jen Yost, life coach and yoga expert, will present "Achieve Balance and Get Unstuck!" on Friday, January 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 112 at the Goodling Center on HACC's York Campus, 2101 Pennsylvania Avenue. Bring a bag lunch; the IES will provide dessert. Call 717-221-1311 to reserve a seat.

## **See you in September?**

The HACC Foundation is already planning another fun-filled day on the golf course to benefit our students. This year's Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships is Monday, Sept. 13, at The Hershey Links. Thanks to last year's participants, we broke all previous records for this annual event, netting \$145,000 and providing much-needed tuition support to approximately 300 students. Please help us to surpass this amount in 2010! Contact [Bonny Ellis](#) at 717-780-2583 to sign up today.