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Our first responders deserve state-of-the-art training site



HACC achieved another milestone this spring with the launch of the public phase of a capital campaign to fund renovations to the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center. The college community was joined by PSC founders, the region's first responders, and local, state and federal dignitaries to share the moment. It was both gratifying and humbling to look at the faces in the audience and see many of the men and women who daily put their lives on the line for the rest of us.

We look forward to new beginnings with the summer and fall semesters just around the corner. Also new is AdvancePA, an initiative launched by HACC and community colleges across Pennsylvania that calls on policymakers and candidates to make expanding opportunities for a quality, affordable, accessible education at community colleges an economic priority.

HACC – and I – are embarking on a new chapter as well. After 13 years as president, I am leaving this summer to become president of Napa Valley Community College in California. I will leave behind many friends and a very vibrant community college, but NVCC is a good fit for me personally and I really fell in love with the Napa community which reminds me very much of my native Germany.

I am confident that HACC will have no problem in attracting some very highly qualified applicants and I am pleased to be leaving the college in the hands of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Ronald Young as interim president – aided by the college's other vice presidents – pending the selection of a new leader for HACC. I could not be more pleased with my tenure at HACC and will always wish the very best for the college.



Among HACC representatives who participated in announcing AdvancePA, an advocacy campaign for Pennsylvania's community colleges, were, from left, students Matthew Martin, Jonette Taylor and Sarah Radomsky; David Morrison, assistant to the president and executive director of planning and policy; and Charles Peguese, a member of the board of trustees.

Edna V. Baehre

Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D.,
HACC president



Help Tomorrow's First Responders, Today!

The Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center (PSC) isn't the oldest building on HACC's Harrisburg Campus, but some areas of the 12-acre site are in use 24/7.

Buildings are set ablaze and the firing range takes barrage after barrage of ammunition.

There are demonstrations that can include hazardous materials, screeching vehicles and medical and environmental "emergencies."

K-9 units climb through the "rubble pile" looking for simulated survivors.

After 22 years of hard use, the time has come to refurbish the facility that trains more than 30,000 first responders and healthcare workers annually and make the needed additions that will keep them at the top of their professions.



HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., formally announces the public phase of a capital campaign for the renovation of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center.

In early April, HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., joined by college administration, faculty and staff; police, fire and EMS cadets; and civic and governmental leaders, announced a campaign to "Help Tomorrow's First Responders, Today!" The campaign will support renovations to the PSC.

"We move forward with plans to rejuvenate the spirit of community commitment that saw the establishment of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center more than 20 years ago," Baehre said to those gathered under the tent near the burn building.

"Our region's first responders deserve to be trained in a state-of-the-art educational facility, and HACC today is taking the steps to make that a reality," she added.



Among those attending the event were HACC Board of Trustee members, from left, Charles R. Peguese; Sally S. Klein, who was a member of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners when the Public Safety Center was conceived and implemented; Thomas B. Richey; and Timothy L. Sandoe.

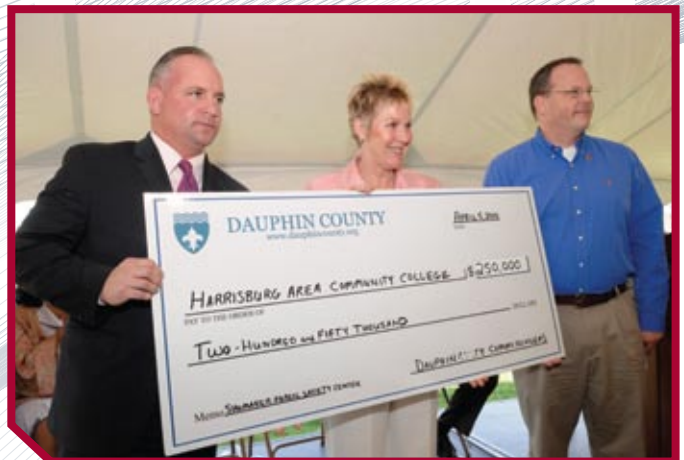


The first phase of the PSC renovation is estimated at \$14.3 million. The capital campaign seeks to raise \$4 million in public support.

"More than \$1.2 million already has been raised through the PSC Partners Campaign," said Frank Conte, HACC trustee and a member of the PSC Advisory Board. "We now invite the community to also reinvest in the training of their first responders by contributing to the campaign to fund the project."



Retired Fire Chief Lee Witman of Colonial Park Fire Company #1 was in the audience.



Dauphin County Commissioners Nick DiFrancesco II, left, and George Hartwick III, right, present a check for \$250,000 to HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., for the PSC capital campaign.

Doug Rohrbaugh, an architect and designer of the master plan, also noted the impact of community commitment. "A community is strong and vibrant with public education and public safety. A community fails if it loses just one," he said.

"I've said this many times; this place is like no other," said Nancy Rockey, HACC vice president of development and interim vice president of the Harrisburg Campus. "Everyone is touched by a first responder once every five years – sometimes even more. It's not about the bricks and mortar. It's about people."

Dauphin County Commissioners Nick DiFrancesco II and George Hartwick III acknowledged that such an investment is an important one and presented a check for \$250,000 toward the campaign through the Local Share Municipal Grant Program, from funds generated by Penn National's Hollywood Casino in East Hanover Township.

"The Shumaker Public Safety Center is one of the best first responder training facilities anywhere in the country," said Hartwick. "How much investment is that worth to all of us?"

Participants in the announcement also included U.S. Rep. Tim Holden, D-17; State Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, R-15; and Harrisburg Mayor Linda Thompson. Among the dignitaries attending were representatives of the project design team, including K&W Engineers/Consultants of Harrisburg and CenterPoint Engineering of Mechanicsburg.



Sally Klein, left, HACC trustee; state Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, R-15; and Judy Shumaker, widow of the late senator, chat after the ceremony.

Retired Harrisburg City Fire Chief Donald Konkle, executive director of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute and a member of the PSC Advisory board and members of the Shumaker family have been a part of the PSC from the beginning.

Konkle thanked HACC for including emergency responders in the plan; thanked those who support it; and, for the others, he said, "Write a check!"



A donor makes a pledge to the PSC Partners campaign.

The project

Phase one of the plan includes:

- Renovation of original fire training structures
- Construction of a law enforcement complex with an indoor, 25-lane firing range
- Additional training sites for hazardous materials
- Upgrades to the storm water management/fire retention pond
- The expected completion date is spring of 2012.

The remaining three phases of the master plan include:

Phase II: a new fire training tower, new mock fire training station, emergency vehicle operator's course and connection to the Harrisburg Campus through a pedestrian bridge and an emergency access road



Phase III: a new 90,000-square-foot academic and administration building

Phase IV: renovation of North Hall into a Transportation Building, with an addition of approximately 30,000 square feet



Administration building on the campus of the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center

PSC history: Serving Central Pennsylvania for more than two decades

HACC's Public Safety Center was established in 1988 as a partnership with Dauphin County and volunteer firefighters in response to a need for a training facility for fire, emergency medical service (EMS) and police personnel. It was designated the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center in honor of the late state senator who was instrumental in obtaining the support to create the facility, which sits on 12 acres adjacent to the Harrisburg Campus.

As the dream of Dauphin County officials and volunteer firefighters, the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center's original purpose was to train first responders for local communities. Today, the center is world renowned for its expertise and high-quality training programs. HACC's specialized instructors have shared their knowledge, skills, expertise and passion with fellow first responders nationally and internationally. First and foremost, however, HACC retains its strong commitment to the surrounding communities that gave us our start.

The majority of central Pennsylvania's municipal police officers, emergency responders and firefighters are trained and graduate from the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center, earning state and national certification as well as credits toward an associate degree. The center serves more than 30,000 students per year through its 1,800 classes. HACC's Police Academy is the second largest in the state of Pennsylvania.

Public Safety Center campaign effort hits close to home

(Gretchen Ramsey, campus development officer of the Harrisburg Campus, wrote the following to her HACC colleagues on March 23.)

Dear Friends of HACC,

Last night I stood on my front porch and watched as two fire engines and one tanker went racing by my house followed by countless "blue lights." I stood there listening to the sirens and watching as my Blackberry was burning up with text messages, phone calls, and e-mails asking if I knew what was going on. Then came the text, it was a 2nd Alarm working house fire. As a friend and colleague said, "Gretchen, it is 'well involved,' which means that there is little hope to save it."

I stood there speechless, helpless, and feeling more insignificant than I have ever felt in my entire life! I realized that my friends from Halifax Fire Department were no longer standing around joking with me talking about our lives and families. They were racing by me to save the lives and home of my neighbors and all I could do was watch.

