Anthony and Margaret DeGennaro Scholarship Created for HACC Students

Anthony and Margaret DeGennaro (pictured left) were part of America’s Greatest Generation, growing up in immigrant families with struggles during the Great Depression. Both families believed that education and a strong work ethic created the pathway to improved economic success and a more fulfilling life. However, a college education after high school was, for them, financially impossible.

After their marriage, Mr. DeGennaro used the GI Bill from his World War II military service to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree. Staying true to his strong passion for education, Mr. DeGennaro taught mathematics at Firelands High School in Ohio, and was selected as one of Loraine County Community College's (LCCC) first adjunct professors when the school was formed in the early 1960s. He later taught at Avon Lake High School, while continuing to teach part-time at LCCC. He remained at LCCC long after his retirement from high school teaching. His love of teaching and mathematics enriched three generations of Lorain County Community College students. Mr. and Mrs. DeGennaro respected all learning, but they held a special admiration for the practicality of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers.

Mr. and Mrs. DeGennaro lived most of their married life in Oberlin, Ohio, where they raised three sons, all of whom became teachers. After a 35-year career as a high school chemistry and physics teacher, their son, Alan DeGennaro, began teaching chemistry at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus in 2015.
Alan and his wife, Barbara, established The Anthony and Margaret DeGennaro Scholarship to honor his parents’ commitment to education and to provide a new generation of HACC’s Gettysburg Campus students with an opportunity to reach their highest potential. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have unmet financial need and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference will be given to students enrolled in HACC’s STEM programs and who graduated from the following high schools: Bermudian Springs, Biglerville, Delone Catholic, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Hanover Catholic, Littlestown, New Oxford or South Western.

2017 Bucknell Scholarship Recipients Announced

HACC’s Bucknell Community College Scholar recipients for the summer 2017 program have been selected. Twenty-five HACC students applied this year and, of them, the following six students were selected to attend Bucknell University this summer:

- Myles Breisch, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- Benjamin Byler, International Relations, Harrisburg Campus
- Kate Greenwood, Environmental Science, Lancaster Campus
- Alexander Jonovich, Art, Lebanon Campus
- Sara Mohamed, Civil Engineering, York Campus
- Lindsey Smith, Psychology, Lebanon Campus

The program consists of a six-week summer session in which a select group of community college students (known as Bucknell Community College Scholars) will take two courses while living on Bucknell University’s campus. The entire summer program, including credits earned while attending, comes at no cost to HACC or the selected HACC students. The summer program is followed by mentoring and support for each scholar who chooses to apply for admission as a transfer student to Bucknell. Those granted admission, and who enroll in the University, will receive a full-tuition scholarship, along with individual plans tailored to meet their needs, assistance with transfer of credits and mentorship. Students will return to HACC at the end of this summer to complete their associate degrees.

Over the past 10 years, HACC has seen 67 students attend the summer program and over 30 students go on to attend Bucknell full-time. We estimate that Bucknell University has invested over $4 million in HACC students over the past decade.

To find out more about the Bucknell Community College Scholars program, please visit http://www.bucknell.edu/CommunityCollegeScholars.xml.
The Grove Family Fund #2 Scholarship Award to Benefit HACC Students

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) recently established the Grove Family Fund #2 Scholarship Award at the HACC Foundation. Many students enrolled at HACC rely on student loans to pay for tuition, fees, books and program expenses. This scholarship will provide a way for recipients to decrease the amount of money owed after graduation. Scholarships such as these change the lives of recipients, supporting HACC’s mission to create opportunities and transform lives to shape the future - TOGETHER.

TFEC, founded in 1920 by Donald McCormick, is a community foundation with a program service area that includes the Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry and the Dillsburg area.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit www.hacc.edu/givenow.

Ciao! Hospitality and Tourism Management Students Have Access to a New Scholarship

HACC’s Hospitality and Tourism Management Program is designed to prepare students for management, marketing and operational positions in the growing hospitality and tourism industry. The interdisciplinary program incorporates a wide range of fundamental skills. Upon program completion, students have the knowledge they need to meet the diverse demands of management positions in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Program courses discuss the background and scope of the hospitality and tourism industry. The courses outline the various types of hotels, restaurants, travel and tourism organizations and their individual organizational structures. In addition, future trends and career opportunities within the hospitality and tourism industry are discussed.

