



## February 2016

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### **Strengthening YOUR communities, investments and future with HACC’s 2015-19 Strategic Plan**



The [2015-19 Strategic Plan](#) for HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, was approved Nov. 10, 2015, by the HACC Board of Trustees.

The strategic plan, designed to parallel the time frame of the [HACC Foundation’s four-year fundraising campaign](#), includes the College’s vision statement, mission statement, goals and core values.

### **Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC Totals (as of Feb. 22, 2016)**

The Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC kicked off in August 2015. For the first year of the campaign, the HACC Foundation has focused on raising funds from HACC’s employees, alumni, board members and students. From August 2015 through Feb. 22, 2016, the HACC Foundation raised \$648,553 of its \$14-million goal. Of this amount, \$559,360 has been collected in gifts and pledge payments, and \$89,193 remains in unpaid pledges.

For updates, please visit the [HACC Foundation](#) website.

## **HACC and HACC Foundation Awarded More than \$2.1 million in Grants in 2014-15**



In 2014-15, HACC and the HACC Foundation received 21 grants from corporate, foundation and government funders for a total of \$2,162,479. Grants supported the College's Adult Pathways Program, career and technical education programs, developmental math faculty, Disability Services Department, Geospatial Technology Program, HACC's Lancaster Campus, Live at Rose Lehrman Performing Artist Series, Nurse Aide Program, Rose Lehrman Art Gallery, Theatre for Young People and

Safety and Security Department.

## **Enhanced Process for Faculty and Staff Awards**

The HACC Foundation is pleased to announce we will provide three application cycles per year for employee awards beginning in spring 2016. There will be spring, summer and fall application cycles, which will provide more opportunities for employees.

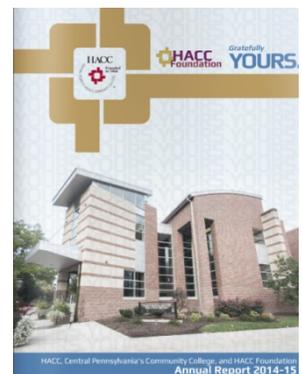
Also, the web page has been improved to show a detailed [timeline](#) of important dates to keep in mind throughout the upcoming year. We are grateful to the HACC Foundation donors who created these awards.

## **2014-15 HACC Annual Report is Now Online**

Join us to celebrate HACC's many successes, as captured in the [2014-15 annual report](#). Please take a look to see the impact your contributions have on HACC students and the quality of their education.

In the 2014-15 report, you will learn about:

- The outcomes of HACC's 2012-15 strategic plan
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- HACC's Golden Anniversary Gala
- Assessment, Student Success and Completion Successes at HACC
- Transformation of HACC's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division
- Technology, Innovation and Collaboration at HACC
- HACC's Alumni Engagement Commitment



The report also acknowledges supporters like you who have helped these opportunities become realities. Please click on the links within the report to read more in-depth about HACC, its goal to be the first choice for a quality and accessible higher education opportunity and the role the HACC Foundation is playing in this journey!

## What HACC Means to Me!

**By Dick Wolford, HACC Alumnus and Donor**



I graduated from Susquehanna Township High School in Pennsylvania in 1956. I did not have the desire to go to college, so I joined the U.S. Air Force to get an education in the upcoming field of electronics. However, the Air Force had different plans for me and sent me to school to be a jet engine mechanic.

After serving four years in the Air Force, I was honorably discharged in 1960. While in the Air Force, I married my high school sweetheart, Renie Enders, and we had our first child, Jeffery. Upon returning home to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, I was able to get a job in the U.S. Postal Service as a maintenance mechanic making \$2.16 per hour. Although I was gainfully employed in a very secure job, I still had a burning desire to learn more about the electronics field. Therefore, I enrolled in a TV and electronics home study course at DeVry Institute. Every evening for 18 months, I studied for two hours, while still working full-time on the night shift at the Post Office.

After finishing the home study course, I decided to specialize in TV repair, since color TV was just coming on the scene. In the late 1960s, I took a part-time job repairing TVs while still working full-time at the Post Office. During this time, our family expanded with the birth of our second son, Tim. Consequently, my wife became a full-time mother, while I brought home the paycheck.

After working 10 years at the Post Office, I became disillusioned and decided I wanted to pursue my dream of going into the business of TV repair. However, I did not have any business background or knowledge of starting and running a business. Thus, I inquired about the two-year program that HACC had at the time, “Electronic Servicing & Merchandising.” While still working 40 hours a week at the Post Office, I enrolled in the HACC program under the G.I. Bill. Since I sloughed off in high school, I had to take two remedial courses (math and English) before I started the two-year program, which included courses like electronics, merchandising, sales, accounting and psychology.

It was quite a chore having to work full time, support a family and do my homework. However, in 1972, after two and a half years of schooling, I graduated from HACC with all As and one B in psychology, which proved to be one of the best courses I ever had. All of my professors were excellent, including Gary Schwartz, George Ritchey, Martin Lowy and Ed Phillips. The moral of my story is that you can do anything you set your mind to – as long as you set concrete goals and create a plan on how to achieve those goals.