My son, Jackson, 6, looked at me and asked me why I was crying. I told him, "Mommy can't help save the neighbors or help her friends." He then said, "Mommy, aren't you building someplace for them go to school so they can learn how to save people?" After wiping my tears and laughing, I realized I was helping! While I was not standing shoulder to shoulder with Chief Bob Stout and the brave men and women of Station 29 and other area volunteer firefighters who at 9 p.m. last night saved a family and their home, I and the supporters of the PSC are ALL standing with him, in ensuring the safety and security of all of our homes.

I also realized in that moment, the PSC fundraising team has no other choice but to continue to extend ourselves each and everyday for the benefit of this critical expansion.

How you can help

To join PSC Partners, fill out the form on the facing page. You can mail it to PSC Partners, Attn: The HACC Foundation, One HACC Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

For more information about the PSC Partners program and other ways to donate to the campaign, contact Gretchen Ramsey at 717-780-2439 or via e-mail gramsey@hacc.edu.

Appointments announced



Virgil Ganesu

Three new executives have been added to HACC's administrative staff:

Virgil Ganesu, Ph.D., of York has been appointed dean of technology for the Harrisburg Campus. He provides curricular leadership college wide for programs in the technology division and operational leadership to those programs at the Harrisburg Campus.



Dennis Heinle

Dennis Heinle, MBA, of York has been appointed director of the Alex Grass Institute for Business Leadership and the Professional Development Institute. He oversees overall operations, including developing and implementing executive education programs, workshops, seminars, conferences, and training events relating to leadership. He is also responsible for developing and implementing leadership programs for faculty and staff within the college.



Rob Steinmetz

Rob Steinmetz, Ed.D., of Harrisburg has been appointed vice president of student affairs and enrollment management. He is responsible for the leadership and strategic direction of student services, retention and learning support college wide, and oversees the college-wide enrollment management plan.

Ganesu has more than 10 years experience teaching in post-secondary environments and supervising college faculty. Most recently, he was dean of academic affairs for the Chantilly, Va., Campus of ITT Tech.

His memberships include the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the International Microelectronics and Packaging Society.

Ganesu earned both his bachelor's degree and doctorate in mechanical engineering from the Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania. His certifications include Microsoft Certified Professional, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Certified Electronics Engineer.

Heinle brings a wealth of senior executive experience in the academic, healthcare and financial arenas to the college. Most recently, he was director of The Leadership Institute at Mansfield University.

In addition to holding several professional certifications, Heinle is a member of the National Speakers Association, World Presidents' Organization and the International Coach Federation. He is an active community volunteer and serves on the Martin Memorial Library board in York.

A graduate of the University of Baltimore, Heinle earned a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's of business administration in marketing and labor relations.

Steinmetz brings to the position similar experience in student affairs and enrollment management gained in service to several community colleges. Most recently, he was associate dean for enrollment management and college registrar at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Ala.

In addition to a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama, Steinmetz holds both a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

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Faculty honored for excellence in teaching



Heather Burns



Katherine Leonard



Jason Rosenberry with a student

Three faculty members received national recognition in May from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) for their professional accomplishments.

Heather Burns, assistant professor, health careers counseling, York Campus; Katherine Leonard, associate professor of nursing, Harrisburg Campus; and Jason Rosenberry, assistant professor of mathematics, Gettysburg Campus, were presented the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award at the organization's annual conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence at the University of Texas, Austin.

They were selected by a committee of HACC students, faculty and administrators for their commitment to students, teaching, professional growth and college service.

Burns implemented an approach to helping students choose their career path in health care, introducing "parallel paths" at each step of the enrollment process that gives students the flexibility they need when deciding on a health career field.

She takes a student-center approach in the classroom with activities that promote learning and critical reflection. She also presents student success workshops on study skills, test taking skills and addressing math anxiety.

Burns often meets with students on Saturday, and volunteers to help with projects and activities sponsored by the Student Government Association and student clubs.

Leonard was recognized with an award for demonstrating the qualities seen in professional nursing – caring, compassion, advocacy and commitment to the care of patients.

For 19 years, her priority has been to assure her second-year nursing students are successful, making herself available to students beyond her regular lectures. Leonard also provides supervision for clinical experience 16 hours a week.

She coordinates the annual flu clinic with Holy Spirit Hospital, providing a service to the community as well as an opportunity for HACC nursing students to participate in a community-based nursing activity while refining their skills administering medication.

Rosenberry regularly receives feedback from students – those in his Gettysburg Campus classroom as well as in online classes — who say he is "the best instructor I've ever had." He is student-focused in the classroom and able to bring course content to the students' learning level.

He continues to use and promote technology in his classes to remain effective in his teaching, creating podcasts to explain course content.

Rosenberry's Introduction to Statistics course was recognized as "New and Notable" and a "Featured Course" by iTunes U. His podcasts and those of fellow mathematics faculty have been among the most popular math downloads at iTunes U – not just from HACC but students taking classes at other colleges or studying on their own.

New chemistry professor + HACC = equation for success

Gettysburg, Pa., is a long way from Cameroon, Africa, but one thing is the same — students eager to learn.

"I'm loving it at HACC," said Divine Dugah, a native of Cameroon who taught high school for three years before coming to America in 2004 to study. He is the first full-time chemistry professor shared by students at the Gettysburg and York campuses.

"I was looking for a place that suits my teaching objectives and my philosophy, which is that I really like working with small-sized classes, and community colleges are known for that," said Dugah.

With class sizes of 10 to 40 students, Dugah said he can comfortably answer students' questions and get through all his course material.

Dugah is very popular with students, known for being fair, approachable and able to help them make sense of chemistry.

"I loved him as a professor for what I considered a very difficult subject," said Rosie Adams of Hanover, a pre-clinical/general studies major who had Dugah for Chemistry 100 last fall. "Chemistry, by what I have heard, was one of the most difficult courses at HACC-Gettysburg Campus, but he made it fun. He worked us hard and tough, but I am forever grateful for that because it is really helping me with my nutrition, anatomy and physiology, and clinical math courses."

Adams, 39, recently transferred to another college but took time to send Dugah an e-mail, thanking him for giving her the ground work she needed for these other courses.

"You cannot ask for more than feedback like this. I am honored," Dugah said. "Chemistry is a challenging subject, and the person who has the gift



Divine Dugah offers help to students solving a problem in his class at the Gettysburg Campus. Below, Dugah explains a concept during a recent lecture.

to unlock the mystery of chemistry and break it into pieces so it can be understood is probably like a piece of gold to a student. I don't mean to brag, but I do think I am getting there," added Dugah, who teaches general inorganic chemistry I, and inorganic and qualitative analysis.

He graduated with honors from the University of Buea in Cameroon with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a doctorate in inorganic/organometallic/polymer chemistry from the University of North Dakota. His dissertation was on the topic of synthesis, characterization and reactivity of rare-earth metal complexes and their Catalytic Applications Towards the Ring-Opening Polymerization of Cyclic Esters.

"I came to America to further my education. There are more resources here for better training," said Dugah, who has always loved working with chemicals since he was little. "I always wanted to be a college professor. It's more challenging than teaching high school and there are more opportunities."

Dugah said he especially appreciates the warm reception and ongoing support he receives from fellow department members and HACC administrators, especially Shannon Harvey, executive dean of academic affairs at the Gettysburg Campus, and Margie Mattis, D.Ed., executive dean of academic affairs at the York Campus.

It was a big decision to leave his parents and his homeland, but he knew his fiancée Geraldine, whom he met at the University of Buea, would join him in America. The couple married here in 2008 and now has a daughter, Danita, who turns 1 in August.

During future sabbaticals, Dugah is hoping to return to Cameroon to share some of his teaching experience.



Alumni support future nurses

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. But, for a select number of students in HACC's registered nurse training programs, heroes come in the form of nursing alumni from Harrisburg Hospital and Polyclinic's hospital-based training programs.

Although the programs stopped training nurses back in the late 1970s, the alumni continue to promote careers in nursing through scholarship funds directed to HACC students.

Recipients must meet certain criteria set by the alumni associations to be eligible for the scholarships, which vary in size depending on the interest the endowments earn each year. But, at the same time, the nursing students can apply for more than one scholarship to help with the expense of books and tuition.

Cindy Wijaya, a scholarship recipient and nursing student at the Harrisburg Campus, says the money means she doesn't have to work full time during school. "I can focus on school," she said. "It motivates me."

Bonnie Martin, a scholarship recipient who is enrolled in the nursing program at the Lancaster Campus, agrees. "I can spend more time and treat school as a job," she said. "There is so much that you have to do outside of class that trying to fit that in with a full-time work schedule is impossible. It is a huge help."