Friends of the Hospitality and Tourism Management Program generously established the Hospitality and Tourism Management Outstanding Student Scholarship to support hard working students pursing their career associate degree or certificate in the program.
Criminal Justice Program Students Will Receive Assistance from Regional Law Firm

Saul Ewing LLP recently established the Saul Ewing Legal Studies Scholarship Fund to benefit students enrolled in the Criminal Justice program at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus. HACC appreciates Saul Ewing LLP for joining with HACC to achieve the mission of “Creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future – together.”

HACC’s students are concerned about repayment of college loans after graduation, and many students struggle to afford an education. Scholarship assistance is one way businesses like Saul Ewing LLP help students reduce the need to incur debt and help change the lives of recipients.

Koranda Fox, a HACC Foundation scholarship recipient said, “Being a student at HACC helps me achieve my goal of being a lawyer someday. Receiving the financial assistance really makes it possible for me to even go to college because I have a family to take care of. The extra support helped a lot. Without it, I would not be at HACC right now.”

With the Saul Ewing Legal Studies Scholarship Fund, more students like Koranda will be able to work toward achieving their educational goals at HACC.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit www.hacc.edu/givenow.

HACC Receives $56,000 in Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Gifts

HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College is an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) under the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. As an EIO, the HACC Foundation may accept donations from qualified businesses to support HACC’s approved EIO program.

In 2016-17, the HACC Foundation received $56,000 from the following generous organizations:

- BB&T
- Eichelbergers, Inc.
- Fulton Bank
- Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Educational Gift Program
- High Industries, Inc.
- Orrstown Bank
- The York Water Company
HACC will use these funds to support the College in the High School program in 2017-18. High school students participating in College in the High School who attend EITC-eligible school districts may receive EITC funding to cover their tuition, fees, books and supplies.

For more information about the HACC Foundation’s EITC program, please visit http://www.hacc.edu/HACCFoundation/WaystoGive/index.cfm and select Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Donation.

To find out more about how your organization can benefit from the EITC program, please visit http://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eite/.

To find out how your high-school student may be able to benefit from EITC funding at HACC, please review HACC’s EITC Frequently Asked Questions.

More Help Available for Students Facing Emergencies

Student Emergency Assistance Funds are available at each of HACC’s five campuses and Virtual Learning to offer financial aid for students facing crises that could prevent them from continuing their education. The assistance has helped a student escape domestic abuse, aided a student whose house was destroyed by fire and provided temporary shelter to a homeless student. The life-changing aid has been expanded through the addition of a new fund for HACC Massage Therapy students.

The Massage Therapy Student Emergency Assistance Fund provides an opportunity for eligible students to apply for assistance with expenses such as childcare, transportation and book or course fee expenditures. Emergencies are unplanned and time sensitive, so funds can be awarded in just five business days to meet the needs of students. The availability and structure of these funds help students stay on track to complete their education and prepare for their career.

The Massage Therapy program provides students with the skills needed to thrive through truly hands-on experience and preparation for the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM) and the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEX). The program is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP). HACC is approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) as a continuing education approved provider.
Please visit the [HACC Massage Therapist page](https://www.hacc.edu) to hear about this program from the student perspective.

To contribute to the Massage Therapy Student Emergency Assistance Fund, please go to [www.hacc.edu/GiveNow](http://www.hacc.edu/GiveNow).

**Rising Textbook Prices Fuel Creation of Textbook Emergency Assistance Fund**

College textbook prices have increased faster than tuition, health care costs and housing prices, all of which have risen faster than inflation.

[College textbook prices](https://www.hacc.edu) are 812 percent higher than they were three decades ago, the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank, reports. Textbook costs have well outpaced the 559 percent increase in tuition and fees over roughly the same period. On average, a community college student will spend $700 on textbooks each year. The high cost of textbooks create a barrier for future and current HACC students. A HACC employee recommended the use of profits from textbook recycling to establish the Textbook Emergency Assistance Fund for students attending HACC’s Gettysburg Campus. The profits from textbook recycling, coupled with employee contributions, allowed for the creation of this unique new fund.