After graduating from HACC in 1972, I quit the Post Office and opened a small TV store in Harrisburg. With the help my wife, our business grew to four stores, which provided TV sales and service in the Harrisburg, York, Lancaster and Carlisle markets. Also, we expanded our team to 45 employees.

After 25 years in the business, we had a stroke of luck and were bought out by a national public company, which assumed our store leases and business assets, kept all of our employees and paid us in cash for the business. Thus, my wife and I retired at 58 years of age and have enjoyed retirement ever since.

None of this would have been possible without the education I received from HACC. The decision to pursue my education and set new goals was the best decision I ever made in my life. I owe everything I have today to the HACC experience!

### **Get Ready for the 2016 Golf Tournament!**



**SAVE THE DATE** for the tournament's 20th anniversary! For more information, please visit [www.hacc.edu/golf20](http://www.hacc.edu/golf20). **Sponsorships** for the tournament's 20th Anniversary are available NOW and can be found [online](#). If you have any questions, please contact [sponsorships@hacc.edu](mailto:sponsorships@hacc.edu).

### **Celebrating Our Fall 2015 Graduates**



More than 300 students walked across the stage to receive their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during HACC's Commencement held Dec. 15, 2015, at the Giant Center in Hershey. They were among the more than 800 students who completed their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during the fall 2015 term. Among the graduates were:

- Gettysburg Campus graduate Christine Morningstar of McSherrystown, who received an associate in arts degree. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and currently pursuing a second degree, an associate degree in nursing.
- Harrisburg Campus graduate Charles Wharton of Carlisle, CWO3 U.S. Navy (Ret.), who received an associate degree in hospital management. He plans to become a food and beverage director.
- Harrisburg Campus graduates Dorinda M. Thomas of Harrisburg, who received an associate degree in general studies and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree; Jessica Wingfield of Enola, who received an associate degree in business management and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in human resources at Central Penn College; and Juan Maldonado of Harrisburg, who received an associate degree in police science and is a member of the HACC Public Safety and Security Department.

- Lancaster Campus graduates and Lancaster residents Martin Myers, Kaushal M. Patel and Kaitlin Leeking, all who received associate degrees in criminal justice, and Kara Conrath, who received an associate degree in early care and education. Myers, Patel and Leeking plan careers in law enforcement and Conrath plans a career in early childhood education.
- Lebanon Campus graduates Jesus Avila of Lebanon, who received an associate degree in business administration and is headed to Penn State University, and J. Ulrich Alleman of Myerstown, who received an associate degree in general education. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alleman plans to attend Bloomsburg University.
- York Campus graduates Mildred Tavarez of York, who received an associate degree in criminal justice and plans to work with York City youth, and Tiffany Leas of Windsor, who received an associate degree in social studies and plans to continue her education to become a teacher.

Several graduates had the opportunity to share a video “THANK YOU” message with their family and friends at the Commencement ceremony. We hope you will enjoy these video messages on HACC’s [YouTube channel](#) and the photos from the ceremony on [HACC’s Flickr page](#).

Lastly, attendees of the ceremony were given an opportunity to enter a drawing to win \$1,000 for HACC tuition and fees. Attendees had to follow instructions outlined in the Commencement Program. The winner has been notified, and if he or she agrees to be publicly acknowledged, an update will be provided in a future edition. Stay tuned!

### **Consider HACC in Your Estate Planning**



Did you know there are creative ways to support HACC? Ways in which HACC, you and your loved ones all benefit at the same time?

Such giving techniques are called "planned gifts," because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and HACC. By leaving a planned gift to HACC, you will leave a legacy that will live on through the students here indefinitely.

For more information, please contact us at [foundation@hacc.edu](mailto:foundation@hacc.edu).

### **Stay Connected with Email Alerts from HACC’s Online Newsroom**

Keep up with HACC news through email alerts! You can choose to receive all of HACC’s news releases as they are posted to the online newsroom, or select the subjects of particular interest.

Here is how to sign up for the alerts on your computer:

1. Open a browser window (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, etc.)
2. Go to HACC's online newsroom - click on the link below or copy and paste this URL into browser window: <http://newsroom.hacc.edu/>
3. Scroll to bottom of the screen
4. Select the link Email Alerts under Shortcuts
5. Select the Register Me box if you are not a registered user. Follow instructions on the page. Note: your registration will be accepted within 24 hours. Skip this step if you are already a registered user.
6. Log in with your User ID and Password, if you are already a registered user. If you are not a registered user, select the Register Me box and follow the instructions (Allow 24 hours for registration).
7. Follow the instructions on the page by selecting your Notification Preferences
8. At the bottom, select Email Me.
9. Type in the security letters that you see inside the box below the letters
10. Select Submit

Note: You will begin to receive emails from the newsroom about the topics you selected. It will include the name of the news release in the subject line of your email. The body of the email will have the news release title, dateline, an article abstract and a link to the full release in HACC's online newsroom.

### **Ways to Communicate With Us**

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Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/hacc_info">https://twitter.com/hacc_info</a>
Online Update Form	<a href="http://www.hacc.edu/data">www.hacc.edu/data</a>

### **HACC Publications**

HACC produces several publications, and they are available [online](#). Please bookmark this Web page and feel free to share this link with others who are interested in information about the College.

***We are here to serve you and look forward to hearing from you! Thank you – for everything!***