Harrisburg Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association members looked to the scholarship fund as a way to preserve the school's history, said Lovonne Cooper, scholarship chair. "We were really at a loss because of the school closing," Cooper said. "Part of (our reason for developing the fund) was feeling we wanted Harrisburg to always remember there was a school of nursing. We didn't want to be forgotten."

Although they initially tried to develop their own program, they decided to work with HACC based on the advice of their counterparts at the Polyclinic Hospital



Cindy Wijaya, left, a nursing student at the Harrisburg Campus, is presented with a Nursing Education Scholarship by Anne Russ of the Polyclinic Hospital Nurses Alumni Association.

Nurses Alumni Association, who enjoyed the ease of working with the HACC Foundation. They also spoke highly of the college's nursing program.

"The reason we chose to work with HACC is because we were looking for a really good nursing program," said Susan Harley, a 1960 Polyclinic graduate. "We were also looking for more committed students, which I know in the HACC program many are older and more committed when they decide to go into the program. Also, the majority of them stay in the area."

Since 2004 the Polyclinic Hospital Nurses Alumni Association has awarded 19 scholarships through the HACC Foundation worth a total of \$11,600. At the same time, the Harrisburg Hospitals Nurses' Alumni Association has awarded 15 scholarships totaling more than \$11,200.

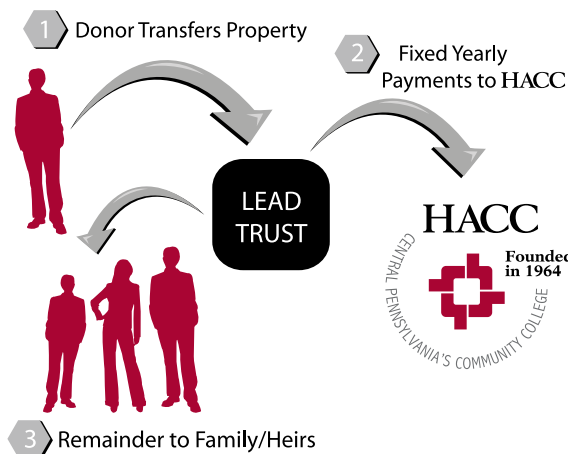
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Scholarship helps make her dream a reality

When Anastasia Beard, a first-year student at the HACC-Lebanon Campus, asked her parents for permission to foster rescue dogs, they agreed as long as she was willing to take care of them.

Beard is still taking care of foster dogs five years later and now dreaming of possibly owning her own specialty pet supply store. A scholarship from the Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships is helping to pay for her education at HACC and make this dream a reality.

The annual Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships is one of this region's premier golf events. Scheduled this year for September 20 at the beautiful West Course of the Hershey Country Club, the golf tournament raises much-needed tuition assistance for students at all five HACC campuses. Last year, thanks to the commitment of individual and corporate sponsors, the HACC Foundation netted over \$145,000 for scholarships.

"The HACC Foundation is working hard to make it possible for students to go to college," said Executive Director Jayne Abrams. "We rely on our sponsors to help us to keep talented students in Central Pennsylvania's workforce. Scholarship funds will help our region to enjoy a 'brain gain,' not a 'brain drain.'"



Anastasia Beard sits with Carson, a yellow Lab mix.

Growing up between Myerstown and Lebanon in a household consisting of one older and five younger siblings, as well as dogs, cats, goats, and guinea pigs, Beard has had to take responsibility for herself, her pets, and her education. She continues to foster dogs for Furry Friends Network, a Boiling Springs rescue organization, while also babysitting twice a week. Five months ago, she added a 15-hour-a-week waitressing job to bring in additional income to support her business and marketing studies at HACC.

As a foster "parent" to a total of 53 dogs in five years, Beard gets her pets to veterinary visits and makes sure they are neutered. She takes them to local events and basically does everything necessary to prepare them for adoption. Her family adopted its own four dogs from the same rescue group.

"I've always had pets," said Beard, who showed goats for the 4-H Club when she was younger. "I've grown up around them and have always been involved in their care."

"Anastasia is a good example of the determined, hard-working HACC students who benefit from the Frank J. Dixon Tournament for Scholarships," Abrams said. "We invite you to consider the value of HACC in our state, our communities, and within your own circle of business associates, family, and friends. HACC's offering of accessible education enables students to learn new skills and knowledge, and acquire the tools to succeed in the workplace. HACC graduates live, work, and invest in our communities, enhancing the quality of life for us all."

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Marie Graupner Elias, who died last year, and her husband, who died in 1989, were lifelong Harrisburg residents who worked together for many years in their business, General Machinery and Equipment Co., and were dedicated to the community.

After her husband's death, she continued to work with various nonprofit organizations, supporting her church and fundraising for many civic organizations, charities and the arts.

Mrs. Elias cherished her husband's memory and that of her parents, so it is no surprise that the main focus in her estate plan was to continue to give back to the community that she and David loved and the community her parents supported wholeheartedly. In addition to HACC, beneficiaries of Marie Graupner Elias' estate include three area churches, three nonprofits that serve the homeless and people of little means, three other Pennsylvania schools, a dozen nonprofit organizations in the area and the arts.

There is so much that we as citizens could learn from the Eliases. First and foremost, they have shown us how to be passionate about what we do in our daily lives and to give back to the community that serves us in good times and bad. The ultimate legacy that the Elias family has left us all is a beautiful example of living a life of generosity and involvement in order to make a difference in the community.



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Kathy Verna: Believing in yourself



Kathy Verna

In a nutshell: HACC alumna Kathy Verna of Lebanon is executive director of P.R.O.B.E. (Potential Reentry Opportunities in Business and Education), a non-profit agency that enables displaced homemakers, single parents, and pregnant teens or teen parents to enter and remain in the workforce. The program offers career counseling and classes, skills training, child care, and transportation resources. Married

at 19, Verna stayed home for 17 years to raise her four sons. In 1997, she found herself a client of P.R.O.B.E. She went on to complete 71 credits at the HACC-Lebanon Campus and earn a bachelor's degree in social work from Temple University, and now is the agency's chief executive officer.

Building self-confidence: "I always pictured myself as a mom with kids. But when my youngest started first grade, I felt lost. When I got to P.R.O.B.E., the director encouraged me to try college. I was full of reasons why I couldn't go back to school, but she said, 'I know you can do this.' Her belief in me made me want to give college a try. Working at P.R.O.B.E. has been unique because you're always asked to try something new and that's a little scary. It pushes me."

We're in this together: "You often believe that life is going is going to stay as it is. Your life can be churning along nicely and then all of a sudden something happens. When you're out of the workforce for a while or change direction, you think you're the only one struggling. When you're connected with other women and men like you, you realize they too have fears. P.R.O.B.E. gives people a sense of community and support."

The HACC factor: "P.R.O.B.E. always takes clients on a tour of the college. One has a vision of what college kids look like, but at HACC you see people who are the same age range or ethnic background as you. You feel like you belong. At HACC, I always had that sense that the instructors were willing to do what was needed to help you succeed."

Personal heroes: "I meet a new hero everyday — women and some men who turned their lives around. They inspire me. Over the years, I have had more women heroes that I can count — my mother, Dr. Kathryn Towns (P.R.O.B.E. founder), Lee Brennan (former executive director) — they all had this 'I can do it' spirit."

Leaving a legacy: "The epitaph I'd like on my tombstone is 'One person can make a difference.' I don't expect to make an impact in the world like Mother Teresa, but if I can help make one person's life a little better, then I made a difference in their world."

Christopher Painter: Building his own future



Christopher Painter

In a nutshell: After completing 47 credits at HACC, Chris Painter earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and built a successful career in engineering and construction. In 2007, he joined his wife, Courtney, also a HACC alumna, and his brother-in-law, Douglas Erwin, both founders of their company Advanced Insurance Solutions in Hershey, to focus on commercial line insurance services. Also in 2007, Painter received the HACC Distinguished Alumni Award. The couple has two young sons.

Forging his own path: "I've always been out of the box. Everything I've done in life has been a stretch for me. People thought I was crazy when I bought my first house when I was in college or when I walked away from a well-paying job and rewarding career to join the agency, but it was one of the best things I ever did. At the agency, I have control and can make sure we are doing what's best for our clients. I am helping to grow the business and building a future for my family."

The HACC factor: "What do you want to do with your life? I couldn't answer that question in high school. That's why I went to HACC. I'm thankful for the jobs I had as a teen because I realized what I didn't want to do for a living. I learned that getting an education gives you options. HACC offered opportunities to help me figure myself out. While at HACC, I got a summer job in construction. I worked my way up from digging trenches to survey work, which piqued my interest in engineering. I left HACC knowing what I wanted to do. I had direction."