To contribute to the HACC Foundation, please visit [www.hacc.edu/givenow](http://www.hacc.edu/givenow).

**New Grant Funds Awarded to Improve Statewide Early Childhood Education Curriculum and Fund Pre-apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Program**

In May 2017, HACC received grants to support statewide early childhood education and pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities in Lancaster County.

HACC received $14,798 from the Pennsylvania Keys to align its Early Childhood Education (ECE) Degree coursework with Pennsylvania Core Knowledge Competencies for ECE Professionals Working with Infants and Toddlers. These courses will be added to the Pennsylvania Keys professional development registry. HACC’s ECE faculty work closely with the Pennsylvania Keys to provide professional development for individuals who work with our youngest community members.

HACC received $181,819 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to offer its United States Department of Labor-approved Industrial Manufacturing Technician Apprenticeship Program to a cohort of 25 apprentices from Lancaster County. HACC will work
closely with the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board, which will act as fiscal agent, and regional employers to implement this grant.

**Crowdfunding Puts the “Fun” in Fundraising!**

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or cause by raising money from a large number of people, typically through the Internet. It is a form of peer-to-peer fundraising that harnesses the power of social networks to raise awareness and draw donations from around the world for online campaigns.*

The College began utilizing crowdfunding campaigns in an effort to raise funds for the **Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC.**

Recently, the College created two crowdfunding campaigns to support our students:

- **Nikki Grissinger** – April 20 for the Day of Giving
- **Dr. Ski** – May 26 to June 2 for Tour De Dr. Ski

In July 2017, we will launch our third campaign. Louise Hyder-Darlington, a cataloging specialist at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus, will swim the English Channel and raise money for the College’s **student emergency assistance funds**. Please stay tuned for more details on Louise’s event!

If you have an interesting or unique opportunity and are willing to use it to give back to HACC, please contact us at foundation@hacc.edu.

To keep abreast of upcoming HACC crowdfunding campaigns, please visit hacc.edu/Crowdfunding.

**Because of YOU, HACC Students Can Succeed in Overcoming Crises!**

The **Tour de Dr. Ski** was a huge success! Thank you to those who gave! Your tax-deductible contributions will make the difference in the lives of so many HACC students facing personal crises like homelessness, house fires, health emergencies, unexpected vehicle repairs and childcare needs!

The initial goal for the Tour de Dr. Ski **crowdfunding campaign** was $1,500 for HACC’s student emergency assistance funds. However, that goal was reached before Dr. Ski even began his **six-day cycling tour**. Therefore, we doubled the goal to $3,000.
By the end of the campaign on June 2, 2017, YOU not only reached our goal, but YOU passed it and collectively gave $4,450 for our HACC students in need! Now, students will be able to “get back on the bike” when they “hit a bump in the road.”

The funds raised for student emergency assistance will be split evenly among HACC’s five campuses and Virtual Learning.

Please know that a simple “thank you” will never be enough for the difference you’ve made for our students! We are beyond #HACCproud of you and our fearless president, Dr. Ski.

The Tour de Dr. Ski was not HACC’s first crowdfunding campaign, and it will not be our last. Please continue to check hacc.edu/Crowdfunding for upcoming campaign announcements.

Again, thank YOU!

Facing the Holocaust: A Survivor’s Story

On April 25, at HACC’s Gettysburg Campus, Bluma Shapiro shared her story of overcoming her experiences during Hitler’s Nazi Germany. Ms. Shapiro was born in Bialystok, Poland on Aug. 28, 1923. She was born into a middle class family with five older siblings. Upon graduation from high school, Ms. Shapiro applied to study chemistry at Leningrad University. By the end of her school year, the Germans had occupied Bialystok and she and her family were forced to live in the Bialystok ghettos. In 1943, when the ghetto was liquidated, Ms. Shapiro was transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. For additional information on Ms. Shapiro’s journey, please visit https://youtu.be/nmMVsitK9ps.