Everyday heroes: "As life changes, I'm sure your heroes change. Right now, my day-to-day heroes are teachers, coaches, and volunteers who work with kids, making sure they grow up right and stay out of trouble. My son has a great teacher who makes learning fun. It changes how he looks at school. That's an impact. My parents are also my heroes. I respect what they did for me now that I'm going through similar experiences. My parents are pretty amazing."

Guess who is coming to dinner: "If I could have dinner with anyone past or present, I'd like to share a meal with President Obama. Right now, there are so many monumental changes taking place in the country and the world that I don't understand. I'd like to talk with him and hear about his vision for the country."

Words to live by: "Someone once said to me, 'If you're not able to motivate yourself, then nobody will.' I take those words with me to work everyday. It's important to encourage yourself. I tell my kids, 'you don't tell people about how smart you are or that you're a good athlete. Just work hard and people will tell you. Prove your worth with your actions.'"

Alumni in the news

Business, Hospitality, Tourism

Lisa K. Colon (Lancaster, Business Management-Accounting '08) recently was awarded a state Senate citation honoring "individuals who contribute toward the well being of the community" for her efforts to clean up Lancaster's Northwest Corridor Linear Park. Colon is a records officer at Lancaster County Prison. She and her husband, Reali, have three children—Isreali, 12, Victoria, 11, and Realina, 9.

Joy Faust (Harrisburg, Business Studies '06) recently joined the management team at the Cape Cod (Mass.) Mall as guest services manager. She lives in South Yarmouth, Mass., with her husband and two daughters.

Cory J. Marshall (Harrisburg, Business Administration '07) continued his education at Penn State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in management. He is a supply management specialist for DLA-Defense Logistics Agency.

Licia I. Navazio (Harrisburg, Business Administration '91) recently moved her financial and investment advisory office with Ameriprise Financial Services from Locust Lane in Harrisburg to South 35th Street in Camp Hill.

Kristen O'Connell (Lancaster, Business Administration '07) is a payroll specialist for Lancaster General Health. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Pennsylvania College in May.

Paul L. Rudy III (Harrisburg, Business Administration '86) is chief financial officer for Graham Capital in York.

Cheryl C. Sakalosky (Harrisburg, Business Administration '91) is vice president of regional banking for Citizens Bank in Harrisburg.

Richard P. Scott (Harrisburg, Business Administration '87) is president of Brandywine Recyclers,

Inc., in Lebanon and president of the Francis J. Dixon Foundation. Scott earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Penn State University.

Joseph Trojcek (Harrisburg, Business Administration '82) owns Progressive Enterprises Sound Studios in Conewago Township. Client includes The History Channel, Dentsply International Inc., the Real Estate Cyberspace Society, state Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, the Mennonite Central Committee, CNN, and Mack Trucks Inc. After attending HACC, Trojcek earned bachelor's degrees in music composition and business management from West Chester University. He is an adviser to HACC's music merchandising program and adjunct instructor of music business at Lebanon Valley College.

Patricia Wolf (Harrisburg, Business Management '08, Accounting '08) graduated in May from Eastern University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Mary Clare Zales (Harrisburg, Executive Secretary '71) is deputy secretary for libraries for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Eastern University.

Communications, Humanities and the Arts

Jessica Charlton (Lancaster, Liberal Arts '05) is an adjunct instructor of English at the HACC-Lancaster Campus.

Samantha Gebhard (Lancaster, Art and Design '06) is a graduate student at Drexel University. She earned a bachelor's degree at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Amanda Hitz (Harrisburg, Graphic Design '09) is a Web and graphic designer for Hair Direct in Bainbridge.

Vida Joines (Harrisburg, Performing Arts-Theatre '09) played the lead role



Former HACC student Lesley Pressage addresses a marketing retail class taught by Amanda Freed at the Lancaster Campus.

in HACC Theatreworks' production of John Pielmeier's play, "Agnes of God," at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center on the HACC-Harrisburg Campus.

Todd D. McIntyre, Ph.D., (Harrisburg, Liberal Arts '74) recently accepted a position as senior vice president of federal regulatory strategy at ProEd Communications, a division of Omnicom Health Care based in Beachwood, Ohio.

General Studies

Amy Trout Hughes (Harrisburg, General Studies, 30+ credits) is a manager for Deloitte Consulting in Washington, DC. Hughes was president of HACC's Student Government Association in 1988-89. She continued her education at the University of Phoenix.

Yvette Luster-West (Harrisburg, General Studies '97) is a community liaison for Lutheran Life Villages in Fort Wayne, Ind. She is a licensed practical nurse. education experiences with the retail management students as his way of giving back to HACC.

Lesley Pressage (Lancaster, General Studies '06) was a guest speaker on April 13 for Amanda Freed's MKTG 217: Retail Management class. At HACC, Pressage completed several courses with Freed, and they kept in touch throughout his career. He is an assistant store manager with

AT&T Wireless in Harrisburg and York, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree from Albright College. For the second year in a row, Pressage has returned to share his career and education experiences with the retail management students as his way of giving back to HACC.

Ralph Sallusti (Harrisburg, General Studies, 30+ credits) lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he has been an attorney for the past 35 years.

Health Careers

Gary A. Aller (Harrisburg, Health Information Technology '08) recently was nominated for the Governor's Awards for Excellence, which recognizes exemplary accomplishments of Commonwealth employees for initiative, leadership, and strong commitment to service. He is a medical records assistant with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Crystal Koran (Harrisburg, Dental Hygiene '01) is one of 14 dental professionals nominated for Hygienist of the Year award from Crown Council, a national alliance dedicated to raising the standard of dental care. Koran is director of hygiene operations and education for Cary (N.C.) Family Dental. She is studying for a degree in chemistry at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Dale Maljevac (Harrisburg, Nursing '95) is a nurse with the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's Life Lion, which transports critically ill patients by air and ground.

Daphne N. May (Gettysburg, Nursing, 30+ credits) married Mark A. DeGennaro on September 5, 2009, in Carroll Valley.

Jeanne Pickett (Lancaster, Nursing '06) recently received the 2009 Carol Y. Phillips Undergraduate Award from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Pickett is a student at Millersville University.

Geina Tome (Lancaster, Cardiovascular Technician '04, Cardiovascular Technology '06) is a cardiac sonographer at Lancaster Regional Medical Center.

Mathematics and Science

Jason Hatcher (Harrisburg, Environmental Specialist '07) is employed by the City of Lebanon Authority. He recently completed the environmental management

certificate program from Columbia Southern University.

Social Sciences

David M. Eggert (Lebanon, Criminal Justice '06) is deputy fire commissioner and a health, housing and sanitation inspector for the City of Lebanon. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Alvernia University.

Rod Ertel (Harrisburg, Social Sciences '72) of Chino Hills, Calif., retired after 30 years with the City of Anaheim's Public Utilities Department. He is a graduate of California Polytechnic University where he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering. He is a registered electrical engineer in California and is now working part time.

Randy Gockley (Harrisburg, Fire Science '86) is director of the Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency.

Karen Belsak Griffiths (Harrisburg, Pre-teaching-Elementary '67) earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana

University of Pennsylvania. She formerly was a Welcome Wagon representative in Franklin, Tenn., and a substitute teacher and Girl Scout leader for 14 years. Griffiths and her husband, Glen, live in Hixon, Tenn., and own seven Five Guys Restaurants in Tennessee and Georgia. They have been married 41 years and have four children and five grandchildren.

Diane Norman (Harrisburg, Paralegal Studies '06) is a refugee officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service in Washington, D.C. She lives in Fulton, Md.

Clare Novak (Harrisburg, Pre-Teaching '74) is president of Business Leadership Qualities in Chester Springs. Novak has worked extensively in Egypt, Kuwait, the Ukraine and Canada. She recently began publishing Leaders' Work, a quarterly electronic journal using business applications for academic research.

Andrew J. Schindler (Harrisburg, Social Sciences '67) of Winston-Salem, N.C., retired in 2004 as president and CEO of R.J. Reynolds Company. He earned a bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College, and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.

Trisha Schick (Harrisburg, Criminal Justice '06) is employed by NHS Human Services in Harrisburg. She has a bachelor's degree in social psychology from Park University and a master's degree in forensic psychology from Argosy University.

Nicole Tate (Harrisburg, Criminal Justice '06) will be receiving a bachelor's degree in business management in August. She is an Avon representative and a cheerleading coach for Harrisburg High School.

Caprice L. Washington (Harrisburg, Early Childhood Education '07) is a teacher with Keystone Services Inc.-Capital Area Head Start in Harrisburg.

Technology

Robert Fogle Jr. (Harrisburg, Architectural Technology '09) is a

drafter with the Chesapeake Glazing Company in Reisterstown, Md.

Stephen J. Pakosh (Harrisburg, Fire Science Technology '82) is manager of safety and training at Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling in Lancaster.

In Memoriam

The following HACC alumni and faculty member recently passed away and will be sadly missed:

Deborah R. Baker (Harrisburg, Nursing '92) passed away April 17. She continued her education after HACC, graduating from Millersville University. She was the chief executive officer of Health South Regional Specialty Hospital in Mechanicsburg.

Brian V. Belair (Harrisburg, Social Sciences '91) passed away February 13. He was a member of Union Local 520 Pipefitters and Plumber, a fitter in pneumatic controls and a welder.

Sherman C. Cunningham (Harrisburg, General Studies, 30+ credits) died April 14. He earned a bachelor's degree in social work from West Virginia State University. He was a diagnostic counselor at Loysville Youth Development Center, family therapy coordinator and social development director at Hamilton Health Center, housing counseling director at the Urban League, and director of the John N. Hall Boys and Girls Club.

Susan Kroah Giblin (Harrisburg, Business Administration '84, Paralegal Studies '89) passed away January 27 at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She was a veterinary technician at Boiling Springs Animal Hospital.

Christopher Potter, a HACC professor for more than 30 years, passed away peacefully on April 4. While at HACC, Potter taught psychology, was a counselor for the Division of Social Sciences and HACC ombudsman. He was a two-time winner of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award for outstanding teaching.

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In February, your HACC Alumni Association pledged a \$10,000 major gift to HACC Gettysburg's Share the Vision, Shape the Future campaign, which will be divided equally between the campus' Opportunity and Access Scholarship Fund and its Technology and Equipment Fund.

In March, the Alumni Association gave another \$10,000 gift to support The Campaign to Help Tomorrow's First Responders, Today!, which seeks to expand and upgrade the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center on the Harrisburg Campus.

In August, the HACC Alumni Association will award five full-year scholarships to deserving students for the upcoming school year.

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June 21-24	Harrisburg Campus	M-Th	9 am-Noon	

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8:15 am-3:15 pm

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August 9-12 Harrisburg Campus M-Th 1-4 pm
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August 2-5 Harrisburg Campus M-Th 1-4 pm

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Gala celebrates partnerships, the arts, scholarship

A festive gathering held April 30 was a celebration on many levels:

- It recognized partnerships with the arts community in the ongoing celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Gettysburg Campus. For more than a decade, the Adams County Arts Council has provided artists in residence and STAR grant funding for performances and cultural events at the campus. Appreciation was expressed to contributing artists who have donated their paintings, photographs and other artwork for permanent display at the campus.
- It was a preview of the Making It Better: Folk Arts in Pennsylvania Today exhibit that showcases a rich diversity of art objects, paintings, musical instruments, textiles, carvings and other traditional crafts and art by 25 Pennsylvania artists. The exhibit will remain on display at the campus through July 31, and is free and open to the public. It is coordinated by the Institute for Cultural Partnerships and sponsored locally by the Adams County Arts Council.
- It served as a platform to encourage donations to the HACC-Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Partner Program. As part of its 20th anniversary, the campus is kicking off a community campaign for student scholarships. Approximately one-third of the 2,100 students at the campus receive some type of need-based scholarship or grant.



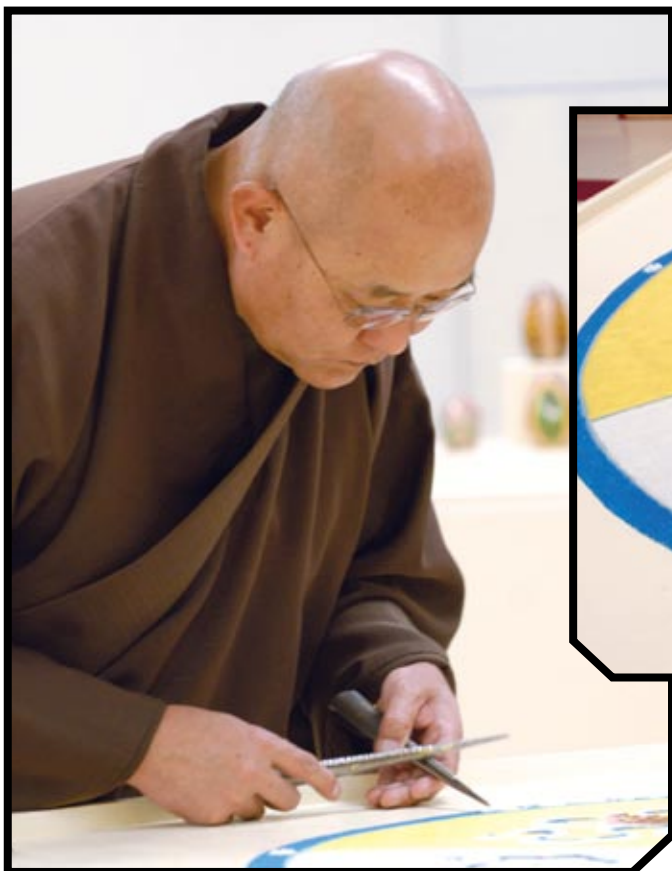
Judy Alder, campus development officer, holds a pledge card for the HACC-Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Partner Program.



From left, Jennifer Weaver, vice president of the Gettysburg Campus; Shannon Harvey, executive dean of academic affairs of the Gettysburg Campus; Barbara Schell, and Donald E. Schell, chair of the HACC board of trustees, gather during the gala celebrating the 20th anniversary of the campus and a preview of the Making It Better traveling folk art exhibit.



Attendees find out more about the 25 Pennsylvania artists whose work is included in the Making It Better traveling folk art exhibit.



Losang Samten patiently creates an intricate mandala design (shown at right) with colored sand during the opening reception of the Making It Better traveling folk art exhibit.



Above, graffiti artist POSE II sees graffiti as an important form of expression for those who otherwise feel they have no voice. Right, Philadelphia's Spiral Q Puppet Theater's "Peoplehood" display "at the intersection of the arts and social justice communities."

Harrisburg

Memorial dedicated to Cliff Dillmann

The bright sunshine and brilliant blue sky that greeted Cliff Dillmann's family, friends and colleagues as they gathered on the Harrisburg Campus in April to honor his memory couldn't have been more appropriate. The weather was a testament to the community organizer and activist who not only valued the environment, but who also was willing to fight to preserve it.

The gathering marked the dedication of a memorial to Dillmann, a senior professor of psychology and dedicated club advisor at HACC from 1970 until his unexpected passing in late 2009. The memorial, located just beyond the east parking lot, sits in a clearing on the natural barrier between the college and highway interchange that was at the heart of one of Dillmann's most passionate environmental efforts.

Not long after Dillmann joined HACC, he took up a fight to stop the building of what was known as "The River Relief Route," a highway that was championed by just about everyone for its ability to reduce congestion on Front Street in Harrisburg. The problem for Dillmann was not the highway itself, but its right of way. As planned, it would have run 50 feet off the college parking lot and through Wildwood Park.

"Long before 'green' became fashionable, Cliff helped us remember we are all stewards of this planet and that a sole dedicated group of people, even in the face of great opposition, can often change misguided government policy and make the world a better place," said Jim Terry, a senior professor of government and politics, who was a friend and colleague for 32 years.

Remembering the efforts of his trusted friend and colleague, Terry took pleasure in telling the story of a man who didn't let the ire of state and local officials stop him from righting what he saw as a terrible wrong. Together with other concerned citizens, Dillmann formed the Coalition Against Ruining the Environment and set out on a battle with the establishment that would last several years before they were able to convince the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to move the highway 500 yards to the east, preserving the beauty of the campus setting and Wildwood Park.

"After a very long struggle, this thing was settled with a lot of time and help from a lot of people," said Terry.

As he wrapped up his story of a man known not for doing things just because they were popular, but because they were the right thing to do, Terry reminded those in attendance that when they look at the hillside that borders the parking lot ablaze in autumn color and when HACC students use the wetlands at the bottom of the parking lot to study or when they ride a bike, run or walk the path around Wildwood Lake, "to say a small prayer of thanks to Cliff Dillmann."



Clifford Dillmann's daughters and grandchildren unveil the memorial.

Condolences, tributes

(Excerpts from the many e-mails sent following Clifford Dillmann's passing)

I appreciate all the comments regarding Cliff Dillmann. He was at the last faculty council meeting fighting for students, colleagues and his beloved HACC. Those who knew him best know how passionate he was about the college and education. His goal was always to push the college to greater excellence. He always had an upbeat attitude. He could disagree and argue but with gentlemanly respect and not hold a grudge. I always felt humbled and uplifted when seeing him in meetings and even in the parking lot. In my view he is one of the icons—a HACC icon gone too soon. He may be gone now but a part of him will always be here in the tireless work he did for the college.