Community Colleges Help Students Get Jobs After Graduation

Community colleges like HACC often receive praise for offering members of the community affordable and accessible post-secondary education.

This article demonstrates the impact attending a community college can have on students and how many community college graduates get well-paying jobs after graduating:

Cooper Student Center Renovation Nears Completion with Naming Opportunities Available

The Bruce E. Cooper Student Center renovation is nearing completion. The completely renovated facility is slated to open in summer 2017.

The original Cooper Student Center was completed in 1968 and serves as the center of student activities at HACC’s Harrisburg Campus. This is the first major renovation to the building since being built.

To see the latest updates and renovation progress, please visit www.hacc.edu/CooperUnderConstruction.

Student-oriented HACC facilities are imperative to student success and, ultimately, the College’s success. Your company, foundation, organization or family can make an impact on our students’ lives by investing in naming opportunities at any of HACC’s five campuses, including space in the Bruce E. Cooper Student Center. Available naming opportunities can be found at hacc.edu/NamingOpportunities.

The renovation of the Cooper Student Center on HACC’s Harrisburg Campus is one of our four fundraising priorities in the Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC. Any donations received for naming opportunities within the Cooper Student Center will be used to fund the renovations in the building. Additionally, donations received for naming opportunities that are not related to the Cooper Student Center will be contributed to the President’s Fund for Excellence.

If you are interesting in naming a space at HACC, please contact the HACC Foundation at foundation@hacc.edu.

To see the progress of the Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC and the four fundraising priorities, please visit www.hacc.edu/campaign.
New HACC Website Coming Soon!

The Office of College Advancement team is on track to roll out a newly revamped website the last week of June!

The new website design was one of three different graphic designs that HACC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors voted on in February 2017.

Features of the new website include:
- New graphical look and feel
- New home page layout that incorporates video
- An even more responsive design to better fit mobile devices
- Portal links in the header
- Enhanced navigation
- Convenient, always-present links for Apply, Visit and Give

Updated Alumni Website - More Reasons to be HACC Proud

The HACC Alumni Association homepage now highlights just how prominent these special members of the HACC family truly are. HACC alumni are over 95,000 strong and can be found in every state and across the globe. Near or far, it’s easy to stay connected by updating contact and interest information through the online form.

HACC alumni are not only prominent by count and location, but also through the many accomplished individuals whose time at HACC helped prepare them for professional success. The new successful alumni page features stories from graduates who put HACC on the map! Each story is unique and illustrates the many possibilities a HACC education affords through the College’s vision to “be the first choice for a quality and accessible higher education opportunity.”

The HACC Alumni Association is governed by the Alumni Committee of the HACC Foundation. This new page provides information about its history, mission and vision. For alumni interested in joining the Alumni Committee, the new page also includes a link to member responsibilities and an online application.
These enhancements have been made to better serve alumni. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please email us at AlumniAssociation@hacc.edu. Thank you!

**Five Campuses, One College**

**Gettysburg Campus – Student Earns Degree from HACC Before Graduating from High School**

Among HACC’s May 2017 graduates was Sadira Stallings, a 17-year-old student from Hanover, Pennsylvania, who graduated with an associate degree in business administration before she graduated from South Western High School in June. She is the first high school student from HACC’s Gettysburg Campus to earn a college degree before earning a high school diploma.

Stallings completed 63 college credit hours online through HACC’s Virtual Learning, allowing her the flexibility to work two jobs to pay tuition and maintain high school activities.

“HACC has made a huge difference in my life by permitting me to graduate with a degree before getting my actual diploma! Their low tuition rates and flexible course schedules are the only reason that this has been possible,” said Stallings, who received a HACC dual enrollment scholarship to assist with tuition.

Stallings plans to return to HACC this fall to get her associate degree in nursing to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

**Harrisburg Campus – Firefighters from Taiwan Complete Training at HACC**

A group of firefighters from Taiwan wrapped up their 10-day specialized training on May 18 at the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center (PSC) on the Harrisburg Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College.