—Jim Boswell, Senior Professor of English

It is with profound sadness to learn of Cliff's untimely passing. Cliff was an outstanding professor at HACC with a passion for excellence. His contributions to his college, his community and improving and protecting our environment will remain with us but we will miss his continuing guidance. My sincere sympathies are extended to his family and colleagues.

—Dr. Kenneth B. Woodbury, Jr., HACC president from 1983-92

Carrie and Shana Dillmann, Cliff's daughters, were both excellent students of mathematics whom I remember well. I have always admired their father for his passion and courage as an advocate and activist, often under hostile circumstance, over a broad range of issues. Most recently, after having read Jimmy Carter's book, we discovered a shared ongoing concern about Israel. His legacy, as a shining example for me and a host of colleagues and students, will forever be a part of our college and the surrounding community. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughters and their whole family.

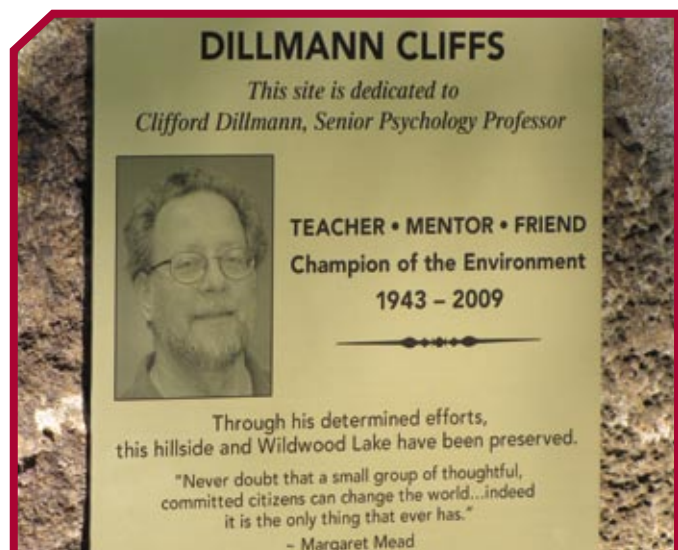
—Peter C. Foltz, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics

I first met Cliff when I interviewed for my current position. While the rest of the committee asked questions about what kind of teacher I would be, Cliff asked questions about what kind of person and leader I would be. Would I be willing to stand up for right causes? Would I be able to step outside the box? Would I be passionate about issues that required passion? Once hired, Cliff expected nothing less from me. Cliff could be exhausting at times. But only because he insisted that we care about issues more than we really wanted to. He had the audacity to demand that we put our money where our mouth is, when most of us would have been content with lip-service. When we wanted to choose the easier, softer path of apathy, Cliff refused to let us. And we were all better because of it.

—Kathy Doherty, Professor, Psychology

Conscience is difficult to comprehend and often hard to live with. It jabs and pricks and stabs at the mind unrelentingly until we do what it demands. Conscience is purely mental but seems to be centered lower in the anatomy. Early on, Cliff Dillmann became the conscience of the faculty and was breveted on occasion to serve as the conscience of the College. The first time many of us saw him in that role, Cliff jabbed and stabbed until the faculty and then the entire College were moved to the herculean task of relocating a major road that was ready to be built on the school's flank. Though lacking the security of tenure at the time, Cliff nonetheless fought against entrenched minds in powerful positions until he — and ultimately the rest of us — achieved what turned out to be best for all. Elements in the state bureaucracy, the state Senate, and the College's own Board demanded that Cliff be fired. Clyde Blocker said, "If he goes, I go." Other occasions followed. And sometimes, even a conscience misdirects. A faculty is unlikely to endure with multiple, competing consciences, but every faculty needs one — one single, strong conscience that can bring the group to overcome inertia and do what is right. I'm glad that Cliff Dillmann was the conscience of the faculty while I was at HACC.

—Truman Eddy



I wish ALL of our HACC family comfort and sympathy as we too grieve over his sudden death. Cliff was MY professor when I was a student at HACC and extremely helpful as I began my career here years later. He supported many of us through hard emotional times and was a champion of defending our campus' environment, as well as fearless in defense of OUR rights - faculty, student, and CEO. He was one of a kind and I have no doubt there are many among us who will indeed grieve. I know I will.

—Dee Walter Kruleski, Biologist, Assistant Professor

I have to agree with Dee on this. Cliff was also very supportive of me as well when I started, and always ready to jump in and fight for what was right. He will be sorely missed.

—Greg Dolise, Instructor, Physics

I agree with Dee, Cliff was the voice of many. He was committed to the students. Every time there was a food sale, plants sale, books sale; Cliff was there, supporting any club activity. On top of his busy schedule he managed to be the Mosaico-Latino Club adviser always planning trips to N.Y. to see a Picasso exhibit or a trip to Canada. He was also the Outdoor Club adviser planning a canoeing trip in the Susquehanna River, a camping trip to Assateague Island or planting trees on the Green Belt (this was two weeks ago on a rainy day), he was a mentor and a friend. He was always busy, full of commitments somehow, he manage to be everywhere with a smile. He was one of a kind. Vaya con Dios nuestro amigo/Go with God our friend. Rest in Peace.

—Rosalina Beard, Professor, Spanish

Icon- a great description of Cliff indeed... is there any discussion of some sort of a permanent memorial for him on campus? A tree, a bench, something calm and beautiful, a water fountain perhaps? We have lost a wonderful person, on so many levels!

—Gina M. Bowers-Miller M.Ed., NCC, LPC, DCC, Professor CIS & WEB

Hi All —The tributes to Cliff have been wonderful to read. It's gratifying to see that the College community recognizes what he contributed to us all over the years. Cliff's sense of humor has been remarked on by several of his students, and it didn't miss the attention of his colleagues, either. Over the years Cliff and I — along with many others — worked long and hard in the struggle for equality for our LGBTQ students, faculty and staff, and he made sure he attended our Allies Drag Show three years ago. Too bad more faculty and staff weren't there to see Cliff become the recipient of a "lap dance" from one of the performers! When the drag queen went over to sit on Cliff's lap the place exploded in laughter as Cliff smiled and acknowledged the applause. Activism, commitment, yes — and humor as well with Cliff Dillmann.

—Trum Simmons, Senior Professor, English

Lancaster

Long-time HACC supporters recognized

For years, Joe and Marianne Nolt of Willow Street have been deeply committed to making Lancaster County a more vibrant place to live. Part of their effort has included encouraging people to take a closer look at HACC and all that it has to offer – particularly to the residents of their home county.

Five years ago, the Nolt's joined with Michael Klunk, Ed.D., former vice president of the HACC-Lancaster Campus, to establish a Community Relations Committee. The couple then served as co-chairs. For their years of service to HACC-Lancaster Campus and the college, the Nolt's were honored by the HACC Board of Trustees at a recent dinner.

The committee, which is comprised of 15 community leaders with varied professional experience, meets with businesses and educators in the area to discuss offerings and programs at HACC-Lancaster Campus and how businesses and their employees can benefit from HACC. The goal is not fundraising, Joe Nolt said, adding, "Our goal is to make more friends in the Lancaster community."

"It was clear to both of us that it is a much more valuable institution than people realized, than businesses realized," he said. "People never had the mindset of Lancaster being a community college town."

Marianne Nolt added, "What people don't realize is that HACC has programs for people who have long- and short-term career goals," she said. "People can get skills to use in the marketplace right away or earn an associate degree and continue their education."

As co-chairs of the committee, the couple focused on getting out the word about the campus and the college. Joe Nolt spearheaded business-related aspects of the committee, working first with Klunk, who retired in 2006, then with Stuart Savin, Ed.D., former campus vice president, to organize meetings with local businesses. Marianne Nolt focused on visiting schools to talk about how HACC can provide training opportunities for employees in a variety of fields or for individuals looking for an improved or new career pathway.

An educator for 35 years, she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Millersville University, and a Ph.D. degree in policy, planning and administration from the University of Maryland. She taught in the School District of Lancaster for 15 years and then was principal of Buchanan Elementary School for 10 years. As a supervisor for student teachers and adjunct professor at Millersville University, she advised more than 300 students during her seven-year tenure.

Joe Nolt has been the chairman of Murray Risk Management and Insurance since 1983. He earned an MBA from Eastern New Mexico University and was a lieutenant in the United States Air Force before he began a career in the insurance industry. Before joining Murray, he

previously was a surety bond underwriter with Aetna Life and Casualty, assistant vice president at Marsh & McLennan, and senior vice president for Engle-Hambright and Davies.

Both are active in the Lancaster community.

Joe Nolt is a trustee of Franklin & Marshall College where he is an alumnus and past president of the college's National Alumni Board. He also was a recipient of the college's Annual Alumni Medal. He has served as board president of the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors and president of the Lancaster Family YMCA. He previously was a member of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Board. In 2007, he received the Exemplar Award from the Lancaster Chamber, naming him business leader of the year. He now serves on the Lancaster Alliance Board.

Marianne Nolt served on the HACC-Lancaster Campus Capital Campaign Committee to raise funds for the current campus location on Old Philadelphia Pike. In addition, she is on the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra board of directors and the Women's Symphony Board. She also has served as president of the Lancaster Foundation for Educational Enrichment and was a docent for the North Museum. She also is a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Although the Nolt's recently cut back on some of their volunteer work, they said they will always be involved in making the Lancaster community a better place to live. "Ever since I've been in school I've been involved," Joe Nolt said. "It's kind of in my genes. We enjoy people... we're enthusiastic about people."



Jackie Bareuther, right, interim campus vice president, congratulates Joe and Marianne Nolt, who recently were recognized for their service to the college.

Lebanon

Art program expands

When Pam Rogers of Hershey returned to school after losing her husband in a motorcycle accident last summer, she found a sense of contentment. Rogers, who has taken courses at the Lebanon and Harrisburg campuses, said that being part of the HACC community has special meaning because her husband, Kevin Rogers, had encouraged her to go back to school to pursue her passion for art.

"Being in school, it's like therapy for me," said Rogers, who won first place in the 2D Design category at the Honors Student Art Show at Rose Lehrman Art Center for her acrylic piece, "My Own Perspective," a mix of colors on vellum paper with architectural influences and a cross in one-point perspective. "I was speechless," said Rogers, who is pursuing an associate degree in graphic design.

She is one of four students from the Lebanon Campus whose work was shown at the annual art show. Nicole Joppy, 18, of Cleona, won third place in the 2D Design category; Calvin Himes and Vicky Woodward also had work on display.

There were about 100 pieces of artwork at each of two student exhibits. First, second, and third place winners were selected for both shows in each of six categories. There were about 1,000 entries from HACC students, according to Kim Banister, curator of the gallery.

Altogether 400 students are majoring in one of five different art programs offered by HACC, with most classes at the Harrisburg Campus.

Cheryl Batdorf, executive dean of academics, said HACC began exploring the idea of expanding art programs at the Lebanon Campus two years ago. "We've been seeing more and more interest in drawing classes and other skill-based classes," Batdorf said. "More students are seeing (art) as a vocation."



Pam Rogers' acrylic is entitled, "My Own Perspective."

A first-floor room at the Lebanon Campus has been transformed into an art studio equipped with track lighting, work benches and other art equipment. Eventually students will be able to earn an associate degree in fine arts or an associate degree in art and design at the campus. Both are transfer programs.

"It's really cool that they are bringing more art classes to campus," said Joppy, of Cleona. "A lot of students who live around here go so far to take art classes."

Margaret Brandt, a visual arts instructor who teaches at both campuses, said, "There are many learning opportunities I can share in terms of field experience as well as academics. Expanding the art program at the Lebanon Campus will add to those opportunities."

Literacy begins at home

Early education staff and students at the Lebanon Campus partnered with several community organizations to stage the very successful "Literacy Begins at Home" festival on April 24 for Lebanon County families. "This is the first time these organizations have joined forces on a large scale to promote the importance of literacy in Lebanon County," said Barbara Tokarz, HACC adjunct instructor in education. The Verizon Foundation provided a grant of \$8,000 to support the event, which featured special appearances, book signings by children's authors, illustrators and storytellers, activities and games for families, vendors and food.

Christopher Brennan, director of external affairs with Verizon Pennsylvania, second from right, presents a check for \$8,000 to festival organizers.



Campaign targets scholarships

HACC is thrilled at the outpouring of interest in its newest campus, the fast-growing HACC-York Campus. From a single building at 2010 Pennsylvania Ave., the campus now sprawls over three classroom buildings on 19 acres north of Route 30.

This astronomical growth is fast-tracking a master planning process to assess the needs both of the mushrooming student body and of the local businesses that will be hiring them.

One unique aspect of the campus is its diversity, measured in numbers by a minority population of 27 percent, but it doesn't stop there. Stand in the hallway on any weekday afternoon and you'll see a cultural melting pot with students representing more than 50 countries, including Cameroon, Bulgaria, Vietnam and the Ukraine, to name a few.

York, like many other towns and cities across the commonwealth, is a diverse community assimilating residents from many cultures of the world. Many of these residents are coming through the doors at HACC-York Campus, providing a student body united in one common goal: to create a better life for themselves and their families.

Part of HACC's mission goes beyond attracting a diverse population to include celebrating diversity and multiculturalism. Recently, Sara Hilton was hired as the multicultural and student activities coordinator at the campus. Her efforts to reach out to a diverse population, coupled with the addition of the beautiful, new Arthur J. Glatfelter community room, allows the campus to take the next steps in creating a true multicultural learning community in York County.

As the newest of HACC's five campuses, York has a limited number of scholarships available to its student body, which pulls more from York



"Community colleges have been called the Ellis Island of higher education, the place where those who come from many shores and many corners of society have a chance at living the American dream through education."

— Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., HACC president

City than any other school district. Earlier this year, a HACC-York Campus Opportunity & Access Scholarship Fund campaign was launched to raise \$1 million in pledges in 2010. The goal is to provide student scholarships to:

- Generate as much as \$40,000 a year for tuition, books and supplies.
- Help York's neediest students begin to achieve financial solvency and secure family-sustaining jobs.
- Help York County end the cycle of generational poverty.

And, we're delighted that, to date, \$540,000 already has been pledged — a strong response from a generous community!

Special appreciation goes to a growing number of major gift donors, including Fulton Bank, Glatfelter Insurance Group, Graham Capital, Hogg Construction, M&T Bank, Memorial Hospital, John H. Myers & Son, New Standard Corporation, NUTEC Group, Penn Waste, Precision Custom Components, Rock Commercial Real Estate, Shipley Energy, Stewart Companies, Susquehanna Real Estate, Wagman Construction, Wellspan Health, York Traditions, and The York Water Company.



York City Mayor Kim Bracey joins, from left, Glatfelter Insurance Group President Tony Campisi, HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., and HACC-York Campus Vice President Jean Truethart during the dedication of the Arthur J. Glatfelter Community Room.

for students

"What could be more important than helping the youth in our community achieve their educational goals? HACC is a safety net for students who did not follow the traditional college route and are now ready to advance their education and achieve their potential."

– Tony Campisi, president, Glatfelter Insurance Group



"My father always said, 'Education is the only way out of poverty.' Our support makes a real difference in someone's life ... and in the economic success of York County. HACC's graduates become the backbone of our community."

– George M. Leader, former Pennsylvania governor (1955-59)



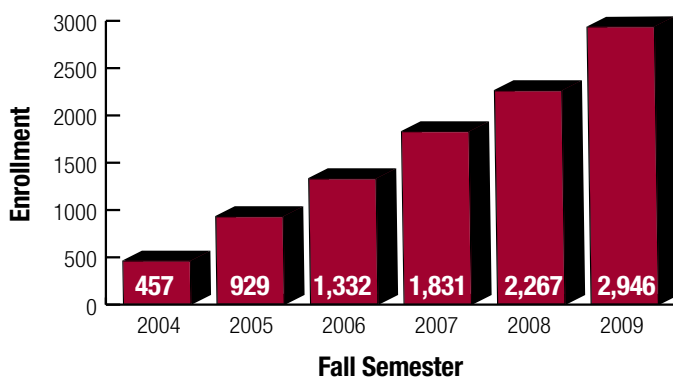
Students gather bugs as part of an assignment for entomology class.

Facts about our students

- 27percent minority enrollment
- 48 percent are the first in their families to attend college
- Significant population of single mothers
- Enrollment of 2,946 in fall 2009, an increase of 30 percent over fall 2008
- More than 70 percent receive some type of financial aid
- About 20 percent live in poverty
- Average student age is 27
- A majority work at least 20 hours per week to make ends meet
- Approximately 85 percent of graduates stay within 25 miles of campus
- 300 students a year who apply to HACC-York Campus are unable to attend due to their inability to pay

You can become a supporter of York's students as they strive for a better life. For more information on how to join the Share the Vision Opportunity and Access Scholarship campaign, contact Lise Levin, campus development officer, HACC-York Campus, at (717) 718-0328, x3566, or via e-mail at llevin@hacc.edu.