The nine men and one woman were trained by HACC’s fire instructors on such skills as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) orientation/skill stations; firefighter survival (lecture and skill stations); rapid intervention team operations; and special vehicle rescue/large vehicle rescue.
They also toured area volunteer and career fire departments to learn about the different apparatus and departments within Central Pennsylvania. In addition, members of the group plan to attend the Fire Expo at the Farm Show Complex & Expo Center on May 19 before returning to Taiwan.

On May 17, HACC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D., visited the trainees and watched as they drilled on rapid intervention team operations at the burn building on the PSC grounds. He was joined by Kenneth Shur, interim vice president of HACC’s Harrisburg Campus; Vic Rodgers, associate provost of workforce development; and Bob Stakem, PSC director.

These firefighters will take the lessons learned back to their individual departments to share what our region identifies as best practices in firefighting within the above programs.

This partnership allows HACC instructors and area fire departments to share common practices for firefighting and rescue in Central Pennsylvania. It is a unique opportunity for instructors and area departments to interact with an international cohort of firefighting professionals.

HACC was contacted by the group through a search of training locations in Pennsylvania. Additionally, Eric Richenbach, a HACC adjunct, has taught programs internationally, including programs in Taiwan, through another training organization.

The College does not regularly train international groups; however, this is not the first international contingent that has come to the PSC to train. In the past, HACC has partnered with organizations in the United Arab Emirates to provide emergency medical services (EMS) training.

**Lebanon Campus – IU13 WIOA Students Graduate from CNA Program**

Six students from IU13’s WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Youth Program recently graduated from the Certified Nurse Aide program (CNA) at HACC’s Lebanon Campus.

These students worked diligently during the course and created strong friendships as they learned together. During the ceremony, they spoke about their experiences and how their instructor gave them not only the knowledge and skills that they would need to be exceptional nurse aides but also enhanced their compassion and respect for the residents whom they would be serving.

One student was already working at Country Meadows Retirement Community; four others were hired within three days of graduation at HCR Manor Care; and another was hired at Riles Home Aide Haven. We are very proud of these students and wish them continued success in their careers in the health care field!
Lancaster Campus – Donor and Student Recognition Reception

On April 20, the **HACC Lancaster Campus Student and Alumni Networking Dinner** closed out the 2017 Day of Giving festivities. This dinner enabled our students to meet and interact with alumni and successful community and business leaders.

*Pictured from left to right: Fran Rodriguez, HACC alumna; Victor Ramos, vice president of HACC’s Lancaster Campus; and Francine Childs, CFO of SouthEast Lancaster Health Services and guest alumnus speaker for the evening.*

York Campus – HACC York Student Receives Degree at Family Restaurant

HACC York student **Ruzhou “Jenny” Tang** recently worked a memorable shift at her family’s restaurant in Red Lion, where she was presented with her associate degree. **John J. “Ski” Sygielski, Ed.D.,** president of HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s College; **Darryl Jones, Ph.D.,** vice president of HACC’s York Campus; **Marjorie Mattis, D. Ed.,** campus dean of academic affairs at HACC’s York Campus; and **Kathleen Brickner,** business director of HACC’s Gettysburg and York campuses, arrived at the restaurant in full academic regalia.

Tang and her parents immigrated to the United States from China when she was 10-years-old. She graduated from Dallastown High School and later enrolled in HACC’s Business Administration Program.

When she was not busy studying or attending classes, Tang worked at No. 1 Szechuan, her family’s restaurant, and acted as a translator for her parents. She was unable to attend HACC’s Commencement ceremony on May 11 because she was working at the restaurant.

Sygielski said, “Like many students who attend HACC, Jenny was balancing the responsibilities of working and supporting her family while pursuing her associate degree. It was our privilege to honor her hard work and the 4.0 GPA that she earned in a special way.”

HACC recently recognized more than 800 students who completed their associate degrees, certificates or diplomas during its spring Commencement ceremony.
The Invest. Impact. Inspire. Campaign for HACC kicked off in August 2015. We have made significant progress since then. We are receiving contributions on a regular basis. Therefore, the fundraising totals change often. For the latest information, please visit www.hacc.edu/campaign.

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

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