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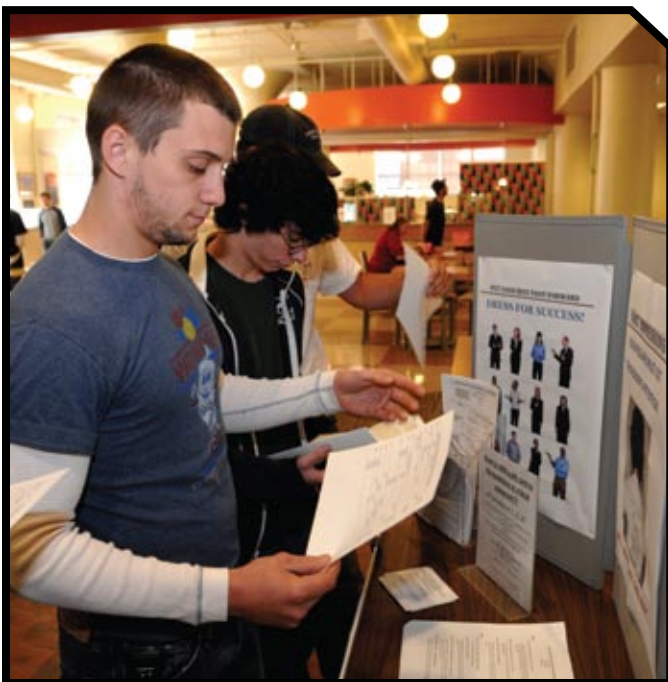
HACC celebrated Earth Day 2010 with events held at each of the campuses during the month of April. At the Harrisburg Campus, several events marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22.



A Faculty and Student Trade and Technology Symposium, Career Job Fair (below) and Electronic Recycling Event (above) were held at Midtown 2, across the street from Campus Square.



Julia Knight, HACC environmental science instructor; Rachel Brillhart of Consolidated Scrap Resources; and Debra Barry of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania designated a site on the west side of the Harrisburg Campus for a container to collect magazines and other glossy paper for recycling.



Visitors look at Hampden Engineering's solar photo voltaic trainer and solar system trainer in the Building a Greener Tomorrow mobile classroom sponsored by the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters, Sprinklerfitters and Service Technicians.

HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., joined GreenWorks Development CEO Doug Neidich at a morning reception formally opening the Green Center of Central Pennsylvania on the first floor of the Campus Square building at the corner of Third and Reily streets. They were joined by local and county dignitaries as well as business and industry leaders. WITF's Smart Talk was aired live during the event, with Dr. Baehre and Neidich participating. HACC is the educational partner in the Green Center.



Students honored for academic excellence

Caitlin Palmer was happy to join eight HACC peers named to the 2010 Community College All-Pennsylvania Academic Team.

Then she discovered her scores were the highest in Pennsylvania, putting her in league with community college scholars across the nation in the All-USA competition.

"I was definitely excited when I found out I received the New Century Scholar award," said Palmer of East Berlin. The award included a \$2,000 stipend in the competition sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa national honor society.

"It was great to be able to travel to Seattle with Dr. (Edna) Baehre for the AACC convention and be recognized with such a great group of my peers from across the country," said Palmer, who attended the Gettysburg Campus and earned an associate degree in business administration in December. She is studying health care administration at Shippensburg University with plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in December 2011.



Caitlin Palmer, seated, and Sara Leeti Piper at the Gettysburg Campus.

HACC students named to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team were recognized at a dinner in April hosted by the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges. They received the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Academic Passport, which gives them a full tuition scholarship for two years to any of the SSHE institutions.

In addition to Palmer, the winners were:

Sharon Collier, York Campus. Upon graduating in December, Collier plans to transfer to Bloomsburg University for a bachelor's degree in American Sign Language Interpretation. She works for the Youth Advocate Program, helping individuals with mental health/mental retardation issues. Collier tutors fellow students in English, math, and anatomy and physiology. She is a member of the Gay-Straight Alliance. Collier plays in a band with her brother and friends, using this to promote another of her causes, Heifer International.

Jackie Eisenhour, Lebanon Campus. At HACC, Eisenhour found the opportunity to get a quality, affordable education while staying close to



Bradley Roller, left, and Kurt Vail at the Harrisburg Campus.

home, her husband, and children. She belongs to Phi Theta Kappa, and is vice president of the Lebanon School District's Harding Elementary PTO. Eisenhour also works as a tutor at the campus learning center and part time for her husband's cable company. After graduation, she will transfer to Millersville University to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Leonie Mbiekop, Lancaster Campus. Mbiekop chose to attend HACC for its nursing program. She plans to graduate in fall 2012 and complete her nursing degree at Millersville University. She is a member of the Multicultural Club and Phi Theta Kappa. Mbiekop also participates in the French Church for Revival, where she assists the youth and women's ministry.

Katrina Moyer, Lebanon Campus. With her degree in elementary education from HACC, Moyer plans to transfer to Millersville University for a bachelor's degree with a certification in special education. She is a student worker on campus, and vice president of the campus Student Government Association (SGA). Moyer also is involved in her community, participating in the United Way Day of Caring, serving as a Gretna Glen



Leonie Mbiekop, left, and Danette Witmer at the Lancaster Campus.

Day Camp counselor and being active within Shining Light, an interdenominational youth performing arts ministry.

Sara Leeti Piper, Gettysburg Campus. After she graduates this semester, Piper plans to transfer to Shippensburg University for a bachelor's degree in accounting. She was a peer tutor in math and accounting as a way to give back to a college that gave her so much. She was Business Club treasurer, active in Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the Gluten Free Group of Gettysburg, a support group for

individuals with celiac disease. She also volunteers for various charitable organizations.

Bradley Roller, Harrisburg Campus. A humanities major, Roller is planning to continue his education at IUP, majoring in anthropology. He is a member of the SGA at the Harrisburg Campus and is a member of the Student Academic Appeals Committee, representing the Student Association on confidential issues. Roller has volunteered at Hershey Medical Center's children's hospital and a local food bank. He initiated a campus "toss for gloss" campaign on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pennsylvania.



Sharon Collier at the York Campus.

Kurt Vail, Harrisburg Campus. After graduating in December, Vail now is pursuing a bachelor's degree in art education at Millersville University. He creates commissioned works and has painted murals, personal paintings and three-dimensional maps. Vail volunteered for the SGA, creating a painting of the clock tower on the Harrisburg Campus. He submitted work for the Student Art Show and has helped with the Students of Wildwood Activities Team. He is active in the Otterbein United Methodist Church, has volunteered at Boiling Springs Foundry Day, and teaches painting lessons.

Danette Witmer, Lancaster Campus. Witmer was a full-time student while holding down part-time jobs at the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 and Clyde Weaver's. She volunteers at her church by providing childcare and is active in her church young adult class, where she has completed several service projects to help people within the community. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education at Millersville University and hopes to find employment in a special needs classroom in the Lancaster School District or at a school in another state.



Jackie Eisenhauer, left, and Katrina Moyer at the Lebanon Campus.

Student: Losing job a blessing



Daniel Schwartz

Though Daniel Schwartz didn't believe it at the time, losing his construction job was "a blessing."

"I've accomplished a lot, but I've never had the opportunity to get a formal education. I thank HACC and CareerLink for that opportunity," said Schwartz, 47, who put down his hammer for a stethoscope.

The Adams County resident is training to become a licensed practical nurse at the Gettysburg Campus through HACC's Targeted Retraining for Dislocated Workers (TRDW) program. He hopes to eventually become a registered nurse.

When Schwartz lost his job, he registered at his local CareerLink as a job seeker and met with a case manager for an assessment. Then he applied to HACC where he met with an academic counselor to get started.

"This education is something that I will always have. With that under my belt, I can probably go anywhere and get a job. In the medical field, there's always a need," said Schwartz, who got interested in the medical field during his 25 years as a volunteer firefighter in Reading Township.

In early 2009 as the economy continued a downward spiral, HACC President Edna V. Baehre, Ph.D., charged the college's administrators to work with business and industry partners to find a way to help out-of-work citizens. TRDW is the result of that effort.

"Through collaboration with our regional partners, HACC developed programs aimed at retraining the jobless to develop necessary skills to become employable in the current economic climate," Baehre said.

More than 400 inquiries were received during the first two weeks after the program was announced a year ago. This spring, several short-term and long-term courses targeting the needs of the community workforce were offered at each campus with 140 students enrolled in associate degree, certificate or diploma programs and several more enrolled in noncredit training programs.

In addition to waiving the application fee, HACC covers tuition if a student does not qualify for financial aid through federal or state funding sources. Students are responsible for course fees, supplies and books. While many colleges waive tuition for dislocated workers, HACC is the only higher education institution that also provides targeted retraining as part of the economic recovery plan.

"I feel very fortunate to be in a program where I have direction and financial assistance," Schwartz said. "I don't think I could have afforded to pay the tuition because I still have bills to pay and groceries to buy while I get my education."

For more information about HACC's Targeted Retraining for Dislocated Workers, go to www.hacc.edu or call toll-free 1-866-284-7635.



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